T he 6th Annual Downtown Tayntonville Elf Hunt will kick-off November 19th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Drawings for grand prize, 2nd and 3rd place will be held at 5 p.m. at the Mrs. Claus Bake Shop, 14 E. Baltimore St. The “elves” will be hiding in various downtown shops awaiting discovery by patrons and elf-hunters. McCormick said, “You have to go in the shops with “OPEN” flags displayed.” After you find all the elf cards, you go and get your card punched/tramped by the shop owner, and head to the next participating shop. Shop owners will guide you along the way.

The annual Elf Hunt originated in 2011 and was created by local shop owners in hopes of promoting buying local. This event, which occurs the weekend before Thanksgiving, was created by a desire from business owners to create a unique family shopping experience prior to the Christmas season.

Shop owners will showcase all their wares and merchandise that they will have available for Christmas, in hopes that the customers will return to do their Christmas shopping in Downtown Tayntonville and support their local community.

Many downtown Tayntonville shop owners support the surrounding local communities, therefore everyone benefits. The designated shops include: Konno Collectibles and Gifts, Good Hope Thrift Store, Stone House Cakery and Café, Mrs. Claus Bake Shop, Tayntonville Dance Center, Rust by Justin, Ca-nosy Store, Jumpie Up Cycle Thrift Store, Country Kitchen Restaurant and Red Door Boutique. Additional sponsors include: No Anchovies Pizza and New Windsor State Bank.

Other available shopping choices are Main Street Dog Groomers, Design-er’s Edge Salon, Tim’s Barber Shop and Hair Barn, Auto Service Centers and Design Associates Print Shop are also in the downtown shopping area.

There are several new shops opening in our downtown shopping area, so please stop by to check them out for their grand openings. Downtown Tayntonville has evolved into a “Des-tination Town”, where you will find unique, “one-of-a-kind” shops.

When visiting the downtown shops, customers will find that they can spend the day shopping and enjoy breakfast and lunch at the country Kitchens or the Stone House Cakery and Café. Both restaurants can also provide cus-tomers with catering needs during the busy holiday season. Additionally, the Stone House Cakery and Café makes unique, special or-der cakes for an array of parties or events. They also provide Catering for weddings and Louie’s, Directo-ry of Joy, will make a wedding cake that any bride could dream of.

While visiting downtown Taney- town, one may book a craft class with Red Door Boutique, which is celebrating their one year Aniverssary that same day! One of the hand-made crafts created could be a great gift for Mom, Dad and Grandpar-ents. And while you in the area, don’t forget to drop by The Key in Key-mart, just 5 miles south of Tayntonville on RT 194. The Mill offers some of the areas most exceptional antiques, sure to satisfy your gift giving needs for that finicky antique lover. Help find the elves and send them back to the North Pole in time to make the toys for Christmas. All the merchants hope to see everyone at the 6th Annual Tayntonville Elf Hunt on November 19th.

10th Annual Foothills Art-ists studio tour will be held No- vember 19 and 20 at nine locations in Fairfield and Cashtown. See first-hand where the artists create their one of a kind pieces of art. Artists fea-tured in this year’s tour include: Do-rothea Barrick — Creates square and rectangular art from origi-nal mixed media prints for 2016 tour. The prolific artist/educator has work in private and public col-lections, including UMUC, and Kala Institute of Printmaking.

Raymond Buchelester — In a classical style he paints and teach-er the fundamentals of drawing, oil painting, and Iconography. He believes that beauty through art helps one transcend the ordinary giving sight to the soul of a larger world beyond.

Sharon Pierce McCullough — A painter and sculptor of abstract and minimalist work, she is an internationally recognized artist and Children’s book author and illustrator.

Geoff Grant — Fine Art Pho-toographer whose subjects include painterly interpretations of land-scapes, architecture, and street photography in the U.S. and over- seas. He has been accepted into the Adams County Arts Council juried art show, and his work has appeared in several other shows, in- cluding this October at the Water-Ford Fair, Waterford, VA.

Jack Handshaw — An active local artist for 35 years, he is a potter work-ing in all forms of clay, particu-larly redation fired glazed porcelains. He is a juried member of the Penn-sylvania Guild of Craftsmen, and has been accepted into numerous juried shows and received many awards. He also shares his art through teach-ing and demonstrations.

Dan Mangan — Fine Art Photog-raphy. His work has been juried into the Art of the State, Harnburg, and the Adams County Arts Council ju-ried exhibition (second place, hon-orable mention). He has won two first prizes in the Historic Geth-ysburg-Adams County Barn Art Show.

Don Rinhart — Specializes in Watercolor, Pastels, Oil, Pencil, Stained, and Etched Glass. He has won a number of awards and has shown in local galleries and exhibits. Ann Ruppert — Design and cre-ates jewelry and works in two-di-mensional media including pastels, oils, watercolors and colored pencil. She has been accepted into the Ad-mas County, PA Arts Council jur-ed show and has earned awards in the Franklin Co. Art Alliance annual show and the Franklin County Arts Council miniature show.

Rod Slabber — A fifty-gen-era- tion woodworker and retired cab- inet maker, he creates useful and practical woodcraft “with a flair”, each piece is one of a kind. He strives to make objects of utility that also are objects of beauty. Geoffrey Thulin — A painter spe-cializing in abstracts, landscapes, and animal imagery. He works primarily in watercolor and gouache, and also vari- ous drawing media. His award-win-ning work explores rhythm, pattern and color and their connection to the spiritual aspect of nature.

Visit www.foothillsartists.net for more in-depth biographies and art-work examples for each artist as well as a map of each studio's location and street address. See the Foothills Artists Studio Tour ad for additional infor-mation and addresses.
Emmitsburg elects town Commissioners

D uring the October 3 Town Council meeting, re-elected Commissioner Glenn Blanchard and newcomer Commissioner Elizabeth Buckman were sworn in to their elected positions. 181 votes were cast this year, which is an improvement from last year's election, which only brought 88 votes to the polls. Blanchard was re-elected to his third term with 127 votes and Buckman was elected to her first term with 116 votes. Blanchard has been a Commissioner for close to a decade, and was glad to be re-elected to the position. He strongly believes in the importance of helping the community through voluntarism, and has dedicated much of his time to various organizations within the community. Blanchard has been involved in several volunteer projects including church activities at his parish, he has held the role of treasurer of the Emmitsburg Food Bank and has volunteered at the shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton.

During his next term, Blanchard hopes to see a revitalized downtown, town square, upgraded parks and a pool that will serve the community. He also hopes to see an increased sense of community that connects each and every citizen together.

Buckman, a new-comer to the Council, was also thrilled to begin her term as a Commissioner and hopes to make a difference in the town. As one of the mainfigureheads of the “Emmitsburg Cares” organization, Buckman will be the liaison of the Citizens’ Advisory Committee.

The 84 year-old steel girder bridge is safe, but has outlived its useful life. In addition to the bridge replacement, SHA will realign the roadway to match the new bridge approaches and construction of storm water management facilities. In work will be complete in phases to maintain one travel lane in each direction during construction. A pedestrian bridge will be constructed along with some realignment of drainage.

The fee structure for this system is that residents’ accounts will be added to the system. The fee for structure of this system would be $3.95 or 2% of the customer’s balance. Residents will also be able to use bank check elimination, which will be a $2.25 cost per transaction to the Town. These fees were the lowest of all the different vendors researched. No disadvantages were seen with this system, and there would be no additional cost to the town to upgrade the system. Any cost would only be seen in the future, if additional modules would be added to the system. For now, the town just be making the upgrade.

This system upgrade was voted upon and accepted by the Commissioners. Residents can plan to see the transition in the system over the next few weeks.

New online bill pay system

D uring the August 1 Town Council meeting, Commissioners discussed a potential update to the on-line bill payment system. The topic was re-addressed and voted upon during the October Town Council meeting. Upon request by many residents in town to refine the on-line bill pay, Cole Tabler, the Town Accountant, researched several avenues in order to find a more user-friendly and accommodating system. Residents have been able to pay their water and sewer bills online by credit card or by check or cash at the Town Office. The utilization of a new system would be to allow for easier access and management by residents helpful-

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For the Greater Carroll Valley Community and Education Complex was delivered by Senator Richard Alloway (R-33) and provided in writing from the Governor’s Office of the Budget on October 14.

“We can’t possibly thank Senator Alloway enough” commented Dave Haftet, Borough Manager. Haftet went on to explain that a $70,000 annual appropriation from the general fund that had been budgeted for the building project was no longer needed. “We knew well applied for a grant, but I didn’t realize what a huge impact this would have on our budget.”

The borough funding consultant, Amy Kaufman of GMS Funding Solutions, explained that the legislation to the governor’s desk before the 2017 budget meeting, the Carroll Valley debates chicken ordinance.

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2016 House legislation update

Dan Moul
31st District State Representative

This has been a particularly productive legislative session for me, having successfully gotten eight of my bills through the House and over to the Senate for consideration. Every one of these bills would benefit the citizens of Adams County and I am hopeful the Senate will take action to move this legislation to the governor’s desk before time runs out.

Just last week, the House unanimously passed legislation that I sponsored to prevent the Department of Revenue from retroactively taxing agricultural lands and land bank transfers prior to the expiration that became effective on Sept. 11. House Bill 2370 would also permit property owners to petition for a refund of taxes improperly imposed on transactions that occurred prior to that date. A Realty Transfer Tax would have a chilling effect on Pennsylvania’s successful farmland preservation program. The Commonwealth leads the nation in the number of farms and acres permanently preserved for agricultural production.

My other bills awaiting Senate action are: House Bill 544, which would protect landowners who permit their property to be used – free of charge – for recreational purposes. Adams County has a lot of open space that would be accessed by federal and state public for recreational purposes if landowners could be assured they will not be sued if someone gets hurt on their property.

Current law limits landowner liability for such activities as hunting and fishing, with few exceptions, but House Bill 544 would expand recreational uses to include exercise, sport, education, recreation, relaxation or pleasure.

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Carroll Valley receives $1.3 million for building project

Carroll Valley debaters chicken ordinance

Residents of Carroll Valley attended the October 11 Borough Council meeting to voice their opinions concerning the topic of backyard chickens. The Council was slated to vote on a revision to Ordinance 42 (concerning the keeping of chickens) later during the meeting.

Mr. Sites, a Carroll Valley resident spoke and stated that he didn’t understand why there was a ban on the keeping of hens in the backyard. He mentioned that he understood why it was desired to ban roosters, because of the noise, but why it would be wrong to have four or five hens to provide a family with eggs.

The Council spoke in reply of Mr. Sites saying that an ordinance was drafted to allow for a small flock of chickens but was voted down twice in the past. This topic has been discussed in length in the past, where it initially went through the Planning Commission who brought it back to the Council with recommendations.

Ultimately, the idea of keeping chickens was voted down both times. Other residents questioned whether an official census of the public’s opinion was ever taken or if surveys were ever provided. The Council replied by stating that meetings are made public and advertised, but no official census or survey was ever taken.

As the current ordinance stands, residents must be living in an agricultural zone in order to own livestock, which includes chickens. If a resident lives outside the Agricultural District, in a residentially zoned area, and own livestock or poultry, they are susceptible to a penalty.

The topic was slated for discussion and voting that evening was the revision of that same ordinance, specifically to clarify the wording used in order to allow for more ease of reading. The Board told residents at the meeting that they could get a group of people together to draft a revised ordinance for the Council to vote on. This would be a good way to get the public’s opinion involved.

Council member Tyler Pyles motioned to suspend any further action on the ordinance until the Planning Commission makes a decision, brings it back to the Council and reschedules chapter 27. The motion passed and the Council discussed the possibility of providing a survey for the public, concerning this topic, to gauge the residents’ opinion.
Thurmont news-briefs...

New traffic signal project begins

Construction has begun to replace and upgrade the traffic signal lights at the downtown square in Thurmont. The downtown square in Thurmont encompasses the intersection of East and West Main Streets, North Church Street, and Water Street.

This project includes three main goals. Firstly, replacing the existing poles and signal lights. 4 poles were previously in place. There will now only be 2 poles with 50’ long arms for the signal lights to be attached. Secondly, pedestrian crossing assistance devices will be installed on all 4 corners of the square. Push pads that will control new pedestrian crossing lights will also be installed. Lastly, all underground wiring to control the new lights and devices will be installed.

“Over the next few months, there may be traffic delays when traveling through or around the center of town. Drivers are urged to use caution and watch for workers and flaggers. Pedestrians should also be alert and exercise caution when walking in this section of town,” said Thurmont Police Chief Gerg Eyler. Thurmont Chief Administrative Officer Jim Humerick stated “This is yet another significant upgrade to our downtown area. We appreciate everyone’s patience while these improvements are underway.”

Shop small on November 26

American Express launched a first-ever Small Business Saturday campaign on November 26 that American Express promoted the Shop small on November 26

A movement was created to encourage community leaders, municipal staff and officials. In addition to the formation of a Green Team, the municipality must complete a variety of sustainable actions worth a total of at least 150 points and submit the appropriate documentation as evidence that the requirements have been satisfied.

Thurmont accomplished and met many of the actions detailed on the list. The town adopted a Sustainable Procurement Policy this year that ensures that town staff will consider sustainability when purchasing products and services to be utilized within the town’s operations. In 2015, the town began an LED street light retrofit program, which has thus far installed 62 new downtown LED street lights and 30 new addition LED street lights.

Thurmont has achieved many healthy choice, food related goals as a part of this program. A few of these include, the organization of a Farmers Market, which has been held since 2005, and the utilization of the town’s food bank. An average of 320 households made up of over 1,300 individuals receive food each month from the Food Bank.

The town also promotes local businesses through a program utilizing “Thurmont Business Bucks” which are part of a “Buy Local” campaign. This program allows residents to purchase “coupons” that can be used at any participating business in town, thereby keeping more money circulating locally.

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Don’t leave town to buy a Christmas gift!

Purchase Thurmont Business Bucks!

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        2. Purchase a $25 or $50 gift certificate good in over 30 local businesses!
        3. Shopping Gone Wrong? Don’t sweat it! Simply return to any participating business and use the Thurmont Business Bucks for their remainder value. They are valuable and usable at participating businesses for the remainder of the year.

We are committed to supporting our local businesses and giving the people of Thurmont an opportunity to shop local during the holiday season. Join us this Saturday, November 26th and shop local in Thurmont. The Thurmont Police Department is committed to supporting our local businesses and the community we serve.

The Thurmont Police Department is proud to support the Thurmont Green Team and the people of Thurmont. We hope that everyone goes shopping on Saturday and supports our local businesses.

Happy Thanksgiving

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Captain Morgan - Spiced Rum 750 ML

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Pennsylvania Dutch Egg Nog 1.75 L & 750 ML

Russova - Vodka $16.99

Thurmont receives Sustainable Maryland Certified Award

Thurmont was named as one of the 14 Maryland municipalities honored at the Sustainable Maryland Awards Ceremony in October. Sustainable Maryland is a certification program for municipalities in Maryland that are striving to “go green,” save money and take steps to sustain their quality of life for the future years to come.

In order to achieve certification, municipalities are required to form a Green Team. A Green Team is a group of people made up of local residents, community leaders, municipal staff and officials. In addition to the formation of a Green Team, the municipality must complete a variety of sustainable actions worth a total of at least 150 points and submit the appropriate documentation as evidence that the requirements have been satisfied.

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Town Tree Lighting in Mechanicstown Park

Dec. 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
November 1916

Boozer’s Rally Fizzles

The much anticipated former former Boozer’s counter rally to the planned Prohibitionist rally on the square failed to materialize when the Boozers, who had been encouraged to “bring their best hooch,” started the rally early in the Hotel Slagel’s saloon. By the time the Prohibitionist rally began most Boozers were so inebriated that they were incapable of standing, let alone protesting. Those not so incapacitated indulged in the boozing of those passed out, forgetting completely about disrupting the prohibition rally outside. As it was, the logic of the women dominated those present, and the rally was called a success.

November 3

Tragedy Is Cleared Up

Friday afternoon the state’s attorney and the county sheriff made an investigation of the shooting of Mrs. Daisy Marshall and Charles Michael and came to the conclusion that Michael’s shot his aunt and then killed himself.

Frederick County Is Dry

Complete returns from every district in Frederick County shows that prohibition won by a majority of 851. The votes for prohibition were 6,156, against 5,305. Wets carried seven districts—Libertytown, Crisfieldtown, Petershill, Emmitsburg, Johnsville, Mount Pleasant and Brunswick. The Dries carried the remaining 19 districts. Emmitsburg was a banner Wet district with 640 voting Wet and only 226 voting Dry. With Wednesday’s results, there will not be a saloon along the National Pike after May 1, 1918 from Cumberland to Ellicott City. From morning until evening large crowds were in the streets of Taneytown, causing the police to be in constant attendance. The saloons were closed and not a drop of liquor was consumed.

Frederick County is Dry

Brewery To Become Mill

A advertisement in this issue of the Chronicle, announcing that a former brewery in Taneytown, he jumped from the roof of the mouth. Mystery surrounded the double tragedy. Michael, 25, were Wednesday night in Taneytown. It says: “the growth of Taneytown out the state road, causes the community to moan or to shout. The Cooperation limits must be ex- panded in that direction. Not only to extend the sidewalks, water and light, but to take in a considerable population that the town is enti- tled to credit for.”

Charles Michael Kills Aunt

Marshall lives near Rocky Ridge. He was a laborer, had been in the service for over 10 years. Michael’s had a bullet wound in the forehead and in the breast of the woman, penetrating her heart. Mystery surrounded the double tragedy. Michael, 25, were Wednesday night in Taneytown. It says: “the growth of Taneytown out the state road, causes the community to moan or to shout. The Cooperation limits must be expanded in that direction. Not only to extend the sidewalks, water and light, but to take in a considerable population that the town is entitled to credit for.”

The Record sees the approaching election movement are boycotting the saloon to join the Boozers. By the morning fire.

November 17

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The Hagerstown Brewing Co.’s brewery may be converted into a mill. While the Dry law is in effect it is reported to allow brewer- ies and distilleries to operate, the owners claim that with the Coun- ty force they are now being driven out of business. In the newspaper advertisement in this issue of the Chronicle, announcing that a former brewery in Taneytown, he jumped from the roof of the mouth. Mystery surrounded the double tragedy. Michael, 25, were Wednesday night in Taneytown. It says: “the growth of Taneytown out the state road, causes the community to moan or to shout. The Cooperation limits must be expanded in that direction. Not only to extend the sidewalks, water and light, but to take in a considerable population that the town is entitled to credit for.”

“Don’t you believe there is more chance for your boy (the raw material) to become the finished product than the saloon boys if you vote ‘Dry’?”

November 24

Veritas Boyhood Home

Mr. Jodon, formerly a resident of Taneytown, was a visitor to his old home this week; this was his first visit in 30 years. Mr. Jodon said that some of the folk were living who we knew in early life, but although he searched the district over, he failed to find a single person with whom he was familiar in his boy- hood days. Mr. Jodon was born near An- nandale schoolhouse, not far from the Gamble place, there is no trace left however of the old house and the only familiar thing besides the school was an old tree. Mr. Jodon dropdownped into the old school and gave a very interesting talk to the scholars. He told them that he was a pupil of their 75 years ago and that a man by the name of Crook was his teacher. Interestingly he referred to the old paper mill that at one time stood near the school, some of the products of which the scholars then used. Crude in- deed must the disks have been in those primitive days, for, accord- ing to Mr. Jodon, they were made of slabs hewn from nearby oaks. Nor were steel pens in existence; everyone used quill which had to be soaked in water before they were fit for writing. And there were no matches; live coals were bor- rowed from a neighbor to make the morning fire. In 1846 Mr. Jodon left Em- mitsburg for West Virginia and afterwards went to Texas from which he enlisted in the Confeder- ate Army. From Texas he went to Portland Oregon, which is now his home.

Lettermen & Son, Harney

We wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage the past month and we invite you and all your friends back to Har- ney’s Real Bargain Store, as we are now selling lots of goods for less money than we could buy them today. You will now find we are stocked full and are receiving new goods almost daily. You will find in each depart- ment stock of the best quality and right up to date in every respect. Remember by doing business with us you get a beauti- ful and useful present free or 4% off. Our lines of premiums, now in the window, are all free. Notice beside the above premiums the party re- turning the largest amount of tickets before New Year’s Day, will receive a beautiful $7.50 pair of wool blankets. The sec- ond-largest amount a beautiful $4 blue bedspread. Thank you for your business. To read past edition of 100 Year Ago this Month, visit the library section of Emmits- burg.net
FROM THE DESK OF . . .

This month let’s discuss the disaster known as the Downtown Hotel Conference Center (DTHCC). When we follow the trail of deceit for this DTHCC, you’ll see that our County Executive, along with a majority in the Council will vote for this even though I laid out every reason under the sun as to why this is a real- ly bad deal and the people that will get stuck paying the tab will be you, the taxpayer.

The City of Frederick, their Economic Development Office, the Chamber of Commerce, the County Executive, the County Department of Economic Development and the Frederick News Post, are all in on hushing this scheme until the DTHCC under any and all circumstances. Opinions don’t matter, economics doesn’t matter, and the simple math required to come to the basic conclusion that -2 -2 -4, doesn’t matter. You might ask, how does the Frederick News Post (FNP) play into this agreement? It’s simple, they own the land that is in question for this new building. The FNP stands to gain multi millions by dumping this alleged brownfield property off on to the taxpayers, so that A: they can get their payday, and B: they can avoid the multi millions it would take to mitigate the environmental impacts of cleaning up the site at their expense.

It’s nice how they run positive puff piece after puff piece on the front page of their paper letting the people know what a great asset they have. Some say the new DTHCC will be for downtown Frederick. As they run these fairytale front page stories, they have placed disclaimers that they own the property, they just fail to mention what a great deal they would get vs the shafting the taxpayer would get once dumped into their laps.

The issues I have with this are many, but in the interest of time and clarity, here are a few. The original plans called for a parking garage to house the hundreds of vehicles that will come to the DTHCC. The parking deck has been eliminated due to its additional $18 million cost. My first question to the City and their ECDC team, will you now park the hundreds of vehicles that were going to be in the garage that’s no longer being built? Their answer, Somewhere on site. No plan, no details, just somewhere on site.

My second question to them, have you been approved by the historic preservation commission in the city since parts of the property are historic? Their answer - Not yet. My third question, have you been approved by the city planning commission? Their answer - Not yet. My fourth question, who will fund the $53 Million shortfall in financing since the private partner in the deal is putting up $40 Million of the anticipated $93 Million cost? Their answer - They want the county to enter a Tax Increment Financing agreement for $5 Million. They had the County Council raise the hotel tax to raise revenue.

We were then informed that an entity known as Maryland Economic Development Company (MEDCO) is now looking to get in on this sweetheart arrangement. I went ahead and pulled MEDCO’s financial information which is readily available since they are a quasi-State agency. What I saw was shocking to say the least. MEDCO has a negative net worth of -$228 million. Their debt service will increase starting in 2018 by 500%. They have a project they built / financed at the University of Maryland which they currently cannot make the debt payments. They built and financed Rocky Gap Resort for $54 million it went bankrupt in three years and was sold for $5.7 Million. They built/financed the Chesapeake Bay Conference Center that is currently -$163 Million in the red. The best part of the MEDCO deal (if you’re not already impressed) is that if for some reason it fails, MEDCO can walk away leaving who else but the taxpayer to pick up the tab.

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Count Councilman Bud Otis

Proposed Frederick County Charter Amendments

In a continuing effort to keep you informed, I humbly submit this in- formation for your review and con- sideration. After reading this it is my hope you choose to vote in sup- port of these Charter Amendments.

The Frederick County Council has proposed two Charter Amend- ments on the voting ballot this November. The first will appear on the ballot as “Question A – Charter Amendment – Ballot Amend- ment Notice.” This proposed change to the Charter entails posting on the County website notice of amend- ments to pending bills at least four days prior to the hearing on the amended bill, instead of two consecutive week advertisements in the local paper. This change will assist the County Council in meeting the 90 day deadline to complete the process of passing legislation, which includes the 1st reading, a 2nd reading (including public hearing), and the 3rd reading (vote). When changes to the bills are proposed after the public hearing, then the Charter requires that the process begin again with an amend- ment to the proposed bill. In a perfect world, the legislative pro- cess takes at least six weeks, which is very close to the 90 day window provided in the Charter to pass leg- islation. The risk of running out of time to complete the legisla- tive process when bills are amend- ed would be reduced by passage of this proposed Charter amendment.

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County Executive Jan Gardner

As Americans, we are privileged to live in a democracy where every citizen has an equal voice in the future of our nation. Voting is both a privilege and a civic responsibility. Your vote matters and can make a big difference in shaping the future of our community and country. It was only two years ago that one of our County Council seats was decided by a mere 25 votes! Every vote counts.

It is time to get out and vote in the general election coming up on Tuesday, November 8th. Early voting is already underway and runs through Thursday, November 3rd. Take advantage of the convenience of early voting. The closest voting center to most north county residents is the Thurmont Regional Library on East Moser Road in Thurmont. Polls are open each day of early voting from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

I want Frederick County residents to be assured that the voting system in Maryland is totally secure. Nationally, some people have expressed concern that hackers might be able to compromise voting systems and alter results. In Frederick County and throughout Maryland, no part of our certified voting system is connected to the Internet. Ballot marking devices and scanners are stand alone and are never connected to the internet. Final ballots are scanned to a secure location.

President Barack Obama has also returned to a voting system with paper ballots. If there are errors, they might be able to compromise voting systems and alter results. In Frederick County, the Council should have express concern that hackers might be able to compromise voting systems and alter results. In Frederick County, the Council should hold a second public hearing. If there were concerns expressed, the Council could hold a second public hearing following the first public hearing. The second public hearing would be a hearing of the County Council. The second public hearing would be a hearing of the County's website.

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Question B on the ballot has two parts to it. First, it would extend the number of days the Council has to discuss and vote on the county’s budget each spring. Under the Charter as it is read today, the budget must be presented to the Council by April 15th and accepted by May 15th. This also provides the public with more time to weigh in on budget priorities.

The second part of Question B is a similar notice requirement in Question A. If the Council makes a change to the proposed budget after the initial public hearing, a second public hearing could be announced on the County’s website with at least two days’ notice. Under the Charter, changes to the budget did not require a second public hearing. Again, Charter government requires more public input.

I hope this additional information explains why these changes were supported unanimously by the County Council. These changes will make Charter government more responsive and efficient for the citizens of Frederick County.

VOTE YES for Charter Amendments A and B.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Seidel along with members of the Emmitsburg Veteran’s of Foreign Wars post 6658

On October 29, hundreds assembled on a bright, sunny morning to witness the dedication of the Rt. 140 bridge over Rt. 15 to Emmitsburg native, 1st Lt. Robert Seidel who was killed in action in Iraq on May 18, 2006. The ceremony was overseen by County Councilman and army veteran Kirby Delauter, who championed the sponsoring of the bridge in Seidel’s name. Seidel graduated from Catoctin High School in 2000 whereupon he received a nomination to West Point. Upon graduating, Seidel was assigned a Rifle Platoon Leader in the 22nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division. In August 2005 his unit was deployed to Iraq. Seidel, along with three other soldiers under his command were killed when their Humvee hit an improvised explosive device.

During the ceremony, friends and dignitaries paid tribute to Seidel’s courage and service to his country, but it was Seidel’s own words on his entry application for West Point that summed up his life best: “I am fully aware that along with my commitment to the military, there may come a time when young soldiers will lose their lives in the defense of our country. There is no possible way to justify the act of killing, but in the world it is sometimes necessary for men and women to give their lives in battle so that others may live their lives in peace.”

I could not in good conscience ask these soldiers to sacrifice their lives if I were not first willing to do the same. So it is for these men and women who would stand by my side in the presence of death, that I am willing to lay down my life for our country. I would take some comfort in the fact that these men and women by my side are professional soldiers, trained in the art of warfare. I would build my courage not from my own soul, but in the eyes of every soldier under my command who has entrusted me with his or her life.

I know that with every flag-draped coffin, there are many times that number of children that will have the opportunity to live their lives in peace. And with every pair of empty boots, sitting at the end of an empty rack, there are many more people who will be able to sleep safely at night because of the men of the armed forces who are standing guard.”
Carroll Valley Mayor Ron Harris

As of November 1st, we are 24 days away from the unofficial or official start of the holiday shopping season. If you are wondering why it is called Black Friday it is because it relates to businesses recording their losses in red ink and gains in black. One good thing though and that is this year we turn back the clocks and say goodbye to Daylight Savings Time during the overnight hours heading into Sunday, November 6th. That means an extra hour of sleep and at my age I need all that I can get.

Election Day is November 8th. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The two polling locations are separated into two districts. The District #2 voting location will remain the same, the Carroll Valley Borough Office. The new polling area will be temporary open for voters. The District #2 voting location has changed from the Ski Liberty Children’s Learning Center to the former AGCN/Ski Liberty Sales Office on Sanders Road. Be sure to go to your correct polling location. It is vital that if you have any questions regarding the election, contact Ms. Monica Dutko, Adams County Director of Elections and Voter Registration at 717-337-9832. A sample of the Official General Election Ballot can be seen at www.adamscountypa.gov.

On November 10th, our nation celebrates the 241st birthday of the United States Marine Corps. On November 11th, we honor all Armed Forces veterans who have served our country. As they do each year, Fairfeld School is holding a “Veterans Day Breakfast” on that day from 8 to 10 a.m. in the Fairfeld High School cafeteria. All veterans as well as their spouse or guest are invited to attend. However, RSVP’s are necessary by November 4th. You can call the office at 717-662-2065 or email Mr. Duvvuri@fairfield.k12.pa.us. As a 20-year veteran, please accept my heartfelt appreciation. We celebrate Thanksgiving this year on November 24th.

A question has been asked about vending during the years door to door in Carroll Valley Borough. The official term is “Temporary Retail Business.” On any day, it was called a “Door to Door salesman.” The term is defined as to engaging in peddling, selling, canvassing, soliciting or taking orders either by same or place otherwise, for any goods, wares or merchandise, upon any street, alley, sidewalk or public place, or from house to house, within the Borough. So, what is the law (ordinance)? No person shall engage in any transient retail business within the Borough without first having obtained from the Zoning Officer, Dave Baker, a license, for which a fee as established by the Borough Council, shall be paid. So, the next time someone appears at your door step selling something, ask to see their Borough license. Remember if you become uncomfortable selling with a solicitor, decline what they are offering and close your door. If you see suspicious persons knocking on your neighbor’s doors or rings your doorbell and then leaving, call the non-emergency number 717-642-8101 or 911.

Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve is hosting their Annual Toasted Turkey Trail Tug on November 12th. They bring together runners and walkers of all ages, a challenging set of 5K, 10K, and 15K trail run courses & 10K powerwalk. It’s offered that day. The location of this event is at Strawberry Hill Nature Preserve located in the Michaux State Forest. This fun fall event is designed to offer runners a chance to experience miles of trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains, while giving families the perfect opportunity to enjoy the colorful autumn foliage. For more information, please visit www.strawberryhill.org or call 717-642-5840. Funds raised from this event will continue to support their environmental education programs.

The Carroll Valley Citizens Association (CVCA) will be having a Winter Wonderland Dinner Dance on Friday, December 9th from 6 and 11 p.m. in the Highland Lodge at the Liberty Mountain Resort. The cost is $85 per person which includes a delicious buffet dinner that will be served at 7:00 p.m. Music will be provided by a DJ for your listening pleasure during dinner and afterwards for dancing. Reservations are required by prepaid ticket purchase. Tickets will be available at Mountain View Realty, Jener’s Computer Services, and by call Mary at 717-642-6654, or Marie at 662-8483.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Senator Richard Alloway for securing a $1 million Rededication Assistance Grant to be used for the construction of our Greatest Generation Capital Program grant to be used for the construction of our Greatest Generation Education Complex building. It is difficult to express the level of our appreciation of what this means to all of us in Carroll Valley. As Dave Hazlett, our Borough Manager said “We can’t possibly thank Senator Alloway enough.” I agree.

If you are interested, you can view the pictures taken at Pippenfest, Fairfield Fire and EMS Open House, and CVCA Yard Sale at www.pippenfest.net. Based on the results of the October 10th Finance Committee review of the Carroll Valley draft 2017 Budget prepared by our borough manager, Dave Hazlett, the current Borough tax rate will remain at 2.45 mills or 0.0025% as assessed of value of land and buildings — meaning No Tax Increase. The next steps – Council approves the advertisement of the budget for public review at the November 15th meeting and will sign the ordinance at the December 13th meeting. The Borough Office will be closed November 24th and 25th (Holiday). Please reduce your speed to make sure you, your loved ones, your friends and neighbors be safe. If you have any questions call me at 301-606-2021 or email MayorRonHarris@cvca.net. Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!
County Commissioner Marty Qually

As we then yet?
When I was a child, almost every Summer my parents would load all nine of us into the big blue VW bus and drive to visit our grandparents in Texas. This Presidential election is starting to feel like one of those drives. We would start off excited to hit the road, the luxury of staying in hotels, eating at diners, seeing new places, we loved it. By the second day the boat started to drag, playing Eye Spy for last in the rear, the seats that were comfortable became small and crowded. The final day became a test of survival and patience, then as always happens the chores of the “Are we there yet?” began. Right now I believe every voter a saying, “Are we there yet?”

This year there has been an unprecedented (and some might say un-presidential) claim that our National election is rigged. Specifically, some areas of Pennsylvania will have high levels of voter fraud. That claim rings hollow in Adams County. These claims are calling into question the validity of elections in all areas of Pennsylvania. In Adams County during the 28 years that our current director of elections has served there has never been a documented case of illegal voting.

During a presidential year, it is easy to get the impression that voting in America is run by the federal government. The truth is that county commissioners serve as the county Board of Elections. So when someone claims that the election is rigged in Adams County, they are specifically speaking to Jim Martin, Randy Mud, and myself. While we oversee the election process, our County elections office of just two people (Monica Dutko and Angi Craig) work year round make sure that voter rights are protected and our elections run as smoothly as possible. With each election since I took office I have come to better understand on the complexities and integrity of our election system. From the process of registrating to vote to the final vote counts there are checks and balances ensuring that our elections are sound. The first part of securing the system is confirming a voter’s identity when they register. This year that task has been monumental as over 6,000 people have either registered as new voters, changed address, or changed party. Over 3,000 of those came in the last few weeks before the deadline. Every single one of those applicants must make a decision. This is a far cry from his campaign rally in 2006 to “reform” professional politicians. Dan advocated for “Term Limits” when he ran in 2006. He wanted to end pensions. He is right then. In the 10 years since, we’ve paid them over 850,000 and he’s changed his mind about term limits. Obviously, that benefits him. But does it benefit you?

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The other thing that will stand out from the debate is how often we agree on issues of taxes and balancing the budget. The real difference is that you already know Dan can’t deliver. But please, don’t take my word for it. Listen to Dan’s answers to questions about important state issues and compare them to mine. Make an informed decision. The debate is available at https://votenow.com/187734300. Please watch it.

After you compare our positions side by side, please vote for the person best qualified to represent your needs in Harrisburg. Vote for me–Denise Weldon-Sivy.

State Representative Candidate Denise Weldon-Sivy

W hile viewership of the Presidential debates has been high, the debate between myself and incumbent Dan Mud for the 91st District House seat was far more instructive. No drama, no acrimony, just clear answers from both candidates to the same questions about the major issues facing the Pennsylvania legislature.

The difference between our candidacies is crystal clear. Dan focused on apportioning blame for Pennsylvania’s problems. At various points, he blamed our current governor, previous governors, other legislators, and the teacher’s union. He resorted to partisanship frequently, noting “I won’t tell you which party he’s in, but...” when assigning blame. At no point did he accept any personal responsibility for his lack of success. While Dan focused on assigning blame, I focused on the need to work together to solve those problems.

The most telling part of the debate is when Dan explained why he believes he hasn’t been able to deliver on his promises to lower property taxes or resolve major budget deficits in education, specifically pensions.

In his exact words, “When you say that you have been there 10 years and haven’t fixed it, for anyone who understands how it works up here, first of all 10 years is not a ton of time, even though it sounds like a ton of time. I haven’t matched enough effort yet to even become a chairman on a committee let alone the guy that makes the decisions as to what bills come to the House floor.”

Dan’s argument at this point is that we should keep him in Harrisburg, even though he hasn’t delivered on his promises, because only “senior” career politicians can make a difference. This is a far cry from his campaign rally in 2006 to “reform” professional politicians. Dan advocated for “Term Limits” when he ran in 2006. He wanted to end pensions. He is right then. In the 10 years since, we’ve paid them over 850,000 and he’s changed his mind about term limits. Obviously, that benefits him. But does it benefit you?

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The eye is the lamp of the body.

Fr. Elias Yelovich
Orthodox Mission of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

One of the movies which most everyone of my generation has seen is a 1962 film starring Anne Bancroft and Patty Duke called The Miracle Worker. If you have not seen it, you must do so. It portrayed the story of Helen Keller and her teacher Anne Sullivan. Helen Keller was born in the year 1880, and when she was very young suffered from a disease (perhaps Scarlet Fever or Meningitis) that left her blind and deaf at a very early age. Unable to see; unable to hear; and, consequently unable to speak, she was plunged into a world of absolute silence, darkness and loneliness; uninumerable and seemingly hopeless.

Helen’s parents sent her for what- ever help could be given to the famous Perkins School of the Blind in Massachusetts. A former student there, Anne Sullivan, moved in with Helen and her family, and over a period of much time, with much patience and perseverance and a series of strong battles of wills, the teacher and patient Helen came out from her lonely misery.

Little by little she worked with Helen, challenging, pushing, waiting and working to help the child know that she was not alone, teaching her to understand and communicate, eventually giving her the one priceless quality that seemed impossible to attain – the quality of hope.

Of course the story of Helen Keller is known by most Americans, several states have holidays commemorating her birthday on June 27 (Pennsylvania among them). And at least when I was in school, her story was taught as a lesson in perseverance, patience and the value of trust. I think of this story whenever I read the account of our Lord healing the man born blind; it is told by St. John in the 9th chapter of his Gospel. The hopelessness of the blind man is overturned by the presence of the Incarnate Savior, Jesus Christ. Who heals him with a word. The blind man is brought to faith and given witness to those around him to the Lordship of the Jesus Christ.

He is opposed by the enemies of Jesus, the Pharisees and scribes from the temple, who in their unbelief seek to find fault with the One Who gave the gift of sight. St. John describes the miracle clearly, the man who had been born blind, now sees – not only with his physical eyes, but with the “eyes of his heart,” he sees the truth – that Jesus is Lord. Those who oppose Jesus, however, born with their physical sight intact, are the ones who are truly blind; the “eyes of their heart” are clouded, dark, closed to the Light of Truth. They have closed the eyelids of their souls to God. The man born physically blind has been given hope, while they, the leaders, temple priests and scribes, are without hope, for they have cast themselves into the darkness of unbelief willfully.

Brothers and Sisters, each of us is like the man born blind. The eyes of our hearts have been darkened through sin and can be enlightened only through the action and grace of God Himself. Each of us lives with the loneliness of our own blind- ness, deafness and dumbness like Helen Keller, until we are brought into communion with the Lord and through Him with one another.

Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can each of us be given hope, for He alone is the fulfillment of our utmost needs and purest desires. And the role that each of us has in the Life of Hope given to us, the life of Christian discipleship, is to be like Anne Sullivan to the countless young, “Helen Kellers” around us. Sometimes this means we must be patient; other times it means we must oppose the will of the other if it is directed to actions and words that hurt. Always it means we must persevere and teach – not with words, but with actions. We teach others how to love only by loving others in our own actions. This is what the “miracle worker,” Anne Sullivan did with Helen Keller; and this, Brothers and Sisters, is what we must do with those around us who are spiritually blind, deaf and dumb.

Every Sunday is a “little Easter,” for it was on a Sunday that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Every Sunday is a sign of the life-giving grace bestowed upon us through the Resurrection of the Savior from the dead. He Who overcame the last enemy, death, offers and truly bestows on all who will receive, the grace of Life Eternal and the hope which it brings. It is the only hope we will know in this world of hurt and other- wise hopeless dead ends.

Christ is Risen! Death has been overturned! The blind see, the deaf hear and those in despair have Good News preached to them. The “eyes of our hearts” have been enlightened with the self-giving unre- quited grace of the Lord. Let us receive Him with joy and bring Him to so many around us who are in such desperate need!

Remember what the LORD has done for you! Give Him thanks and praise! Glory to His NAME in all things!

The Orthodox Mission of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple (Entrance Mission), located at 306 West Main Street, Emmitsburg, was established in November of 2010 by a small group of Orthodox Christians who left the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America to practice Traditional Orthodox Christianity. It is the goal of the priest and people of the Entrance Mission to bring Christ to the world by means of the Holy Tradition that has been handed down through the ages from our Master Jesus Christ to His Apo- stles, and from the Holy Apostles to the Bishops of the Holy Orthodox Catholic Church. We follow a tradi- tional Orthodox life and attempt to follow the Holy Canons and cus- toms of our faith according to the principles passed to us through Holy Tradition and maintained un- der the guidance and leadership of the church hierarchy.

We are an Eastern Rite parish, conducting all of our Divine Ser- vices as directed in the Holy Canons in the language of the people, in our case English, and following the Ecclesiastical Calendar (Old Style Church calendar) without change. Above all, we seek, in the words of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Ephe- sians (5:1-2) to be imitators of God as beloved children and (to) walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offer- ing and sacrifice to God.

To learn more about The Orthodox Mission of the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple in Emmitsburg visit them online at www.En- tranceMission.org or 717-817-0084. You may also join them for Saturday Evening Vespers at 6 p.m. or Sunday Mass at 8:30 a.m.!
The Gunpowder Plot

Like the Bartholomew Massacre at Paris in 1572, and the English mas- sacre of 1605, standing as it were midway, at a distance of about thirty years from each of these events, has been the means of casting much obloquy on the adher- ents of the Roman Catholic religion. It would, however, be a signal injustice to conscious faults, to ascribe the perpetration of this atrocious at- tempt, which seems to have been solely the work of some fanatical members of the same section of the laity party.

The accession of James I to the throne had raised considerably the hopes of the English Catholics, who, relying upon some expressions of his, had made use of while King of Scot- land, were led to flatter themselves with the prospect of an unrestricted tolera- tion of the practice of their faith, when he should succeed to the crown of En- gland. Nor were their expectations al- together disappointed. The first year of James’s reign shows a remarkable dimin- ution in the amount of fines paid by popish recusants into the royal exche- quer; and for a time they seem to have been comparatively unmolested. But such halcyon days were not to be of long continuance.

The English parliament was de- termined to discountenance in ev- ery way the Roman Catholic religion, and James, whose pecuniary necessi- ties obliged him to court the good-will of the Commons, was forced to com- ply with their importunities in putting aside the execution of the penal laws against papists. Many cruel and op- pressive measures were exercised, and it was not long till persecution, which is said to make ‘a wise man mad,’ prompted a few fanatics to a scheme for taking summary vengeance on the legislative body, by these means of repression measures were authorised.

The originator of the Gunpowder Plot was Robert Catesby, a gentleman of the family, who, from the time of his birth, had become a Protestant, but having been reconverted to the Catho- lic religion, had endeavoured to atone for his apostasy by the favour of a new zeal. Having resolved in his own mind a project for destroying, at one blow, the King, Lords, and Commons, he communicated it to Thomas Winten, a Catholic gentleman, who at first ex- pressed great horror, but was afterwards induced to cooperate in the design. He was he who procured the co-operation of the celebrated Guido or Guy Fawkes a gentleman of good family, actuated by a spirit of heroic fandom. The con- spirators were gradually united. One of the party, named Thomas Percy, a gentleman-pension- er at the court of King James, agreed to hire a house adjoining the building where the parliament met, and it was there laid in a store of provisions, so that all necessary for going out to buy these was omitted. Whilst in silence and anxiety they pitted their skill, they were startled one day by a vanishing noise was heard directly over their heads, and the fear seized them that they had been discov- ered. They were speedily, however, re- asured by Fawkes, who, on going out to learn the cause of the uproar, ascer- tained that it had been occasioned by a dealer in coal, who, at that moment, sold a barrel of gunpowder to the House of Lords, and who was en- gaged in removing his stock from that place of deposit to another. Here was a golden opportunity for the conspir- ators. The cellar was forthwith hired from the coal merchant. Thirty-six barrels of gunpowder, which had pre- viously been deposited in a house on the opposite side of the river, were then secretly conveyed into this vault. Large stones and bars of iron were thrown in, to increase the destructive effects of the explosion, and the whole was carefully covered up with fagots of wood.

These preparations were complet- ed about the month of May 1605, and the confederates then separated till the final blow could be struck. Extensive preparations had been made during the summer months, both towards carrying the design into execution, and arranging the course to be followed af- ter the destruction of the King and legis- lative bodies had been accomplished. New confederates were assembled in the plot, and one of these, Sir Edward Digby, agreed to as- semble his Catholic friends on Dun- grove Hills, in Warwickshire, as if for a hunting-party, on the 5th of Nov- ember.

On receiving intelligence of the ev- ention of the scheme, they would be in full readiness to complete the revolu- tion thus inaugurated, and settle a new soverign on the throne. The proposed rendezvous in Warwickshire was chosen because the French ambassador, taken prisoners in different places, were as dear unto me as mine own son, they also must be blown up.

A similar stoicism was not, however, shared by the majority of the confed- erates, and one of them at least made a communication, by which the plot was discovered to the government, and its execution prevented.

Great mystery attaches to the cele- brated anonymous letter received on the evening of 26th October by Lord Mountague, a Roman Catholic no- bleman, and brother-in-law of Franc- is Tresham, one of the conspirators. Its authonship is ascribed, with great probability, to the latter, but strong pre- sumptions exist that it was not the only channel by which the King’s ministers received intelligence of the schemes un- der preparation. It has even been sus- mitted that the letter was merely a blind, concerted by a previous understand- ing with Lord Mountague, to conceal the real mode in which the conspira- tion was unveiled. Be this as it may, the communication in question was the only aroused and accented method by which the King’s ministers were guided in detecting the plot.

Though the conspirators were made aware, through a servant of Lord Mountague, of the discovery which had been made, they nevertheless, by a singular infatuation, procured their preparations, in the hope that the true nature of their scheme had not been unfolded. In this delusion it seems to have been the policy of the govern- ment to maintain them to the last. Even after Suffolk, the Lord Chamber- lain, and Lord Mountague had actual- ly, on the afternoon of Monday the 4th November, visited the cellar beneath the House of Lords, and there discov- ered in a corner Guy Fawkes, who pre- tended to be a servant of Sir Percy, the tenant of the vault, it was still de- termined to persist in the undertaking. At two o’clock the following morn- ing, a party of soldiers under the com- mander of Sir Thomas Knivet, a West- minister magistrate, visited the cellar, seized Fawkes at the door, and carried him off to Whitehall, where, in the evening, he was interrogat- ed by the king and council, and from thence was conveyed to the Tower.

It is needless to pursue further in de- tail the history of the Gunpowder Plot. On hearing of Fawkes’s arrest, the re-mainder conspirators, with the excep- tion of Tresham, fled from London to the place of rendezvous in Warwick- shire, in the desperate hope of orga- nizing an insurrection. But such an expectation was vain. Pursued by the civil and military authorities, they were overtaken at the mansion of Holbeach, on the borders of Staffordshire, where Catesby and three others, refusing to surrender, were slain. The remain- der, taken prisoners in different places, were carried up to London, tried, and condemned with their associate Guy Fawkes, who from having undertak- en the office of fitting the train of gun- powder, came to be popularly regarded as the leading actor in the conspiracy. No executions took place on the 30th and 31st of January, at the west end of St. Paul’s Churchyard.

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The candidates - perceptions and choice

Shannon Boher

MUCH of the news coverage about the presidential election has been about the disaffection of both candidates, but there has been coverage of what the candidates have proposed, but, most of the news is about weird things that Donald says and the cloudy future of Hillary’s image. The 2016 US presidential elections, particularly the 2016 US presidential elections, have been about the perception and trust problem which is directly related to her likability.

If Hillary’s likability goes back for some time. If you are in public service for over 30 years, you are bound to have some history. Some trust issues started with the Whitewater investment - that according to many still clouds Hillary’s image. The investigation was started after a news article was written in the New York Times, reporting on the Clinton’s real-estate investments. They were from the 1970s and 1980s and the article was published during the presidential campaigns in 1992. Initially a special prosecutor, Robert Fisk, was appointed to investigate the matter, but he was replaced by Kenneth Starr in 1994.

In 1996, Hillary Clinton testified before a grand jury concerning her investments in Whitewater. She was and has been the only first lady ever to testify before a grand jury to testify to a grand jury. The grand jury did produce indictments and trials that resulted in convictions, but the Clinton’s were not among the indictments. What the investigation did reveal was that the Clinton’s money with their investment in Whitewater and President Bill Clin- ton had committed adultery: the special prosecutor examined everything from records on every financial and found that Hillary and found an adultery case against her husband. It really doesn’t sound like much of a scandal.

The special prosecutor was charged with anything, her husband; Presi- dent Bill Clinton was impeached by the House of Representatives in December 1998. He had lied about his adultery. He was acquitted by the Sen- ate in February 1999. However, being acquitted did not mean that the Clin- tons were off the hook. We also had “Travel gate”, “File gate” and “Vince Foster’s death.” The “gates” and “Foste- r’s death” were all side issues investi- gated by Kenneth Starr and the grand jury; but again nothing was found. In fact Kenneth Starr withheld the lack of evidence in these matters during the 1998 congressional elections and he was criticized for doing so. It was believed that the investigations were politically motivated. While nothing was found, the media was full of conspiracy theories. Sound familiar?

When Hillary Clinton was a Sen- ator from New York, she had positive likability numbers, over 67 percent at one time. In 2008 when she ran for President, she also had positive num- bers. As Secretary of State her num- bers were also positive but during that time they started to turn. It is my- self her numbers turned for several reasons. One was that she was work- ing for the first black person in the White House. The second being that Congressional leaders made it clear that they didn’t want four more years on Hillary and found an adultery case against her husband. It really doesn’t sound like much of a scandal. One of the reasons that they did not like him was that they said he had lied. Hillary was viewed in ways very similar to New Jersey Governor Chris Christie. Christie was vilified by the GOP leaders just for sharing Presi- dent Obama’s hand, so I can only as- sume that it must be hard to shake the president’s hand.

After Hillary’s position as Secretary of State, it was widely expected that she would run for president. To deal with that possible threat the opposition created the Benghazi investigation. Unfortunately, the investigation was delayed and they still don’t have an investigation that is not the same as losing the mineral. Money supply changes viewed as a resource to access. How- ever, if you don’t like her, then vote for Trump, he has no cloud around him. When the FBI did their investiga- tion they said they found 15,000 miss- ing email that Hillary did not turn over. And, possibly 30,000 more personal emails were erased. The fact is that a contractor that managed the server deleted the emails. When the FBI did their investiga- tion they said they found 15,000 miss- ing email that Hillary did not turn over. And, possibly 30,000 more personal emails were erased. The fact is that a contractor that managed the server deleted the emails. 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The American Mind
The election may be ending, but the fight is just starting

William Hillman

L eft the system rigged? The fix was in: Trump. Sanders in the Democratic pri-

marys, the biggest enthusiastic crowds were all for senator Bernie Sanders. Thanks to leaked emails, we know that the super-

delегates had a secret meeting. He had a secret meeting. They had a secret meeting. Trump also had a secret meeting. It was a secret meeting. And the only thing we know about the secret meeting is that it happened.

In the days of the mechanical voting machines in Philadelphia, a dead-
paying job on Election Day was “dusty.” The job of a dustman was to be the first to “bump.” Once in the machine, he would apply a phosphorus powder to all the le-
ters that were not to be pulled. At the exit of the polling location a black light was used to make sure that all the letters were pulled. The dustman would then take the voter’s ballot and phosphorus powder would give away anyone who voted “incorrectly.” Punishment for impersonator voting could include loss of parking and city em-

ployment and withholding of city ser-

vices. I have no idea if this goes on in the city today. I do know, in recent years, that Black voters have often had to intimidate voters at polling locations.

Out of state college students are en-
couraged to register to vote at their school while their parents are registered to vote in their home. You can cast an absentee ballot at home and vote in person at school. It’s illegal, but it’s done.

There have also been anec-
dotal stories of big city political organi-

zations registering dead people to vote. Now, political organizations register il-

legal alien to vote. If Republicans pushed to implement Voter ID laws, the progressives coursework by giving illegals driver’s licenses.

I am told that my father, a former mayor of Whittier, Po-

desta wrote that illegal immigrants with driver’s licenses should be allowed to vote. “If the media is tabling the issues of the state, is that a legal thing to do?”

The photo of my father that I have thought of is that space that is if you show up on Election Day with a driv-
er’s license with a picture, attests that you are a citizen, you have a right to vote in Federal elections.

I refer to you James O’Keefe’s video series “Riggling the Election.”

The biggest problem is that there is no way, how big are these instances of voter fraud and, will they be able to affect the outcome of the presidential election.

I prayed for a Trump victory.

Let’s look at the major media.

Donald Trump’s success in the prima-
y is due to two things. First, he had the right message on national sover-

ignty. His message resonated with a large sector of the American population that had been ignored and had dropped out of po-
litical participation.

The second element of his success is the press. For years he’s been tunneling his way into establishing himself as a key influencer in the media and he knows what earns airtime. It’s like they are used to saying that Howard Stern, people listened to him because he was so shockingly offensive. Next in the crowded field of the republican primary, all attention was on him. Few of the other candidates received much airtime. The republican primary de-

bate had record audiences. People were not tuning in to watch Ben Carson or Ted Cruz. They wanted The Donald.

The media is a vicious partner.

And it has turned Trump.

In the general election, the media has ignored the mounting evidence of Hil-

lary’s lies, corruption, and manipula-
tion. If you recall, there were no needs by Trump and edit it to a five second clip with the intent of defaming him. They will not show him talking about the issues that have galvanized people across Federal elections.

The most important issues to the people in this year’s election are security, taxes, and pensions. There are so many policies that have shipped abroad the jobs and arrested the wages of working Americans.

Hillary Clinton’s speeches to Brazil-

ian bankers (for which she was paid $225,000), revealed her dreams of a “common market,” with open trade and open borders.”

Yes, I realize you believe you already

house a new corpus of civil servants.

Yes, the federal employment and withholding of city services. Black voters have often had to intimidate voters at polling locations.

And I know that you believe you already

house a new corpus of civil servants.

Just to hear what he would say next. In the past few years, Black Panthers have been used to intimidate voters at polling locations. It’s illegal, but it’s done.

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Bill Meredith

“Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by—
"—Robert Frost, “The Road Less Taken.”

“The road to Hell is paved with good intentions.”
—attributed to John Ray (1670), who probably paraphrased it from Bernard of Clairveaux (1150), who probably swiped it from Virgil's Aeneid (29 BC).

I sought an assortment of biology courses for 41 years, and I got in the habit of working on a rigorous schedule. Each day was an orderly sequence of lectures, labs, committee meetings, and conferences with students, with reading, grading, and preparation squeezed into any gaps. But suddenly, in May of 1998, that all ended. I retired, and Order was replaced with Chaos. It was stressful for a while, but at some point I came across this quotation from Christopher Morley:

“Read, every day, something no one else is reading. Think, every day, something no one else is thinking. Do, every day, something no one else would be silly enough to do. It is hard for the mind to continually be part of unimportance.”

I found that appealing, especially the part about doing something silly, so I adopted it as a new scheduling paradigm for my retirement.

My wife’s adjustment to retirement was more seamless, but I have noticed in recent years that she is of a more nervous disposition than she used to be. When we got married, she never seemed to worry about anything; she slept like the proverbial log, assuming that sleeping logs roll around a lot. But over the last few years she has got into the habit of worrying about whether the bathroom roll is all there, and we get up in the middle of the night to check on it—sometimes more than once. I have tried to take the logical approach that if the bathroom roll was actually going to be gone, we couldn’t do anything about it until morning, so I never get up. But it is starting to make me wonder if other things might have happened and I missed them.

I’m pretty sure I would notice it if the bathroom disappeared, for that would not be an ordinary event. But I do miss things that are ordinary, just because I forget to look for them. For example, I have four small friends who enjoy being around, and I meant to get up early on September 22 and mark the direction of the sunrise on the sidewalk with chalk, so we could measure it with a compass. It should have been due east that day, and then if we had measured it a month later it should have been several degrees further south; and we could have talked about it and maybe figured out why. But I forgot to get up that morning, so I missed it. Of course, we could do that exercise any time and find the sun rising in a different place a month later, but if the idea itemizing moment would have been to start on one of the cardinal points of the compass. It’s not too big a deal; I’m pretty sure they will be another equinox near March— if I don’t forget again.

Forgetting is a problem when you get to a certain age. My daily schedule this summer was to get up early when it was cool and work outside until I got hot and sweaty. The intention was to pick some tomatoes and cucumbers, pull a few weeds, and cut the grass or plant a flower or two for a while; but any time I got tired I could sit down in a lawn chair and sip some coffee while I watched things grow. It was a good intention in theory, but in practice it ended up like the paving stones in a certain well-known road where we would prefer not to go. What actually happened was that I would either doze off to sleep, or my mind would wander off to some less-travelled road.

For example, a week or so ago while doing in the lawn chair near the plum tree that supports our bird feeder, I noticed that leaves were beginning to fall. It has been a dry season, and the leaves dried up early, and they fluttered aimlessly on the way down. About that time, a chickadee flew into the top of the tree. It looked around to make sure no predators were watching, and then it dropped downward to the feeder, fluttering in a pattern just like the falling leaves. In a few minutes another chickadee arrived the same way… into the treestrip, make sure the coast is clear, and flutter down to the feeder. In the next five minutes the scene was repeated as more chickadees came, and more leaves dropped. Hardly thinking about it, I took out the notebook from my shirt pocket and wrote the following lines:

Chickadees are much like leaves:
They flutter when they drop from trees.
But leaves aren’t like chickadees when they drop:
When they reach the feeder, they don’t stay.

That kind of doggerel won’t allow me to compete with Bob Dylan for the Nobel Prize in Literature, but my wife says it does meet Christopher Morley’s standard for silliness. I felt good about it for the rest of the day.

My mind also seems to enjoy wandering off into pursuits of squids. For example, a while ago I was thinking about raising chickens from eggs. In the past I have raised chickens with little success; they are more of a pet than a food animal. The hens would be all right, but the roosters seemed to worry about anything; they used to crow on the roof of the house. Over the years they came, and leap into the plum tree where the feeder is. I watched them early in the summer before they were fully grown; they were clumsy at first, but quickly learned where the feeder with the sunflower seeds hangs, and now they have mastered the technique of hanging from their hind paws while they use their front ones for spilling seeds. They are now mobbing into their darker winter coats, and a few of them are already starting to compete for dominance in their society. There is a good crop of nuts this year, and they seem to realize that the soft soil of flower beds is easier to dig in than the hard-packed soil of the lawn. One of them takes that idea to the extreme; it consists on bursing nuts in the flower pot that holds my wife’s basil plant, cheerfully digging clear to the bottom of the pot and spilling potting soil all over the sidewalk. The other squirrels tell me his idea for hiding food is too silly to copy; but if he makes it through the winter, he may start a new craze for herb-flavored acorns among his friends next year. I hope I will still be here to see.

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I imagine yourself in a forest. Within this grove you’re liable to see trees, shrubs, birds, mammals, and more. At the base of this, or any given forest, is a thin layer of substrate. Lining all forest floors is a tangle of woody and leafy debris that accumulates over time. On the surface, if you look closely enough, you’ll discover tiny decomposers – mainly fungus whose job it is to clean this perpetually building mess. Decomposers come in all forms: insects, slugs, molds, fungi. The decomposers consume all the accumulated leafy and woody material and excrete the nutrients out so the forest can continue to grow species andours. One of the most important agents in this cycle is the one often unseen - the fungus, mycorrhizal. Extending vastly under the soil, surfacing just at the bor tom of leaf litter are barely visible thin white threads. This is just the tip of the iceberg. They’re part of a fungal network, the mycorrhizal network, an internet - a wood wide web.

It starts with the hyphae of fungus, and most commonly a mushroom, growth finest floor. Hyphae is a white filaments that looks similar to thread or string, and is collectively mycelium. It looks more like a network of veins growing throughout the body of the fungus. It’s like chewing and swallowing.

As this network of mycelium spreads out across the forest floor it connects with other mycelial networks, plants, shrubs, and trees. This interconnected expansive network is called the mycorrhizal network, or more commonly “the wood wide web.” Just like the internet is the superhighway of our connectedness, the wood wide web functions in a similar way. This network collects, transfers, and shares resources such as water, nutrients, and minerals to connect ed plants and trees across the network. It even appears to act like a banker or resource broker in some instances, and more incredibly as a social network, plants, shrubs, and even trees of the same species. Research appears to show that these resources are reallocated to other trees of the same species. Birch trees, for example, will send resources to Douglas Fir during the summer months when they are surrounding shade by the taller groves. In fall and early spring the pines return the favor by shifting resources back to the birch. When a tree dies or an old stand is doing poorly for extended periods of time they have been documented to dump their resources into the network. In a final act of dying they will spring and nutrients into the wood wide web. Interestingly, these resources don’t seem to go to trees of the same species. Research appears to show that these resources are reallocat ed to younger trees who are better adapted to harsher conditions. For example, in the western United States Dr. Suzanne Simard has documented that Douglas Fir is sending resources to Ponderosa Pine.

The Douglas Fir isn’t well adapted to the increasing effects of climate changes that are ongoing, but the Ponderosa Pine is well suited for these conditions. By exporting carbon and other nutrients to the Ponderosa Pine the forest as a whole is stronger. The question at large among botanists, foresters, and researchers alike is mostly a matter of intelligence. Science has proven these exchanges are occurring in the mycorrhizal network. What remains to be seen is to what extent does this network act as a broker. Is it simply an economic exchange or does it help to allocate resources to where it can be best used? One can not simply walk away from this evidence thinking as trees as solitary stoic islands, but rather as intricately interwoven into the social network of the wood wide web.

Contrary to the long-held idea that plants are uncommunicative, recent research has made it clear that many species conduct lively and informative conversations with one another. Scientists have revealed that plants communicate through the air, by releasing odorous chemicals called volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and through the soil, by secreting soluble chemicals into the rhizosphere and transporting them along thread-like networks formed by soil fungi. And this is more than mere gossip; these signals warn neighbors of the many dangers facing plants.

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**Endnotes**

1. This hypothesis is supported by the mycorrhizal network. In the forest, trees communicate through chemical signals, called allelochemicals, which are produced by the roots. These chemicals can help the tree protect itself from herbivores. For example, the Douglas Fir produces allelochemicals that attract beneficial insects, such as ladybugs, which help control the damage caused by the herbivorous leaf miners. The Ponderosa Pine, on the other hand, produces allelochemicals that repel herbivores, allowing it to maintain a healthy canopy. By sharing these chemicals, the two species benefit from each other's protection.

2. The Douglas Fir is well adapted to the increasing effects of climate changes. It has a wide range of tolerance to temperature, drought, and fire. Its cones are adapted to open pollination, allowing it to reproduce even in the presence of shade. By exporting carbon and other nutrients to the Ponderosa Pine, the Douglas Fir can help maintain a healthy forest ecosystem despite the changing climate.

3. The Douglas Fir and Ponderosa Pine are both members of the Pinaceae family, which includes many species of evergreen trees. They are found in a variety of habitats, from coastal forests to high mountains. By sharing resources, these trees contribute to the overall biodiversity of the forest ecosystem.

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Renewable Energy & Climate Change

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In September of 2011 Constellation Energy announced that they had started construction on a “16.1 megawatt DC grid-connected photovoltaic solar installation” in Emmitsburg. The cost of the project, $50 million dollars, would be financed, owned, and operated by Constellation Energy. The energy produced was to be purchased by the state of Maryland’s Department of General Services and the University System of Maryland in a 20 year power purchase agreement. The energy being produced from this facility, some 22 million kilowatt-hours of emissions-free electricity, would be used to power about 5000 homes. In August of 2013 the first offshore wind farm in the United States was completed in Rhode Island. It is hoped that this will be the first of many projects to come – the use of ocean wind to generate electricity has been discussed for some time. The New York Times has reported that 20 more offshore wind projects are either under construction or planned for the coming years. The New York Times has reported that 20 more offshore wind projects are either under construction or planned for the coming years. The Atlantic coast is the country’s largest wind resource (even ours!), and between countries there are personal connections that are hard to put aside. They state that 53% of Americans live near coasts, so this source of energy can have a huge impact. The idea is not new. Europeans have utilized offshore wind farms for 15 years, but interest in the United States has lagged. Now, some interest is increasing with support from the federal government and states. New York State has committed to getting 50 percent of its electricity from renewable sources by 2020 with a strong interest in wind farms. There is an active proposal to build a 15 turbine wind farm off the east coast of Long Island. There are many more offshore wind projects. Some people object to offshore wind turbines, citing noise, the blight on pristine views, and the above-marine cost to consumers, while others focus on their potential to harness the energy of strong ocean winds.

Leaders in many countries are keenly aware of the need to make more rational energy decisions. We will surely see more of this direction to produce our energy. Opposition to wind generated electricity is found among those who have little or no confidence in wind generated electricity, usually because they haven’t learned much about it, and because there is little history to support wind reliability. Related to our discussion above on source of energy is the question of climate accord among the countries of the world. Individual countries making rational energy decisions is important, of course, but broad accord across the planet is what we want and what we need. In the September 15 Washington Post, it was reported that Secretary of State Kerry expressed optimism that the Paris climate accord would become widespread and successful quickly. For the agreement to “enter into force”, 55 countries representing 55% of global emissions must officially join the accord. At that date, 28 countries had done so, including the United States, China, and Brazil, adding up to 41.5 percent of global emissions. The September 22 New York Times reported that 20 more countries had formally joined the accord! This brought the total to 60 countries said to represent 48 percent of global planet-warming emissions. What once seemed impossible now appears inevitable. The next major United Nations climate change summit meeting is in November in Morocco. Diplomats hope to create an independent body to modify and verify countries’ pollution levels and to use public scrutiny to push countries to reduce their emissions. There is also a problem producing enough money to make it all happen. Under the Paris deal, rich countries voluntarily pledged to spend $100 billion annually by 2020 to help poor countries adapt to climate change and develop new clean energy technologies. As we know, there are differences of opinion both within countries (even ours!), and between countries on climate change and what steps to be taken on the issue. There are still those who deny climate change, and there are those who have personal connections that are hard to put aside. California is a leader in supporting the reduction of carbon emissions. Governor Jerry Brown signed a hugely consequential bill in September to reduce carbon emissions. The state law has a “cap-and-trade” system that makes polluters pay for the emissions they produce. In spite of this law, the state’s economy has grown faster than the rest of the country’s economy in recent years, as have wages. The next step, to reduce carbon emissions annually by 2050 and by 2030, is much more ambitious. If President Obama’s Clean Power Plan is approved by the courts, ultimately by the Supreme Court, each state will be required to produce an emissions reduction program.
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I have been here since March of 2015. He'll probably know what all the fuss is about. Smokey's living with his back to the bars of his cage, so it's tough to tell if he's sleeping or not. I let out a little mew, but he doesn't move. I try getting a littl"e louder and I see him heave a sigh. I know he hears me. I go for one more stilling sound and I find success.

"I hear you kids," Smokey says. "Whatta want? Tryin' to get my beauty sleep?"

I know Smokey has adapted this persona because he's been here the longest. He tries to play it tough, like the fact that he's lived in a cage for more than a year doesn't bother him at all, but sometimes, just sometimes he lets go of that gruff exterior and shows me that big teddy bear heart of his.

Then he starts talking about tradition and the harvest and tons of food and how a lot of folks seem to be grateful for the bounty that people have given them. I scoff. Grateful. Yeah, right. What do we have to be grateful for? We live in cages.

I'm a cage. I'm here. I'm not used to it. She's not used to it. She says something about her immune system. She's convinced the only way for her to get better is to get out of a cage. But she has to wait for someone to pick her up. The kittens are still playing. The lights have been turned off, guys. How about some sleep? I don't even bother saying anything. They're young. They don't yet understand where they are. Must be nice.

He says gratitude is important for everyone and everything, including us.

I hear Myrna above me. She's not buying it either. He rolls over in his cage and seems to focus those gold eyes on me. I know he's been through a lot in his life and when he gets serious like this, I know I better listen.

He says Thanksgiving is the one time all year that people stop and look around them. He says there are stories outside humans are in constant motion. They always have somewhere to be and somewhere to go and they're always looking for the next bargain or sale or purchase. He says when outside out on the streets, it can be difficult to stay out of their way, especially if you don't know what you're doing. He says street wise, he calls it. You've gotta be street wise.

He says some of them seem like they're always trying to find something outside themselves. They gotta have the better car, the better house, the better job, the better income. Better than what, he doesn't know, but there's a red push to get that extra something. He thinks it's supposed to make them happy.

"But see," he says, and he gets real quiet now and I swear you could hear a pin drop in this place because we're all glued to Smokey's words. "it never really does. All those things, everything they collect, that constant drive for something more, it doesn't really make them happy. Not in here.

He chuckles near his chest.

He says he finds some things this time to be grateful for. The kittens are still playing. The warmth-again cold. None of us were. He says we all have a lot to be grateful for and it's like you can hear the eye rolls. Smokey asks if anyone in the room is hungry. Tindy hungry? There's no answer.

He asks if anyone is thirsty. Really thirsty, he says. It sounds a lot like a sarcastic. "Yeah, right."

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It is challenging trying to find the perfect horse. As I have said in previous articles, the perfect horse doesn't exist. The goal should instead be to find an appropriate horse for the rider and the family. I've seen numerous clients purchase the wrong horse and get acquired. Even a good horse can seriously injure his or her owner, but the appropriate horse is much less likely to cause an injury. It is also a lot more fun for his owner.

While everyone would agree that they are looking for a sweet, gentle, and calm horse, I have seen my share of horses that were not appropriate for the client. In one case, a client was interested in a stallion with good potential but had never owned a horse before. She thought that it would be a good idea to purchase a stallion to breed. The stallion was described as a great horse for young riders and had good bloodlines. The client was very interested in purchasing the horse, but she was concerned about the potential costs associated with owning a stallion. I advised her to do some research on the horse's background and to talk to other horse owners who had experience with stallions. After doing some research, she decided that the horse was not a good choice for her and chose not to purchase it.

Another example is the case of a client who wanted to purchase a horse that was advertised as a great trail horse. The horse was described as being very quiet and easy to handle. However, when the client got the horse home, they realized that the horse was not behaves itself like a horse. The client was disappointed and decided not to purchase the horse.

A good example of finding the right horse is the story of a client who wanted to purchase a horse for a young child. The client was looking for a horse that was gentle and easy to handle. I advised the client to look for a horse that was gentle and easy to handle. The client ended up purchasing a horse that was gentle and easy to handle. The client was very happy with the purchase and the child was able to ride the horse with ease.

I hope this article has given you some insight into the importance of finding the right horse for your needs. Remember, the goal is to find a horse that is appropriate for you and your goals. If you are considering purchasing a horse, I strongly recommend that you do your research and talk to other horse owners before making a decision. It is always better to err on the side of caution and not purchase a horse that is not appropriate for you.
Colorful fall!

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As I was driving to work this morning, the colors caught my eye. The various yellows, reds and oranges of maples and the bronzing of the oaks were just striking, as the sun was peering through the leaves. Autumn brings colors of a different kind. No longer do we see generous varietals of pink, purple and white from flowers, but hot colors or red, orange and yellow from foliage as plants prepare for the winter months ahead.

This seasonal change has not only brought on a change in color in our gardens but a change in our garden chores. The summer was filled with weeding and watering. Days were too hot to begin projects, whether planting or garden construction. But now that the weather is cooler and we’ve had a bit of rain, hopefully those garden projects have begun again.

Many plants come to life through colorful leaves and bark. Fall is the second best time to place, so why not design a fall/winter garden? It is the second best time to plant, so why not design a fall/winter garden? The trick is to know what the effect you may want and to choose the appropriate plants for that particular location.

Many shrubs offer beautiful berries, like red chokecherry, indigo- blue and callicarpa that may hold their fruit through the winter, before the birds discover them. Consider mixing plants that have fall and winter interest with the fall plants that you enjoy in the spring and summer. Here is a short list some plants you may want to try.

Hydrangea quercifolia, oakleaf hydrangea, is a large shrub that only has summer interest with its big, white conical flowers, but also has terrific red to purple fall color. The bark on the shrub is a cinnamon color and peeling. A native shrub, it is grown best in part shade. This plant will be generous with its fall color. Typically reaching a height and spread of 4-6 feet, site this plant in a shrub border or as a specimen plant. Dwarf cultivars are available as well.

Fothergilla gardenii is a great native small to medium sized shrub reaching 4-6 feet in height as well as spread. It’s not only showy in the spring with its white, bottle-brush flowers, but the yellow, orange, and red fall colors are spectacular. This plant is a slow grower, making it a good choice for foundation plantings. It does prefer an acidic soil with good drainage and part sun to full sun.

Aronia arbutifolia, red chokeberry, has proven to be another spectacular native plant for fall and winter interest. You can enjoy this plants bright red fruit from September through January as well as its red fall color in October. It tolerates most soil types excluding dry, but does prefer well drained soils. It will reach 5-6 feet and is a good selection for the shrub border. Callicarpa japonica, beautyberry, is a shrub that will stretch 4 to 6 feet in height. It likes full sun to part shade and gets lovely purple berries in the fall - hence the fall attraction of this shrub, as purple is not a common color this time of year. Use this plant for a shrub border, or mix it in with some spring blooming plants. The stems with berries are great for indoor arrangements.

Our native cousin is Callicarpa americana is easy to grow, and slightly faster. Having the same requirements as its Asian cousin, this native can be a bit more difficult to find in the industry, but certainly worth the time to look.

Lindera benzoin, spicebush, shows a great yellow fall color. This plant is known for its fragrant stems when broken. However, the yellow color mixes wonderfully with the oranges and reds of the fall palette. It likes part shade to full sun, but becomes more open and wild the more shade you provide it. It is a large shrub, potentially reaching 8 feet, making it a good native plant for the shrub border.

Gleditsia triacanthos, honey locust, is a large native shade tree reaching 60-75 feet in height. The beautiful fall foliage turns rows of fall color - colors ranging from yellow, orange, red and purple. It wants full sun and will grow well in most soil types. The star-shaped leaves give this tree an interesting texture through the summer months. The biggest downfall of this sturdy tree is its seeds. It will drop seed balls, causing some lawn mow- ing folks to dislike this tree.

Nyssa sylvatica, or blackgum, is a tree often overlooked. This native tree has a habit very similar to the pin oak. The cinnamon colored peeling bark is exciting in all four seasons. The leaves on this tree are small, and the canopy is not dense, allowing the bark to be visible in and out of leaf. This tree will reach 50 feet. It thrives in moist soils, but lucky for us, it is very versa- tile, adapting to drier locations as well. In a grouping of three or five, this se- lection is outstanding. Use it as a plant grouping in the yard, or as a single specimen tree. Grown in clumps or single stemmed allows for a variety of design styles, from a more natural look to a formal appearance.

We can create these gardens with just a few good choices of plants that will dress up our climate. When thinking about designing a fall and winter garden, think about texture and form. Unless you choose an ever- green shrub, leaves will be leaving us this time of year. So bark, color and form become a high importance.

Visit nurseries and garden centers and check out what is available. Many trees, like sweetgum, sourwood, red maples and serviceberry offer won- derful color in the fall. Shrubs, like oakleaf hydrangeas and forsythias are also beautiful during the fall and winter months.

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The paperbark maple, Acer griseum, is one of my favorite trees. This slow-growing tree offers a cinnamon-colored, peeling bark on the trunk and branches. It is a slow grower that likes part shade to full sun and reaches about 20-25 feet. It isn’t fussy about soil, but don’t place it in a really dry location. Well drained soils are best. This is a great selection for a specimen tree or focal point in the garden where the tree bark and color will be visited on a more personal level.

In addition to planting shrubs and trees, there is still time to plant bulbs for spring color. Bulbs are sold almost everywhere, from grocery stores to garden centers. Tulips, daffodils, grape hyacinths are just a few colorful possibilities. If you live in a deer populated area, just be sure to check if the bulbs you are planting will be devoured by the wildlife. Deer love tulips, but daffodils are left alone. We’ve had a few frosts, so hopefully you have either covered the tropical plants or brought them in for the winter. Check the plants for insects and spray with an insecticidal soap for houseplants prior to bringing them into the house.

Enjoy the last bit of the gardening season before the holidays monotony line your time? 

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### Small Town Gardener

**To love, honor and obliterate**

Marianne Willburn

A marriage is often tested to its extreme limits by the sad fact that those things precious to one person are not always precious to the other.

In the early years of my marriage I boxed up my husband’s pre-marriage life with the ruthlessness and efficiency of a paid-by-the-hour home organizer.

I particularly remember a Pepsi Cola can covered in Arabic that he brought back from Kuwait, and which he fully expected would live on our mantelpiece. It joined an Iraqi beret, an organizer.

I stomped into the house with the righteous-ness and efficiency of a paid-by-the-hour home organizer. He is a former Marine and all around tough guy. I particularly remember a Pepsi Cola can covered in Arabic that he brought back from Kuwait, and which he fully expected would live on our mantelpiece. It joined an Iraqi beret, an organizer.

My husband is the master of neatly shifting the blame onto my doorstep when he breaks some-thing. He maintains that he is forced to live in a world that is fragile, and that while other men may sit down on a chair without avoiding the cushions, or pick up a two precious stems with- out picking them up by its elders, he must levitate through his house, touching nothing but the floor.

I counter with the fact that salt desk chairs were not meant to be used as recliners and ex- pensive Custo knives should not be used to cut PVC pipe—and that normal people with a bit of care can easily balance the requirements of func-tion and form. My husband is not_normal people with a bit of care can easily balance the requirements of function and form. My husband is not normal people with a bit of care can easily balance the requirements of function and form. My husband is not normal people with a bit of care can easily balance the requirements of function and form.

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Solar Co-Op offered in Frederick Co.

Frederick County Office of Sustainably and Environmental Resources (OSER) and Maryland Solar United Neighborhoods (MD SUN) are working with Frederick County residents to create a solar co-op. A solar co-op is an organized group of residents and/or small businesses that save on the cost of individual solar installations through their group buying power. By forming a group of interested buyers, co-op members can receive lower prices from installers as a result of economies of scale and reduced labor costs for business development and marketing.

The co-op will hold a series of public information sessions to educate Frederick County residents about solar and recruit people to join the group. A information session will be held Wednesday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Middletown Town Hall, 31 West Main Street, in Middletown.

Both MD SUN and OSER have a history of success with solar bulk purchase programs. MD SUN has implemented 21 solar co-ops in Maryland. More than 320 homeowners have gone solar through these co-ops. The largest co-op to date is the recent Montgomery County Solar Co-op. That group has 244 members. So far, 88 of them have signed contracts for solar arrays. The average size of a solar array installed through the co-ops is 7.6 kilowatts and a total of 24 megawatts of solar have been installed. Solar co-ops typically result in a discount of up to 20 percent off the installed price of a system.

In 2013, OSER launched a similar bulk purchase program called Solarize Frederick County. This was the first solar bulk purchase program offered in Maryland. This program also included incentive grants up to $2,500. More than 300 residents attended Solarize workshops and 321 households had their homes assessed for solar electric systems. Of these, 66 signed contracts and 512 kilowatts of solar energy were installed at a discount of 23.7%. Solarize Frederick County also included solar water heating systems and 12 households installed the equivalent of 30.6 kilowatts of solar energy with their solar thermal systems.

Once a homeowner signs up online, MD SUN does a preliminary screening of the roof via Google Earth to determine if the roof is good for solar. Once the group reaches 25 members, MD SUN will work with co-op members to select a solar installer to serve group members by issuing a request for proposals from solar installers. This will be issued in early November. Co-op members will then form a Selection Committee to review the bids and select a single installer to complete all of the projects.

The chosen installer will meet with each participant in order to provide an individualized proposal that lists the size and cost of a solar system for their home. The final cost will reflect the group discount. Homeowners who decide to move forward sign an individual contract with the installer to have the system installed. The installer will begin filing the permitting and interconnection paperwork with the government and the utility. After the paperwork is approved, the installer can begin installing the panels on the roof.

MD SUN is not affiliated with any specific installers and serves as a consumer advocate. The organization educates residents about the benefits of distributed solar energy, helps them organize group installations, and helps strengthen Maryland’s solar policies and its community of solar supporters. It is a project of Community Power Network, which has helped facilitate the creation of solar co-ops in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Florida, and the District of Columbia.

County Executive Jan Gardner recently endorsed the program, saying “This exciting solar program will bring homeowners together with a common goal to go green and save through greater purchasing power. I support this sustainable program as one more way to make sure that Frederick County continues to be a great place to live and work for future generations.”

To learn more and register for an information session, visit: www.mdsun.org/frederick. Questions about the program can be directed to Bonnie Griesemer at 301.600.1416 or BGriesemer@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

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The Monocacy Scenic River Citizens’ Advisory Board has issued its draft Monocacy River Management Plan. The draft plan describes the Monocacy River’s ecology, environmental resources, natural and cultural history, plus contains recommendations for enhancement and protection of its corridor.

A public comment period is open to solicit comments on the draft plan through Nov. 9. After the public comment period, the River Board will review and discuss all comments received. The plan will then be transmitted to the Frederick County and Carroll County governments for consideration and approval.

The draft plan can be found at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/monocacyrivers2016.

“The river is more than a place of natural beauty, wonder and a wildlife sanctuary. It is a place for recreation and inspiration. As the sustaining wildlife water artery shared by our two counties, let us protect it for this and future generations,” commented Dr. George Grillon, River Board Chairman. “The Monocacy River Management Plan is designed as a guide to preserve the splendor of this great natural resource as the region develops. Public access and preservation of the river’s health as a viable, wild entity is essential.”

Copies of the draft plan will also be placed in the Taneytown, Emmitsburg, and Thurmont Libraries. Additionally, the River Board will hold two informational meetings on the draft plan:

- Nov. 7, at the Taneytown Fire Department, 39 East Baltimore Street, Taneytown and Nov 9, in Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick. Meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m. with an open house that will include display maps and staff available to answer questions, followed by a presentation and opportunity for public comment before the River Board meeting, beginning at 7 p.m.

- Comments may be sent to Tim Goodfellow, Frederick County Government, Division of Planning and Permitting, 30 North Market Street, Frederick, 21701, or e-mailed at tgoodfellow@FrederickCountyMD.gov; and Byron Madigan, Carroll County Government, Bureau of Resource Management, 225 North Center Street, Westminster, 21157, or e-mailed at bmadigan@ccg.carr.org.

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Five things a breast cancer survivor wants you to know

Kathy Iverson Reflects on Her Personal Journey During Breast Cancer Awareness Month

To say that Kathy Iverson’s journey with breast cancer has been an uphill battle is no exaggeration. But four years (and several surgeries, a blood clot, port complications, radiation, and chemotherapy) later, Iverson is thriving with “no evidence of disease.”

The 59-year-old mother and avid bowler from Jefferson, Md., was diagnosed in March 2012. After a four-year battle with a disease that affects about 1 in 8 women over the course of their lifetime, according to the American Cancer Society, there are five things she wants you to know about facing cancer head on.

1. Choose your treatment provider wisely.

After Iverson found a lump in her breast, her OB-GYN immediately referred her to the FMH Center for Breast Care, where she had a mammogram and with Dr. Susan Bahls, an MD Anderson Cancer Network certified physician through Frederick Regional Health System (FRHS). She did research on the hospital’s quality outcomes, and decided to stick with Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) for her biopsy and lumpectomy surgery in April. After several rounds of chemotherapy at another hospital, she returned to FMH for radiation treatment because of its professional, kind, and caring team.

2. Don’t underestimate the power of a good workout.

Studies show that eating right, maintaining a healthy weight, and sticking to a regular exercise plan helps to manage the side effects associated with treatment and decreases the risk of cancer recurrence. Iverson, who had gained 15 lbs. from her medications and needed to get the weight off, tried a medically supervised exercise plan offered through the FMH Fitness and Nutrition for Survivors (FANS) program. She found that the exercise helped her strength and energy levels, improved her morale, and gave her a chance to meet other survivors, too.

“I was able to get my strength back from side effects of my medicines,” she says. “Working with a staff of exercise physiologists and nurses helps, because they understand your limitations and modify all exercises for your needs.”

3. It’s about treating the cancer patient, not just the patient’s cancer.

“I appreciated an atmosphere that was dedicated to the patient’s cancer, not just the patient’s cancer, not just the patient,” she says. “That gets lost along the way sometimes. I’ve heard people say they have cancer, she says. “It’s nice to know there are other things to focus on to gain more comfort, privacy, and convenience.”

4. Find a higher standard of care.

Iverson, traveling outside of her home county for treatment was never an option. She commuted to Washington, D.C. for work in the past, and knew how strenuous that drive can be. It was certainly out of the question when she had cancer.

“It would have made the day longer than it already was,” she says. “I couldn’t imagine doing it after a day of chemotherapy or daily for six weeks of radiation treatments.”

5. Don’t ever give up.

When Iverson first started her exercise program, she could barely walk half a mile. Today, she’s not only mobile, but she’s bowling again, back to work, and breezing through her exercises. And, more importantly, she’s able to enjoy time with the people who matter most—her family.

“My hair was just long enough that I didn’t have to wear a wig to my daughter’s wedding in April 2013, and now I’m going to be a grandmother in January!” she says. “That was my prayer—I really wanted to see my grandchild and be able to hold them. I get to go with her to her sonogram appointment this month, and we can do all the things that other mothers and daughters do.”

To hear more cancer survivor stories or to schedule an appointment for oncology services, visit www.fmh.org/cancercare or call 301-418-6465.

To learn more about the FRHS Regional Cancer Therapy Center, visit fmh.org/cancercare.
This November, for the 56th year in a row, the Fairfield Mennonite Church will help to provide hope and empowerment to artisans. As holiday shoppers fill their baskets with hand-made gifts at the church’s annual Ten Thousand Villages Gift Festival, they provide vital income to artisans in the developing world. Textiles from India, silver jewelry from Peru, and handknotted rugs from Pakistan are only a few of the things that will be available at the festival. Ten Thousand Villages works with artisans in over 35 countries around the world.

As always, this year’s gift festival will feature an array of brand new products from talented artisans. “Nothing compares to handmade” says event coordinator Linda Polley. “I love that these products are all directly tied to a person, and that person has a story. This year, we have several new jewelry designs from the Rajana Association in Cambodia. They turn bomb casings into jewelry—it’s one of my favorite stories.”

Decades of war have left Cambodia’s fields littered with brass from bullet and bomb casings. The Rajana Association of Cambodia chose to take these reminders of devastation and transform them into symbols of hope. One of the artisans responsible for creating these pieces is Mr. Heng Sopheanith. Once a refugee in Thailand, he was able to travel to the Battambang province where he was trained as a silversmith and eventually was chosen to help lead the Rajana artisan group.

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“Thank you very much for helping and supporting us. Buying our products means giving us salary. Buying continuously means supporting our sustainability to live. Our family is benefiting from all of your support.”

Heng is 34 years old and married with two sons (6 and 3 years) as well as an infant daughter. When we asked him if there is anything he’d like to express to his customers, this is what he said: “This work affects my life by creating employment, giving job satisfaction and a wage that can help support my family. Sending my children to school for education and providing food to help my family have better health, as well as feeling a part of the community.”

Every piece of jewelry that is crafted from this unique material is a symbol of hope for the future. By transforming the same material that had been used for destruction into something used for beauty, Cambodians find not only a means of supporting themselves, but also a way to heal.

The Bombshell Ring was thoughtfully designed with a modern look and the brass that had once been part of a destructive weapon holds a certain weight, literally and figuratively. The War and Peace Earrings are stamped with the Khmer word for peace. You can wear this message proudly, knowing that the materials and process of the bombshell jewelry support peace as well.

This year, Ten Thousand Villages’ 56th Annual Gift Festival and Oriental Rug Event will be held November 8th – 12th at Fairfield Mennonite Church, 201 W. Main St, Fairfield, PA. Event hours are Tuesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., with free coffee and chocolate tasting on Thursday and Friday evening from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. For more information visit www.rugs.tenthousandvillages.com or call 717-796-1474.

Every piece of jewelry that Heng Sopheanith crafts from former bomb materials is a symbol of hope for the future of his country.
The British offensive grinds to a halt

November 3

The British reported the loss of 107,035 men on the Somme front for October, which brings the British casualties for the four months of the Somme offensive to 414,120. The average daily loss for October is 3,452. The total reported for September was 119,545, or an average daily of 3,800. In August, the total was 127,945, a daily average of 4,127. In July, however, the casualties reported were only 60,000. Some British, some American losses have been decreasing since August. British sources stated the losses of the Allies relative to those of Germans were decreasing as a result of increased efficiency of the artillery and aerial services.

The Germans, however, claim that the stiffening of the German defenses on the Somme, which has been credited by them with stopping the Allied push and limiting the advance of the French and British to insignificance is due to the exhaustion of the manpower in artillery between the two arms.

Accordingly, General, in August, was able to announce the destruction of the supply of munitions and the replacement of worn out or damaged guns, which, it was declared, were largely responsible for the German defeat, then scored by the Allies. The German experts found that their calculations were out by facts and were no longer able to keep their ships or men supplied with the materials necessary to support the Allied advance.

On the Romanian front, the Austro-Hungarian forces continued to drive the Romanians with loss of life, the Romanians having lost an Armistice and fallen in the face of new German victory and the Allied reserve forces against which they were forced to retreat. The Romanians were driven back in disarray, and the Allied advance on the Salonika front was brought to a halt.

The German government, on the other hand, was successful in gaining new territory through the warships of Great Britain and France.

The question of whether the German submarines were used against the Allied ships during the months and the effect of the German submarine campaign is a subject of much controversy.

The U-41 had halted an apparent German submarine campaign, but the German government has remained silent on the subject, allowing the Allied powers to believe that the submarine campaign was disorganized and ineffective.

The British offensive on the Somme was in accordance with the Allied plan for the Somme campaign, but it was not successful in achieving the objectives set out by the Allied commanders.

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November 10

The German Admiralty has fur- nished to the Associated Press the details of an event in which a British ship, the SS Virginia, was sunk by a German submarine in the North Sea. The SS Virginia was carrying a cargo of crude rubber and surgical supplies, valued at more than $500,000, to England.

On the Somme, the Allied advance has been halted, and the German forces are now at a standstill. The Allied forces have suffered heavy losses, and the German forces have been unable to advance.

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The German Admiralty has just announced that it has stopped the sinking of Allied ships by German submarines.

The German Admiralty declares that refusal to transfer the officer was evidence of a guilty conscience on the part of the British who wish to prevent the news that the British are using the American flag to law in German waters.

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attacking troops made good progress, the mud having partially dried in the last few days.

The Germans were apparently completely surprised by the attacks as evidenced by the fact that the garrison of the trenches were preparing for breakfast at the very moment when the British infantry stormed their positions. The British, after round- ing up 780 prisoners, proceeded to eat the prisoner's breakfast telling the captives that they will be fed when they arrived at the British lines.

The majority of the prisoners according to the British officers were inferior fighting material. The German High Command apparently, on the supposedly impermeable character of the Somme river, had decided to concentrate its efforts in the Romanian theater and leave in the British lines only the forces absolutely neces- sary on the Frozen Ground.

The British officers believed that the Germans had not hoped for a local success and in no wise fortified villages, relying on them rather than the strength of the troops. The British officers declared that the German infantry was a local success and that the British in their bombing campaign had merely a local success and in no wise involved their danger until the British in their bombing campaign had merely a local success and in no wise involved the infantry in the defoli- ation of a large portion of the defenses.

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HISTORY - CONFEDERATE RETREAT FROM GETTYSBURG

Confederate retreat and Union pursuit

By John A. Miller

EMMITSBURG HISTORICAL SOCIETY

L ast month, I discussed the movements of the Confederate army as they withdrew from Gettysburg, PA to the Mason-Dixon Line near Emmitsburg, MD. This month, I want to write about what happened beginning on July 7, 1863, with regard to those movements of the Northern and Southern armies.

By early morning of July 7, the Union army was on the move. The I and III Corps moved directly to Emmitsburg. They stopped briefly at Emmitsburg before moving out on the Emmitsburg Road. The I Corps moved onward to Lewistown, PA. Meanwhile, the New York State National Guard, under General William Smith’s division of Pennsylvania militia and New York State National Guard, had arrived at Mont Alto, PA. The next day Smith’s division would march to Utica, MD, where they would encamp for the night. The XI Corps and VI Corps would march out of Emmitsburg and

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The Middletown Valley with the Catoctin Mountain in the distance.
Tammy Marie (Ott) Humerick

We are saddened by the sudden loss of Tammy Humerick from Emmitsburg, on Thursday, October 13. She passed at Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick, MD. Born December 30, 1968, in Hanover, she was the daughter of David Ott of Emmitsburg and the late Jane Ann (Winand) Ott, of Dave & Jane’s Restaurant in Fairfield. She was the devoted wife of Barry Humerick, to whom she was married for 16 years.

Surviving in addition to her husband and father are son, Brandon; step-children, Nick and Samantha Humerick. She was always there to lend a helping hand. She was a Supervisor for the Frederick County Humane Society, 550 Highland St., Frederick, MD, 21701. On her last day and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Burial will be private at a later date. A celebration of Tammy’s life will be held at October 17, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 47 De Paul St., Emmitsburg, with the Rev. Charles F. King, C.M. as celebrant. Banal will be private at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Frederick County Humane Society, 550 Highland St., Frederick, MD, 21701. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.myershumer-
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Small and big blessings

Mary Angel

November already, I refuse to believe it. Alright, my calendar is insisting that I accept it is the month of turkeys, Thanksgiving, and Black Friday. I don’t know why it takes a holiday with a turkey to get me thinking about what I am thankful for, but sure enough, every November my mind starts analyzing my life over the past year or so. The small and big blessings are flying around in my head like leaves on a windy fall day.

We were forced to buy a new van this summer (ours finally quit at 240,000 miles). When we were driving home and I wasn’t worried about the car leaving us sit on the side of the road, I was very thankful. As the air conditioning froze side to side of the road, I was very thankful. We were forced to buy a new van this summer (ours finally quit at 240,000 miles). When we were driving home and I wasn’t worried about the car leaving us sit on the side of the road, I was very thankful. As the air conditioning froze side to side of the road, I was very thankful.

When each of my kids says prayers at night I always thank God for the roof over their heads and their family and friends. Family and friends are an amazing blessing in my life. Everyday my kids are on the top of my list of blessings, right next to my hubby (the man who still make my heart skip a beat even after 20 years of marriage). My husband does so much for us and means so much to us that it is difficult to put into words how thankful we all are for him. Although all of my friends come to mind when I am thinking about what I am thankful for, my best friend has a big star next to her name on that list. She is always there to help anyone and always has a sacrificial heart; in a word she is amazing.

One apparently small, but lately very large blessing is health. Maybe it is because we have all of the Grandparents living close. Maybe it is because my husband is trying to get into better shape. Maybe it is due to my daughter’s weight struggles. Maybe a recent dementia diagnosis is at the root. I am not sure what has ultimately brought me to my extreme thankfulness for health, but here I am. Every day I am thankful that my weight isn’t going up, my feet don’t hurt worse, and that my hair is already grey and nothing the kids do or say can make that worse.

One of my memories on Facebook this week was a picture of my girls on either side of our dining room table and their best friend next to them. When I read the caption it said, “Thankful for the little moments. Watching four best friends play play-dough, while speaking in British accents.” My husband took the picture and made the post a little over a year ago. He was right; it isn’t just the big stuff. Being thankful for the little, day to day, things is what makes life beautiful. I absolutely love when my girls are all giggly with their friends. When they speak with a foreign accent it is just icing on the cake. When I only had boys there wasn’t much giggling.

When it comes to the boys I love when I catch them in deep conversation with one another. I am always thankful when they are being kind to one another and their little sisters. I enjoy immensely when I get one on one time with any of my children. Much to my mother’s dismay I am very blessed to see and hear my boys wrestling. It literally cracks me up when they are rolling around on the floor, one of them in a head lock, and both of them grunting and cackling at the top of their lungs. Another blessing I experience from my family is when we do family game night or family movie night. I am not sure I could be more thankful for the time together, especially since my oldest is a senior in high school. I know it won’t be long and there will be an empty chair at family game night. I am still thankful for whatever is in his future, but I will be sad to see the empty chair. I am also thankful, in the mornings, when I have a full car load of teenagers (either sleeping or laughing) driving to the high school. I might not be an early morning person, but I have never had a morning when I wasn’t smiling my way all the way down the road with these kids. I am thankful that my parents are so supportive of me and all the places I have ever been, even in this one in a head lock, and both of them grunting and cackling at the top of their lungs. Another blessing I experience from my family is when we do family game night or family movie night. I am not sure I could be more thankful for the time together, especially since my oldest is a senior in high school. I know it won’t be long and there will be an empty chair at family game night. I am still thankful for whatever is in his future, but I will be sad to see the empty chair. I am also thankful, in the mornings, when I have a full car load of teenagers (either sleeping or laughing) driving to the high school. I might not be an early morning person, but I have never had a morning when I wasn’t smiling my way all the way down the road with these kids. I am thankful that my parents are so supportive of me and all the places I have ever been. I am thankful that they have moved in with us and therefor have more opportunities to travel and visit their friends and family. My whole family is blessed by how much time and effort my parents put into their grand-dog-ger. We are also thankful to have my mother-in-law so close and for the time she spends with the girls. They love to be girly and that is far from my forte.

Lastly, I am thankful for what my children say every night during prayers. I am thankful that Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Ultimately if it hadn’t been for that moment I wouldn’t have anything to be thankful for. I will never be able to comprehend that amazing sacrificial love. It is often taken for granted or overlooked, but what an incomprehensible blessing! God Bless!

To read past editions of Mom’s Time Out, visit the Author’s section of Emmitsburg.net.
How sweet it is…

Carol Cogliano
Hellbass Bros., Inc.

It is unfortunate that most of us are missing out on one of nature’s most perfect foods—the sweet potato. How many of us only enjoy sweet potatoes once a year, when they are buried in a sea of marshmallow gooey-ness? If you laughed at the thought—because it’s true—then you need to consider how versatile sweet potatoes can be, and consider trying them in a new, healthier way!

Sweet potatoes are low in calories, high in fiber, full of vitamins and minerals, and great for diabetics and people who are carbohydrate sensitive. They are considered a “good carb” because they are much lower on the glycemic index than white potatoes. They contain protein and are full of nutrients, including high levels of carotenoids (beta-carotene), copper, vitamins A and E, and fiber.

Typical sweet potato recipes are full of added sugar and fat. (C’mom…you can just say you’re drinking! At Thanksgiving time…delighting on the butter and covering them with brown sugar!) Not only are these preparations not very healthy, but they also often fail to show off the best qualities of the sweet potato. So…where should you begin? Here are a few sweet potato basics…followed by a few indulgent recipes…because, what are the holidays without a little indulgence?

For orange varieties, prick with a fork before cooking, then bake at 400 degrees F for about 45-50 minutes. No need to add anything additional! This is sweet potato preparation at its most basic!

Peel & cut them up into small chunks. Pan fry them in a bit of olive oil.

Roast or boil them until tender; then mash them up just like you would white potatoes. Peel & dice them up into chunks, coat with olive oil and a dash of salt and pepper. Bake at 450 degrees F turning them frequently, until they are lightly browned.

A little bit of farm trivia: All of the tubers called yams in the American market are actually all sweet potatoes. See the following information from the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission for some clarification:

Yam vs. Sweet Potato: A true yam is a starchy edible root of the Dioscorea genus, and is generally imported to America from the Caribbean. It is rough and scaly and very low in beta carotene.

Depending on the variety, sweet potato flesh can vary from white to orange and even purple. The orange-fleshed variety was introduced to the United States several decades ago. In order to distinguish it from the white variety everyone was accustomed to, producers and shoppers chose the English form of the African word “nyamu” and labeled them “yams.” Even though the USDA requires that orange-colored sweet potatoes always be labeled “sweet potato,” most people still think of sweet potatoes as yams regardless of their true identity.

Fall is here, and with it—chilly “weather weather.” Coozy up with a warm blanket in front of the fire, grab a good book, some hot mulled cider and an ooey-gooey piece of this indulgent Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Cake.

Sweet Potato Cinnamon Roll Cake Recipe courtesy of www.bunnyswarmoven.net.

Ingredients:

For Cake:

• 3 cups flour
• 1/2 tsp nutmeg
• 1/2 tsp salt
• 1 cup sugar
• 4 tsp baking powder
• 1/2 cup brown sugar
• 1/2 cup butter, melted
• 1 egg, beaten
• 1 tsp vanilla
• 2 TBLS milk
• 1/2 cup brown sugar

For Topping:

• 1/2 cup butter, melted
• 2 TBLS cinnamon
• 1 tsp sugar
• 1/2 cup chopped pecans (my addition)

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease a 13×9 inch baking pan.

In a large bowl combine flour, sugar, salt, and baking powder and nutmeg. Stir with a fork to combine. In another large bowl beat sweet potatoes and milk until smooth. Add beaten eggs, and vanilla, beat until combined. Slowly add flour to sweet potato mixture, mixing until just incorporated. Slowly stir the mixed batter into the butter until well combined. Pour batter into prepared pan. Make topping.

For Glaze:

• 2 TBLS flour
• 1 cup brown sugar

For Topping:

• 1/2 cup butter, melted
• 2 TBLS vanilla
• 1 1/2 cups milk
• 4 tsp baking powder
• 1 cup sugar
• 1/2 tsp nutmeg
• 3 cups flour

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 degree F. Time your Brussels by cutting off the little brown end. If there are any yellow leaves, pull them off. Cut any large ones in half. Add to a large bowl. Add your sweet potato and chop into 1-2 inch pieces. Add to the large bowl.

Sweet Potato Pie is an absolutely delicious alternative to the ever-so-popular pumpkin pie. It is no more difficult to make, so why not try making one for your upcoming holiday meals? Serve it with a dollop of whipped cream, and enjoy!

Notes

The baked sweet potato should be cool to the touch before slicing it. The pie will continue to cook a little in the oven, so slice lightly. If you refrigerate it, you may need to let it sit at room temperature for a few minutes before slicing.

Roasted Sweet Potatoes and Brussels Sprouts Recipe courtesy of bunnyswarmoven.net.

Ingredients:

For Sprouts:

• 1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed
• 1 large sweet potato (1 pound)
• 2 cloves garlic, smashed
• 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
• 1 teaspoon salt
• 1/2 teaspoon cumin
• 2 cloves garlic, smashed
• 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
• 1 teaspoon salt

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 400 for about 40-45 minutes. The veggies are done when they are brown and a fork slides into them easily. Place the veggies in a serving bowl and toss with 1-2 tablespoons red wine vinegar to taste. Garnish with fresh thyme if you want. Eat hot!

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Local library events

Frederick County Public Libraries

Plan to visit the Thurmont Regional Library for a very special November STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) event. The Thurmont Regional Library was recently chosen from among other Maryland libraries to host the closing ceremony for the 2016 Maryland STEM Festival. The official closing ceremony will be part of a special Earth Science Extravaganza in Thurmont and will be held on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 2-4. Through ten days of collaborative, interactive, and dynamic events and activities throughout the state, the Festival displays Maryland’s STEM success and further connects the current and future leaders in STEM.

Find out more at marylandstemedfestival.org to see more.

Speaking of STEM, do you know about the Traveling STEM Lab that shows up at the Emmitsburg Library every Monday at 4 p.m. The traveling STEM Lab meets the needs of local students ages 3-18 to support the goals of local and statewide education initiatives. Library Associate Cheryl Dillman hosts the lab and explores different concepts each week. You might learn more about Snap Circuits, LittleBits, Microscopes, 3D pens, Osmo boxes and much more. Stop in – no need to register.

We don’t want to leave adults out of the fun. Coming up on Novem-
ber 15th at the Emmitsburg Library, adults who would like a voice in plan-
ing library events will be invited to special Coffee & Cookies Meet & Greet with library staff at 7 p.m. We want to strengthen our connections to the community and want you to think of your library as a destination for learning and fun.

Children’s Programs

Star Reader Family Storytime (Ages 3+) - Join us for story and art fun when teachers from our local elementary school are the star readers at the library! Thursday, Nov. 3, 6 p.m.

Fairytale Engineering, Three Little Pigs (Grades K-5) - It’s engineering fun as we use various materials to build sound structures that will keep the 3 Little Pigs safe from the Big Bad Wolf! Saturday, Nov. 5, 11 a.m.

Indoor Sports Day (Grades K-5) - Get ready for Cool Run Over Dodgeball, Codec Tag, Panchute Play, and other sports fun at the gym in the library building! Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1 p.m.

Fairy Tale Engineering, Gingerbread Man Trips (Ages 3-10) - The Gingerbread Man is on the loose! Put your en-
inguining skills to work and build a trap to catch that cookie. Saturday, Nov. 12, 11 a.m.

LEGO Block Party (Ages 5+) - Join us for an afternoon of LEGO fun! Wednesday, Nov. 16, 4 p.m.

READ with Wags & Wiggles - Hope, the Reading Education Assistance Dog listeners of children read “Allergy Alert The Dog and can be live animals. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m.

For Teens

Board Games and Pizza (Grades 6-12) - Come hangout and unwind at the library. We’ll have a variety of games to choose from and free pizza! Wednesday, Nov. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

AFCEA branches will be closed. Friday, Nov. 11 for Veteran’s Day and Thursday, November 24 for Thanks-
giving. Branches will be closing early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Mother Seton School

Lynn Taylor

I t is really November already? I feel like I just put the spooky decorations up and now I’m packing them away to make room for the harvest décor. It’s redoux work getting out the black bins, recycling them, and then unpacking the orange bins (yes, I color code the seasonal storage— it has saved my sanity!), but the maxi-

mum Snickers waiting for me at the end is worth it. My husband won-
ders why I bother with harvest décor, since it’s up for less than three weeks, but I think it is important to re-

minded that Halloween doesn’t just blend into Christmas, despite what the major retailers may want us to think. Halloween is a beautiful way to start this season of giving. Branches will be closing early at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23.

At Mother Seton School, we begin this harvest season with an All Saints Day Mass, where we show our love for the saints who intercede on our behalf. Many non-Catholics misunderstand the nature of our reverence for the saints, and mistakenly think that we “worship” them. To put it simply, what we really do is ask the saints in heaven to “put in a good word” for us with our Lord. It’s much like asking your con-
geration or your family and friends to pray for you when you have a par-
ticular intention, only the saints reside in heaven and hold particular promi-
nence with the Lord. At this Mass, we show our gratitude to those who’ve gone before us and who have helped our prayers be heard. We invite you to join us at school on Tuesday, Novem-
ber 1, at 10:15 a.m. for Mass. What a beautiful way to start this season of Thanksgiving.

We are also grateful to our esteemed alumni for their constant support and cannot express our thanks enough. On Tuesday, November 22nd, we will hold a Memorial Prayer Service in honor of our beloved deceased alumni and fam-

ily members who’ve passed away. Please join us in prayer and give thanks to our cherished family. We invite you to au-

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Thank you to and your families!
Dr. Ken Kerr

I am writing to ask for your vote for the Frederick County Board of Education. Voting is an inalienable right for Americans. Public education matters to all of us as parents, business owners, taxpayers and citizens. Your vote is important for the future of our students and the health of our county.

I am grateful to have lived and worked as an educator in Frederick County for thirty-six years. I have seen my former students actively engaged as educators, business owners, attorneys, law enforcement officials, and elected officials. I want to continue to cultivate leadership opportunities for FCPS students and to lead by example by serving on the BOE.

As a parent I care about quality of education in Frederick County Public Schools. My wife, who is a physician and counsellor, and I have four sons; all were well prepared for life by their K-12 education in our community.

My professional life in education began in 1975. After five years teaching in Prince George's County, I came to Governor Thomas Johnson High School in 1980 to teach history and government. In 1995 I moved to the Central Office as a curriculum specialist and retired on February 1 of this year. As a seasoned teacher, administrator and retiree, I know when this system works and when it doesn't.

I am working collaboratively with the FCPS education leaders, our Board of Education and the staff to get the supports my children need to be successful.

I urge you to cast a vote for me for the Frederick County Board of Education.

Mike Bunitsky

I have been a resident of Frederick County since 1980. I have served as a board member for the Frederick County Public Schools for 21 years and am currently serving as the Chair of the Frederick County Board of Education.

As a former public school teacher, I have seen the positive impact that education can have on our children. I am committed to ensuring that all students have the opportunity to succeed.

I am running for re-election to continue working towards the goals that I set out to achieve for our school system, which include:

- Increasing access to quality education for all students
- Improving学校的财政状况
- Developing strong academic programs
- Strengthening school safety and security

I am a proud alumnus of the Frederick County Public Schools and have dedicated my career to improving our schools for our future generations.

Joy Schaefer

I believe that every child deserves a high-quality education that prepares them for success in life. As a mother of four and a teacher, I have seen firsthand the impact that education can have on our children's lives.

I am running for re-election to continue advocating for our students and ensuring that they receive a high-quality education.

Cindy Rose

Dr. Cindy Rose is a psychologist and former teacher with more than three decades of experience in education. She has served as a counselor and administrator in school systems across the country.

As a former principal and counselor, Dr. Rose has been actively involved in advocating for the rights of students with disabilities. She has been involved in numerous campaigns to ensure that our schools are committed to equity across all student populations.

Dr. Rose has been a strong advocate for the rights of students with disabilities and has fought for policies that support students with special needs. She is a strong believer in the importance of providing all students with the support they need to succeed.

I urge you to vote for Dr. Cindy Rose for the Frederick County Board of Education.
Freshman Year
Tristan
Angela Tongohan
MSM Class of 2020

I had a story ready for you. It was pretty heartwarming. I was going to start with some attention grabbing, gradual move into how we should be thankful for the opportunity to wake up every morning to the bright shining sun. I even planned to include a few facts about my family and maybe even a few inspirational quotes; however, something happened this weekend that enhanced my idea of being thankful to an even deeper level, and I think you ought to know about it.

This weekend I went home for my mother’s 50-something-th birthday. It was a surprise, so my dad picked me up pretty late. When I arrived at the house, a tiny, gold-and-white Papillon was waiting for me at the door. I have two dogs by the way: A Papillion and a beautiful black-and-white Prince Charles Spaniel. Their names are Tala and Tristan, respectively. After a few minutes of belly rubbing in celebration of our reunion, my dad and I set up for the surprise.

She was pleased, to say the least. She appreciated the cherry wood jewelry box I bought her and my dad made. When I laid it out, she began to cry. I decided I needed a companion. The first attempt was Tristan. However, being that Tristan enjoyed the company of the dust balls under my parent’s bed more than the enjoyed spending time with her, we decided to try again.

I met Tristan on a farm. We had gone in search of fresh eggs and left with a shy puppy instead. Tristan was the most beautiful puppy I have ever seen.

The farmer was gushing about how his dog had just given birth and, out of excitement, rushed in and grabbed one to show Tala. I was overcome with an overwhelming and absolute love. I immediately turned to my dad and said, “We can’t leave without him.”

And we didn’t. I decided I needed to know how my parents told me they gave him away. At first I was confused. “What? To whom? Where?” They began to explain to me how they had given him away to a family whose daughter also went to the Mount, but I was no longer listening. I couldn’t see anything. I couldn’t hear anything. My mind was flooded with memories of Tristan. He was my best friend. We did everything together. We slept togethers, ate together, even watched movies together. When we moved houses, he stood by my door at night because I was afraid of the dark. He was my sidekick.

When I was sad, I would look for Tala and rub his ears against my head. “Great. I’d like to print a ticket one for Manhattan?” I smiled with excitement, rushed in and grabbed one to hand him over to my dad, the man deemed “too late” for cake eating. No, not the Papillon. I was going to New York! Manhattan. To Tristan and I was overcome with an overwhelmingly and absolute love. I can’t even express what Tala means to me, but one day.

I redirected the desk clerk gave me at the station. The door, left, and section D. I did that, hopefully, I stop worrying for a moment and consider the encounter with the desk clerk. She helped me understand what an “everyday adventure” that augmented my experience.

“I do just got on the wrong train?” I think to myself. I glance at my ticket and back towards the loudspeaker which projected the conductor’s ominous next destination: Philadelphia.

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I look out the window and Baltimore blurs away. The moors, headlights, and illuminated office windows scintillate in an otherwise ink black city.

I sink back into my chair and feel myself in uncanny compo- site. “If I were to win a prize, I end up in Philadelphia. Place that had. The City of Brotherly Love. Great cheeses. Maybe. I’ll stay with Colin from high school. I’m pretty sure he goes to school in Phila- delphia…’”

I close my eyes and think of the speech I will have to say to my mom if, in fact, I do end up in the wrong city. “Wow, Mom, I thought I’d only be in for a trip to New York and would you believe it? I guess it’s my lucky day! It looks like two cities in one, you know. I remember locking him out of my dorm room. Whoops. I glanced at my watch. I still had eight whole minutes before the main school doors opened. Tristan. I’m exhausted. I let my backpacks to the floor, and the train moves me to sleep. I remember locking him out of my room more times than not. I would come home late one night, and we barely even early and forgot to give him walks, but Tristan’s love never faded. He was always waiting for me at the door with his same puppy tennis ball, his hair. I gave him after my last season of high school tennis.

Oh, how I wished I appreciated him more. I met the family we gave him. He’s just a long, hot hair. He cared for him in a way that I no lon- ger could. I will always be grateful for Tristan. He was such a huge part of my life. He’s made me realize the importance of unconditional love, and to appreciate those who do love me un- conditionally. I have come to appreci- ate people who go out of their way to do something for me. I found that it is so easy to take things for granted, like I took Tristan for granted. He has taught me so much, he taught me to love without expecting anything in return. Tristan was so special to me, and I am bles- sed that I was able to encounter such a beautiful love.

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Sophomore Year
Wherever this train takes me
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We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures that we can have if only we seek them with open eyes.

–Javashah Neelu, First Indian Prime Minister

I recently visited New York City, and found that, although I was in one of the world’s most illustrious cities, a culmination of personal experiences and voluntary experiences made my trip unforgettable. I am thankful for everyday adventures, and for the humorous blunders, curious strangers, and gen-

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taneous. The story below highlights a blend of these attributes and illustrates a snapshot of an “everyday adventure” that augmented my experience.

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Junior Year
The usual thanks

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The seasons have come and gone and I am here typing my Thanksgiving thanks to the usual few, my family. This year it seems as though I have so much more to be thankful for. My magnificent sister is happily married to a wonderful man, my parents are in relative good health, and my own schooling is going as decent as it can be. I am especially thankful for the full break the students here at Mount St. Mary’s have just finished. I think I speak for everyone that vacations are something for which to be thankful. Whether they be three months long, two weeks long, or a three day weekend, they are blessed occasions to relax and enjoy having nothing to do. They also seem to come at the most opportune moments.

Apart from the odd few days we would spend in Ocean City every now and then, my family and I mostly stick close to home on the rare occasions we all have a vacation at the same time. This year, my family, except for my sister, who is a teach and therefore didn’t have the same break we did, traveled a bit farther away than Maryland. After a 16 hour drive south, during which there was a surprising amount of incidents, we arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana. I was there once before for three days, but that was too short to enjoy everything the French Quarter had to offer. I was thrilled to be with my family for several days without work or school work getting in the way.

The most terrible experience was going to a Sunday Mass at the oldest cathedral in America, St. Louis King of France. It was re-built in 1794 after the first major fire in 1788 razed it to the ground. However, its origins date back as far as 1727. It is truly a beautiful cathedral with frescoes, walled arches, gilded alter – the whole nine yards.

While we were there, we saw some family members that we hadn’t seen for ages. We don’t see them often, and I still love them deeply. We used to see them all the time growing up and while not related to them by blood, I still consider them to be family. There is a saying, I’m sure you’ve heard, that blood is thicker than water. However, it has always been believed that family is more than just blood, it is bond.

With the holiday of Thanksgiving right around the corner, we are faced with an influx of relatives from all the corners of our lives. However, we are usually so busy running around we don’t realize that we should be cherishing the moments we have with those we love while we have them close by and before they are scattered to the far corners of the world.

I find that Thanksgiving is often time overlooked, being in between Halloween and the much anticipated Christmas. And I think we forget that it’s not about eating so much stuffing, turkey, and pie that you can barely move. Thanksgiving is about remembering all of the good. In today’s world, I think we have trouble recognizing it because we feel as though the little good things are overshadowed by the enormity of the bad things we see all the time, whether in the news or in our own lives. However, the good in the world shines through even if we refuse to acknowledge it. Find the small things in your life that make you smile and prove that the world still remains beautiful even if there is overwhelming evidence to the contrary. After you have found it, thank God (or the Universe, if is so please you) for the ability to see this light. For me, this “good” has been my family, those of both blood and bond. I have always felt and always will feel enormous gratitude towards God for my family and, this Thanksgiving, I will try to remember all the good that is still in the world and be thankful for every little bit of it.

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An argument to accessorize

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FASHION

Let me confide in you with a personal confession: I have never been one to accessorize. Rather, my interest in fashion has stayed concerned with the motives of fashion dictate by shape and silhouettes. However, with the recent interest in sneakers — high tops, low tops, Velcro, lace-ups and platform — you name it, my curiosity peaked. A cultural shift initiated by a mass of teenage boys, and then overcome with girl power — the sneakers-paired-with-dresses-skirts-and-tops look, brought me to see fashion differently. Certain pieces of fashion could contrive the way cloth- ing is understood, and in some situations, alter its precedent perception. Accessories can make a smashing statement that disrupts a society’s understand- ing of fashion, as did this sneakerhead society. Or, in other situations, subtle additions sustain an outfit. An argument to accessories accentuates at the climax when that one and only last piece completes your final look before you walk out that door. It is the cherry-on-top, the mountain peak that sets your soaring for a day of glee and smile. It is the cherry-on-top, the mountain peak that sets you walk out that door. It is the cher- ry-on-top, the mountain peak that sets you soaring for a day of glee and smile. It is the cherry-on-top, the mountain peak that sets

Whether it be the bracelet I trust myself to, a daily reminder of an achieve- ment or a momentum of inspiration, or like my Marc by Marc Jacobs watch, a simple black leather strap with its gold face piece that was a college graduation gift and ever since, stands as a piece of my everyday attire — one thing defines such pieces, and that is their intention, and the special place in the attribution of style.

Why then accessories? In its con- struction, there is a freedom to bedazzle with the furry loafers, or to sport the “it bag” in season. Jewelry, handbags and shoes make for classic forms of acces- sories. Such expedience can complete an outfit, aid in the exploration of cur- rent trends, and create a statement or dissimilarity. Just before the time when mittens, banners and earmuffs inspire the holi- day season, there is full fashion: a sea- son notorious for the excuse for add- ing layers. This sort of blanketing for good measure. These fall interests is not jackets, scarves, or cardigans — but rather the decorative hand- bag or shoe, trumps accessory trends for good measure. These fall interests

For some, the intent of accessoriz- ing is different. I can say for myself that accessories play out as a sentiment of romance through their function. The season's attention to bags will spruce up the wardrobe this sea-

Men's accessories

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Similar to the cross body, a clas- sic form of accessory in the world of menswear. The brief case is a working man's bag. In the professional world, the bag carries all the necessities. For practical reasons this keeps its style on the market. Its functionality makes it an automatic fashion statement. The current capitulation for the brief case has altered as the interest in tech- nology coincides with the fashion in- dustry. Indeed there is a relationship, typically explored through social me- dia apps and cell phone cases. How- ever, the season’s attention to bags with technical fabrication broadens the greater effect of this relationship; one that influences the trending styles and highlights brands that designs for its case.

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Cross body bag

In a similar fashion to the mule, the cross body bag renews a bag through different forms. Its name de- rives from its function as a cross body bag that can to the tomes of those who fashion the style; therefore estab- lishing a multi-faceted handbag that works as a shoulder bag, but carries the length of a cross body.

The Michael Kors Rendi Mul- sum Messenger Bag is its technical name, but stylistically this is a cross body bag, a new trend that in the fresh fall season of fashion cele- brates with a richness in color and gold hardware accents. Such fea- tures relay the beauty of this bag. Detailed with accents of gold rings on the cross body straps, the bag carries a dazzling spirit alongside a palette of fall colors, including plum purple, moss green and brick brown. These details of the leath- er Rendi Messenger bag reveals the typical romance Kors brings to the world of fashion.

This time around, the New York City designer brings back a classic form of fashion. There is innovation in its design, but its affect is signature to its style, and that is only described as lovely, feminine and sophisticated.

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The little boy made a face. "When the boys were eight, they decided to enlist—" joked the little boy.

"That’s what you do when you join the army," said the old man. "And they made it into the army. Boy, were they excited! They were both determined to go to war. They made a little bet, you see. To see who would make it on the field first.

"Two boys, much older now, stood in line outside the recruiting office. Where do you think they’re gonna send us, Joey?" asked an older man, his cheeks red with excitement. "Jap—Japan! Italy!"

"Are you crazy," laughed Joey. "They’re not gonna send us there. We’re at war with them!"

"But what if they do," said Peter. "I mean, who fights the wars? Soldiers, right?"

"We haven’t even enlisted yet. What are you in such a hurry for?"

"I’m just saying, Joey, what if something happens to one of us?"

"They stood in silence for a few minutes. "Like what? What do you mean? Like we’re gonna die?

"Yeah…" said Peter, "Or get injured. Like an arm blows off or something."

"The line moved, and they slowly inch ed their way forward."

"Well, I don’t know about you, but no man gets left behind," said Joey with a shrug.

"Yeah, Joey. I’d always go back for you. It doesn’t matter if your foot is cut off. If you’re missing an arm, I’ll be your arm."

"But things didn’t go as expected. Peter won the bet. And after a few days, he was shipped off to Hawaii. Peter and Joey saluted to each other every week, they would send letters. Peter was so excited. He made war sound so exciting. He said that there was a sense of camaraderie where he was. Everyone had the same interests, the same passion. Joey couldn’t wait to be deployed."

"Well did he? Did he get deployed?" said the little boy, trying to pronounce the word. "He did," said the old man, "not for quite some time."

"Why not?" asked the little boy.

"The base Peter was on was blew up," said the old man. He gently pried the pine cone out of the little boy’s hand and tossed it a few feet away, "Boom."

A man’s voice rang through the truck radio. "—over 200 Americans already presumed dead. This is 12. This is happening right now. Pearl Harbor is under attack."

"Turn that up a little bit," said Joey.

"The Japanese have dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor. This is a sad day for the United States of America."

The little boy frowned, "What happened?"

"Peter was stationed in Pearl Harbor," said the old man. "With all the chaos that was going on, they couldn’t find him."

"You have to find him. You do. Check the names again. Peter Tracy. No, he’s not dead. I’m sure of it. He’s got to be in the hospital or something. Maybe you just spelled his name wrong or something."

"I apologize sir, but we don’t have a Peter Tracy on file. I’m sorry, but for now, we are going to have to assume the worst."

"The little boy grew bright red. "Well, what happened to Joey? Did he not want to become a soldier anymore?"

"Oh no," said the old man, "Joey wanted to become a soldier even more now. You see," said the old man, patting the little boy on the head, "he thought that if he became a soldier, he’d be able to find Peter."

"Well what happened to Joey?"

"He was sent to Tanusia," said the old man. "He stayed there for a year or so. He was part of what they called Operation Flax.

"Joey was a pretty good soldier, but halfway through battle, his right sleeve got caught on a burning tank. He suffered third degree burns, and the medic had to cut his arm off."

"Peter? Peter! Joey screamed as he stared at his right arm engulfed in flames. ‘Where are you! I need your help right now!’ You said—"

"He was beginning to lose consciousness. ‘You said if I lost an arm you would be my arm. You were gonna be my right hand man.’"

"The boys eyes grew wide, ‘Ouch,’ he said, ‘That must hurt.’"

"The old man laughed, ‘Yes, you’re right.’"

"Well what happened to Joey after that, asked the little boy."

"The old man smiled, ‘He came home,’ he said simply. ‘He met a little pretty lady and got married and had five beautiful children. They bought a nice big house with a kept green yard, and he ended up retiring."

"And he never found Peter? asked the little boy. ‘Well he’s got to find Peter, or else this is the worst story I’ve ever heard, Grandpa."

"The old man laughed. ‘Well does he find Peter?’ said a voice behind them. They both turned and found an elderly man with silver hair. He wore a blue button-on and grey pants. Where his right arm was supposed to be was nothing at all, leaving the sleeve limp hanging by his side. His eyes twinkle -

"Grandpa Joseph! said the little boy, running towards the man. ‘Grandpa Pete was just telling me a war story. It wasn’t very good. '

‘Is that so?’ said the silver haired man, ‘And why was that? ‘Well, the boys don’t find each other in the end,’ said the little boy. He picked up another pine cone, ‘Boom!’"

‘Joseph, there’s someone at the door,’ a petite young woman called, straddling a small baby boy in her arms. A middle aged, sandy blonde man emerged from the kitchen, ‘I get it,’ he said. Pulling the door open he said, ‘Hello, boy may I he—’"

‘There was a long pause. ‘I heard that you were missing a right hand,’ said the brown haired man at the door, ‘I said to myself, I ought to go visit him because I need a left. Maybe we could trade.’

‘Well, did Joey and Peter find each other in the end,’ Peter asked the silver haired man with a chuckle.

‘Yes. Yes, they did Joseph,’ the man sitting on the bench replied. With a groan, he slowly stood up, his left sleeve blowing in the wind.

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Way Off Broadway’s 2017 Children’s Theatre

Following the recent unveiling of The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre’s 2017 Mainstage Season, the theatre’s producers have announced the 2017 Season line-up for the company’s popular children’s theatre. A part of The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre since 1996, the Children’s Theatre at Way Off Broadway is a unique entertainment destination for weekend family outings, birthday parties, and school field trips. Since the Children’s Theatre first opened, it has welcomed some of the most popular children’s characters to the stage, where audiences of all ages have been able to see their stories come to life right before their eyes. From original adaptations of classic fairytales to those based on Disney animated films to musicals straight from the pages of the most popular children’s books of the day, the theatre’s productions have brought the region’s most popular children’s theatre first opened, it is the home of a one-of-a-kind children’s theatre. As part of a dinner theatre, everyone attending the performance receives a kid-friendly lunch that is served by characters from the show. “It really is a good feeling,” says Bill Kiska, Way Off Broadway’s Executive Producer & CEO, “to see a child’s face light up when Cinderella or Peter Pan come to their table and talk to them. How could a child not be excited to meet Dora the Explorer or one of the Berenstein Bears?”

The Children’s Theatre’s 2017 Season will welcome the return of two productions that previously had very successful runs at the theatre and include two area premieres. The season begins in February with the newly released Garfield. The Musical with Catitude, followed by the return of Disney Cindrella. The fall will bring the regional premiere of Madagascar – A Musical Adventure, adapted from the hit Dreamworks film. Rounding out the season, for the holidays, will be the revival of the theatre’s own A Children’s Theatre Christmas Carol.

February 4 – April 8: Garfield: The Musical With Catitude. Garfield, a chubbly and sarcastic tabby cat fantasizes about having the most amazing birthday day in the history of birthdays. He deserves it for being the best cat ever! But, it seems that all his friends – Arlene, Odie, Jon and even his nemesis, Nermal, seem to have forgotten. Feeling rejected, Garfield ventures out to find adventure, but quickly learns that “home is where the heart... and the food is.”

May 6 – July 22: Disney’s Cinderella, meet Dora the Explorer’s ultimate “rags to riches” fairy tale. Poor Cinderella is endlessly mistreated by her wicked stepmother and stepisters, and denied a chance to go to the royal ball. With a little help from her mice friends and a lot of help from her Fairy Godmother – Cinderella’s dreams come true. She goes to the ball, meets the Prince and falls in love!

September 16 – October 28: Madagascar – A Musical Adventure. Join Alex the Lion, Marty the Zebra, Melman the Giraffe, Gloria the hip hip Hippo and, of course, those hilarious, plotting penguins as they bound onto the stage in the musical adventure of a lifetime. Based on the smash DreamWorks animated motion picture, Madagascar – A Musical Adventure follows all of your favorite crack-a-lackin’ friends as they escape from their home in New York’s Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julian’s Madagascar.

November 11 – December 23: A Children’s Theatre Christmas Carol. The Children’s Theatre puts its own twist on a holiday staple in this production. In Way Off Broadway’s retelling of the classic Charles Dickens tale, it’s Ms. Ebenezer, a school teacher who has no time for fun, that is visited by the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future. Along with the students in her class, they all help to bring the spirit of the season into her life. Children’s Theatre performances are every Saturday afternoon and the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month. Guests arrive at 12:30 p.m. for lunch with the show beginning at 1:30 p.m. and running until 1:30 p.m. All tickets are $17 per person for lunch and the show. In addition, packages are available for birth- day parties, as well as weekday performances for group parties.

Way Off Broadway is also the home of a one-of-a-kind children’s theatre, offering entertainment for the entire family, giving children a chance to see their favorite characters live on stage. In addition to its regular season, the theatre produc- es a number of special events throughout the year including an annual Breakfast with Santa and a spring Easter celebration. Way Off Broadway is the theatre’s home of a one-of-a-kind children’s theatre, offering entertainment for all ages to the entire family, giving children a chance to see their favorite characters live on stage. In addition to its regular season, the theatre produces a number of special events throughout the year including an annual Breakfast with Santa and a spring Easter celebration.

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Gingerbread House Contest
Did you ever walk into a kitchen where fresh gingerbread is cooking? It’s one of the zestiest aromas of the holidays. To usher that magic into your own kitchen, and celebrate the community’s cooking creativity, the Adams County Arts Council is once again calling for bakers, vol- unteers and vendors for the annual Gingerbread Celebration & Holiday Mart.

Set for Friday and Saturday, December 2-3, this beloved holiday tradition at the Gettysburg Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College brings together individuals, teams, businesses and organizations interested in baking and displaying their gingerbread house creations. In this seventh year, the ACAC is calling for local bakers to enter an original gingerbread house for the competition. Prizes of $200 will be awarded in various categories. To make the contest as open as possible, there is also a category to enter a gingerbread cookie, with a prize of $50 to the winner. Interested bakers, vendors or vol- unteers may download an applica- tion form at AdamsArts.org/ginger- bread, or pick up a form at the ACAC, 125 South Washington Street, Gettysburg. Donations are also welcome for the silent auction.
Art activities for the whole family

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The end of the year is right down the road! Where has the year gone? In January of last year, I was set to leave for my travels in Europe, and this month I’m beginning to make plans for life after graduation. Life moves so quickly! November and December are more retrospective, when compared to other months. We down, give thanks for all that we already have, and look forward to the new year and the opportunities that lie ahead.

November is a busy month for all of us, and while we have a lot to be thankful for, we still have a lot to do. Even though we’re preoccupied with important things, there is still plenty to do around Emmitsburg in the month! In light of the time of year, and all that we have to be grateful for, I thought it would be helpful to share all of the family-friendly art events happening in the local area this month. Many of these events are on the weekend, and if they are not, they are still excellent ways to do-stress and entertain ourselves in light of our hectic schedules.

You may be familiar with the art strolls on Main Street in Thurmont. They typically take place in May, and somewhat more infrequently, they also take place in November. Well, this year, there will be an Art and Wine Stroll on Main Street! I spoke with Vickie Grinder, Main Street Manager for the town of Thurmont, about what we can expect for the art stroll.

The Art and Wine Stroll began three years ago. It found its origin after Rebecca Pearl, who owned the Rebecca Pearl Gallery, moved away. Vickie told me, “After Rebecca moved, there was no art whatsoever on Main Street. Since it was a designated Maryland Main Street, art is very prevalent in most designated Main Street communities, and a few Main Streets are particularly well known for their galleries and art events. Motivated by the lack of galleries or art events on Main Street, she organized the first Art and Wine Stroll on Thurmont’s Main Street. The stroll, “invites local artists to showcase and sell their work while interacting with all who attend. And art and wine go very well together, so we have three wishes: the artwork, the wine, and the thrill of seeing the different varieties they offer at the vineyard.”

Each artist and their work is located within a business on Main Street. There is a great variety of artwork you will find for the stroll. Rebecca Pearl will have her artwork present, as will Nancy Houston, who paints lovely pet portraits, Austin Gadhall, art from the Catoctin Forest Alliance, and many more! You will find nature portraits, pet portrait, tarot, tarot, tarot, many others. Some of the wineries that will be offering samples at multiple locations on Main Street are Catoctin Breeze Vineyard and the Springfield Manor Winery and Distillery. Live music will be performed by Paul Zelnick along with a group of friends, Mary Gailis.

Although wine is available for sampling, this event is open to all ages. All children must be accompanied by an adult, but it will be a great time for everyone involved. Artists and wine sampling locations can be found in many different locations, some of which include Hobbs Hardware, Mountain Monuments, Thurmont Historical Society, Timeless Trends Boutique, and many others. The first 75 attendees at Heart & Hands will receive a complimentary wine glass, and you will receive your glow necklace to start your stroll. The Art and Wine Stroll is free, and will take place on Friday, November 18 from 5-8 p.m.

In addition to the stroll, the Visual Performing Arts Department at Mount St. Mary’s has announced their fall 2016 event schedule! This year, Dr. Rosenfeld is hosting a concert on November 5th, Dr. Carlson is orchestrating the Lab Band on the 14th and the 15th, and Dr. Blaugher is directing the fall mainstage play, Iphigenia and Other Daughters.

This play is modern interpretation of some classical Greek plays, ones written by Euripides and Sophocles. This play was written by Ellen McLaughlin, whose intention behind writing this play was to imagine Greek plays with the female in mind. What you’ll find, when watching this play, is that women mostly make up the cast. But a female-majesty cast is not the only modern element of this stage play. Dr. Blaugher commented, “A modern take on Greek plays, mean that the settings, the costumes, and much of the language is very contemporary. Nevertheless, the ‘spine’ of the play, the events from the myth, remain the same.” The play touches upon many different issues that are present in the Ancient Greek tales, vengeance, war, and jealousy between characters.

This play is a great fit for the community because it touches upon classical works of theater in many interesting ways. Dr. Blaugher mentioned, “Community members with an interest in classical literature would find the piece thought-provoking, as it would focus on contemporary theater.” It is great to see a college theater program tackle a play with a great amount of substance.

In summary, Dr. Blaugher believes the play is worth seeing because, “Even though the source material comes from the beginnings of our western civilization, the human issues that it touches upon continue to be things that humans deal with on a regular basis. There are emotions that are definitely ones we continue to feel.” If you are interested in attending this play, it’s on at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th through Saturday, November 19th. There is also a Sunday matinee show at 2:00 p.m. on November 20th. Tickets are $7.00, no reservations required.

The Visual and Performing Arts Department is happy to announce the Lab Band’s fall concert, called Europe Endings. Dr. Mark Carlson, orchestrator for the Lab Band, mentioned that Europe Endings refers, “To the title track from Kraftwerk 1977 albums. This concert and panel discussion features works from the late 1970’s to early 1980’s that deal with the emergence of a united European identity in the face of crushing Cold War anxieties.” If you are a fan of music from the late ’70s and ’80s, this is definitely one not to miss!

Some of the artists whose works will be performed include Queen, The Sex Pistols, DEVO, Kraftwerk, David Bowie, and much more. Following the concert, faculty from Mount St. Mary’s will present topics in their own disciplines that relate to works from this period. The faculty include Dr. Jack Dudley, Dr. Elizabeth Strauss, and Dr. Alejandro Canadas. The program will be on Monday, November 14th, and Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m. in the Knott Auditorium at Mount St. Mary’s. The concert is free and open to all.

As always, it is a great number of art-centered activities in our community, many of which are free and open to everyone. Each event is being put on with a great amount of care and interest from the community, and that’s something we should all be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving everyone!

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Cougars focus on playoffs

Sean Vietri

This year's soccer season for the Catoctin Cougars has been a mixed result for both the boys' and the girls' teams. The girls, who so far have a record of 3-8-1 have fought every step of the way losing close games to teams such as Thomas Johnson and Tuscarora, which are also in the Central Maryland Conference. The girls have gone 2-0-1 in their last three games, gaining momentum to carry them heading into the playoffs. The boys, who have had a bit of a rough season, going 2-10, focus on the playoffs, where hopefully they will fare better.

Focusing on recent home games, the boys' team played conference opponents, Boonsboro on October 18 and the girls played conference opponents, Brunswick on the 13, at their Senior Night Game. The girls' game started out pretty even with both teams, who each held their own on both the offense and defense with unlucky shots on goal. The tempo of the game picked up as Brunswick's Hannah White delivered a shot just over the goal post in the 17th minute. At the half, the score stood 0-0. The Railroaders, who started the second half strong, saw difficulty finishing with shots in the 43rd minute. Brunswick's Lee, Rensberg, and White continued to develop runs and go towards goal but Catoctin's defense, led by senior Carie Reaver, and goalkeeper Lauren Drumheller, kept the ball out of net in the majority of the first half. They held their own on both the offense and defense with unlucky shots on goal. As the game developed, the main shooters for both Boonsboro and Catoctin faced difficulty placing ball in the corners of the goal. In the 25th minute Kauflman took a shot at a goal with good placement above keeper's head but was unlucky, hitting the bottom of the crossbar and bouncing out. The second half continued to see action in the Cougar's defensive third as Boonsboro's Reilly Long and Tobin Long worked together to stop and score. In the 56th minute, Tobin Long jumped for a header from a cross by Reilly Long but missed. In the 58th minute Tobin Long headed the ball to Burlimann who headed it again into the back of the net giving the Warriors a two-goal lead. Olson again tried to score in the 61st minute with an impressive bicycle kick off of a lob from Gasior but it went wide. The final score was 2-0 Boonsboro. Over the Cougars saw a pretty good defensive, but over-reliance on Olson to score up top, hurt the Cougars. Going into the playoffs, the Cougars will need better development in the midfield and the attacking third to avoid defensive games such as this one.

Catoctin's forward, Taylor Crum, in the 34th minute, dribbled past two defenders to get her first goal of the game. Just a minute later Crum came back, delivering a second shot which found its way into the back of the net, giving the Cougars a two-goal lead over Brunswick. Brunswick regained their footing after Crum's goals. With a minute left in the half, the Railroaders' Audrey Lee shot the ball past keeper Lauren Drumheller, but the apparent goal was called offside. At the half, the score stood 2-0. The Railroaders, who started the second half strong, saw difficulty finishing with two unlucky shots in the 43rd minute. Brunswick's Lee, Rensberg, and White continued to develop runs and go towards goal but Catoctin's defense, led by senior Carie Reaver, and goalkeeper Lauren Drumheller, kept the ball out of the net in the majority of second half. In the 75th minute of game, Lee finally scored for Brunswick. The Cougars fought till the final whistle, shutting down the Brunswick offense and winning the game 2-1. Two players that had fantastic games were Catoctin forward Taylor Crum and defender Belle Perry.

Crum, commenting on her game said, "The fact that it was Senior Night definitely pumped me up to playing harder and faster and made me more hungry to get a goal." Perry, who commented on her battle to shut down White said, "I focused on getting the ball and getting it out of there. I had to focus on not fouling her so close to the goal." The final score was 2-1, Catoctin. The boy's game against Boonsboro started off with difficulty getting shots off for both teams. In the tenth minute, Boonsboro's Nicholas Kauffman got a break away for the goal but failed to release it. Catoctin's defense saw action from Kauffman again, five minutes later when Kauffman shot just above Catoctin's crossbar. As the game developed, the main shooters for both Boonsboro and Catoctin faced difficulty finishing. Boonsboro's Adam Burlmann failed to hit the ball on target while Catoctin's Naih Olson had difficulty placing ball in the corners of the goal. In the 25th minute Olson took a shot at a goal with good placement above keeper's head but was unlucky, hitting the bottom of the crossbar and bouncing out. Catoctin sacrificed development as they brought back midfielders to lock down Boonsboro's faster and more aggressive offense for the majority of the first half. They held the warriors for over 30 minutes, shutting down Burlimann and company. Burlimann finally found the net, however, in the 36th minute when Catoctin's defense was pushed too far up the field, the score at the half was 0-1 Boonsboro. The second half continued to see action in the Cougar's defensive third as Boonsboro's Reilly Long and Tobin Long worked together to try and score. In the 56th minute, Tobin Long jumped for a header from a cross by Reilly Long but missed. In the 58th minute Tobin Long headed the ball to Burlimann who headed it again into the back of the net giving the Warriors a two-goal lead. Olson again tried to score in the 61st minute with an impressive bicycle kick off of a lob from Gasior but it went wide. The final score was 2-0 Boonsboro. Overall the Cougars saw a pretty good defensive, but over-reliance on Olson to score up top, hurt the Cougars. Going into the playoffs, the Cougars will need better development in the midfield and the attacking third to avoid defensive games such as this one.

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Mount Mayhem is back in the game for the 2016-2017 season. Never before has the Mount St. Mary's University Men's Basketball Team kicked off a much-anticipated season. A new year brings change and the Mount's coaching staff has added new coaching staff, recruited freshman players and above all, appreciates the fan support of Mount Mayhem.

In June of 2016, the NCAA announced that the Mount was ranked among the top 25 schools in the nation. The Mount averaged 2,207 fans per game, second in the NEC and 32nd in the country. As team captain, Boatner was named the winner of the Kraje Award, which is an award given to the Tribble player who embodies the traits of former team captain John Tribble.

Christian Bousley joins the Mount team after serving as the director of operations at Rice. Before his title as director of operations, Bousley was a graduate assistant at VCU the previous two seasons where he helped lead the Rams to 53 wins and two trips to the NCAA Tournament.

A new year calls for new players. Coach Christian announced Jonah Anthony, Ryan Gomes, Jack Vukelic, Sean Gurden, Randy Miller, Jr. and Miles Wilson as the newest members of Mount Mayhem.

Coach Christian said about the freshmen, “We’ve got a good group of guys. Jonah Anthony, who hails from Australia, is currently the third player on our roster not born on American soil, joining Elijah Long (Canada) and Mawdo Sallah (Gambia). Ryan Gomes at 6’ 10” is one of the biggest that will be in the league. Jack Vukelic is 6’ 9” and can really shoot the ball, really skilled. Miller is an outstanding scorer and just a really good player. And Miles Wilson is an incredible athlete and has a great shooting ability and an understanding of defense.”

Christian continued, “This freshman class includes a great collection of skill, size, scoring and true appreciation for the Mount and what our community offers them. The reach of our program to local products shows that we are making strong connections inside the best recruiting area in the country. Signing Jonah from an elite program such as Surrence Academy also shows that we are doing here at the Mount is being recognized nationally.”

The Mountaineers will start their season full-force. The schedule begins with a nine-game road trip and twelve home games. They will open the season by hosting Bucknell College for an exhibition game on Nov. 5. The men will then take on their season-opening road trip which includes games at West Virginia (Nov. 11), Iowa State (Nov. 14), Minneapolis (Nov. 16), George Mason (Nov. 18), Southern Illinois (Nov. 21), UT Arlington (Nov. 23), Michigan (Nov. 26), Arkansas (Nov. 28) and Loyola (Dec. 3).

The home opener will be against UMBC on Wednesday, Dec. 7. Leigh will then come to Emmitsburg for a matchup (Dec. 10). Finally, the Mount heads to Bucknell University on December 19 before concluding the non-conference schedule at home against Coppin State on December 22. At the end of the year, the 18-game Northeast Conference schedule begins at LIU Brooklyn on Dec. 29.

“I believe in our team!” Coach Christian said. “Over the past four seasons, we’ve consistently challenged ourselves without fear in our non-conference schedule. By doing this, we have become the most consistent program in the Northeast Conference. As iron is molded in the fire, so will our team.”

Go to mountathletics.com to find scheduled game times, player info, updates and more.
A life well lived

Renee Lehman

In last month’s article I wrote about the season of Fall, and that a gift of Fall was the opportunity for nature (and us) to “let go.” On October 5, Robert (Bob) Duggan, M.A.; M.Ac(U.K.), Dipl.Ac. (NCACOM), L.Ac., the President Emeritus and Co-founder of The Traditional Acupuncture Institute (later called Tai Sophia Institute), and now known as The Maryland University of Integrative Health), let go of his physical existence on this earth. Please permit me to share more about this man and his gifts.

Bob’s education was varied. He had advanced degrees in philosophy, theology; human relations, inter-cultural communications, canons of law and acupuncture. He had also served as a priest in the U.S. and abroad. He was gifted in many ways and shared these gifts with everyone he met. He was a unique combination of professor, clinical practitioner, management executive, and inspiration for others.

He was gifted from his teachings. All over the world. Many have benefited from Bob’s teachings have been sown professionally or personally. The seeds of Bob’s teachings have been sown all over the world. Many have benefited from his teachings.

What are some of these teachings? I must begin with a phrase from the SOPHIA (School of Philosophy and Healing in Action) Handbook that I received my first day of acupuncture school: “SOPHIA’s purpose is to enable us to come to life more fully, so as to serve life more wisely and more nobly.” This has runneth over in an ancient Chinese ideal of life. I want to share just a few of the practices that I learned during my study of SOPHIA: I hope that you use these gifts, to let go of unnecessary suffering and live your life more fully.

Point to someone else and say, “I am pointing to myself.” This means that you are declaring ONENESS as your starting point. We are all one! You are not separate from the world around you! I loved the fact that Bob always declared Oneness. He started from Oneness in every conversation and interaction.

To accept what is so, not what “should be.” Suffering comes from your expectations not being met. It is important to make a distinction between hope and expectation. Hope allows for change, while also allows for what is. Expectation breeds disappointment when change does not occur.

Always allow yourself to be a beginner. In everything! It’s okay to make mistakes. Rather than saying, “This is hard to do,” try saying, “I am a beginner.” This will allow you to grow rather than shut you down.

Crisis is opportunity. Hiding in everything, ask the following questions: Could you? Would you? If you are not willing to let it go, good, maybe you let it go for an hour, or ten minutes? When you get to yes, ask, “Where?” “Now!” (So the questions are Could you? Would you? When?) Feel the release in your shoulders or tummy or wherever you were holding that fight. Then Smile. Let go of any complaint or take effective action with compassion (not submission).

EVERY WORD is a treatment. Words create your world. Do you want to create a heaven or a hell? Make decisions that serve the 7 generations. Before speaking or taking action, ask the following questions: “Will this honor my great grandchildren (future generations) and serve my great grandchildren (future generations) this reminds us to think big, and that we have an impact on everything around us.

I have shared these teachings with you in hope that they will have a positive impact on your life.

I mourn the loss of my mentor, AND know how blessed I was to have had his influence in my life. Bob, I am grateful that you followed your passion in life, because you helped me to be a healing presence in the world. Thank you for the wisdom that you offered, it was transformative!

“Do, or do not. There is no try” - Jedi Master Yoda (and Bob Duggan)!

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The annual Thanksgiving dinner
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Each year I have a request to re-print my Thanksgiving article and each year I add the new information I’ve learned. I hope this year’s Thanksgiving article will give you a new idea to add to your holiday tradition.

The main objective for this meal usually remains about the same from year to year. Of course, turkeys is the main attraction. Make sure you get a lean turkey that is low in fat. Most of the fat in poultry is in the skin. You need the skin while roasting for a juicy, tenderbird, but before you slice it, remove the skin. The skin will take the temptation away from those folks who tend to tear off a piece when they dip into the kitchen to see how things are going. A way to do this is to add a little more spice to the bird to loosen the skin and inject your favorite seasonings or herbs. You can also add a little low fat butter for extra flavor.

Dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, sweet corn and dessert are also part of the traditional meal. I’m not saying don’t have these favorites; just alter the way they are prepared. Use fat free milk and low fat butter in your mashed potatoes. Even better, try mashed sweet potatoes or mashed cauliflower. Try whole grain bread for the dressing. Whole grains are much healthier than processed white bread and supply added fiber. You can also sprinkle flaxseed meal or wheat germ to gain a bit of nutty flavor and nobody will be the wiser. Gravy is one of the most important parts of this meal. Let your broth set for a while it will form a solid skin on top. Remove this and you will have broth with much less fat. The gravy still tastes the same, without the fat. Gravy can even be made a day or two early to save you time on the big day. The warm bread can be a variety of different whole grain buns. This way, everybody gets their favorite and each year I add the new in your pantry. One half of your plate should be filled with veggies. Raw vegetables are the most nutritional value. Have them on the table or in the kitchen counter for your family and guests to nibble while the main meal is being prepared. They will fill up on these and maybe not eat as much later. Supply a variety of veggies to pick from. Hopefully, you will have at least one kind that the kids like.

Dessert! Some people live for the Thanksgiving Dessert Table. That’s OK. Give your kids a treat. Just look over everything carefully, and decide what you really want. Maybe even sample a few different kinds. Try cutting the slicings in half. That way you can try a bigger variety. Watch out for the pumpkin pie, you know who you are! Don’t create a small plate of dessert for your guests to take home is also a thoughtful way to let them sample everything, just not at one time. They can take a little piece of Thanksgiving home to remember for the rest of the holiday weekend. This way you do not have all of that dessert leftover and tempting you. Your waistline will thank you later. Check into some small changes in the recipe that will make a big difference in the fat and sugar content of the dessert. Pumpkin is a great way to add that creamy texture to your pies, cakes and cookies, while lowering the fat and raising the protein. Flaxseed meal can also be added to pies and cakes to give your family that added health benefit without even knowing it is there. Applesauce in place of oil is another helpful, healthy hint. SUGAR is a big ingredient that packs on the pounds. Add a little less sugar to your recipes and you may just discover you didn’t need all that the recipe called for anyway. Check out your grocery store’s healthy cooking isle for alternatives to sugar. Remember, the most important thing is to eat a balanced, nutrient-dense diet that incorporates all of the major food groups. Though I personally wouldn’t advocate veganism, I would strongly encourage you to make plant-based foods a larger part of your diet. Then, you can make the personal decision as to whether veganism is right for you.

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Ask the trainer

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Question: I have a friend that follows a vegan lifestyle, and she’s trying to get me to do the same! Is this something you’d recommend for improving overall health and wellness?

Answer: This is a tough question, and one that finds passionate supporters on both sides of the fence. Nutritionally-speaking, there are clear benefits to following more of a vegetarian lifestyle, and some studies even indicate the reversal of several chronic diseases. That being said, the stricter the diet is (and veganism is very strict), the harder it is to maintain in the long run. In addition, animal foods are high in several key nutrients that positively affect your health. They also add unique textures and flavors to a given meal, and enhance the palatability of a number of dishes. In the end, it’s important to eat a balanced, nutrient-dense diet that incorporates all of the major food groups. Though I personally wouldn’t advocate veganism, I would strongly encourage you to make plant-based foods a larger part of your diet. Then, you can make the personal decision as to whether veganism is right for you.

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The waxing crescent moon will be passing four degrees north of Saturn low in the SW twilight on November 2nd, then seven degrees north of Venus on November 3rd. On Sunday, November 6th, we fall back to CST at 2 a.m., so set your clocks back an hour. On the same evening, the waxing crescent moon passes five degrees north of Mars, now fading rapidly. The first quarter moon is on November 7th.

The Full Moon on November 14th is the “Frosty Moon” in Indian sky lore, and is certainly a “super moon” for us, with the moon also at perigee, its closest approach to earth in the last 30 years. It is therefore closer and larger than many of you have ever seen it before; can you tell the difference? The Full moon will interfere with the peak of the Leonid meteor shower the following morning. On November 21, the last quarter moon will be rising at first light, with the setting waxing crescent moon passing two degrees north of Jupiter in the dawn sky on November 25th. The New Moon will be on November 29th. 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. For a detailed map of northern hemisphere skies, about October 31st visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for November 2016; it will have a more extensive calendar, and list of best objects for the naked eyes, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. It is not a good month to spot the planets in the evening sky; catch Saturn right after sunset, low in the SW north of Antares in Scorpius; Saturn is lost in the sun’s glare by midmonth. Venus dominates the SW sky after sunset and pulls farther away from the sun in the higher and SW sky all month, it now appears as a featureless gibbous disk telescopically. Mars is moving eastward in Capricornus, but fading all month. It will be lost in the sun’s glare in early 2017. Jupiter is rising about 5 AM as November begins in Virgo, and dominates the dawn skies for the next several months. Setting in the southwest is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way Galaxy, but the best view of our Galaxy lies overhead. The bright star of the northern hemisphere, Vega, dominates the sky in the northwest. To the northeast of Vega is Denhem’s bright star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear autumn evenings. Use binoculars and your sky map to spot many clusters here, using the SkyMap download to locate some of the best ones plotted and described on the back.

Over the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it is the only bright star of Fomalhaut. If the southern skies of fall look sparse, it is because we are looking away from our Galax into the depths of intergalactic space. The constellation Cassiopeia is a misty W, rising the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them. It contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda’s stars starts to rise, the NE corner star of Pegasus’ “Square” and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we proceed about a quarter the way to the top star you can look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galax, is the most distant object visible to the naked eye, at a distance of about 2.5 million light years distant. This month’s feature photo was shot with an 8” telescope showing both the nice spiral arms and the two companion galaxies, M-32 and M-110.

To the northeast, Andromeda’s beta Persei, rises. Persus contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie. It fades to a third its normal brightness for six out of every 70 hours, as a larger but cooler orange giant covers about 80% of the Algol A featureless disk brighter and thus brighter companion as seen from Earth. Check it out on a clear November evening, and see it the gorgon is winking at you. If so, then instead of being as bright as Polaris, Algol fade to be only as bright as kappa Persei, the star just to its south. Look at the Algol ‘s feet for the famed Pleia des cluster to rise, a sure sign of bright winter stars to come. In fact, yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, rises at 7 PM as November begins along the northeastern horizon. It is the final star, setting before the sky, and a beacon of the colorful and bright winter stars to come.

“A falling leaves on the grass in the November sun brings me a little happiness than the dustoff of them.”
—Cyril Connolly (1903-1973)

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Fair, becoming windy and much colder (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7) with snow in the northern part of the region, rain in the south (8, 9, 10). Fair and cold (11, 12, 13) with more snow in the north and showers in the south; windy and cold (17, 18, 19) with a Nor’easter with heavy snow (20, 21, 22). Fair and cold temperature returns (23, 24, 25, 26) with another Nor’easter with heavy snow (27, 28, 29). Fair, windy, and cold (30).

Full Moon: November’s Full Moon occurs on Monday, November 14th. With colder days and heavy frosts during the month, killing off most of the grasses and almost all of the leaves have fallen, many Native American tribes have called it both Dyin grashing Moon and Falling Leaf Moon. Other tribes have called it Big Wind Moon, because of the high winds that would sweep through many regions this time of year (and The Almanac has foreca ted quite a few windy days this month!).

Farmers’ Almanac Special Notes: Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Sun day, November 6th as Daylight Savings ends for 2016. Though not officially recognized as a holiday, Thursday, November 10th is Martin Luther King’s birthday. Holidays: Elections are tradition ally held on the first Tuesday of November and this year’s election will be held on Tuesday, November 8th. This year’s election will decide the president for the next four years making it imperative that as many participate as possible. This year’s presidential campaign has been quite unique and one where everyone must vote to be heard. It will be a vote to de termine how our nation’s future will unfold. Please make every ef fort to exercise your right to vote, to tell America where you stand and what you want the United States to continue its governing of our land, and pursue its world leadership role around the world. Above all, please always remember that Ev ery Vote Counts! All military ser vices branches will be postponing Veteran’s Day, which falls on No vember 11th every year. May we never forget that without the sac rifices of the millions of service men and women in the past and their service now and in the future, we would not have the free doms to create our own destiny, speak our minds, and practice the religion of our choice. Celebrate Thankgiving this year on Thurs day, November 24th with family and friends and must be thank ful every day for what we have been blessed with. The Ad vertent Sunday is November 27th.

The Garden: Make sure to re move all leaves before hanging up that tree! Even though lawns may dormant in winter, we all need as much sunlight to make it through the cold months to come. Deal with them appropriately by shredding them and adding them to the compost pile, or pick up, or burn them. Some municip alities do allow the controlled burning of leaves but only on op timal days (clear with low wind). Check your local rules on this practice and enjoy that great smell of burning leaves we all have from childhood.

John Gruber’s Thought For Today’s Living

“at what one promises when seeking your vote or friend ship; it sometimes bears slight resem blance to what you receive after the goal that was sought has been at tained.”
Custom-built vs stock PCs

Ayre Stenabaugh
Jester’s Computer Services

With so many options for computers, deciding on the one that is right for you can be stressful. Due to their proprietary nature, you won’t find many manufacturers who are willing to disclose how many computer repair businesses offer custom build desktops. There are many differences between buying a computer that is pre-built to having one custom build by a computer technician that you can trust. We can’t speak for other companies that build their own computers, however, read on below to learn the differences between a desktop computer being purchased from a big box store compared to ones that we build here at Jester’s Computers.

Meeting your needs – You will likely be purchasing a computer that is faster than your previous system but even then, the specifications can be confusing. If you purchase an already built system you are relying on the manufacturer to provide you with enough speed for the applications you will be using. If you purchase a custom-built computer, in most cases, your technician will ask what type of applications you will be running on the device, to ensure that the computer will meet or exceed the minimum system requirements.

Getting the software, you need – Contrary to popular belief Microsoft Office, Adobe, Flash, Java and Adobe reader are not included with afterwards. Here at Jester’s Computers we perform all hardware repairs (with no additional fee ($65 value)), however, most parts carry warranties above and beyond the 1 year period which are still in effect, if you purchase a pre-built computer you will need to purchase any warranty on the internal hardware above the manufacturers 1 year warranty. Cost – Typically a custom PC will cost a bit more than ones that you can find in the store. You will also find that the parts that are used tend to be of a higher quality than most computers found in the market. Consider this, most technicians purchase parts that have been reliable and are trustworthy and familiar to them. This means that you are not only receiving better quality but better support as well.

If you are interested in purchasing a new custom-built machine be sure to view our ad for Jester’s Computers which can be found on this page. For fast, quality service you can rely on for your computers contact Jester’s Computers at 717-642-6611 or visit the website on the bottom of this page.

Warranties – Nobody wants to contact support to wait on hold just to end up talking to someone that is difficult to understand. When purchasing a custom-built computer be sure to ask about what support you are provided with afterwards. Here at Jester’s Computers we perform all hardware repairs within the first year and in most cases, we replace the part on the spot rather than waiting for your device to be replaced through the manufacturer. Additional, most parts come with warranties above and beyond the 1 year period which are still in effect, if you purchase a pre-built computer you will need to purchase any warranty on the internal hardware above the manufacturers 1 year warranty.

For the very finest hand made computers, look no further then Jester’s Computers in Fairfield.
November 4
Gettysburg National Parks – "Inspired by Gettysburg" - Meet this month's Gettysburg National Military Park Artist-in-Residence and experience the artwork they have created, inspired by the Gettysburg battlefield. At the Gettysburg Lincoln Railroad Station. Light refreshments. For more information call 717-338-4469, or visit www.nps.gov/getty.

November 5
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Anthony Shrine Parishes Cash Bash at Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Parish Center. Money prizes will be awarded every 15 minutes starting at 3 p.m. through 7:45 p.m., at 8 p.m. the grand prize of $3,000 will be awarded and is based on the 3 digit Maryland Lottery number, drawn at that time. The ticket price includes the cash prizes, food and drink. For tickets please call 301-447-2367.

November 8 – 12
Fairfield Mennonite Church’s 56th Annual Gift Festival & Oriental Rug Event hosted by Ten Thousand Villages. Discover beautiful handcrafted gifts made by artisans throughout the world. It is an event not to miss as these fairly traded rugs and gift items represent a win-win situation for all. Ten Thousand Villages in Mechanicsburg hosts this special rug event once a year to bring these high quality, fairly traded hand-knotted rugs to the Gettysburg/Fairfield community. The Gift Festival also includes fairly traded items from over 35 countries around the world. This wonderful assortment includes gift items, home decor, personal accessories, Christmas decorations, pottery, onyx and more. For more information see article on page 25 or call 717-796-1474.

November 12
Strawberry Hill’s Twisted Turkey, a 5K, 10K and 15K trail run. This fun fall event is designed to offer runners a chance to experience miles of trails in the Blue Ridge Mountains, while giving families the perfect opportunity to enjoy the colorful autumn foliage. Over the years, Twisted Turkey has grown into a family-oriented festival with the race at its core. Our chip timing company, PA Runners, tells us that they rarely see people sticking around to hang out post-race like our runners and their family & friends do at Twisted Turkey. We attribute this to the great community of runners and walkers, our live musical entertainment by singer-songwriter Brittany Opperman, and some fantastic food & drinks. For more information visit www.strawberryhill.org/twistediturkey. St. Francis Xavier Parish’s annual Gift Fair and Holiday Bazaar at Xavier Center. 20 local vendors and artisans offer-

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SPORTSMAN’S CALENDAR

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For more information contact The Vigilant Hose Co. at: 301-447-2728 or visit www.VHC6.com
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The Future of Religious Liberty: Prospects and Challenges
Mon., Nov. 21, 7 p.m. in Knott Auditorium
Panelists Nathan Diament, Cheryl Gaines and Thomas Farr will discuss religious liberty, its history and challenges and opportunities in the current legal and political climate.

Cheer on the Mountaineers at Home!
Men's and Women's Basketball Home Game Schedules

Men's Team
Nov. 5 at 4 p.m. vs. Hood College
Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. vs. UMBC
Dec. 10 at 4 p.m. vs. Lehigh
Dec. 22 at 7 p.m. vs. Coppin State
Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. vs. Wagner

Women's Team
Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. vs. Morgan State
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For more information about tickets, contact the ticket office at (301) 447-5700. Visit www.mountathletics.com for full schedules.

National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass at the Grotto Cave
Hours: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Daily (gates close at 5 p.m.)

All Saints Day Mass
Tues., Nov. 1, 12 noon in St. Mary's Chapel

All Souls Day Mass
Wed., Nov. 2, 12 noon in St. Mary's Chapel

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass
Mon., Nov. 21, 12 noon in St. Mary's Chapel

Thanksgiving Day Hours
Thu., Nov. 24, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (gates close at 5 p.m.)
Grounds will be open; chapel and Walker Family Visitors Center will be closed

Events
The 22nd Annual Beale School of Business Corporate Social Responsibility Symposium
Business Ethics and White collar Crime
With Guest Speaker Weston Smith
Tues., Nov. 1, 7 p.m., Knott Auditorium

Ducharme Lecture
In the Thicket of this World: Doing Science as a Person of Faith
With Guest Speaker Michelle Frand, Ph.D.
Wed., Nov. 2, 4:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium

An Evening of Grand Opera
Sat, Nov. 5, 7:30 p.m., Lynne & Joseph Molloy Theater, free and open to the public.

Europe Endless: Mount Lab Bands and faculty panel examine the emergence of a post-War European Identity
Mon. and Tues. Nov. 14 and 15, 7:30 p.m., Knott Auditorium, free and open to the public.

Iphigenia and Other Daughters
Thurs. through Sat. Nov. 17-19, 8 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 20, 2 p.m., Lynne & Joseph Molloy Theater, all tickets $7.

Student Instrumental & Vocal Recital
Wed., Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m., Lynne & Joseph Molloy Theater, free and open to the public.