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Once again local farmers are casting a wary eye at the sky wondering when meaningful rain may make its appearance. If history is any indication, this year's weather bears remarkable similarity to the great drought of 1923 where precipitation all but stopped in May, and resumed only in late August, too late to save many crops.

This year, planting season got off to a less-than-auspicious start with a very rainy April. While April rains bring May flowers, the excessive rain of April kept fields too wet to plant, so planting season for many farmers was delayed. And when the ground did finally dry enough for farmers to get into their fields, the rain necessary to germinate the seeds failed to come. May was pitifully short in precipitation – in some areas, less than half an inch fell all month.

Hay fields that had been lush and green one day, turned almost overnight into brown stubble, and early talk about possibly getting four cuttings on hay was replaced with nervous talk about the possibility that for the first time in many a

farmer's memory, there would not even be a second cutting.

Even if a second cutting does take place, many are predicting the quantity will be minimal at best, and the quality poor. As hay is a 'cash crop' that makes up a significant portion of a farmer's income, the lack of a second cutting is hitting them hard, just as it's hitting those who rely upon hay to feed horses and cows. In some areas, hay has almost doubled in price—that is, if one is lucky enough to find someone with excess hay to sell.

The relentless heat of the past month only made things worse as it sucked what moisture there was out of the soil.

"This is not the worst dry and heat spell I remember, we're really dry," said Ken Wisner, "but it easily the second worst." Wisner should know, as he served 25 years as agricultural extension agent and now farms 125 acres just north of the Keymar Elementary school.

"We had a good blueberry crop, but blueberries can go longer without rain," said Wisner. "Hay is not



Ken Wisner who runs Glad Link Farm north of New Midway is just one of many local farmers hoping for a break in the summer dry spell.

looking good and I'm happy I don't have any corn to worry about."

Eric Glass, who farms over 800 acres just outside of Emmitsburg, however does have several hundred acres of corn he is keeping a wary eye on. "We really needed that rain in May to get the corn growing. And even though we got some rain in June, it was never steady enough to get the corn to grow. For two full weeks, the corn did not grow at all."

"Now is the time the corn should be growing tasseling, after that is 'silks,' which eventually form the ears of the corn," he said. "It is critical time that we get some steady rain. Without rain, the tasseling will not occur, or if it does, it will do so much later, which will affect the number of ears on each stalk, or at worst, the corn crop will fail outright."

Just as it did 100 years ago this month.

Woodsboro's Heath Barnes to run for Congress

Congressman David Trone's decision to seek the Senate seat of retiring Senator Ben Cardin has set off a scribble to fill his seat. While former County Executive Jan Gardener has hinted that she may run on the Democratic ticket, Woodsboro's Burgess Heath Barnes left no doubt about his attention when he told those in attendance at the conclusion of July Town Council meeting that he has filed to run as a Republican. Come next year, if we are lucky, we may have two Frederick residents as finalists for the seat.

Heath was raised in a small farming community in Southwest Missouri, the grandson of two Army Veterans, one who was also a dairy farmer and the other a special education teacher. Heath moved to Woodsboro several years ago where he met his spouse, who is a Woodsboro native stemming back ten generations.

Heath's said the number one reason for running is to help people who are being left behind by today's economy. "More people than ever are having to work a second job just to make ends meet. This has a trickle-down effect; it means children are raising themselves oftentimes as parents are having to work even more to make ends meet. I can relate to this. At the age of 16, I found myself liv-

ing on my own after my parents divorced. I helped to guide my younger siblings while still finishing High School and working."

"At the age of 22 I decided to put myself through college. I did it on my own with student loans that I am paying off myself. My biggest struggle came at the end of 2007 when I was completing my degree and could not afford to re-sign my lease. I was in Louisiana; everyone I knew was back in Missouri. I spent the last three weeks living in my truck to finish my degree.

"I wasn't born financially independent. I know what it's like to work hard and be on the bottom. America is the country of opportunity, and I am proof of it."

Prior to making his announcement, Barnes resigned as the 2nd Vice Chair of the Maryland GOP. "Ethics are important to me," he said, "so I resigned to ensure there would be no conflict of interest where I would have behind-the-scenes information about my fellow candidates."

Besides being Burgess of Woodsboro, Heath is an active member of the Woodsboro Evangelical Lutheran Church, the American Legion, the Woodsboro Volunteer Fire Department, the Glade Valley Lions Club, and Frederick County Farm Bureau. "Commu-



Woodsboro Mayor Heath Barnes has joined an ever expanding list of candidates seeking to replace David Trone as our local representative in Congress.

nity and family are very important, and I try to give back as often as I can through these organizations," Barnes said.

When not serving the community, Barnes serves as the Human Resources manager for a private company. "This experience of helping and working with people of all backgrounds will bene-

fit me as your next congressman," he said.

Barnes made it clear that even though he will be campaigning; he was not going to leave the town in a bind. "My main priorities right now are completing actions I've started – like building the new town hall." To learn more about Heath visit heathbarnesforcongress.com

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Skatepark location settled

Following last month's Town Council meeting, where concerns were raised over the initial proposed location of the new skatepark, the town commissioners all got together and walked Woodsboro Park to identify a suitable location that would provide visibility – and thus prevent vandalism. The area settled upon was the open area between the Park's tennis courts and the concession stand.

In June, the Town was informed by the County that it had been awarded a Project Open Space (POS) grant of \$137,000 dollars to build the skatepark. Burgess Barnes said that: "the only thing standing between the Town signing a contract for the skatepark's construction is the actual POS check from the County."

"Once we receive the check, the contractors who will build the park said they can get construction going within 30 days, and if all goes without a hitch, it will be completed by the fall."

The estimated cost of the 80 x 100 foot skatepark is \$128,000, Barnes said. "\$9,000 of which the Town can use to provide lighting and benches for the skatepark, as well as cover the cost of running a sidewalk from the park's parking area to the skatepark."

The Council originally gave its go ahead for building the park at its October meeting. Resident Ben Marshall, who has been champion-

ing the skatepark, said that there are none of its kind in the immediate area, the closest being in Thurmont and Hagerstown, which are usually crowded. "It would be really nice to walk through town, [and] cross the street to our local park if we get this built," Marshall said.

Upon speaking with the Thurmont Skatepark Committee, Marshall found that costs for Thurmont's 50 x 80 foot Skateway to the Mountains totaled \$80,000. But Marshall wanted the Woodsboro skatepark to be larger to give skaters ample room, as well as see Woodsboro's Park made accessible for BMX bikes, which Thurmont's does not allow. According to Marshall, skaters and rollers often travel to different parks in the area and the park has great potential to bring in enthusiasts to other aspects of the Town as well.

As Marshall's proposal came too late for the Town to Apply for a POS grant in 2022, he was encouraged to get skateboarding enthusiasts to begin raising money and spreading awareness.

While initial efforts to raise funds looked promising, questions on how to process donations quickly waylaid fundraising efforts. And while the Town had hoped to secure a \$50,000 grant this spring from Project Open Space, proponents were faced with reducing the size of the park or hold off several years until sufficient funds were raised.

But to the surprise of all, especially Barnes, he was able to secure not \$50,000 but \$128,000 for the park this spring during negotiations with the County over distribution of the County's POS funds. And with that promise, settling the location of the skatepark in Woodsboro Park took front and center.

Initially the Skatepark was proposed to be located at the corner of the entrance of Woodsboro Park, but Council members expressed concern that the area proposed was also used for overflow parking for special events, and this could impact those events. Options to place the park in the lower part of the Park, where the old softball fields used to be, were nixed over concerns it could be damaged by flooding during heavy rains, just as the old softball fields had been.

As the Council struggled to identify a location to put the park, Commissioner Cutshall cautioned his fellow commissioners that the further they put the skatepark into the park, the more they opened the door to malicious behavior. "If people can't see what is going on, then things we don't want to go on will start to go on, such as vandalism and graffiti."

Unable to visualize a suitable location by simply looking at a map of the park, the Commissioners opted to walk the park, and based upon that excursion, settled upon placing it between the Park's tennis courts

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and the concession stand.

Woodsboro is not the only town looking to follow Thurmont down the skateboard ramp. The Walkers-

ville Town Council has also agreed to explore the idea of building a skatepark in their community park, as has Taneytown.

News Briefs . . .

Council Grants Temporary Trailer Parking Variance

The Council granted Howard Sparkman a temporary variance to park his yard care trailer on the street in front of his home in the Woodsbury subdivision.

Sparkman, who has parked his trailer for 13 years in front of his home, was recently served with a notice that he was in violation of the town code prohibiting the parking of trailers on town streets.

Sparkman said that since he was served, he has to drive his trailer every night to his father's home in Thurmont, and retrieve it every morning, which adds almost an hour to his day.

He only parks the trailer in front of his home during yard care season. In the winter, the trailer is stored at his father's.

Burgess Heath Barnes and the Town Commissioners were caught off guard by the request, as they were unsure if they had the power to grant a variance to the town code.

Commissioner Bill Rittelmeyer noted that he had frequently seen the trailer parked in front of Sparkman's home, and that it was a clean and well kept trailer.

The town zoning enforcer noted that while Sparkman would be allowed to park the trailer in his driveway, the length of his driveway was not sufficient to house the 16-foot trailer.

All the Commissioners expressed

sympathy for Sparkman, and, since the Planning & Zoning Commission would be meeting on August 3, voted to approve a temporary variance to the code to allow the parking of the trailer on the street until the Planning & Zoning Commission could take the issue up and make a final ruling.

Town Rejects Request To Reduce \$1,000 Water Bill

Tray Litman's recent water bill came as a shock to him. Normally it runs around \$200 a month, but last months came in at a whopping \$1,000. The culprit, Litman discovered, was a continuously running toilet in a portion of the house rarely used.

Litman, who lives with his father in the house he has owned for 50 years, asked if the Town would forgive all or part of the overcharge.

Barnes, while sympathetic to Litman's plight, said that that would set a bad precedent. "What people don't understand is that the Town is losing money on every gallon of water we provide to the residents, so if we forgive your bill, that's \$800 the Town will have to come up with to pay for the cost of

the water that was literally 'flushed down the drain.'"

Commissioner Rittelmeyer also noted that since the water was going down toilet, the Town also had to pay to have it treated by the town sewer plant.

Barnes noted that this was not the first time someone had come to the Town asking for a relief from a high water bill resulting from unplanned events. The highest water bill we've been asked to nullify was close to \$4,000. And we didn't do it then, he said, so we can't do it now.

The Town however did offer to allow Litman to make payments on a payment plan, but Litman declined and thanked them for at least listening to his request.

Shugart Appointed As Alternate To Planning & Zoning Commission

The old saying 'no good deed goes unpunished' was never so true for Stephan Shugart, who attended the July Town Council meeting to 'see what goes on at the meetings' only to find himself walking home as a newly appointed Alternate To Planning & Zoning Commission!

During the public comment period, Shugart, who does historic carpentry restoration, got up to introduce himself. "I moved here a year ago and have fallen in love with this Town. I wasn't even sure the Town had a government and was surprised to find that you were having a meeting tonight, and thought I would drop by and introduce myself and let you know if you needed any help, I'll be glad to pitch in where I can. I like to get to know more people in the Town."

While Shugart was more than likely referring to historic carpentry restoration, Barnes seized on the words 'if you needed any help,' and immediately offered Shugart the vacant Alternate position on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Barnes' suggestion was picked up by all the Commissioners who told Shugart that the best way to meet people in town was to become part of the Town Government, and encouraged him to take the slot.

Everyone laughed when Shugart expressed concern that he might be too young to serve, implying, as Barnes put it, that everyone on the council were all old. "Yes, we are all old, which is all the more reason why we need people like you to step forward and help us."

"Don't worry," Barnes said, "we'll teach you everything you need to know to be successful. And as part of the Planning Commission you can help ensure Woodsboro always maintains its small town feel."

With that encouragement, a humbled Shugart accepted the offer, and the Council unanimously voted to appoint him to the Commission.



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Planning commission addresses new restaurant at Circle K

On July 11, the planning commission discussed the conversion of convenience store space to an eat-in restaurant at the Circle K convenience store located on Woodsboro Pike. The restaurant, Taqueria los Primos, was established several months ago as part of a state-wide franchise and has since become a popular eatery for locals. However, property owners received no authorization from the planning commission prior to converting the space.

Although it is not unusual for properties to be used for two purposes, Planning Commission member Rus-

sell Winch questioned the lax nature of the town in enforcing its pre-approval process. "For the longest time, we've been more complaint-driven, 'live and let live,' 'did what they did,' and it's come around to haunt us a few times," said Winch. "So I think we need to really think about how we want to handle these things... Do we want to lay down the law or do we want to find ways around this? Whatever we do, we need to be consistent for now and future years. And unfortunately, [the restaurant issue] may be one of the first things we have to take a look at."

Town Planner Susan Hauver noted the history of the site, which has been utilized by numerous owners for varying purposes. Prior to the establishment of Taqueria los Primos, the property housed a chicken vendor; however, that business did not require table seating. Hauver also pointed out the general compliance of the property with zoning requirements aside from the lack of approval for an eat-in space and excess signage.

"I think the biggest issue here is the signage," said Hauver. "[In 2015], we pretty liberally interpreted the code to try to get the site cleaned up as there

was a lot of signage then, and kind of agreed to give 50 square feet each to the vendors. The restaurant has since added signage which is problematic because [it exceeds that amount]."

The commission acknowledged that a fresh review of all the signage on the site is necessary, considering the collective impact of Circle K, Liberty Gas, and any other businesses present. Commission members also recognized the importance of consulting property owners and taking a holistic approach to address compliance issues. Understanding that some businesses may need transitional direc-

tional signs for a brief period after their opening, the council emphasized the need to establish a clear time limit on such signs to maintain uniformity and aesthetics.

To move forward, the commission plans to reach out to the owner of the Taqueria los Primos franchise to develop a signage plan that complies with town regulations and meets the business' needs. Furthermore, in an effort to address the balance between convenience and compliance, the commission also plans to hold a public hearing on the subject. This will likely take place in September.

Economic Development Commission still finding footing

Established in January 2022, Walkersville's Economic Development Commission (EDC) is striving to establish a strong presence within the community and local government. However, nearly two years later, some residents question the function of a commission which still appears to be struggling in establishing a permanent structure and purpose.

One of the primary challenges for the EDC is creating connections with local businesses and business owners. To address this, the commission plans to host a networking event with the Walkersville Business and Professional Association, which aims to promote and support local professionals. This

event is tentatively scheduled for September 18 at 7 p.m. during the EDC's normal monthly meeting time.

It is questionable, however, whether this event will produce the desired turnout, in part due to the lack of attendance at monthly WBPA meetings. Said WBPA member Bob Sussman, "There used to be at least 10 to 15 people at our meetings, [but] Covid really killed a lot of enthusiasm and drive. Right now only four to six people are coming, even with guest speakers invited."

In addition to low participation in the WBPA, the EDC currently seems to lack stable leadership and commitment. In June, Commission Chair

Linda Morgan announced her intention to step down due to personal matters; however, upon seeking volunteers to assume her role, she received no definitive response. In July, Morgan reiterated her position, but was met only with offers of temporary assistance as other members claimed their own time constraints.

Morgan shares her dilemma with Vice Chair Bob McNally and Secretary Leanne Tennant, both of whom hope to offer their roles to someone else. Unfortunately, with no official election process, plans to reassess appointments remain at a standstill. On this note, McNally suggested that the EDC establish an annual reelection

process with one-year terms for chair, vice chair, and secretary positions. Hopefully this will also encourage new EDC applicants to seriously consider the responsibilities of being part of a town commission.

In addition to leadership issues, the EDC faces the absence of a commissioner liaison since Michael Bailey stepped down from the town council in January. Burgess Chad Weddle, who has been attending EDC meetings as he is able, previously asked for volunteers to take on the liaison position. However, he received the same hesitance that was given by EDC members.

On the town website, the EDC is described as an organization which "will

work to retain existing businesses, attract desirable new businesses, and improve economic activities benefiting local businesses and residences." Although the commission does not seem to have detracted from any of these goals, it is unclear whether it has effectively pursued them either. While members casually plan future leadership changes and networking events, Walkersville business owners still struggle to find concrete answers about development, pandemic recovery, and a volatile economy. If the commission hopes to solidify its place in the community, it is essential that it consistently strives to meet its goals—or at the very least, define what those goals really mean.

2023 comprehensive plan in review

At its July meeting, the planning and zoning committee discussed updates to the town's comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan is defined on the Walkersville town website as "an official document that provides direction for public decisions regarding land use, development, zoning, infrastructure, transportation, water resources, community facilities and services, capital improvements and municipal growth."

While it is typically reviewed and updated every 20 years, the comprehensive plan may be reviewed every ten if necessary. It includes a land-use map reflecting existing development and plans for new development, recommended changes to the zoning map,

zoning ordinance, and other parts of the Town Code, road improvement recommendations and community facility recommendations, including proposals for future parks.

Town planner Susan Hauver called the plan a continuation of the last ten years as the pattern of development will stay pretty much the same. She explained that for the first time in 50 years, there is very little potential for residential development in the town under the existing zoning map. This is due to the development of the Bell and Graham properties as well as the townhouses at Longley Green, which have occurred in the last ten years. At this time, there are only two small properties in town zoned R1; however, they have issues with access

that would need to be addressed to move forward with development.

There is some zoning available for industrial growth and a smaller amount for commercial. The updated plan is dependent on the Staley property being developed which should provide the same amount of development over the next 20 years as the last ten years has had. The recommendation is high density on one half as an extension to the Longley Green Development and low density on the rest of the property.

The high amount of properties planned for development last time is why the board decided to opt for minimal residential development and only voted to develop the estimated 110-acre Staley farm

in the updated comprehensive plan. However, this vote is a compromise as some members are very much against more residential development and some are for it.

Members Nathan Shatto and Jeremy Peterson both stated that they were comfortable with allowing more potential for residential growth. In June, it had been pointed out by Jeremy Holder of Ausherman Properties that "showing residential designation doesn't demand that town immediately approve development; it just says that when we're ready, the first step is already taken to get there." However, Member Russell Winch argued against allowing more residential growth, alluding to concerns that Walkersville may lose some of its small-town appeal if further development is allowed.

Currently not allowed in certain parts of town are accessory dwelling units (ADU's) such as tiny houses and container homes. Due to the inflated housing market, these options are becoming more popular and residents have inquired about placing them on their properties. Winch supported tiny houses but had concerns about the aesthetic of shipping containers. Other members of council agreed with him, and may consider allowing them if they meet certain aesthetic requirements.

The next step for the Comprehensive Plan is a public review period. During this time, residents can view the draft plan on the town website. After 60 days, the board will set a public hearing date where state and county agencies as well as the public can comment.

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Town Updates

Floodplain Ordinance

On July 12, the Town Council addressed critical updates to the Floodplain Management Ordinance, which ensures that the town adequately manages floodplains and considers flood hazards when developing. This discussion was prompted by changes to the Flood Insurance Rate Maps overseen by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). As a municipality, Walkersville is required by FEMA to at least meet minimum requirements set by NFIP.

Due to the outdated nature of

Walkersville's previous floodplain ordinance, which was adopted in 1992, town staff decided that it was more practical to repeal and replace the document entirely. After being approved by both FEMA and the Maryland Department of the Environment, the draft ordinance was released for public comment. With no comments received, commissioners approved the document unanimously with only brief discussion.

Speeding On Silvercrest Drive

David Delisio, a resident of Silvercrest Drive for 28 years, expressed concerns about speeding to the town council in July. "We have a

really severe speeding problem," said Delisio. "It doesn't seem to be locals, but in the mornings and evenings I see people go one way, turn around, and come back to see how fast they can go." There is a radar speed sign located on Silvercrest, but with no speed camera, it is difficult to deter the culprits. Delisio requested that the town consider increasing enforcement and installing stop signs to help solve the problem. Burgess Chad Weddle asked Delisio to submit more details to the town via email and noted that the town has recently fulfilled such requests at Spring View Estates and Kenneth Drive.

WALKERSVILLE INFO

Wed., Aug. 2 - 7 p.m. - Parks Commission Meeting

Tues., Aug. 8 - 7 p.m. - Planning Commission Workshop

Wed., Aug. 9 - 7 p.m. - Town Meeting

Mon., Aug. 14 - 7 p.m. - EDC Meeting

Tues., Aug. 22 - 7 p.m. - Planning Commission Meeting

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GOVERNMENT

Congressman David Trone

Although our children are grown (and one of them even has a child of her own), the back-to-school season remains an important part of the year. It's a time to reflect on memories of my childhood and that of my kids and a reminder of just how valuable a good education can be. My education has been a critical part of the success I've had. Now, it's my mission in government to ensure that opportunity is available to every student.

Growing up the son of a public school teacher, it was instilled in me early on that the path to success is through education. I saw the dedication and passion that my mother had for teaching and learning. If you ever drive through East Berlin, Pennsylvania, you'll see a library there with her name on it. It's just one of the many reminders of her lifelong

commitment to her commitment to education.

I've always said how much I love to learn — even as I've gotten older. It's why I made school a priority when I was growing up, even as my family faced the hardships of bankruptcy and divorce. I took out student loans to attend the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania for an MBA. It was hard work, especially since I was working almost full time while I was a student, but I knew all along that I was incredibly lucky to have those opportunities.

Sadly, too many students are not able to enjoy those opportunities today. This is true across the country and in Maryland. Nearly half of all students in America began this school year behind grade level in at least one subject. Currently, only 1 in 4 students

graduate high school ready for college in the four core subjects. 40 million students nationwide don't have access to high-speed internet in school.

I'll be blunt: these statistics are unacceptable. And most of them can be attributed to a simple fact: American schools are underfunded. At last estimate, there was an education funding gap of nearly \$85 billion across the country. This will continue to increase year after year without action.

These shortfalls also highlight the inequities of education funding in America — in that low-income students, particularly those in communities of color, are shortchanged the most. And when we don't properly fund our schools, it's not just our students and teachers who suffer. Our economy suffers as well.

Critics of education funding, especially those who advocate for additional cuts to our schools, are fundamentally misguided on why these investments matter. We shouldn't primarily look at this as an opportunity to make a profit. That's not the purpose of government. Education is a right. And it is the government's responsibility to ensure that right is afforded to everyone.

But even those who DO look at education funding as an investment must admit that the return on the investment is astounding. For every dollar that the government invests in a college student, for example, we see an average of \$7.46 returned. A nearly 750% return on investment is a deal that even the most greedy investor would take in a heartbeat. So why isn't the government making it a priority?

Here in Maryland, we are. We finally passed the Blueprint for

Maryland's Future, making historic changes to our education system and fulfilling our commitment to leave no one behind. Working with Senator Cardin, I've taken steps to make this program a reality nationwide. If we pass the True EQUITY Act, we'll invest \$1.4 billion in school districts nationwide — a first step in our efforts to close the funding gaps and give our students, teachers, and communities the support they deserve.

Ultimately, none of these efforts will matter if we don't all commit ourselves to doing better for our students. This back-to-school season, I encourage you to join me in reflecting on how education has impacted your life. When you see a school bus drive by, or see first day pictures on social media, remember that the power to make a difference in the lives of those children lies in our hands.

County Councilman Brad Young

I wanted to take this opportunity to give you a brief update on two pending pieces of legislation that I have introduced to the Council.

The first bill, titled Amend Public Schools in the ORI Zone. This bill would allow public schools in the ORI with planning site approval. Schools can provide programs for students and their families to build bonding and bridging social capital, and they act as stabilizing institutions that provide supportive social networks for families.

Allowing more children, the opportunity for other education is important to the Frederick County community. By allowing schools to be placed in the ORI, we are effectively giving more children the opportunity for access to more schools.

The Council had a worksession on this bill back on Tuesday, June 13. It was then formally introduced on Tuesday, June 20, and then had a public hearing at 7 p.m. on July 11. This bill is scheduled to

be voted on for final adoption on August 8, at 5:30 p.m..

I have also a second bill on this same timeline titled, Amending the Zoning Code to add Woodworking to the County Code. The bill would define and allow for review and approval of a Woodworking Use in the Agricultural District. To be clear, the bill does not address woodworking in a commercial or industrial district.

The current County Code provides for many uses to be permitted as a Home-Based Business per § 1-19-8.240 that effectively allow for business and personal service uses to occur in any zoning district as they are regulated and severely limited in a manner via significant provisions to reduce impacts. Beyond that, most uses, regardless of their intensity or impact are either not explicitly permitted or permitted as a typical business/personal service use and are not permitted in all zones but more often designated only within the commercial or industrial districts. In

addition, the Code has not been comprehensively modernized to address 'emerging' or 'non-traditional' uses that are now more typical and/or not specifically identified. This leaves individual text amendments as the opportunity to clarify or provide for some missing component.

The latter use ('Limited Landscape Contractor') is a good example of a commercial business personal service use that can range in intensity based on the size of a business and is one example of entrepreneurship and a small-based business that needed to be addressed without treating all uses the same.

A constituent currently operating a 'Woodworking' business finds themselves in a similar situation, stuck between the very strict provisions of a "home-based business" and perhaps other 'proximate/similar uses' that would only be permitted in commercial districts. As noted above, certain uses can and should continue to be permitted in other

districts beyond commercial districts to encourage and facilitate small businesses and entrepreneurship within the County, but certainly with some level of enhanced regulations.

In discussing the current and foreseeable future operations of their Woodworking use, it was acknowledged that many of the requirements of the existing Limited Landscape Contractor Use can also be applied to other 'small business type uses' such as Woodworking. In fact, Woodworking likely has even less of an impact do to the significantly reduced vehicular/truck traffic that you may experience with a contractor use.

It was further discussed that that the best approach was to attempt to utilize the existing regulations within the code to acknowledge there may be other similarly situated small-based businesses/operations that may also want to take advantage of such an amendment, and we did not want to create provisions that were specifically for one particular property owner with

one specific set of circumstances.

The existing provisions of § 1-19-8.441 already provide for: minimum lot size, height, and setbacks; impervious surface provisions, maximum number of employees; and equipment and materials screening requirements to maintain compatibility in the agricultural district.

To that end this text amendment proposes the following:

1. Utilize the provisions of § 1-19-8.441 as the basis of permitting a Woodworking use; and
2. Clarifies and defines a use for Woodworking (as it is different from a carpenter, sawmill, artisanal craft shop or anything else that is within the current code); and
3. Permit Woodworking as a use in the Ag District by amending § 1-19-8.441 and § 1-19-5.310; and
4. Clarify that a caretaker/owner residence in conjunction with the permitted use does not count against certain square footage provisions; and
5. Clarify and provide for certain screening provisions to be met by existing natural features on site.

Like my previously cited educational bill, this legislation has followed a similar public path. The Council had a worksession on this bill back on Tuesday, June 13. It was also formally introduced on Tuesday, June 20, and then had a public hearing at 7:00 pm on July 11. This bill is also scheduled to be voted on for final adoption on August 8, at 5:30 p.m.

I am happy that I can give you an update on my current pending legislation. If there is ever anything I can do for you, please feel free to reach out to me and my office. You can contact me via email at: BYoung@FrederickCountyMD.gov, or you can call my office at 301-600-1108.

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GOVERNMENT

County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Summer is flying by! August brings the last few carnivals of the season, camps for children, and the start of a new school year. This summer, for the first time, the county's Parks & Recreation division hosted a series of programs especially for children with disabilities at the adaptive Rock Creek Recreation Center in Walkersville. Students of all ages packed the rec center last month for a special play day as we celebrated National Disability Pride Month. Frederick County's adaptive rec program is a truly amazing resource. The center gives every child a chance to play!

Homegrown Frederick Turns 10

This summer we also celebrated the 10th anniversary of our Homegrown Frederick program, which supports our agricultural community. Homegrown Frederick serves farmers and residents by promoting local agriculture and business online at www.HomegrownFrederick.com and in a special printed publication. You can buy local produce

or craft beverages, find a farmers market near you, or line up family-friendly activities like creamery visits or pick-your-own berries or flowers.

This year's Homegrown publication includes articles that provide a look back on producer stories from the past 10 years, with updates on where they are today. You can read about the discovery of the Monocacy Hop, which is genetically unique to Frederick County. The issue also includes a glimpse into the county's largest agricultural classroom at The Great Frederick Fair and a feature about the County's award-winning Agricultural Innovation Grant program.

Agriculture is an important part of Frederick County's economy. Farming has changed substantially over the years. But our laws and regulations have not. They need to be updated so we have a firm foundation to support innovation in the years to come. My Administration's Transition Team called for the County to support Frederick County's diversifying agricultural economy. That is why I appointed an Agritourism Workgroup, which

is reviewing our laws, regulations, and existing programs to support agritourism. The Agritourism Workgroup held its first meeting on July 26th. You can follow their progress online at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Agritourism.

We need to modernize our system so our farms, and our farmers, can continue to thrive. The goal is to promote agritourism while also protecting the health, safety, and quality of life of Frederick County residents.

Rural Historic Preservation Grants

Another program we are using to preserve Frederick County's rich heritage is our Rural Historic Preservation Grants. In the third year of this program, the County awarded grants to preserve important structures that reflect our past. For instance, funds will help to restore iron workers' housing in Thurmont, a historic farmstead in Walkersville, and one of the county's oldest known houses, located south of Walkersville. Half of the grants this year went to properties located within

the Catocin and Walkersville high school feeder districts. They include the 18th-century Beatty Cramer House in Ceresville, two iron worker housing sites – Beverly Hoke and Reed Stitely houses on Catocin Furnace Road – and the Steiner Wolfe Smith Farm's bank barn in Walkersville. The other sites are on Clemsonville Road, Linganore Road, Albaugh Road, and Stottlemeyer Road.

The Rural Historic Preservation Grant Program offers one-time grants of up to \$50,000 to property owners and nonprofit organizations to stabilize, rehabilitate, restore or preserve the exterior of a historic property. When I was a member of the County Council, I proudly supported legislation that dedicates funds to this program. By preserving these buildings, we can connect new generations to our community's rich history. You can learn more about the program by visiting www.frederickcountymd.gov/rural-grants.

Property Taxes

You may have noticed that property tax bills arrived in mailboxes a few days later than usual last month. Changes in

the State Department of Taxation and Assessments led to Frederick County's data arriving later than in past years. As a result, the Treasury Department has extended the deadline to receive a 1% discount, which is typically offered when bills are paid in full in July. This year, taxpayers who pay their real property tax bill no later than Monday, August 7, will receive the July discount of 1%.

There are three ways to pay: in person, online, or by mail. If you choose to pay in person, you will have until 4 p.m. on August 7th to deliver your check. Online payments can be made at the discounted rate until 11:59 p.m. that day. Checks sent by mail must be postmarked no later than August 7th to receive the discount. If you have any questions about your property tax bill, our great Treasury staff can help you. You can reach them at 301-600-1111.

With only a few short weeks left of summer, I hope everyone takes time to enjoy the season. Stop by a farmers market, hike a trail, or relax at one of our fabulous parks. Frederick County offers something for everyone!

Woodsboro Burgess Heath Barnes

Greetings, I hope you all are having a wonderful summer. I cannot believe that at the end of this month, schools will be back in session for our students and teachers. I know in Woodsboro we are currently having issues with people speeding down the streets. I highly encourage everyone to watch their speed even more as our children begin returning to school. I did mention to the council that I will be gathering information on what it will take to install some speed cameras in town as the problem has become much worse lately.

At the July 18th meeting we had a very short meeting. I informed the council that I had met with the electric company to start the process of running the electricity into the eastern side of

the park where the stage is and where the new restroom is to be built. Based on different options it's possible we may have the electricity run before the music festival at Woodsboro Days on October 21st. This will be nice for the bands as for the last few years we have run the electricity off a generator. I also met with Ben Marshall and the contractor to build the skate park. I let them know that we had received a pending grant of 137 thousand dollars to build it. Once we receive the official grant letter from the state, we will be signing the contract and construction will begin shortly. The resurfacing of the tennis court and the pickleball lines has been tentatively scheduled and will begin any day now.

The latest town hall update is

that I had a call with the engineer. He is optimistic that we will have it out for build within the next 60 days as the process is moving through the county at a good pace without hiccups right now. I remain optimistic that we will have a building started by late fall.

As always, I encourage everyone to support Glade Valley Community Services (GVCS) if you have clothes or food donations as they are always in need of items for members of the community. For more information, please contact GVCS by email at gvcs.inc@verizon.net, or call 301-845-0213.

If you have any questions, concerns, complaints, or compliments please feel free to reach out to me at hbarnes@woodsboro.org or by phone at 301-401-7164.

Woodsboro Town meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. In addition, Planning and Zoning meetings are at 6pm on the First Monday of the month as needed. If you have an item for the agenda, it needs to

be submitted 14 days before the P&Z meeting. The current location for meetings is the St. Johns United Church of Christ located at 8 N 2nd Street Walkersville, MD 21798. The public is always invited to attend.



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COUNTY NOTES

County Workforce Plan for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging

Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater announced the creation of the workforce plan on diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging. The DEIB plan was developed along with an employee survey conducted last year. The survey revealed the need to be more inclusive and create a culture that values the idea of diversity and the talents and contributions of employees.

“This administration is committed to ensuring Frederick County is a place where all people can live, work, and thrive while feeling a strong sense of belonging,” said County Executive Fitzwater. “By making this vision a reality in the workplace, we convey to our residents that our community is people-centered and committed to promoting a high quality of life.”

Over the past 10 years, Frederick County has significantly grown, revealing a shift in racial and ethnic demographics. 2020 census data showed that overall, minority populations are growing. The demographic shift offers a crucial opportunity for connectivity and greater social and cultural enrichment. Efforts to advance equity in the County over

the past three years have included the creation and codification of an Office of Equity and Inclusion, creation of an Equity and Inclusion Commission and an Immigrant Affairs Commission to serve as ongoing community voices, evaluation of the workplace environment to begin designing efforts to attract and retain a diverse workforce, expansion of minority business outreach, and launch of a disparity study.

While DEIB is an ongoing journey of empathy, learning, and unlearning, deep-rooted biases manifested for centuries, improving the County’s DEIB posture and establishing an environment that will educate and promote a diverse and equitable workforce brings the community together.

“The move toward this level of inclusion could be labeled a ‘heavy lift’ for Frederick County,” said Chief Equity and Inclusion Officer Michael Hughes. “The DEIB Workforce Plan positions us to serve the public in a culturally competent and responsive way that will pay off not only for individual residents, but for the County as a whole.”

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Workforce Plan is targeted to achieve progress and implement public engagement

within the first year. Employee information sessions will be underway starting this month to identify areas of improvement and steps towards progress.

For more information on the workforce plan, visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Equity or contact the Office of Equity and Inclusion at 301-600-1063.

Data Centers Workgroup Sets First Meeting

Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater’s Data Centers Workgroup will hold its first meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, in the 3rd floor hearing room of Winchester Hall.

The workgroup is charged with examining existing laws and other issues related to this relatively new and rapidly changing industry. County Executive Fitzwater formed the group in response to recommendations from two Transition Team committees – Economic Development; and Sustainability, Infrastructure and Transportation – to convene stakeholders to develop a model for critical data infrastructure that leverages the benefits data centers can provide while protecting the environment and Frederick County’s quality of life. Information about the workgroup, including its membership, can be found at FrederickCountyMD.gov/DataCenters.

Meetings of the workgroup are open to the public. They will be recorded and made available to watch online the following day at FrederickCountyMD.gov/FCGtv.

Council Confirms Goetz to Oversee Family Services, Carpenter to Lead Planning & Permitting

Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater announces the appointment of two division directors. Kelli

Goetz will serve as Director of the Division of Family Services, where she has worked for over five years. Deborah Carpenter will take the reins as Director of the Division of Planning & Permitting. Both appointments were confirmed by the Frederick County Council this evening.

Ms. Goetz has led Family Services as Acting Director since April 8. The division, which was previously known as Citizens Services, includes the Child Advocacy Center, Family Partnership, and the Office for Children and Families. Ms. Goetz began her career with Frederick County in 2012 as a grant coordinator in Workforce Services. She rose to manage youth programs and career services in that office before moving to the Division of Citizens Services in 2017. Ms. Goetz served in progressively higher positions, from Fiscal Manager in the Office for Children and Families to Director of Operations for the Division. She continued to work as Director of Operations while serving as Acting Deputy Director and then Acting Director of the division.

“Kelli understands the Division’s mission of improving residents’ lives,” County Executive Fitzwater said. “She has strong relationships with staff and routinely goes above and beyond to serve our community. Her appointment will provide steady leadership while the Division undergoes change.”

Ms. Goetz earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology from the University of Maryland University College. She holds a Certificate in Leading Diverse Teams & Organizations from the University of Michigan and a Graduate Certificate in Sustainability Leadership from Ithaca College. Her appointment takes effect July 29.

Ms. Carpenter currently serves as Director of Planning & Growth Management in Charles County, where she leads five divisions, including managing over 80 full-time employees and over 130 contractual employees. Prior to her time in Charles County, she spent 25 years

in Garrett County’s Department of Planning & Land Management, rising from GIS Specialist to Director.

“Deborah has the experience, expertise, and energy necessary to make Livable Frederick a part of the culture of County government,” County Executive Fitzwater said. “Deborah brings her experience from Charles County, a rapidly growing jurisdiction facing an affordable housing crisis they are balancing against the challenges of preserving agricultural land and infrastructure demands, making her particularly well suited to help us address the issues facing Frederick County.”

Ms. Carpenter holds a master’s degree in geography with a concentration in Geographic Information Systems from West Virginia University, and a bachelor’s degree in environmental analysis & planning from Frostburg State University. Her appointment takes effect August 14.

Real Property Tax Bills Mailed - July Discount Rate Available Through August 7th

Changes to the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation’s billing process led to delays in the processing of property tax bills for Frederick County property owners. The mailing of bills began a few days later than usual, with the first items being sent July 7 and the last bills mailed July 11.

As a result of the delay, an extension has been granted for the 1% discount rate typically offered to taxpayers who pay their bills by the end of July. The extension will be applied to tax bills that are paid no later than Monday, Aug. 7. Payments made in person must be delivered by 4 p.m. that day. Online payments will be accepted at the discounted rate until 11:59 p.m. Payments mailed via U.S. Postal Service must be postmarked no later than Aug. 7 to receive the discount.

Anyone with questions about their property tax bill can call the Treasury Department at 301-600-1111.



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COMMUNITY NOTES

Meet Claire Doll, our new Managing Editor

McKenna Snow
MSMU Class of 2023

I would like to introduce you to Claire Doll who has assumed the role as Managing Editor of Woodsboro-Walkersville News-Journal. I have had the honor of working with her through this past year and a half, and have utmost confidence that she will do incredible things as the next Managing Editor. Claire has already done so much for the News-Journals that I could hardly fit it all into one article. But she, who constantly highlights the best of others in her work, is certainly deserving of her own spotlight here.

Claire will be entering her senior year at Mount Saint Mary's University this Fall, which means she is one step closer to beginning the next major phase of her life: teaching full-time after graduation. While she is still determining which grade she wants to teach, it is clear from the love she has for teaching English that she will serve her students well. I have no doubt that the enthusiasm; patience and hard work that she brings to the News-Journals will also be brought to her next workplace.

For now, Claire will be continuing her studies as an English major, and taking on the role as Managing Editor. The team of student writers is excited to have her as a leader, but in some ways, she has already been just that throughout this past year. Claire has been the Assistant Managing Editor for the past year, which means that during some months out of the semester, all of the articles would go to her first before they went to the Managing Editor. She gave them a careful read-through and edited where it was needed, and then she would send the articles on their way. Even at the beginning of her time as the Assistant Managing Editor, I

could see Claire's skills as an editor already that showcased her commitment to accuracy in the punctuation, grammar and flow of every sentence. I also knew immediately that I could send my own articles to her and could count on her to help me improve my writing.

Claire did not just happen upon this new position as Managing Editor, either; the Four Years at the Mount section (something we have added starting last month to this paper) is structured in such a way that each year, the writers receive a new level of responsibility. As a freshman writer, one's only job, really, is to write and edit as needed. As the sophomore, the junior trains the sophomore on what to expect as the Assistant Managing Editor, which is the position assigned to the junior writer. The junior writer gives the sophomore instruction on what the new expectations are when the second year is completed, and up the writer goes. The Assistant Managing Editor finds himself or herself quite busy, working closely with the senior writer. Once a writer has finished junior year, they become the Managing Editor of the paper—a role that the graduating writer should be preparing them for throughout the spring semester. As the graduate writer, I have tried to prepare Claire as much as possible for this position, and have sent her tips, reminders, and short lists of expectations and instructions.

As has been the case for me and a graduate writer, Emmy, above me, graduating early made our tracks a little out of the ordinary. Similarly, Claire hasn't necessarily "followed" the usual four-year structure. Her original position on the team was the Arts writer, and she became a writer for FYATM as various writers shifted around their graduation timelines. Claire's eye for beauty and poetry made her a great candidate for the Arts

column, but her excellence in journalism and creative writing made it apparent to us that she would thrive in the FYATM position. And she has not only met but exceeded expectations in her roles at the News-Journal.

As the Assistant Managing Editor, Claire was always punctual—with everything. It was her responsibility to schedule our monthly meetings as a team; the monthly meetings have a very narrow window in which they need to happen at the beginning of each month. Despite the wildly different schedules of seven college students, Claire found a time that worked for everyone, and made the meetings well in advance. At the meetings, Claire was the one who had her computer out, taking notes on what the leaders had to say, and on what we could improve on as a team. She wrote down every prompt idea, every follow-up question she and I would have for Mike or particular writers, and had the budget email ready to go right after the meeting. That way, the writers could receive their prompts as soon as possible, so they had plenty of time to get their articles done before the deadline.

I could also always count on her to be the first to submit her articles to me—sometimes within a day of the prompts going out. Her skills at time managing never cease to amaze me, even when I'm just thinking back on them. During this past school year, I would mosey into the café at the Mount to get my morning coffee at an "early" 8:30 a.m., and would see Claire at a booth with her computer, notebook, and coffee all around her. At that point in the morning, she would have been up for at least two hours already, have gone for her sunrise walk with a friend, and have finished much of her homework. She and I would have a brief chat about News-Journal updates and where we were with writing, and then she would go right to work. It would be no surprise for me to receive an email from her with at



least two completed articles before noon. And each one would be thoughtfully written, as if she had been musing on the topic for the past several weeks and finally sat down to write it.

And that is one of my favorite things about Claire, an aspect I am sure you as readers have also noticed: Claire puts so much care into the person in front of her, and so much care into every sentence she writes. Her love of poetry echoes through her prose, as each sentence has an air of story behind it. I love the enthusiasm she brings to each prompt, to each feature article, and to each interview she

hosts for an article. I am sure she will continue to bring the wonder she has for the world everywhere she goes—and for now, she is going into this role as the new Managing Editor.

Claire has not only been a fantastic and dependable coworker for me, on whom I could always count—she has also been a wonderful friend. I am grateful for the opportunity I had this past year to work with her, and am so glad that she is the one who I am handing on this beloved role to. Trust me when I say it, the Woodsboro-Walkersville News-Journal is in good hands with Claire Doll!

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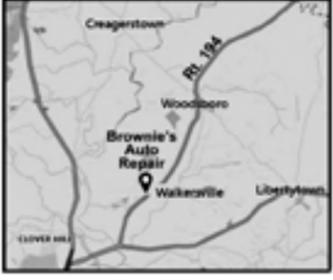


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COMMENTARY

Words From Winterbilt

Beyond the “Twilight Zone”

Shannon Bohrer

Our diversity of beliefs in our political environment can at times appear incompatible and often antagonistic. Describing these differences as confusing is an understatement. The old science fiction television show, “The Twilight Zone,” was more understandable. The use of words like “Woke” and “Antifa,” with different meanings, rather than the normally ascribed meanings, does not make sense. Who decided the unconventional meanings that seems nonsensical, and why? Each side is entrenched with the belief that they are correct in their actions and beliefs while the other side – is incorrect and/or maybe just uninformed.

Any attempt to inform and educate the other side about one’s beliefs is hindered before it starts. For communication to exist, there needs to be some common understanding of words and facts. If one does not believe in science and the advocacy and benefits of inoculations that can save lives, how can a conversation exist around the science of a pandemic? Global warming is real, but only if you believe in science. There was and is only one side to the WWII holocaust.

Of importance, to communicate there needs to be an understanding of the definition of words. Even the term “alternative facts” which

now has a place in our vocabulary, is confusing. Words that were in use with common definitions are now questionable. The word “Woke” is a good example. Woke, when used as an adjective means “alert to and concerned about social injustice and discrimination.” According to the Oxford Learner’s Dictionary, woke is “aware of social and political issues, especially racism.” Another meaning would be that if one is woke – they are awake and aware.

However, the word Woke, is often used in a derogatory, or disparaging manner, describing people that “are too easily upset about these issues, or talk too much about them in a way that does not change anything.” Governor Ron DeSantis, the governor of Florida, signed into law the “Individual Freedom Act,” which forbids the teaching of racism, discrimination, or even white male privilege. Accordingly in Florida, the act is often referred to as the “Stop Woke Act,” because woke has a connotation of “Wrong to our Kids and Employees.” I could not find that definition in any acceptable references.

When Governor DeSantis signed the “Individual Freedom Act,” into law, the law did not add or even protect any freedoms, instead the law limited freedoms in education. The use of the word “Freedom” in a law that imposes regulation on what can

be taught, is an oxymoron. The governor also wrote a book entitled “The Courage to be Free.” In the book, he talks about a “post constitutional order,” because of overreach by the government. What is a post constitutional order? Does he want to do away with our constitution? Maybe we could agree that the “Individual Freedom Act” and the “Courage to be Free” are contradictions of the word “freedom.” The Individual Freedom Act seems like an overreach of government. Of course, to understand this one must be aware, or woke.

Another confusing word is “Antifa.” For many the connotation of antifa is that groups of individuals that lean far left and have anarchist tendencies. When the insurrection took place at the Capital, many described the insurrections as members of Antifa. The right leaning news outlets, conveyed the theme that undercover members of the FBI, fomented the insurrection with the help of Antifa. The premise that the insurrection was the work of FBI informants and people that identify as Antifa, was short lived. With the numerous investigations, the congressional hearing and with over one thousand individuals charged, none were reported as antifa.

The real definition of Antifa is “a person or group actively opposing fascism.” The word antifa is an abbreviation of the German word “antifascist.” There were Germans and

others that opposed Hitler’s fascist government. Fascist governments limit the freedoms of the populace and are run by dictators and autocrats. Fascism was and continues to be an enemy of Democracy.

My father-in-law was in Paton’s third army in WWII, fighting fascism. He was in an infantry unit and marched into Germany. My father was flying B-25’s in the 5th United States Army Air Force in WWII, also fighting fascism. Both men were not just fighting fascism, they were defending our democracy, and they were antifascist. Why would anyone disparage someone that identifies as antifa, someone that is against fascism and believes in democracy? That is confusing, unless they believe a dictatorial government is preferable to a democracy?

Back to the January 6th insurrection when it was reported that many of the insurrections were Antifa and were led by FBI undercover officers. With this belief, the insurrection was vilified by segments of the national media, and the insurrection was a crime. However, after it was determined, that the FBI did not plan the insurrection and none of the over one thousand persons charged in the insurrection identified as antifa, the perception of the event changed. Now the same radical news casts are portraying it as a normal tourist visit, with just a few radicals causing minor trouble.

A disturbing fact, the new-portrayed image of the non-antifa persons charged with their involvement

in the January 6th insurrection has morphed into patriotism. Many of the same media outlets that vilified the insurrections, when it was believed they were antifa, now refer the those charged as patriots. Many current and former elected officials have called for pardons for many of those convicted. There are even a few presidential candidates that have indicated that they may issue pardons if elected. It does not make sense that if the insurrections were members of Antifa, they should be charged with crimes. But if they were not Antifa, they magically become patriots. Again, the “The Twilight Zone,” was more sensical.

When laws are passed and the word free or freedom is used, it often denotes some limitations on our freedoms. Educational freedoms have been curtailed, as to what courses can be taught. Books have been banned, limiting what people can read and women’s health has been limited. In some states, doctors are hesitant to even perform accepted medical procedures on women, for fear of being arrested. And yet, many of the procedures are needed to save a life.

Ask yourself, why would anyone want to pass laws that reduce or even eliminate our freedoms? Of course, why would anyone not want to be woke, or aware, that democracy is preferred to fascism. These are confusing times.

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The Bulwark

The GOP is not taking Trump’s indictment well

Bill Lueders

Donald Trump is the victim of his own success.

At least, that’s the take House Speaker Kevin McCarthy offered in response to news that the former and would-be next president faces a third criminal indictment, this time for trying to end American democracy by plotting to steal an election and stirring up a mob to assist.

“If you noticed recently, President Trump went up in the polls and was actually surpassing President Biden for reelection,” McCarthy told reporters on Tuesday as the news broke that Special Counsel Jack Smith had notified Trump he was a target of possible criminal prosecution. “So what do they do now? Weaponize government to go after their number-one opponent.”

McCarthy claimed this was something that has been happening “time and time again” and “the American public is tired of this. They want to have, see equal justice and the idea that they utilize this to go after those who politically disagree with him is wrong.”

Think about that for a moment. The man who said, in the immediate aftermath of the events of January 6, 2021, that “The president bears responsibility for Wednesday’s attack on Congress by mob rioters,” now dismisses an effort to hold him responsible as a purely political act driven by a focus on the latest poll numbers.

Others within the GOP are singing from the same hymnal.

“It’s absolute bullshit,” said Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia. “That’s my reaction. This is the only way that the Democrats have to beat President Trump—is to arrest him, smear him, charge him with ridiculous charges, all in a cover-up of Joe Biden’s crimes, Hunter Biden’s crimes.”

It’s important to keep tabs on what’s going on in the crazy MAGA world. We learned that on January 6. Share this article with someone who keeps an eye out.

Greene added, unnecessarily, that from this ignoble moment forward, “I’ll be standing with President Trump the entire way.” She didn’t specify the ultimate destination, but pretty clearly it will involve retribution. As Greene’s sometimes-contentious comrade in crazy, Rep. Lauren Boebert of Colorado, expressed it (after genuflecting at the altar of “DOJ is weaponized”), “President Trump will be re-elected in 2024 and I look forward to helping him gut the Deep State.”

Rep. Ronny Jackson of Texas tweeted a similar sentiment, with lots of exclamation points: “STAND WITH TRUMP!! STAND WITH TRUMP!! Democrats KNOW they can’t beat Trump in 2024, so they’ve weaponized the FBI YET AGAIN to try to take him down. These people will deeply regret this when Trump is BACK in the White House!!” Will they ever!!

Meanwhile, Rep. Matt Gaetz of Florida signaled that he has no intention of waiting for the next election to bring out the long knives. “BREAKING: I will be introducing legislation to DEFUND Jack Smith’s witch hunt against President Trump,” Gaetz declared in a tweet. “They are attacking our democracy and engaging in election interference right now. The United States Congress has the capability to stop this election interference, and we must act immediately!”

There is nothing unusual about these reactions. The MAGA crowd flecks to them reflexively. The filing of criminal charges against Trump—for falsifying business records, mishandling classified documents, attempting a coup and, to come, pressuring officials in Georgia to fabricate election results—corroborates their warped perception of Trump as a victim. It draws them to him even more.

Chris Lehmann, writing in the Nation, put it well: “Far from being defeated by subpoenas and indictments, the Trump movement draws an endlessly renewable sense of righteous retribution from the fable of its own persecution.”

As this maelstrom raged, the responses to the impending charges from Trump’s rivals for the Republican nomination for president ran the gamut from stern finger-shaking to outright boot-licking.

The harshest reaction so far seems to come from former Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, who declared: “I have said from the beginning that Donald Trump’s actions on January 6 should disqualify him from ever being

president again.” Hutchinson, who in the latest Morning Consult poll was weighing in at 0 percent, found it “disappointing” that the former president “refused” to abandon his campaign.

That’s telling him.

Former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley brushed off the matter as a “distraction” while drawing the notice of the New York Times for not repeating what she said last month when Trump was indicted for hoarding top secret docs about “prosecutorial overreach, double standards and vendetta politics.” That apparently represents a sea change in her willingness to go after Trump.

Know someone who may have forgotten how nutty the MAGA right is? Why not remind them?

Meanwhile, the intrepid Ron DeSantis, governor of Florida, straddled the fence, saying any charges would be “an attempt to criminalize politics and to try to criminalize differences,” while also clucking that Trump should have “come out more forcefully” to stop the supporters he incited into attacking the Capitol.

And Chris Christie, the former governor of New Jersey who has positioned himself as the one GOP candidate in the race willing to say an unkind word about Trump, tweeted that he was waiting to see the indictment before commenting on the case, but said it wanted to be clear that “his conduct on January 6th proves he doesn’t care about our country & our Constitution.”

This prompted a commenter on Truth Social to write: “Go away fat boy! No one can stand your false bra-

vado! You have no chance of ever being elected president! Your lack of interest in the rigged election proves that you don’t care about our Republic and our Constitution.”

Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, in turn, used the opportunity to remind the nation of just how vast that totalitarian police state has become under Joe “Das Boot” Biden. “It doesn’t stop there,” Scott told Fox News, referring to Trump’s likely indictment. “It also includes parents who show up at school board meetings. They’re labeled domestic terrorists. We see folks who are pro-life activists, SWAT teams come into their homes guns drawn.” He promised to make this constant crushing government repression go away.

But the award for pusillanimity goes, as it so often the case, to former Vice President Mike Pence, whom Trump targeted for execution on January 6. “I believe that history will hold him to account for his actions that day,” Pence told NewsNation, adding that the judgment should be delivered by voters and not prosecutors.

“I hope it doesn’t come to that,” Pence said about a possible indictment. “I’m not convinced that the president acting on bad advice of a group of crank lawyers that came into the White House in the days before January 6 is actually criminal.”

And so the party of Lincoln slithers onward, terrified of the power of Donald Trump.

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The Triad

Why can't the Democrats be more moderate?

Jonathan V. Last

We got the inflation numbers last week and—spoiler—they continue to be encouraging. Inflation is down to the lowest rate in two years and the pace of deceleration is slightly faster than was expected.

So we've got inflation waning, strong employment, the Dow very strong—everything suggests a soft landing.

And yet, sure as I'm sitting here, I know that we'll spend the next 6 months hearing voters talk about how out of control inflation is, and how bad the economy is, and why they're open to Trump 2024. Because the economy was so good under Trump!

I have given up trying to argue with these people. Their feelings don't care about your facts.

But there is a fundamental asymmetry that I want to talk about. Not because we can fix it. No. This is a pure rant. I need to get it off my chest.

So buckle your chin strap and let's go.

How many times have you heard people talk about how "good" "the economy" was under Donald Trump? If my 'best friend forever' Sarah Longwell had a nickel for every time she's heard that from voters in her focus groups, she'd own a boat.

But what do people mean by that? The economy sure as shit wasn't good in November of 2020 the Dow was at 28,323, today it's at 34,347 – a 21% increase. Mean-

while unemployment in November 2020 was 6.7%, today it is at 4%, a drop of 40%.

For both of those metrics, the situation today is much better than it was on Election Day 2020.

So the reality is that the economy was good under Trump—until it wasn't. The last year of his administration was an economic horror show.

Yet somehow voters give him a pass for that. They only consider "the economy under Trump" to be the nice parts. How does that work?

The conventional wisdom in politics is that voters only care about the last thing they saw. Americans are a "what have you done for me lately" people.

Yet when it comes to Trump's economy, that iron law doesn't hold. They give Trump a pass on the last thing they saw from him. Why?

The answer, I suppose, is that voters have a sophisticated view of causality? They recognize that the final year of Trump's presidency involved a global pandemic and that this event created economic havoc.

But this doesn't quite scan either—because they aren't sophisticated enough to also assign blame to Trump for the extent to which his very bad handling of the pandemic contributed to the economic crisis.

Sigh.

Then we get to Joe Biden's tenure and during his first year in office, the economy was great. It was only in year two that inflation took off and overtook wage growth, creating some real hardships for people. But so far in year three, things are looking good. Inflation is waning. Real wage growth is positive again—and the biggest gains are at the lower income levels—meaning that income inequality is down.

As Eric Levitz puts it:

"America's unemployment rate is hovering at historic lows. The percentage of prime-age Americans in the labor force is higher than it's been since the 2008 financial crisis. Thanks to an abundance of employment opportunities, lower-income workers have recovered roughly 25 percent of the increase in wage inequality that accrued between Ronald Reagan's election and Joe Biden's. Inflation is falling. A gallon of gasoline costs roughly 30 percent less than it did one year ago.

"One popular gauge of the economy's strength is the "misery index," which simply adds together the unemployment and inflation rates. That index is lower now than it's been during 83 percent of all months since 1978.

"Meanwhile, Joe Biden's plans for increasing manufacturing employment and investment in the United States are going swimmingly. Manufacturing-plant construction has doubled since the end of 2021, and real spending on the forms of manufacturing most incentivized by the president's CHIPS law and Inflation Reduction Act — computer, electronics, and electrical production — has nearly quadrupled over the past year. To no small extent, Biden has delivered what Trump only promised: Foreign leaders are fuming as the president's subsidies persuade overseas firms to shift production to the United States.

"At the same time, the president's policies have lowered prescription-drug costs for seniors and health-insurance premiums for those who purchase coverage over the individual market."

In sum: Voters think that the "real" Trump economy was only



the time period when things were good, from 2017 to 2019. They have a nuanced understanding of why the economy got bad in 2020. And instead of judging Trump by "what have you done for me lately," they are willing to judge him by his best days rather than his most recent days.

Yet these same voters also think that the "real" Biden economy was 2022. They ignore the very good economy of 2021 and the pretty good economy that we are in right now. Instead, they focus exclusively on the period of his administration where inflation was a problem. And all of that sophistication which allows them to alibi Trump's 2020 disappears when it comes to Biden's 2022. These people have no earthly idea where the inflation came from—they simply blame Biden for it. And then they act as though that limited period is

still reality, even though all of the objective indicators are pointing the other way.

And not only the indicators! These same people are seeing a good economy in their own lived experiences.

How do we know that? Look at all the Republican governors won reelection in 2022 by bragging about how great the economies were in their states!

These Republicans ran—successfully!

On how Joe Biden's economy was treating their constituents!

In the real world!

Look, I don't know what to do about any of this. I just had to share my pain.

People are the worst.

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Good Day, Neighbor

2023 storm of confusion

Dorothea Mordan

"Dorothea we have a problem." said the voice of Beloved Family Member on the phone at 8:30 p.m. on a Thursday. He and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. B, were in a state.

That morning a pulsing image appeared on Mrs. B's computer warning that there were attacks on their network. All files, photos and identity were at risk. If you close this window all is at risk. Every word chosen for maximum urgency. You must call Our Super Duper Support Team immediately! A Toll Free phone number was displayed.

Nameless Scammer had a way to connect with their fears and pull their human strings of responsibility. Now they would Make. That. Call. Instantly, they were in conversation over the phone and internet. Recognizing a fish on the hook Nameless Scammer revealed a name. Jennifer. Jennifer would save them from certain doom, financial ruin and identity theft. If they helped her maybe they could save some other people too.

It's us and them. I alone am on your side...believe me. Scammer

explained to Mr. B that the FBI and Federal Trade Commission were working with the Scammer's team to catch and prosecute the band of internet thieves who were threatening Internet users all over America.

But we need your help Mr. B! Our work can only succeed with personal funds. We can't use public, government funds for this very important work.

"This is the problem, Dorothea." Mr. B said. "I sent a big cashier's check overnight by FedEx."

Seconds pass while my dropped jaw and sunken heart get back into position.

"Do you have a tracking number?" I ask.

"Yes, it's..." Mr. B, retired from a career as an attorney, had lifelong habits of collecting information.

My husband called FedEx on his phone, and was told the delivery could be stopped. Eureka! We all said goodnight, and I would go to Mr. and Mrs. B's home the next morning.

I arrived by 10 checked the tracking number online, only to find that the package had been delivered at 9:41 a.m.

Another call to Fedex. While on that call, since there is always another

cell phone in the room, I directed Mr. B to call his bank to stop the cashier's check he had so diligently procured the day before. This was accomplished and confirmed by the end of that day, a Friday.

For whatever reason—a lifetime of mental discipline, trust in me, the FedEx manager who asked him if he really wanted to send that package (yes there are people with good intentions and instincts around us everyday)—the storm clouds parted just enough for Mr. B to call me on that Thursday night. Just in time to stop a check before the weekend.

This event was a near disaster that came in a series of bad turns at the right moments. Both of this couple use a computer daily, as almost everyone on planet Earth seems to do. Both of them have limited understanding of the power and connectivity of all the computers that we use. Each of them has one or more health issues that can increase the likelihood of user error at the computer. This exact fake warning message had flashed on their computer months ago, and Mr. B had stopped Mrs. B in the middle of that phone call. They hung up, called me, and we discussed such scams at length. The short version, which every tech savvy person tells to their not-tech-savvy loved ones, is don't click on

anything, and don't call any number that pops up on your computer. Get help from someone you know. These warnings don't make sense to some people because of the way they think/process information, or have had a change in cognitive ability.

On this day Mr. B had urinary tract infection, and didn't know it yet. He was on the verge of going to his doctor, but scammer got his attention first. In Mr. B's condition, he probably had enough toxins backed up in his system that he was near or actually hallucinating. Scammer got lucky because their mission became real to Mr. B.

A perfect Storm of Confusion.

Scammers depend on finding a muddled mind. When our clarity kicks in, Scammers work on our human nature, reminding us to be too embarrassed to tell anyone. Fear and embarrassment are human reactions that con artists bank on. Literally.

It's the same when our loved ones are preyed upon by conspiracy theorists. The flimflammers and web scammers.

Our loved ones can be taken for a theory ride by anyone with an agenda and the right tone of voice. It's hard enough for us who are mostly paying attention, most of our lives. Imagine the fog of being medicated, stressed,

or in cognitive decline. The fear of what might happen is just as real as an immediate threat.

The thing about getting a hook into our brain is that the fear inspired by believable maybes is a real emotion. It can be internet danger or political rivals. There's not a lot of distance between believing a conspiracy theory, and loving the hunt for the kernel of truth in tall tales told around a campfire. The operative word in conspiracy theory is theory, not conspiracy. A theory is just a guess that it could be true, just believable enough that you prepare for the worst. History is full of people trying to scam for money or power, nibbling away at our reason, hoping to gain our confidence with barely believable conspiracies.

My takeaway from this is gratitude for being a person that Mr. and Mrs. B trust. I'll listen even more carefully regarding their health and online safety. Now is a great time to remember the buddy system we all learned as kids. Listen to each other, watch out for each other, and work as a team with family, friends and neighbors. A great life lesson for weathering any of life's storms.

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PASTOR'S DESK

A tale of two Marys

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Long ago, two women were born into this sin-filled and fallen world. Both were named "Mary," and both entered the Kingdom of God, but their roads to the heavenly kingdom were radically different.

One, born as an answer to her barren parents' prayers, was raised in a devout Jewish household until the age of three, when she was taken to the Temple in Jerusalem and given to God, the fullest flowering of faithful Israel. She grew up in the Holy of Holies, and never deviated from her devotion to the God whom she loved and served. Although bearing and struggling against the same sin nature as all of us, she never once debased herself to fulfill her animal appetites. Her love for God blazed in her white-hot, and because of that love she found the disorder of the passions revolting.

As a young teen, she was given to Joseph, a God-fearing widower with children, to be protected in her virginity and chastity. Joseph, an old man, gave Mary a home and supported her. His love for her was strong, but pure and godly. She was beautiful beyond telling,

and gracious and good, but never once did he give in to temptation to have his way with her. His strength was her earthly anchor as she grew into a young woman.

In her mid-teens, the angel Gabriel, who had brought her the words of God and sustained her during her life in the Temple, came to her in the home of Joseph to bring her a new word of God, the Word of God incarnate. His annunciation to her of the saving love of God to take flesh in her was welcomed by her: "Behold, the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be to me according to your word." And the Holy Spirit descended on her: the Word of God became flesh in her womb, the eternal becoming in time, the uncircumscribable being circumscribed in her womb, the transcendent God becoming immanent, the unknowable God being known to mankind, the divine life taking human life from her.

Without suffering the sin-borne pain of childbirth, Mary bore the eternal God as a newborn babe, suckled the God who feeds all flesh, gazing into the eyes of the One on whom the angels dare not gaze, providing intimate earthly infant necessities to the one who

provides for all things. And yet, in her humility, sharing nothing of what she knew: that she was the mother of God. She held these things in her heart and pondered them before the God whom she held in her arms. Hers is the divine life lived by God's grace through the gift of faith, in a fallen world. She is not an exception; she is our example.

The other Mary was born in Egypt, the place of slavery to sin, and ran away from home in her early teens to live a life of unrestrained sexual immorality. She delighted in every form of debauchery and perversion. She went out of her way to ensnare the virtuous and use them for her sin-filled pleasure. She lived this way for seventeen years, "a fire of public debauch [with] an insatiable desire and an irrepressible passion for lying in filth," as she related. She traveled to Jerusalem to continue her life of riotous sensuality, seducing and corrupting all in her path.

It was there that she came face to face with the other Mary. The passions collided with purity, and repentance flowered. On the day of the Exaltation of the Cross, Mary of the passions sought to join the throng venerating the precious and life-giving Cross, seeking to enter the Church where the Cross was held up for the people to see and for them to offer relative worship – not the absolute worship due only to God himself, but the veneration due the revelation of his self-giving.

In the mercy of God, the Mary of the passions found herself unable to enter the church where the precious wood of the Cross was being venerated. Try as she might, she was prevented from crossing the threshold by an invisible force. She found herself standing on the porch of the Church, exhausted from exertion, and "the word of salvation gently touched the eyes of my heart," as she related, "and revealed to me that it was my unclean life which barred the entrance to me." She wept. She lifted her eyes, and her eyes met the eyes of the mother of God present in her



holy icon; she began the long process of repentance, changing her mind and changing her ways. She asked for the intercession of the Mary of purity, vowing to do whatever she was commanded after worshiping the Holy Cross. Her nascent repentance unbarred the door of the Church to her. She was allowed to enter the Church, venerate the Cross, and kiss the very earth that was the floor of the Church.

Leaving the Church, she stood before the mother of God and heard these words: "If you cross the Jordan, you will find glorious rest." Mary fulfilled her vow. Leaving Jerusalem and crossing the Jordan River, she lived in the desert in repentance for forty-seven arduous years. Deep-rooted passions require drastic countermeasures. Her repentance was radical and complete. She gave no consideration to the demands of her flesh, refusing to pander to her passions. She sought only to lay a foundation of new-found purity and on that foundation build herself into a temple for the Holy Spirit.

God accepted the repentance of the passionate one, as she uprooted the passions and passionately pursued the divine life. Her profound prayers inscribed on her soul the image of God, and so filled her with the divine, ineffable and uncreate Light that she walked on the waters of the Jordan and was lifted in the air as she interceded for the

world. From darkness she was translated into God's marvelous light (1 Pet. 2:9) and became a creature of light. This Mary is also our example.

God's grace does not extend only to the pure and perfect. God extends his energy – his love – to all, at every time and in every place, in every circumstance. You do not need to earn God's love – you cannot – and you needn't – you can't – perfect yourself before he will give himself to you. He is calling you, as he called Mary on the porch of the Church. He didn't wait for her to repent. His grace barred the door of the Church to her not out of condemnation, but out of mercy, that she should hear his voice; his word of salvation filled her heart before she repented and led to her repentance.

Wherever you find yourself, right now, God's word of salvation is entering your heart. Will all of us answer the call to repent, to change our way of life, to repent radically and completely, to stop pandering to the passions, to give our flesh – that part of us that is in rebellion against God – no respite and no mercy? Will we build ourselves into a temple of the Holy Spirit? Will we venerate the precious and life-giving Cross of Christ, and follow the footsteps of both Marys into the Kingdom of heaven?

Each of them, like each of us, was free to choose. Will we choose life or death, the Kingdom of Heaven or the kingdom of darkness? There is no middle way, no tertium quid, no escaping this choice. This day, this instant, choose which kingdom you will enter and in which kingdom you will remain. If we do not daily, moment by moment, choose the Kingdom of God, we remain in the kingdom of darkness. The way of life and the way of death lie before us. "Choose you this day whom you will serve..."

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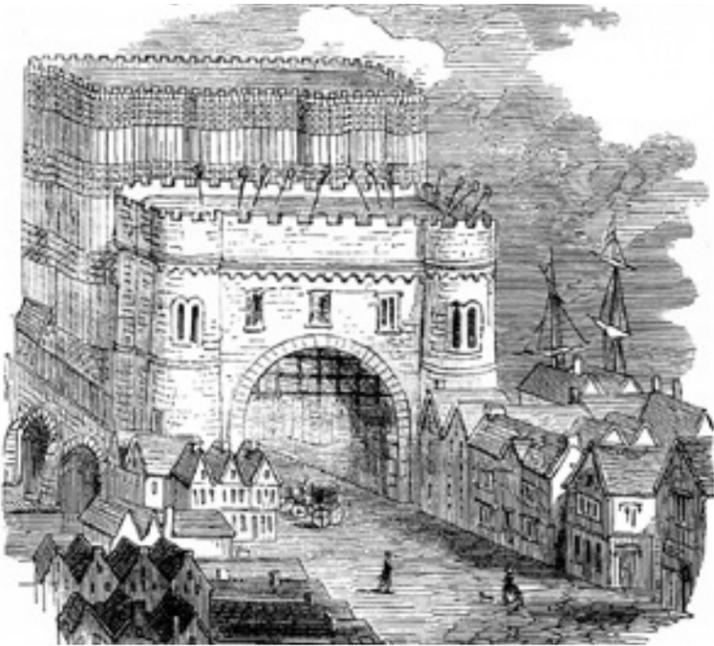
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THE BOOK OF DAYS

London Bridge



On the day when William IV and Queen Adelaide opened New London Bridge (August 1, 1831), the vitality of the old bridge may be said to have ceased; a bridge which had had more commerce under and over it perhaps than any other in the world. Eight centuries at least had elapsed since the commencement of that bridge-traffic.

There were three or four bridges of wood successively built at this spot before 1176 A.D., in which year the stone structure was commenced; and this was the veritable 'Old London Bridge,' which served the citizens for more than six hundred and fifty years. A curious fabric it was, containing an immense quantity of stone arches of various shapes and sizes, piers so bulky as to render the navigation between them very dangerous, and (until 1754) a row of buildings a-top.

The bridge suffered by fire in 1212, again in 1666, and again in 1683. So many were the evils which accumulated upon, around, and under it, that a new bridge was resolved upon in 1823 —against strong opposition on the part of the corporation. John Rennie furnished the plans, and his son, Sir John, carried them out. The foundation-stone was laid in 1825 by the Duke of York and the lord mayor; and the bridge took six years in building. The cost, with the approaches at both ends, was not less than two millions sterling, and was defrayed by a particular application of the coal-tax. The ceremonial attending the opening, on the 1st of August 1831, comprised the usual routine of flags, music, procession, addresses, speeches, &c. The old bridge finally disappeared towards the

end of 1832; and then began in earnest the career of that noble structure, the new bridge, which, is now crossed every day by a number of persons equal to the whole population of some of our largest manufacturing towns.

Strictly, the Old London Bridge, for a water-way of 900 feet, had eighteen solid stone piers, varying from 25 to 34 feet in thickness; thus confining the flow of the river within less than half its natural channel. That this arose simply from bad engineering, is very probable; but it admitted of huge blocks of building being placed on the bridge, with only a few inter-spaces, from one end to the other.

These formed houses of four stories in height, spanning across the passage-way for traffic, most of which was, of course, as dark as a railway - tunnel. Nestling about the basement-floors of these buildings were shops, some of which, as we learn from old title-pages, were devoted to the business of book-selling and publishing. It is obvious that the inhabitants of these dwellings must have been sadly pent up and confined; it would be, above all, a miserable field for infant life; yet nothing can be more certain than that they were packed with people as full as they could hold. About the centre, on a pier larger than the rest, was reared a chapel, of Gothic architecture of the twelfth century, 60 feet by 20, and of two floors, dedicated to St. Thomas of Canterbury, and styled St. Peter's of the Bridge; a strange site, one would think, for an edifice of that sacred character, and yet we are assured that to rear reli-

gious houses upon bridges was by no means an uncommon practice in medieval times.

Traitor's gate, Old London Bridge. In the earlier days of London Bridge, the gate at the end towards the city was that on which the heads of executed traitors were exhibited; but in the reign of Elizabeth, this grisly show was transferred to the gate at the Southwark end, which consequently became recognised as the TRAITORS' GATE. A representation of this gate, with the row of heads above it, is here given, mainly as it appears in Vischer's View of London (seventeenth century).

There was one clear space upon the bridge, of such extent that it was deemed a proper place for joustings or tournaments; and here, on St. George's Day 1390, was performed a tilting of extraordinary character. John de Wells, the English ambassador in Scotland, having boasted of the prowess of his countrymen at the Scottish court, a famous knight of that country, David Lindsay, Earl of Crawford, offered to put all questions on that point to trial by a combat on London Bridge. He was enabled by a royal safe-conduct to travel to London with a retinue of twenty-nine persons. The ground was duly prepared, and a great concourse of spectators took possession of the adjacent houses. To follow the narrative of Hector Baece:

"The signal being given, tearing their barbed horses with their spurs, they rushed hastily together, with a mighty force, and with square-ground spears, to the conflict. Neither party was moved by the vehement impulse and breaking of the spears; so that the common people affected to cry out that David was bound to the saddle of his horse, contrary to the law of arms, because he sat unmoved amidst the splintering of the lances on his helmet and visage.

When Earl David heard this, he presently leaped off his charger, and then as quickly vaulted again upon his back without any assistance; and, taking a second hasty course, the spears were a second time shivered by the shock, through their burning desire to conquer.

And now a third time were these valorous enemies stretched out and running together; but then the English knight was cast down breathless to the earth, with great sounds of mourning from his countrymen that he was killed. Earl David, when victory appeared, hastened to leap suddenly to the ground; for he had fought without

anger, and but for glory, that he might shew himself to be the strongest of the champions, and casting himself upon Lord Wells, tenderly embraced him until he revived, and the surgeon came to attend him. Nor, after this, did he omit one day to visit him in the gentlest manner during his sickness, even like the most courteous companion. He remained in England three months, by the king's desire, and there was not one person of nobility who was not well affected towards him."

William Wallace

August 23

Edward I of England having by craft and violence taken military possession of Scotland; the chief nobles of the land having submitted to him; it was left to a young gentleman of Renfrew-shire, the celebrated William Wallace, to stand forth in defence of the expiring liberties of his country. He was, in some respects, well fitted to be a guerilla chief, being of lofty stature and hardy frame, patient of fatigue and hardship, frank in his manners, and liberal to his associates, while at the same time of sound judgment and a lover of truth and justice.

The natural ascendancy of such qualities quickly put him at the head of large, though irregular forces, and he won an important victory at Stirling over some of Edward's principal officers (Sept. 11th, 1297). A month later, he and Andrew of Moray are found, under the title of Daces exercitus regni Scotia, administering in national affairs—sending two eminent merchants to negotiate with the two Muse towns of Lubeck and Hamburg.

Next year, in a public document, Wallace appears by himself under the title of Custos regni Scotia. During this interval of authority, acting upon a cruel though perhaps unavoidable policy, he executed a complete devastation of the three northern counties

of England, leaving them a mere wilderness. Edward led an army against him in person, and gaining a victory over him at Falkirk (July 22nd, 1298), dispersed his forces, and put an end to his power.

While most of the considerable men submitted to the English monarch, Wallace proceeded to France, to make interest with its king, Philip the Fair, in behalf of Scotland. Philip gave him some encouragement, and furnished him (this fact has only of late become known) with a letter of recommendation to the pope. Afterwards, being glad to make peace with Edward for the sake of the recovery of his authority over Flanders, Philip entered into an agreement to deliver up the ex-governor of Scotland to his enemy. The fact, however, was not accomplished, and Wallace was able to return to his own country. Being there betrayed by Sir John Monteith into the hands of the English, he was led to London; subjected to a mock-trial at Westminster, as if he had been a traitor to his sovereign Edward I; and, on the 23rd of August 1305, put to a cruel death on Smithfield.

The Scottish people have ever since cherished the memory of Wallace as the assertor of the liberties of their country—their great and ill-requited chief. What Tell is to the Swiss, and Washington to the Americans, Wallace is to them. It is true that he had little or no mercy for the English who fell into his hands, and that he ravaged the north of England. If, however, the English put themselves into the position of robbers and oppressors in a country which did not belong to them, they were scarcely entitled to much mercy; and, certainly, at a time so rude as the close of the thirteenth century, they were not very likely to receive it.

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If a tree falls in the forest...

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... should we clean it up?

I awake to thunder. Flashes of lightning light up my room as a powerful thunderstorm rolls in and rain pelts the roof. I count the time between flashes and the rolling booms that follow. Ten seconds; about two miles away. Three seconds; less than a mile now. It's thrilling to listen to; one of my favorite parts of summer. In the back of my mind, however, I'm listening closely to the wind, and the clatter of branches as they begin to fall out of trees, wondering just how much destruction will await outside after this storm.

The next morning, I arrive to work at Strawberry Hill, an environmental education center in Fairfield with over thirty acres of wooded land, and start to assess the damage. An enormous branch from a maple tree next to our office is in the yard but hasn't hit anything. A large fallen branch stuck on top of our bathrooms luckily missed all the windows and is quickly cleaned up. Then it's time to walk the trails. Huge piles of leaf litter and debris lay in snaking lines down the trails. Gravel and small rocks are upturned; all signs that water must have rushed in and washed through quickly, but only a few trees have fallen, and none directly on the trail. A relief: clean-up from this storm will be nothing more than moving a few branches and cleaning up some leaves, but that's often not the case. Fallen trees and branches are a con-

stant challenge for anyone managing a mature wooded area. Already this summer we've had several large trees fall on our trails, and it will certainly happen again. When the inevitable does happen, what do we do?

Tree falls happen for all sorts of reasons. Dead trees dry and crumble, become riddled with holes from bugs, birds, and animals seeking shelter, and eventually fall away, sometimes in pieces, and sometimes all at once. Ice in the winter can weigh down branches and cause them to snap and moisture in the soil freezing and thawing can make roots unstable. In the spring and summer, trees become top-heavy with leaves. The hot, humid days of summer create rapidly rising warm, moist air, forcing cool air downwards to create powerful wind gusts and thunderstorms. Each leaf on a tree acts as its own windcatcher, creating enormous amounts of pushing force, at times uprooting the entire plant.

There's a certain sense of grief that comes along with a fallen tree. The ones that fall are often the largest and oldest, the ones that have been a part of the landscape for generations, and their sudden absence is jarring. These trees are homes to birds and mammals, and their fall can leave babies abandoned and homeless. And then there is the mess. Fallen trees can take up enormous amounts of space, and for many people, are a complete eyesore. But as is the case with many things in nature, what looks like a disaster isn't only a loss. Fallen trees are an essential part of any woodland ecosystem, and in most cases, the

best thing to do with them is nothing at all.

A fallen tree immediately benefits the forest around it. Tree falls create the perfect shelter and hiding spots for animals like snakes, chipmunks, and birds. Trees that fall into water create shady spots where fish congregate and sunny resting places for turtles to bask. Salamanders and snails find refuge in the moist bark. A tree fall provides not only homes for the creatures of the forest; it's a feast as well. Insects and fungi quickly move in and begin to break down the newly fallen wood. Their presence attracts spiders, and millipedes, who in turn become food for amphibians, birds, and eventually snakes, raccoons, skunks, and other animals. As the tree is slowly eaten away, holes and hollows form, creating niches for nests and dens. Nutrients from the tree are broken down and slowly released back into the soil to be used by other plants.

The presence of a fallen tree can provide a myriad of opportunities to the ecosystem, but the absence of a standing tree is just as advantageous. When a tree falls in a heavily wooded area, it opens up the canopy and brings a flood of sunlight to the forest floor; sometimes for the first time in generations. This sunlight brings a wave of new growth to the understory. Plants unable to survive in the shade flour-



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ish in the newly created niche. Flowers and shrubs begin to grow, and new trees have a chance to become established. Plants aren't the only ones that benefit from a gap in the tree cover. The open space creates an easy hunting ground for birds of prey, who now have a clear line of sight to potential meals scurrying about below.

Tree falls are a natural, common, and beneficial occurrence in yards, forests, and any wooded area, and from a naturalist standpoint, it's best to leave them where they fall. In reality, that's not always an option when humans are sharing that natural space. Dead trees and tree falls can cause serious damage and safety hazards when they are near buildings, trails, or heavily trafficked areas. Fallen trees can block trails and make them difficult to navigate. Uprooted trees create holes that can make for

tripping and fall hazards and make new spots where erosion quickly deteriorates a trail. And, as much as we might like to see only the beauty of a fallen tree and the new homes and food sources it creates, leaving a fallen tree sprawled across one's yard can be more of a mess than many homeowners (or their neighbors) are willing to tolerate.

Still, there is a balance to be found in dealing with tree falls in spaces where humans are using the land. When a tree falls in a spot where it blocks our trails, we typically move it to the side rather than clear it out completely, so it can remain beneficial to the ecosystem. Sections of tree trunks or logs from fallen trees in yards can be charming decorative additions to a garden, where they add not only natural visual interest but a convenient home for beneficial insects and welcome garden visitors like toads.

Loss, change, and messiness are inevitable parts of the natural world, but tree falls give us a wonderful opportunity to better understand the growth, opportunity, and renewal they make space for. What seems like a disaster, when looked at more closely, is actually quite beautiful. Tree falls are an important source of shelter and food for animals, plants, and fungi. They create a space for new life to move in and blossom. And, when left alone to let nature take its course, they are an ideal spot for humans to bird watch, roll logs in search of salamanders and bugs, and enjoy some of the forest's prettiest plants. As is the case with so many things in nature, when it comes to dealing with trees that have fallen in our shared natural spaces, the less we interfere with the process, the more we all benefit.

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Fireflies

Michael Rosenthal

I remember growing up in Youngstown, Ohio in the 1950s being fascinated by fireflies, or as we used to call them, lightning bugs. As it turns out there are some 2,000 species of these insects on earth. Bioscience has done a survey of the world's firefly experts, and has identified the most serious threats to the continuing existence of these insects.

A major problem across the globe is habitat loss. Another problem is the presence of artificial light, which disturbs their mating rituals, pesticides, and water pollution affects the species, which has an aquatic phase.

People have been reporting anecdotally over the last decade that they are not seeing fireflies as much as they used to. Living next to a woods, and thus having a visible firefly population in my front yard when the house lights are dimmed, I have noticed as well that I don't see them as often as I used to see them.

The information summarized here is a result of a study published in the journal Bioscience and reported in the Washington Post by Ben Guarino. Much of the research on the world-wide firefly population is anecdotal, with a relatively small research community and little published on the subject. There have been lots of anecdotal observa-

tions (like mine) in recent years that the firefly impact isn't what it used to be, due to decreased population.

One of the things one learns as one becomes a scientist is that you often narrow your interest as you move along your career path to more specific interest items. I started out my loving chemistry in high school (thank you Mr. Gillespie, my chemistry teacher), then moving on to a chemistry major in college, studying organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, biochemistry, physical chemistry and other specialties involving the properties and behavior of atoms and molecules. My journey led me to become a physical inorganic chemist, studying the physical properties of compounds not primarily carbon based.

In 2018 The International Union for Conservation of Nature created the Firefly Specialist Group, co-chaired by Sara M. Lewis, a biologist at Tufts University in Massachusetts. An important part of the study was to determine whether the species should be listed as threatened or as endangered, two classifications common to biological species analysis.

There are more than one species among American fireflies. The big dipper firefly (*Photinus pyralis*) is known for the dipping J-shaped path it makes when it flies, and it is commonly seen at dusk. My guess is that it is the one I see it in my front yard. Due east of Washington, the Bethany Beach Firefly lives

only in Delaware's coastal freshwater wetlands. Its existence has been threatened by residential development, and scientists are worried. Not surprisingly artificial lighting can confuse these insects and adversely affect mating rituals. Concerned individuals and groups have taken action on firefly protection and preservation. They have even developed firefly sanctuaries with elevated footpaths. A firefly preserve in New Canaan, Connecticut appears to be the first of its kind in North America. There is a citizen-science project named Firefly Watch managed by The Massachusetts Audubon Society.

I think I have mentioned before that I admire the newsletter entitled Environmental Nutrition, published monthly by the Health Information Network in Big Sandy, Texas. The following information is taken from one of the newsletters. Have you ever heard of arugula? It is a plant, a Mediterranean native that has been eaten for centuries throughout ancient Rome and the Middle East. Its leaves and seeds have also been used medicinally to treat digestive issues, skin problems and infertility. Though I've never eaten it, it has been established as a restaurant item in both high end restaurants and in family meals at home. It has other names: rocket, roquette, Italian cress, and rucola. The plant is a member of the Brassica family which includes things you are familiar with: broccoli, cabbages, and mustards. A one-cup serving provides 28% daily value (DV) of vitamin K, which is important for blood-clotting and bone health, and 10% of the daily value of eye-healthy vitamin A. It also provides a host of health protective plant compounds, including beta-carotene, lutein, and zeaxan-



Humans may hate the heat, but the Fireflies are loving it! Every night they are putting on better shows than anything one can find on Netflix!

thin. It is classed as a cruciferous vegetable, and it is described as having many of the health-promoting properties of cabbage and broccoli. It is said to have components that promote anti-inflammatory and anticarcinogenic effects, is related to lower incidence of chronic diseases, including some cancers.

Recommended varieties include wild arugula, baby arugula, microarugula, and standard arugula. It mixes well, it is said, with other milder fresh greens, and its spice is a good partner to many other ingredients like goat cheese, citrus, and nuts. Raw arugula is good on sandwiches and blended into a peppery pesto, and is a great ingredient, it is said, in pasta dishes, with eggs or when sautéed with vegetables. Such diet items reduce the risk of stroke versus less healthy plant-based food.

Do you remember when growing up how your family urged you to eat plant-based foods, like leafy greens, whole grains, and beans. There is reputable evidence now that such foods may reduce the risk

of stroke versus less healthy plant-based foods like refined grains and especially foods with added sugars. The Environmental Nutrition Newsletter even provides recipes for their recommended items.

It is summer, and we are looking for frozen treats on a daily basis. There used to be an ice cream truck in the neighborhood in which I now live in Maryland, but it disappeared, at least from my street, some time ago. I now depend on getting such treats at the local food market, which isn't as much fun.

The same newsletter in its Shopper's Guide feature has an article entitled Frozen Treats on a Stick. The article promotes these frozen treat as a healthy indulgence with a few precautions. Sodium is not an issue. They are not salty. The main concerns are calories, fat saturated fat, and added sugar. One should avoid the temptation to eat a whole package of such bars at one time. Limit yourself to one bar! Those bars made with real fruit are healthier. Some bars, such as those made with Greek Yogurt, even provide a protein boost. Look out for sugar alcohol content. They are used to lower sugar content, but can cause bloating and gastric distress to those sensitive to it.

As I have said before I so admire Environmental Nutrition, "The newsletter of food nutrition & health". It has been published for forty-four years. It is available by subscription at PO Box 8544, Big Sandy, Texas 75755-8544 or by phone at 800-829-5384.

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IN THE COUNTRY

Bat chat

Tim Iverson
Naturalist

Tons of people think bats are creepy. Others wonder if bats really suck blood. Could one be a caped crusader soaring through the night sky protecting the innocent? Whether you love them or hate them bats are integral and necessary parts of the ecology of any region. They exist within a small niche in the environment, and serve a purpose that most other animals cannot or do not. They provide invaluable services to humanity, but have been vilified throughout literature and film. These remarkable creatures have many adaptations that serve them well, but face many threats that are putting many species into grave danger.

There are a total of 40 different bat species in North America, and over a 1000 worldwide. They can be found on every continent, except Australia, and they account for 20% of all mammal species on the planet. Maryland is home to a total of 10 species of bats. The largest being the Hoary Bat with a wingspan of 16 inches. Our smallest bat is the Eastern Pipistrelle, with a wingspan of about 8 inches. The Philippines hold the record for the largest and smallest bats in the world. The bumblebee bat measures in with a wingspan of 6.5 inches, while the Giant Golden-Crowned Flying Fox has a wingspan of 6 feet!

Bats basically breakdown into two categories: Republi... wait no that's not right. Bats fall into two classifications – mega or micro (these terms do

not refer to size). “Mega” bats are frugivores, meaning they eat only fruits, nectars, and pollen. Mega bats are partially responsible for the pollination of many plants, so they're kind of like oversized bees. One endangered species in Mexico is actually partially responsible for the pollination of agave plants, which is what tequila is made from – this bat is endangered so tequila could be as well. “Micro” bats are carnivores and eat mainly insects, although one vampiric species in Central and South America have given the rest of bats a bad name!

The anatomy of a bat is really quite remarkable. Wings have finger-like digits with a leathery membrane in between the fingers. Bats will spread or move these fingers to adjust speed and increase their maneuverability. Contrary to popular belief bats are not blind. “Mega” bats rely solely on vision, while “micro” do have poorly developed eyes they can still see and will use sight for long distance navigation. Some bats can even see in ultraviolet light, which helps them hunt and navigate. The ears of a bat are pointy and shaped with special folds that help pinpoint the position of insects with the use of echolocation.

Echolocation works essentially like sonar for submarines. Bats will produce high pitch frequencies, which can sometimes be heard by humans, that then bounce off objects and return to their ears. Based on the time these sounds take to return and where the sound hits in their ears they know where and how far away the object is. The intensity of the echo indicates the size of insect (high intensity means a big bug, while

low intensity means a small bug). Some insects have developed defenses against echolocation though! The Tiger Moth species emits a frequency back that is the equivalent of “radar jamming”. Owlet Moths can hear the frequencies emitted by bats and begin to fly erratically to perform “evasive maneuvers”.

Being a bat isn't all about crime fighting and making tequila though, sometimes you have to settle down and raise a family. Bats only have one offspring at a time, making population decline difficult to combat. Depending on species they may have one to three litters in a year. Mother bats will nurse their young until they are a full grown adult, which is approximately a month, because the young can't fly and catch their own prey until their wings are fully developed. The lifespan of some bats can be up to 20 – 30 years.

You might also be asking yourself, “What's the deal with sleeping upside anyhow?” Roosting upside down provides security from most other animals, and zero competition from other flighted creatures for these locations. But it's also necessary because their wings can't produce enough lift for takeoff and their legs are underdeveloped so they get enough speed to generate lift. So bats let physics do all the work and use gravity to begin flying by simply falling into flight. It's an adaptation in action, and here's how it works:

Start by clenching your fist. The muscles in your arm contract to pull tendons connected to your fingers which close your fist. Bats tendons are connected to upper body, not the muscles in legs. They will use the claws on their feet to grab onto a surface. Then they simply relax. The weight from upper body pulls the tendons shut – gravity does all the work, so they exert no energy to remain hanging. If a bat dies in this position it will remain hanging because of this! To release its claws from the surface bats will flex their muscles which pull the tendons open and off they go.

If you happen to find a bat that's fallen or been knocked to the ground it will need a high place to take off from. If you're brave enough you can attempt



Have a mosquito problem where you live? Encourage bats to take up residence. A little brown bat can consume between 600 to 1,000 mosquitoes in a single hour!

to pick it up and help it to a higher location. Just remember that bats can carry diseases so only do so at your own risk. Wearing a pair of think gloves and long thick shirts or using a shovel to gently place them in a tree would be perfectly acceptable ways to move a grounded bat.

Bats are generally pretty adept creatures though and usually don't require much assistance from people. One recent pandemic though is giving them the fight for their lives though. A new fungus called *Geomyces destructans* infects bats and causes “White Nose Syndrome”. This cold loving fungus was first discovered in 2006. It spreads to hibernating bats and causes erratic behavior. Affected bats will awaken during hibernation with decreased and damaged wing tissue. Flying becomes harder work which depletes energy supplies during times of the year when there is little or no food, which eventually causes starvation and then death.

White Nose Syndrome has been confirmed in 19 states and 4 Canadian provinces. In some species it has a mortality rate of 95%. The Little Brown Bat, which we currently have in Maryland, is estimated to be extirpated (locally extinct) from the eastern US within 20 years! The loss of bats at these numbers is estimated to cause billions of dollars worth of damage to agri-business and farmers due to increased insect populations and heavier use of pesticides. Both of which will drive food costs up and increase the use of pesticides on produce.

Research is being conducted by the US Forest Service, Fish & Wildlife, National Park Services, and other state

agencies, and universities. Researchers are still seeking to understand where it came from, the mode of transmission from cave to cave and bat to bat, and more. One leading theory says that it's most likely spread from cave to cave via human transmission from clothing and shoes. That's has led some state and local officials to enact caving moratoriums in some places. There is no known treatment at the time.

One of the most practical ways to assist bats, no matter where you live, is to provide adequate housing in the form of bat boxes. This can make a real difference in both your community and theirs. You can find excellent plans for bat boxes, information on where to place them, and more at the MD Department of Natural Resources website or at BatCon.org. By providing housing sites you can really make a difference in stabilizing the populations of bats in your area.

These animals are extremely important to the environment. They serve as a valuable pest control service to farmers and agri-business. Some bats even help to pollinate plants, and plant trees! Seeds dropped by bats can account for up to 95% of forest regrowth on cleared land. Yet despite these things and more they still suffer from a bad PR problem, deadly fungal epidemic, and encroachment of necessary resources from man. Through understanding and basic actions we can ensure that we can all see these caped crusaders continue to venture out into the night.

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IN THE COUNTRY

Ticks & Lyme disease

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As both an avid gardener, outdoorswoman, and a Ph. D. entomologist working for a local pest management company, I'm aware of the fact that Brunswick, MD and surrounding areas are square in the pocket (dare I say bullseye?) for potential Lyme disease transmission. Lyme (so named because it was first identified in Lyme, Connecticut) is caused by a bacterial spirochete *Borrelia burgdorferi* that is passed when a deer tick (*Ixodes scapularis*) bites you and is not removed in time. Deer ticks are prevalent in our area and deer mice, rabbits, squirrels, and other small mammals all serve as hosts for this pathogen. White tail deer can all transport ticks already infected with Lyme, but do not suffer from Lyme infection themselves.

Lyme disease can be very debilitating and have lasting lifelong consequences. Severe arthritic and carditis and other symptoms are known and well-documented. There is no vaccine for humans in the US. There is a vaccine for pets that a veterinarian can provide.

How to stay safe when outdoors:

Ticks like to crawl to the top of tall grasses and exhibit a behavior called "questing." They lie in wait for a mammal to walk by. They sense CO2 and vibrations, and they have their forelegs with small claws sticking out moving constantly. Once they sense these cues, they grab on to fur or hair

and begin to search for a place to feed. Commonly they will go where there are creases in clothing, such top of socks, belt area, sleeve area, neckline, etc.

Ticks like shady edge areas where wildlife graze, so keeping your yard's grass trimmed low and keeping wildlife at a distance from areas where you go within the yard will make a huge difference. Ticks, especially small ticks like deer ticks, desiccate easily if it is too hot or dry. So, they seek shady shrubby areas and tall grasses. (i.e. Do not place swing sets and playgrounds in shady areas!)

Shade may include crawlspaces and under decks, porches, and patios, where wildlife will often live as well. If you have a rodent or other wildlife (raccoon, skunk, groundhog, squirrel) concern near or under your house and dwelling, or in your attic spaces, consider getting them eliminated or trapped out and removed.

Cut back limbs and branches touching the house that wildlife may use to gain access to nest in your home.

If you have a pet dog. Be sure to not miss any of the K9 vet prophylaxis anti-tick products used to keep ticks at bay. Most must be placed on your dog monthly. Be sure to follow this regimen per your veterinarian.

Do not feed the birds in your yard, at least not close to your home. Spilled birdseed attracts various rodents that support deer ticks.

Some pest management firms offer tick services for your yard. If your yard has a lot of wildlife in

it, you may want to consider this.

When in your yard for long periods of time, protect yourself by wearing a hat, long sleeves, long pants, and pull your socks over your pants legs. Wearing lighter colors can help you to identify a tick you have picked up by accident. (There are also other ticks out there, not just deer ticks. And they can all vector various severe diseases, like Ehrlichiosis, Babesiosis, and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever.)

Wearing a product with Deet sprayed over your clothing will also keep ticks at bay. If you are outside longer than six hours, it may need to be reapplied. It is best not to apply DEET directly to the skin, and especially it should never be applied to a baby's skin directly. (Always read and follow label instructions.)

Taking a shower immediately after being in the yard and doing a self-tick check is important.

Deer tick adults are small, about the size of an apple seed when not engorged. Nymphal (juvenile stage) deer ticks are even tinier, and they can be active year around, even in winter months. Only female adult deer ticks and nymphs can transmit the pathogen when feeding on mammals, including humans.

If you should find a deer tick on your person, it should be removed immediately. In fact, removing it before it has been on your person feeding for 24 hours may prevent Lyme transmission. So time is of the essence once you find it. Use a pointed forceps to get at the base of where it has entered and to get the head out completely. Use a strong pulling motion. Do not



Despite common belief, the tell-tale ring within a ring bullseye rash is only present in a minority of Lyme disease patients. Instead, the majority of Lyme disease rashes are uniformly red or blue-red and do not have a central clearing or bullseye.

squeeze the tick's abdomen (you could inadvertently force more pathogen into the bite wound otherwise). Once removed, flush the tick down the toilet or kill it. Swab the bite with alcohol to clean it. If a red circular rash (often described as a bullseye rash) develops and starts to grow around the

bite area over the next 3 -30 days, or if you experience any flu like symptoms, including fever or nausea or headaches or joint soreness, go immediately to your physician. The physician may wish to prescribe an antibiotic for you.

Stay safe! Watch out for deer ticks and Lyme.



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THE MASTER GARDENER

A baker's dozen of late summer tasks

Maritta Perry Grau,
Frederick County Master Gardener

What a summer! Seems like the heat and humidity really encourage invasive plants and pests in July and August. And this year, we also have to periodically beware of high air pollution from the Canadian wildfires. If you're like me, in one of those demographic groups who are supposed to be cautious about being outside, you may want to use only early morning or late afternoon hours for most garden tasks.

When temperatures are high, I break garden chores into smaller jobs that can be completed in an hour or less. Sometimes I tell myself, "I'm just going to cut back the dead poppies," or "I'm going to work for one hour, then go inside."

Below are a few tasks that can be broken into smaller steps and done in short bursts of time. You may want to check further online for more information about these topics.

Pest or Beneficial Insect?

Check tomatoes and peppers for stink bugs. They feed on the fruits, leaving a yellow or white cloudy area directly under the fruit skin. Those spots are eas-

ily cut out with a sharp knife at harvesting and don't affect the taste. The University of Maryland Extension Service recommends either handpicking the bugs off the fruit or spraying the bugs with pyrethrum, an insecticide made from the pyrethrum plant. UMD points out that "the spray must contact the stinkbugs to be effective."

Another pest you may see now is the fall webworm, a one- to two-inch-long, hairy caterpillar. It creates large tent-like webbing on the ends of branches of various shade trees and shrubs. You might be able to just sweep early infestations off with a broom and dispose of them in the trash. Alternatively, you can treat the bags with an organic soap or insecticide, such as Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis*), or Spinosad, soil-dwelling bacteria that naturally produce a toxin fatal to certain insects and are commonly used in organic farming. "Spinosad [works] against many of the worst vegetable pests, including the Colorado potato beetle, diamondback moth, cabbage looper, imported cabbage-worms, European corn borer, fall armyworm, corn earworm, hornworms, thrips, and leaf miners... [and] on many different types of insects (caterpillars, flies, thrips

and beetles) but spares most beneficials such as lady beetles, predaceous fly larvae (hover flies and midges), most parasitic wasps, lacewings, spiders, predatory mites and bugs," says the University of Connecticut College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources. Read and follow the label directions carefully.

You might also spot the saddleback caterpillar (*Acharia stimulea*), which is covered with tiny brown spine-like hairs and actually looks as though somebody stitched a tiny green blanket onto its back, with a center white circle filled with more brown. Don't touch! Its venom can cause symptoms from a rash to anaphylactic shock. Although most frequently found in the South, saddlebacks can be found in the eastern United States in these warm summer months.

Not everything is a war out there. You may safely ignore leaf-rollers, orange-striped oak worms, green-striped maple worms, oak skeletonizers, and sawflies, as they do little or no damage to your trees and shrubs.

Doing your garden inspections, you will also find lots of beneficial insects: hornets, bees, and wasps are actually beneficial and often nest in isolated areas. For example, the large, yellow and brown-striped hornet is a good pollinator and feeds on other, harmful insects that destroy crops. Usually, all of these beneficial pollinators don't sting humans unless they perceive a threat to the nest. The UMD extension service says that they will die after the first hard frost.

And of course, you'll see other beneficial insects if you've allowed a patch of milkweed to grow in your garden; milkweeds host monarchs as they go through their life cycle: eggs, caterpillars, cocoons, and the emerging butterflies. Besides the milkweed for monarchs, I also plant dill and/or fennel for the swallowtails.



The fall webworm is a moth known principally for its larval stage, which creates the characteristic webbed nests on the tree limbs of a wide variety of hardwoods in the late summer and fall. It is considered a pest but, does not harm otherwise healthy trees.

Herbs, Fruits, and Seeds

You may already have begun to harvest your herbs, especially if they are getting ready to bloom—that's when the herb leaves have the most intense flavors. Often, with many herbs, keeping the blooms pinched off will enable the plant to produce more tender, edible leaves for a longer period than when it "bolts" or blooms.

A task that may take a little longer is that of disposing of rotted and dropped fruits from trees, bushes, and vines. These fruits are a great source of nutrients and nitrogen for your compost bin. However, if you are keeping a vermiculture bin, add only a few high-acidic fruits or peels to the bin, as a high concentration of the acids may kill the worms.

Late August and early September are also good times to divide and transplant perennials. A serrated knife is great for cutting apart dense roots. Make sure to water the transplants, as well as your established plants, if the weather is dry. If I'm limiting my time outside, I may dig a hole, and lightly cover the divided roots with dirt until I can tuck them into their new homes.

Along with transplanting perennials, you may want to save seeds from some of your favorite flowers or herbs for next year. As noted in

the July issue of this column, Middletown Library has begun a "seed library." Participants are "borrowing" seeds from the library and will replace the borrowed seeds with more packets of seeds from the plants they grow this year, for the library to pass on next year.

By late August and into the fall, my kitchen counters are often piled with seedheads on paper towels or in muffin tins, labeled with color/flower. Once they've had some time to dry out, I gently wrap them in clean paper towels, slip them into plastic sandwich bags, label carefully, and store them, either in the refrigerator or in a special, two-tiered, netted cage suspended from the basement ceiling.

Diseases

The hot, humid weather we have had for much of this summer may have encouraged the growth of Southern blight in your soil. UMD explains that this fungal disease is caused by *Sclerotium rolfsii*, and "affects hundreds of different kinds of plants, from tomatoes to tree fruits to flowers. It attacks a wide range of annuals, groundcovers, and perennials, including thyme, coneflower, coreopsis, and black-eyed Susan. Affected lower stems turn brown or black, foliage wilts, and plants will eventually dry up and die." It's very hard to eradicate, so if you suspect you have it, consult a soil expert or google the best ways to get rid of it.

The UMD extension service also suggests that you remove yellowed or scorched leaves from hostas. The article notes that hot, dry conditions often contribute to the yellowed/brown leaf margins and encourages spread of diseases such as the outdoor fungus, *Alternaria*, which creates brown spots on vegetation, and anthracnose, a group of related fungus diseases.

As for mowing the grass, you may be seeing little grass growth in August; however, you might see some thin, brown areas, called "brown patch" and caused by *Rhizoctonia solani*, a fungus common to tall fescue lawns. UMD recommends that you NOT use chemicals, and warns, "This disease is typically worse on over-fertilized and irrigated lawns." UMD assures us that grasses will green up and recover in the fall. "Grass clippings

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The saddleback caterpillar is green with brown at both ends and a prominent white-ringed brown dot in the center which resembles a saddle. Its hairs secrete an irritating venom which can cause a painful rash if touched.

and spent plants from the flower and vegetable garden provide a good source of high-nitrogen green materials for the compost pile. Fallen leaves and old straw mulch are good sources of high-carbon 'brown' materials. Shred your materials with a lawnmower or string trimmer to speed up the breakdown process. Keep sticks, roots, and woody stems out of your compost pile. They take too long to break down and make it difficult to turn the ingredients,"

according to the UMD extension service.

Finally, once you've gotten some of these chores out of the way, reward yourself with your favorite relaxation mode, whether it's a good book and a tall, ice-cold drink of your favorite beverage, or a snooze in the hammock!

To read other gardening articles, visit the Gardening section of Walkersville.net.

Small Town Gardener

A snag for all seasons

As we begin to move late into the summer and approach the fabulous fall planting season, it's time to think about the trees we'd like to see sharing our space. Time flies by quickly and you don't want to find yourself saying "Why on earth didn't we plant that oak thirty years ago?"

Why indeed?

Established shade trees add value to a landscape, and, unlike extensive landscaping, do not scare off potential buyers that don't know phlox from fig and are genuinely frightened by the thought of maintaining your botanical masterpiece. Trees give a sense of permanence...of place. And, unless they're planted over the septic tank, tend to last far beyond the lifespan of a humble gardener.

Let's face a morbid fact: Gardens rarely last. Once you've fallen off your perch, or sold the place to buy that sailboat, or indeed are dragged away kicking and screaming by ungrateful cube-dwelling kids, there will be changes.

Perennial beds will become lawns, prize shrub collections obliterated by wild grape and honeysuckle, deer fences removed to give the place 'that open estate feel' (this actually happened

to our current home). The herb bed your grandmother helped you plant just outside the kitchen door will be paved over with a shiny stainless steel outside kitchen (because it's not enough to have just one, completely unused gourmet kitchen these days).

In short, your garden will fade or be forced into the mists.

Deep breath everyone.

Yet through all of this horticultural Armageddon, your trees will no doubt remain to shade the next generation, and the next. And that is why you need to plant them. There is often a fine line between the altruist and the egotist.

What to choose?

Choosing a tree is a bit more complicated than deciding what groundcover will decorate the soil at its feet - particularly if you've got a smaller property.

First you must decide what you need from it. Shade is often at the top of this list, followed by privacy, spring bloom, fall color, structure, impact, fruit, etc. etc.

Write down what you want, why you want it, and how tall and wide you think it should be. Be truthful with yourself on that last point. A tree that has outgrown its position is awkward and rarely suits a home. It is also rarely removed due to cost considerations. And, as it is cheaper

to trim than fell, the wrong tree in the wrong place is more likely to be butchered and disfigured in the attempts to live with a very poor choice.

Instead, envision that tree from many angles: from an upstairs bedroom, from the porch, from the back of the property, from the kitchen window. There are a huge amount of fabulous small trees for the home landscape, and they're not all dogwoods. *Styrax*, yellowwood, redbud, *Stewartia*, fringe tree, crepe myrtle, etc. . .

If you've got more property, you can indulge in trees you've always wanted to grow, or grow some pretty good substitutes. Cedar of Lebanon aren't super happy with our winters, but deodar and atlas cedars sure are, and this summer I found one of each on a 75% off sale along with a weeping copper beech and a coral bark Japanese maple.

Perhaps you're wishing to start your own woodland? You'll be looking at a mix of both canopy and understory trees. Looking for natives? You wouldn't believe the fantastic choices we have from tupelo to tulip poplar.

How to plant?

With few exceptions, trees are often best planted in the fall (hence the timing of this article to get you thinking before the leaves start turning). Fall rains allow roots to take advantage of still-warm soils, and dwindling pest populations ensure you won't lose all the foliage on your sugar maple before it decides to leave of its own accord.

If you are buying your trees from a nursery, tree planting is often included in the price of the tree. If you're shopping sales like Yours Truly, you'll need to provide a good hole (twice as wide as the pot with 4-6 inches of soft soil in which to nestle), and amend the native soil with a small amount of organic material such as leaf mold. Watering halfway through the planting process reduces air pockets in the backfill; and mulching well (please NO mulch volcanos) means roots are set for the winter.

How to care for?

Water. Period. Ensure a weekly dose of the stuff for the first year the tree is with you. After that, water during periods of drought. It's always an excellent idea to lightly stake a tree with cross ties, and for those of us who share our space with deer, a low cage is vital unless you'd like an expensive bit of landscaping broken in half by a rutting buck.

Been there. Twice.

There are other planting considerations of course, and while many of these are important, don't let them send you into analysis paralysis. The sooner you get those trees in the ground, the sooner they will be shading and beautifying your world.

For more resources and help with choosing, planting and caring for your trees Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.com

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Being worthy

Jennifer Vanderau
Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter

Cats, man. I don't really know where I'd be without them.

I live in an apartment that only allows cats — no dogs. It's probably a good thing or else I have a feeling I'd have quite a circus.

I've been around cats all my life. Growing up, my sister knew the genealogy of just about every cat we ever had — which kittens went to which mom and who was related to whom. She might still know some of them.

I think my sister has cat DNA. The jury's still out on that one.

The really interesting thing about cats is that a lot of them take life on their terms and only their terms.

Yes, I've had cats that were very much like dogs — they'd follow me around the house, sit in my lap, let me do just about anything I wanted to them. But I've also had cats that were, well, like cats. When they wanted some loving, you better be ready. And when they didn't, you better not go near them.

I live with six cats in my apartment. I worry sometimes that I'll end up being the crazy cat lady (if I'm not already), but I just can't imagine my life without them.

My oldest boy, Grayson, is a "dog cat." He is a sweetheart. I can pick him up like a baby, I can bug him whenever I

want and he just hollers a hello. If a need a smooch, I search him out and put my head against his and he'll start purring. No matter what. We might be getting married someday. I'm just saying.

Then there's his brother, Loki. Boy, was he appropriately named. Loki is a "cat cat." When he's feeling affectionate, he'll walk all over you, purr up a storm and shove his head into your hand.

But if he's napping, do not bug him. Or you'll get the Cat Stare of Death (that might need to be trademarked some day). I know cat owners know the one I mean.

I'm telling you, if my cats could actually talk, Loki would need a bleep censor. I imagine it would be like watching an episode of The Osbournes. Good old Ozzy. Kept the censors employed, that's for sure.

I think Loki could do the same.

The thing about Loki is he's smart. Somewhat alarmingly so. He's been known to sit in the window at the back of the house and watch for birds. Nothing unusual there. But when he sees a bird (or maybe a squirrel) he watches to take note of where they're walking. If they head up the sidewalk, which follows the side of the house, he will jump off his perch and literally follow the bird or squirrel from window to window until he gets to the front of the house.

I watched him do this a number of times and I marvel at the fact that

it's gotta take not only pre-planning on his part, but also a knowledge of where the sidewalk actually goes and which window comes first in the progression.

I am convinced if Loki had opposable thumbs, I'd be in a human slave colony ruled by him.

He also seems to know what I want him to do and what I don't want him to do. He typically will do the opposite of whatever I want and he gives me that knowing look that seems to say he is very well aware of exactly what he's doing.

Life with Loki is certainly never boring.

The other four cats in the house are a mama and her three babies who were initially rather feral. I'm just getting to the point (after a few years) where I can pet two of them.

Living with beings that look at you like Attila the Hun really can do a number on your self-esteem. That's all I'm saying.

But that's kind of the thing about cats — you really do have to take them on their own terms.

I'm lucky to live with examples of each "kind" of cat, if you will.

Grayson, the lover. Loki, the affectionate only when he wants to be, and mama and her kids, slowly coming around to dealing with humans.

I had a friend tell me cats were awesome because you have to earn their love — you have to be deemed worthy by them. And once you are, you've got yourself a real triumph.

I have to admit on the rare moments when I can pet those little kittens and they don't run away and they actually rub up against me a little, I feel a real sense of achievement and can understand what my friend meant about "being worthy."

Cats really can be somewhat unique in the animal world.

And once you've known the love of a cat, you really get an idea of what it means to be truly lucky.

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Kubo has many great qualities; his next family will be lucky to have him. He is two-years-old and his previous owner indicated he is a Beagle/ Australian Cattle Dog Mix. Kubo enjoys playing with his toys, walks nicely on a leash and seems to like everyone he meets. He is eager to please and already knows a few commands. Unfortunately, Kubo's owner lost her job and felt she could no longer care for him.



Cali's picture really doesn't do her justice, you need to see her in person to appreciate this spunky pooch. Short legged and compact, Cali is a happy-go-lucky girl and loves meeting new people. Her previous owner described her as calm, friendly, playful and indicated she likes other dogs as well as children. Sadly, Cali's owner lost his home and was no longer able to keep her.



At ten-year-old, Silvi likes to relax and watch the world go by. She spent her entire life with the same family until a landlord would not allow her to stay. Silvi has lived with other cats and her previous owner described her as calm, friendly and at times a lap cat. She likes being brushed and has lived her entire life inside. Silvi hopes to find a retirement home that is loving, quiet and calm.



At thirteen-years-old, Thor and Prince will not be getting into any kitten mischief but will spoil you with their affectionate personalities. The brothers were adopted from the shelter twelve year ago but returned through no fault of their own. Unfortunately, Thor and Prince's owner passed and there was no one to take care of them. Both boys are confident and greet strangers like old friends. They will likely transition to new home with ease and make fabulous companions.

For more information about Kubo, Cali, Silvi, and Thor or Prince call the Cumberland Valley Animal Shelter at 717-263-5791, or visit them online at www.cvaspets.org or better yet, visit them in person at the shelter.

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

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Shawn Snyder
Frederick County Animal Shelter

A row of blood tests lined up on the counter. It is not an uncommon sight at Frederick County Animal Control. All of our cats and dogs are tested for common illnesses such as heartworm, feline leukemia (FeLV) and feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) before being processed for adoption. What is unusual, however, is for one of those tests to show a positive result for FIV, but that is exactly what happened recently with six of our male cats: Barry, Nathaniel, Van Gogh, Patriot, Carson and Leroy.

At first glance, these handsome boys appear to be a perfectly healthy and normal domestic shorthairs and that's because they are. According to the Cornell Feline Health Center, approximately 2.5 to 5 percent of healthy cats in North America are infected with feline immunodeficiency virus or FIV. Much like HIV in humans, FIV attacks and weakens a cat's immune system reducing its ability to respond to infections. With proper management to prevent and treat secondary infections, cats like Barry and his friends can live fulfilling lives with average life spans.

Some may have concerns about welcoming an FIV+ cat into their home, but the risks are small. This virus is only contractible to cats and while it is spread through saliva, it is not spread through acts of casual contact like grooming or sharing bowls. The ASPCA states that "FIV is mainly passed from cat to cat through deep bite wounds, the kind that usually occurs outdoors during aggressive fights and territorial disputes." This means that not only could these boys be happy living as only cats, they could also be safely integrated into a multi-cat household with a stable social structure.

Van Gogh was recently adopted and has already earned the nickname Cuddles from his owners due to his constant public displays of affection. Carson and Leroy will be spending some time in foster care after arriving at FCAC with wounds of unknown origin. After their required four-month quarantine, they will make their way to the adoption floor to schmoose visitors into taking them home.

The remaining three FIV+ cats Barry, Nathaniel and Patriot are currently on the adoption floor winning over the hearts of staff and volunteers until the right family comes along. Barry is a confident cat with a personality as big as his chubby cheeks. He's talkative and not shy about letting us humans know when he needs affection, food, or personal space.

Nathaniel is a ball of energy. He's never met a toy especially wand toys. He loves to play, but when he's all tucked out he too enjoys some TLC.

Patriot is more laid back than his counterparts. He's easy to miss as he is often snoozing under his blanket. Once you open the cage, however, he comes out for some pets. He'll sit right next to you happy to receive all the love and affection you have to give.

If any of these boys sound like a cat that you could fall head over heels for, call Frederick County Animal Control at 301-600-1546 for more information on them or adopting an FIV+ pet.



Stansberry came into the shelter as a stray and is an incredibly affectionate boy. He's a medium-haired orange and white boy who is about 2 years old. He will need someone who understands that he will need to be brushed to keep his coat from matting. He is a large guy who has the longest and fluffiest tail you will ever see on a cat! Stansberry doesn't seem to want to share his space with other felines, so he may do best as an only cat. If you have the right spot for this good looking guy, please stop out!



Jade and her sister Josie were brought into the shelter as very small kittens and were raised in foster care until they were old enough to find their loving forever homes! Jade is 4 months old and loves to play! She always wants attention and can often be found climbing a cat tree. Could Jade be the one for you?



Oogy Boogy was surrendered to the shelter when his owner could no longer have him. He is a 2-year-old pitbull mix who can be scared of his own shadow. He will need someone who understands that while he may not be the bravest boy, he is the most lovable! He does know some commands such as sit, stay, and down. Oogy Boogy would love to find his second chance at a loving forever home soon!



Penny came into the shelter as a stray, so we don't know a lot about her, but this is one happy-go-lucky pup! She is a 3-year-old terrier mix who doesn't seem to realize how big she is when she gets excited. Penny is an active girl who will need someone that can provide her with regular exercise. She loves to play ball! Penny does need some work on her manners but with regular exercise and consistency, Penny will make someone a loving companion! Penny may be too much for small children so an age restriction for children in the home may apply, please discuss this with shelter staff. Could you be Penny's forever home?

For more information about Stansberry, Jade, Oogy Boogy, and Penny call the Frederick County Animal Shelter at 301-600-1319 or visit them online at www.frederickcountymd.gov/fcac.

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Legislation to Help States and Local Communities Improve Schools

The sad fact is we underfund education in America. We need to spend more to give young people the educational tools they need to succeed. Our future depends on it. A few months ago, I introduced the “True Equity Act” in the House of Representatives, joining Senator Ben Cardin, who introduced the same legislation in the Senate. It would provide \$1.4 billion in federal grants to states and local communities to improve education in underserved areas. And I've built a record of taking action to expand broadband in Western Maryland. I'll continue that fight for all children in the U.S. Senate.

If I'm elected to the U.S. Senate

If I'm elected to the U.S. Senate, I'll continue my work to improve education. I will focus on early childhood education and universal pre-K, hiring high-quality, diverse teachers to serve our students and communities, and confronting our student debt crisis head-on.

DAVID TRONE

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NEWS-JOURNAL SECTION 2

Something for everyone at The Great Frederick Fair

Karen Nicklas
General Manager

Celebrating its 161st anniversary September 15th through 23rd, The Great Frederick Fair continues to present itself as a pillar in the celebration of agriculture, education, and community. Founded in May of 1822, it was first known as the Cattle Show and Fair, spanning only two days and has since expanded to include 10-days of agricultural events, competitions, education, carnival rides, delicious food, entertainment, and so much more.

The Great Frederick Fair is committed to its Mission

The Great Frederick Fair was established with a mission "to promote Agriculture and the education of our youth about the industry of Agriculture". The Fair's core activities encompass the exhibition of livestock, farm, garden, and hand-made goods, while fostering and encouraging improvements in techniques of production and the development of better agricultural products.

Exhibiting is open to all Frederick County residents and not only promotes agricultural traditions, but also comes with incentives through awards, prize monies, and tickets to the fair. All participants receive

a Season Strip Pass, which includes an admission ticket for EACH day of the fair with their entry fee. To enter, the cost is \$10 for 1-3 items and \$20 for 4-6 items. Entering items encourages the community to be part of the Fair's 161-year tradition of keeping Frederick County Agriculture thriving! More information can be found at www.thegreatfrederickfair.com/exhibit.

Success at the 2022 Great Frederick Fair

The Great Frederick Fair provides agricultural programming during the Fair. 3,908 exhibitors participated with 17,490 competitive exhibits over the 9 days of the Fair with \$99,621 in Premiums paid to winning exhibitors.

Auctions benefitting the kids directly and GFF Agricultural Education programs:

Youth Livestock Auctions: 310 Lots sold \$797,835 (23% increase). 100% of the proceeds were paid directly to the kids.

Cake & Baked Goods Auction: 180 Lots sold \$56,595 (18% increase). 10% of the proceeds were paid directly to the kids. Remaining funds offset youth programming fees and funded scholarships.

Youth Scholarships: (2) \$2,500 Scholarships awarded - Joe Free Memorial Scholarship Fund & (4)

\$1,000 scholarships awarded to The Great Frederick Fair Royal Ambassadors. New in 2022, the Fair awarded an additional (10) \$1,000 scholarships to GFF Youth participants.

The Mercer Family Vintage Art Contest & Auction: Since 2012, this program has raised over \$100,000 benefitting Ag Ed programming in partnership with Frederick County Public Schools. Each year, over 18,000 FCPS children, pre-K-5th grade receive our Ag in the Classroom curriculum, and 5,000 FCPS children attend chaperoned school tours at the Fair.

Ag Program Improvements

In 2021, The Great Frederick Fair welcomed Carrie Wivell Wolf as Youth Programs Coordinator, a new position created to provide quality agricultural educational opportunities to Frederick County youth participants. In cooperation with other partners and agencies, Carrie coordinates various workshops, weigh-ins and seminars for local agricultural youth participants interested in learning best practices in their breed(s) and/or area of interest throughout the year. Participants of the programs will have the opportunity to learn topics such as: basics of animal feeding and nutrition, grooming, fitting, and showmanship. "These workshops will help better prepare the participant



and their animal for greater success in the show and auction rings", said Carrie.

Why do we have a Fair?

The Great Frederick Fair is a vital event in the community. Over \$1,000,000 will go back into Frederick County businesses who provide the services, products, utilities and programs that create The Great Frederick Fair year after year.

The Fair generates resources from admissions, entertainment, carnival attractions, parking, commercial exhibits, memorabilia, sponsorships and non-fair rental of facilities to operate the 60-acre property throughout the year, produce the annual Great Frederick Fair and support educational and agricul-

tural endeavors. The Fair also promotes and hosts a year-round farmers' market.

The Great Frederick Fair is a great venue for promoting agriculture to consumers. Drawing a large audience of over 200,000 people each year, many visitors are not familiar with where their food comes from, or how the products and byproducts of agriculture exist in their lives. Whether guests attend a concert, carnival or the Free Kids Zone, we invite everyone to explore our Agricultural exhibits such as: The Birthing Center, Milking Parlor, Maryland Ag Ed Foundation Mobile Ag Lab, Fiber Tent, City Streets, Country Roads, the Duck Slide, etc. for a complete list; Gffair.com/free.

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9/18	Tractor Pull
9/19	Demo Derby - Cars
9/20	Demo Derby - Trucks/Vans/Figure 8
9/21	Elle King with The Red Clay Strays
9/22	Tracy Byrd with Jo Dee Messina
9/23	Walker Hayes

HISTORY

Woodsboro Remembers

Francis Meehan Smith

Part 6: Business -
Continued from last month

The Smith Hotel

The post Civil War industrial expansion affected various modes of living. In Woodsboro, where contact with the outlying world was maintained by horse-related transport, the advent of the railroad brought new horizons.

Old Slagle's Inn (Sign of Washington on a White Charger) served adequately for the stagecoaches and travelers on horseback. The roads were poor; the facilities aboard uncomfortable; and the lodgings, likewise, could suffice with providing only meager amenities.

However, the railroad brought a new breed of traveler to Woodsboro - the traveling salesman, or drummer.

Local legends abound about the Smith Hotel in Woodsboro during the Gay Nineties and up until World War I.

When a fire destroyed a block of houses on the east side of Frederick Street and First Alley in 1884, James M. Smith, an entrepreneur and man of vision, built a fine hotel building on the site.

It has been said that when a drummer got off the train that he was met and escorted to the hotel, where the owner supplied a horse and buggy, so that the salesman could visit local farms

to get orders for his product.

Upon the salesman's return to the hotel, he was served a luscious dinner, replete with dancing girls on the table, and then invited to a poker game. The owner of the hotel happened to be a man of ample proportions and consequently chose his accustomed chair, suitable only for his own portly frame. This large chair is said, incidentally, to have faced a strategically placed mirror. Those who should know testify that many salesmen often left their entire profits behind in Woodsboro, but returned again and again because of the good food, luxurious surroundings and pleasant company.

The hotel was conceded to be one of the finest rural hostleries in the country. Until the early 1960's it was not unusual to find former guests at the hotel inquiring whether or not the facility was still there and elaborating on the superb times they once enjoyed.

The ratification of the Prohibition Amendment, plus, again, a change in transportation, caused the demise of the old Smith Hotel.

During its day, it was an unique and necessary facility, apparently for men only, but surely eminently respectable, as it was the residence of several early school masters in the late 1800's and early Twentieth Century. Today the hotel is the home of the Rosebud Perfume Co.

Restaurants

Woodsboro has been a Mecca for good food since the late 1800's. The Smith Hotel and the National Hotel being the first to please the palate. Other places on Main Street followed in serving delicious food with a number of different owner-operators. These include Mrs. Katherine Drenning, Donald Derr, Grover Beck, Lou Dorsey, and John Boller. John was probably the first to open the restaurant on Lot #24, and was followed by Edward Miss, Jack and Ophelia Busard, Richard 'Mouse' Miller, Curtis Bucher, Donald Trimmer, Clark Smith, and Al Brookhouse. In 1958 Betty and Chauncey Crum took over at this location and named it the Towne Restaurant.

The Crums built a new building on Second Street on the site of the first baseball diamond in Woodsboro. In the year 1964 their restaurant was moved to this location and became known as the New Towne Restaurant. The restaurant on Main Street is now occupied by Ducky and Elsie's owned by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Abrecht.

Today Woodsboro is fortunate to have three fine restaurants.

The New Towne Restaurant owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Crum has a large clientele and is widely known for its good food, and prompt and friendly service.

Ducky and Elsie's serves fine food and caters to a wide variety of tastes especially those enjoying a family style, home cooked meal.



The old Smith Hotel on Woodsboro's Main Street.

The Hut, at the lower end of town, which features the finest sea food, is also the only establishment in town to serve light wines and beer. A carry-out and catering service is also offered. It is owned by Diana and Edward Funk.

Donald Derr bought the property, used formerly as the ball diamond for the Woodsboro County League Champions, from Catherine and Louise Cushman in 1942, and built the present residence and site of the Woodsboro Liquor Store.

Mr. Derr entered the armed forces in World War II. During his absence his wife, Jo, took over the management. In 1946 Mr. Derr built the present building known as "The Hut".

In 1950 Mr. Arthur Grove purchased both businesses and buildings from Mr. Derr. After several years "The Hut" was

then sold to Mr. Carlisle and the Liquor Store to Mr. Paul Stitley.

Since May 1, 1975 Richard and Betty Sweadner have operated the Liquor Store. Mr. Sweadner was a former employee of Mr. Stitley's at his grocery store in Libertytown having been there from the time he was nine years old.

Mr. Edward W. Funk and wife acquired "The Hut" in 1950's and has since enlarged and renovated the original Quonset building to an attractive and spacious dining area.

Part 7: Organization

The Patriotic Sons of America

The Woodsboro Chapter of the Patriotic Sons of America, known as Washington Camp No. 44 of Maryland, was founded in 1905. This was a local chapter of a national fraternal organization

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HISTORY



Woodsboro Concert Band: front row, left of drum, Pearce Sirine, right of drum, Ed Wallace. Second Row - Walter Smith, William Smith, James Smith, Cramer Powell, Hirsch Eichelberger, Ben Saxten. William Eyer, William Powell. Third row: Robert Eyer, Roy Strine. Prof. Harvey, Lynn Smith, Oscar Whitmore, Charlie Wills, Raymond Smith, Joe Price, Luther Powell. Man in straw hat - Reno Crum. James Smith bandwagon in front of Harvey Boone's shed at Rocky Hill.

popular in the early 1920's. Its chief concern was the protection and preservation of democracy and patriotism. One important aspect of the P.O.S. of A. was its sick and death benefits paid to members and their families.

The local chapter met monthly in the Bank Building on the third floor. Dues were fifteen cents a week.

The most important legacy of this club was the institution of the Woodsboro Memorial Day Parade. This was started by the P.O.S. of A. in 1913 and later given over to the American Legion to conduct. While in its peak the local chapter consisted of approximately one hundred members, when health and death benefits were reduced, the enrollment dwindled. The meetings were then moved to the home of John William Eyer for two years and later discontinued when the organization dissolved in the 1950's. The last three members in Woodsboro were John William Eyer, Walter LeGore, and Harvey Working.

Biography of Glen W. Eyer

The American Legion of Woodsboro, Maryland is proud to name its post after Glen W. Eyer, who gave his life for his country in 1945.

Glen, better known to his friends and

the community as "Pappy" was born February 11, 1916 at Daysville, Maryland. He was the son of the late George C. and Sarah Eyer. He has two brothers, Kenneth and George C. Eyer, Jr.

Glen started school in September 1922 at Libertytown. He was active in sports and was quite popular. He was graduated from Walkersville High School, June 5, 1934.

After graduation, he worked as a barber. In November, 1940, Glen entered the Army, Company A, 115th Infantry at Camp Meade, Maryland. He became Staff Sergeant and was stationed throughout the south until sent overseas on October 70, 1942.

He was stationed at various times in England, France, Normandy, and Germany. Glen commanded the motor pool section of his company.

He was killed in action on February 23, 1945 in Germany at the age of 29. Interment was held at Hope Cemetery, Woodsboro, Maryland, September 1949.

Mrs. Sarah Eyer, Glen's mother was our "Gold Star Mother" until her death in July, 1964.

The post was formed in the summer of 1959 with a regular meeting to be held the third Wednesday of each month. Charter Members num-

bered 23 and were as follows: William Snyder, Ivan Potts, Ira Caldwell, Raymond Smith, Roy Lind, D.T. Ripeon, Clarence Grimes, Chas. Harris, Robert Donsife, Donald Hahn, John Bowers. Maurice Murray, John Grimes, George Toms, Hedges Windsor, William Young, Oliver Weddle, Milton Smith, George Eyer, Carroll Dorsey, Vane Eyer, Stiner Hawkins, and Denver L. Potts.

The first slate of officers were as follows: William Snyder, Commander; Maurice Murray, 1st Vice Commander; Ira Caldwell, 2nd Vice Commander. William Young,

Finance Officer; John Bowers, Sergeant of Arms; Lamar Potts, Historian; Oliver Weddle, Service Officer; and Milton Smith, Chaplain.

The Legion's Motto is: For God and Country we dedicate our efforts for the benefit of our future generations.

Highlights of the Legion's activities are as follows: presenting flags to local schools; Little League, Scout Troops and fire companies; sending boys to Camp West Mar; serving a Mother's Day dinner at the Fire Hall; sponsoring a children's Christmas Party; having crab feasts, steak roasts, dances and shooting matches.

The Legion regularly has a concession at the Woodsboro Carnival and the Frederick Fair. They have sponsored the

Memorial Day Parade, placing flags on the graves of departed comrades. Regular bingo games are also played in the Legion building.

An annual picnic has been held since 1967. The American Legion assists in every way possible with community projects for local improvement, whether in the form of individual welfare or generous monetary donations to worthwhile causes. They've also handled the Heart Fund Drive in recent years with great success, and have been regular blood donors. They have supplied wheelchairs at hospital beds for invalids.

Glenn W. Eyer Post 282 supports a wide range of recreational activities contributed heavily to the Woodsboro Town Park, the Little League, and the boys camp. It is one of Woodsboro's greatest assets.

Meanwhile the Legion has built an equipped a handsome meeting hall which was quickly paid for by 812 members.

Present officers for 1974 to 1975 are; Robert Eyer, Commander; Robert Dixon; First Vice-Commander; Larry Redmond, Second Vice-Commander; Milton Smith, Adjacent; William Young, Chaplain; Reese Murray, Finance; William Dorsey, Sergeant-at-arms; Robert Smith, Service, and J.W. Drenning, Historian.

To read other editions of the Walkersville History, visit www.thebookofdays.com.

Walkersville Senior Center

What is happening this month?

August 3 – You Are the Detective: Using your detective skills and the visual clues given, determine these common phrases.

August 10 – Ms. Dorothea Mordan, Chandler Designs, Woodsboro, will be the guest speaker. Do you have cherished photographs where the images are fading? Come learn about all the services available at Chandler Designs.

August 17 – Name That Tune: Check your recall of melodies with Kathryn Nicodemus, pianist.

August 24 – Who Am I? Match the picture of a Senior as a child, teenager or young adult with the present day Senior.

August 31 – Bingo. Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Town Hall, 21 West Frederick Street. Lunch, catered by Trout's Market, is served at noon.

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100 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

August 3

President Harding Dead

President Harding died almost instantly at 7:30 p.m., Thursday night in San Francisco, due to some brain trouble, probably Apoplexy. He was taken ill on the return journey from Alaska with ptomaine poisoning, which developed into pneumonia, and for nearly a week was critically ill; but his attending physicians were about ready to issue a bulletin saying he was out of danger, when the fatal stroke came.

Mrs. Harding and two nurses were in the room at the time, and Mrs. Harding was reading to the President. Then, without warning, a slight shudder passed through the body of the President, he collapsed and the end came. He was 57 years of age.

President Harding was perhaps the gentlest, kindest man ever occupying the Presidency and has had less harsh criticism than any other. His honesty was above suspicion, and there was nothing of the calculating politician in him. He was a gentleman of the old school.

It is a general expectation that Mr. Coolidge will rush to Washington and be prepared to take the oath of office as President of the United States at once, the sixth Vice-President to assume such duties by succession.

Heavy Rains Break Drought, Brings Flooding

The rains that began last Saturday and continued through Monday have broken the long drought.

On Sunday afternoon during the heavy rains, while Gordon Smith was returning from Keymar, he found that Big Pipe Creek had risen so that the road was impossible to travel with horse and buggy. He left the buggy at Charlie Willhide's, and started to ride the horse home. As he started to cross the cement bridge, a falling limb frightened the horse, causing her to plunge over the side of the bridge into the deep water.

The horse went under the water, while Smith held onto the reins. As she came up, he threw himself across her back. The horse then swam to a tree on an inland in the creek. With Smith still on the horse, they spent nearly one hour there against the tree.

Fortunately David Harmon and son rescued the man by riding horses in as far as they could to meet the other horse. She then started to swim to meet their horses, and soon they were brought to safety. Neither Smith nor the horse was hurt.

Electric Service

What is wrong with the Union Bridge Electric Light Company service? From

the beginning it has been more or less undependable for regularity, and this summer it has been the worst yet. Whether it is faulty construction, weak equipment, the trouble needs correction and not excuses or temporary patch work.

No doubt some of the trouble of the past week was caused by the electrical and wind disturbances, somewhere along the line; but, it seems to us that a staunchly equipped system should withstand the lesser disturbances and that light should not go off during every little summer rain. For instance, on Saturday evening there was no noticeable electric disturbance anywhere, yet half the town was without light; and on Saturday night the lights were on and off have dozen times before 10 o'clock.

Patrons of the company are not unreasonable, and have been rather quietly long-suffering for a great while. They know that an absolutely perfect day and night service, every day in the year, is not to be expected but they have a right to, and do expect a healthy fully equipped plant and enough expert line-man to get properly after the brakes - a real efficient service that they have not been receiving.

Falls From Ladder

Although still confined to the bed, Edward Kesh, who is badly hurt in a fall from a ladder at his home in Walkersville, Saturday morning, is getting along very nicely. He suffered severely from the shock and injuries to his back and neck. He lost the use of his lower limbs. His arms were also affected as a result of the fall. However, his condition is now much improved in his recovery is fully expected. No bones were broken.

Mr. Kesh was up on a ladder trying to kill some caterpillars on his English walnut tree. The ladder extended over the fence into the next yard. The ladder broke and he was throwing heavily for some distance to the ground. Although he was not knocked unconscious he suffered a very severe shock and was slightly



cut about the face.

usual large crowds attended. A light rain interrupted the picnic for a time in the afternoon.

August 10

Banks & Businesses Close for Harding Funeral

The banks are closed today, and stores and other businesses will be closed either all, or part of the afternoon in respect to the late President Harding. Post Offices in every town had the fronts appropriately draped in morning out of respect for the death of President Harding, a procedure that was no doubt generally observed throughout the country.

Picnic Season Nearing Peak

A picnic was held in Walkersville, always one of the counties biggest events; and one at Rocky Hill, near Woodsboro, another one that has been held annually for the past half century.

The yellow Springs Band furnished music for the Walkersville picnic, which is under the auspice of the Lutheran Church of Walkersville. A program was rendered by their Sunday school and the

The Rocky Hill picnic was attended by one of the largest crowds in its history. The music for the occasion was furnished by the Union Bridge band. The Woodsboro Lutheran Sunday school furnished a program in the morning. Reverend John Dobbs, deliver the address in the afternoon. He spoke of the importance of every member of the congregation doing something to improve the community.

Rocky Ridge Community Picnic

The annual picnic at Mount Tabor Park, Rocky Ridge, will be held, on Saturday, August 11. The people of Rocky Ridge have shown a community spirit rare in the small rural communities of the state. They work together for the good of the whole people, in a spirit of harmony, back by unusual energy.

They have purchased 10 acres of ground in a large forest of oaks, from which the place is famous, having fitted up a large comfortable, and substantial pavilion were all sorts of meetings, both religious and secular, are held from time to time, greatly to the pleasure and edification of the people. The grounds are lighted with electricity, an artesian well supplies in abundance of excellent water, and swings and other necessary amusements are scattered throughout the grounds. A more delightful place to spend a day in picnicking cannot be found anywhere in Maryland.

The people of Rocky Ridge and vicinity are largely thrifty farmers, and many are engaged and working in vari-

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Drowned While Trying To Save Son

William Schell, 25, of Walkersville, was drowned in the Monocacy on Sunday. The family was motoring to Emmitsburg when they stopped to cool off in the river. The Schell's youngest son, James stepped from a mud bank where the water was knee deep into a 14-foot hole.

Both father and mother jumped in to save the child. The father got the boy out safely and then went to the rescue of his wife, who was unable to swim. He is believed to have been seized with a cramp, for both went down. Both were washed under the bridge.

The screams of the two boys attracted the attention of William Fedderhoff, who was passing on a bicycle. He jumped in from the bridge and found Mrs. Schell floating in the water, her body entirely submerged but her clothing on the surface. He got her to safety to the shore and commenced administering first aid. As soon as she came to she inquired: "where is my husband". This told Fedderhoff that Schell was also in the hole and he immediately dived in after him. After diving a number of times he found his body on the bottom and with the assistance of several others who had arrived on the scene by this time, the body was recovered.

It was discovered that there is a slight abrasion on the forehead of Mr. Schell, which leads to believe that in some manner he may have slipped and struck his head on a submerged rock. This, it is thought, may have caused Mr. Schell to become partially unconscious, preventing him from making a struggle to regain shallow water.

August 17

Tolling of Bells for President Harding

The tolling of all the bells in the towns, last Friday afternoon, from four to 5 o'clock, will likely be remembered by the younger generation, for many years. It ought to be remembered, not as a mere fact, but that it represented the countries morning for its beloved Pres-

ident - an expression of universal honor.

Cool Weather Succeeds Heat

Comfortably cool weather settled down upon the area on Monday, but it will be taking its departure quickly, according to the weather sharks. The highest temperature was 74 and the low for the day was 65. A cool breeze prevailed during the greater part of the day. And with the coming of the evening the wind became cooler and at midnight all indications pointed to the coldest night for the month of August, ensuring all the harassed inhabitants of the County a comfortable nights rest.

Peach Trees Fair Well

George Fogle, of near Woodsboro, presented at the office of this newspaper, Thursday, six large peaches. Three were of the 'Stump The World' variety, and three were of the 'Mixing Free Stone' variety, both of which originated from the Old Dominion Nurseries of Virginia. The peaches were picked from 15-month-old trees, each tree this year bearing about 10 peaches. Peach growers declared this a remarkable yield for trees so young. Mr. Fogle is the owner of an orchard of about 900 trees.

Coal Oil Stove Explodes

On Tuesday morning an accident happened at Hugh Heitbridle's, of Uniontown, when a coal oil stove exploded sending fire in all directions. Neighbors were successful in putting out the flames, and Mrs. Heitbridle wishes to thank all, who were so kind to render assistance.

Windshield Stoned

Stones were thrown at the windshield of the machine of Lester Horn of Lewistown, as he was returning to his home early Wednesday morning. Two men are alleged to have attempted to waylay him and to have hurled the rocks through the windshield of the car. The Horn car is also believed to have struck one of the assailants. The assault is alleged to have been committed between 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Horn stated that he felt that he could identify both assailants but added that he was willing to drop charges against the two men provided no further insults be committed.

August 24

Cold Snap

The cold snap that suddenly developed early this week, has been pretty wide, with near freezing in some sections; and the temperatures were below 50° in the County Wednesday night, and Thursday night, is said to be the lowest record for August since 1896.

This is the time to look over needed stove and furnace repairs, and get them ordered at once. In September will come days when it will be much more comfortable to fire up a little, and repairs cannot be had on a days notice.

Apple & Peach Crops Ready For Harvesting

The apple and peach crop is heavy throughout this section, but the fruit average small, due to the drought resulting in

the fact that the growth was not sent out on the trees. The apple crop is unusually large in Adams and Frederick counties.

Cornerstone Laid

The corner stone to the addition to the Lutheran Church of Walkersville was officially laid Sunday afternoon. Extensive improvements are being made to the church - a Sunday school room is being added, 21' x 60', which will be used as a lecture room and a social hall. Other improvements include a Vestry and council room, 12' x 13', and organ room, 12' x 15', the chapel enlarge, a new tower and belfry, a new front of brown tapestry brick, and a new electric lighting system. The cost will be \$12,000.

It is plan to complete the work by December first when dedication services will be held. For the present, services will be held in the new Walkersville high school building.

The Walkersville Lutheran congregation was founded in 1890 with 31 members. The corner stone of the present church building was laid on June 17, 1891, and the structure was dedicated in 1892. The congregation has enjoyed a steady growth. The membership now is over 150.

Falls Into Abandoned Well

Men from New York State brought three large Boxwood trees in Uniontown last week, and ship them on Tuesday; two belong to Mrs. Sophie Staub and one to

B. L. Cookson. While loading the trees one of the helpers tramped on some boards that covered an old abandoned well, and they broke and he fell a distance at 40 feet, landing on his head. A rope was thrown him, which he grabbed and was pulled up. He had some cuts on his head, but was able to be sent to his home, after some medical attention.

Tramp Set To Cut

A foreigner, giving the name of Joe Elder, who was arrested recently near libertytown, what sentence to the Maryland House a Correction for eight months. Elder was arrested after a number of women in the vicinity of Libertytown became annoyed and frightened after he had been found sleeping along the roadside. A boy testified that he had seen Elder flourishing a revolver while he was coming through a wagon shed on a farm near the town.

The man, who was poorly clad and unkept, had little to say for himself. He had been employed in the Pennsylvania coalmines, he said, and had also served a term of nine months in a Pennsylvania prison he added. He referred to the work he was required to do on the Pennsylvania State roads while he was a prisoner. He was told that wall he will be required to work hard in prison, his surroundings will be far better than those to what he had recently been a custom.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Walkersville Library

Don't let the dog days of summer get you down! The Walkersville Branch Library has plenty of activities and story times to keep everyone in the family entertained all month long. Stop by to pick up a book for vacation, cool off in the air conditioning while you enjoy a historical presentation and take a peek at the tank of growing tadpoles at the circulation desk!

There's only one more prize drawing for the Summer Reading Challenge, so be sure to sign up on the Beanstack App or at any branch to log your reading and earn raffle prizes before August 15! This is an all-ages challenge, so be sure to sign the whole family up! The prize for reading just 20 days this summer is

a brand-new book, yours to keep! On a reading roll? You will continue earning raffle tickets even after completing the main challenge. Put your raffle tickets into the drawing for one of the grand prizes, including winery tickets, a bike, Chromebook, and more!

Start your weekend off with a BANG! On Saturdays at 10 a.m., we have Freedom BANG, a pre-choreographed fusion of boxing, HIIT, hip hop, world dance, optional weighted gloves, and a touch of attitude, offering a wide range of options to customize your workout. Another unique exercise class will take place on Saturday August 19 at 10 a.m. Cardio Drumming, for adults and seniors brings together drumsticks and

an exercise ball. You can stand or sit to do these exercises. We will provide equipment, but if you have drumsticks or an exercise ball, feel free to bring it to class!

Take a seat at the Walkersville Library on August 8 at 10 a.m. for S.E.A.T (Supported Exercises for Ageless Training) class, a chair-based fitness program where you will learn techniques to strengthen the body and mind, while improving balance and flexibility. For all ages, abilities, and fitness levels.

The FCPL Memory Lab will be at Walkersville Branch Library from August 14-18, by appointment only. To learn the best practice for preserving family photographs, letters and other ephemera, Dorothea Mordan will be presenting at the library on Saturday, August 12 at 10:30 a.m. Use our equipment to convert your photos and analog home videos to digital formats you can share and enjoy today! Formats accepted: mini DV tapes, VHS tapes, VHS-C tapes, photos, slides, and negatives. Bring a flash drive or other storage device to save your files. To make an appointment, please visit FCPL.com or call Walkersville Branch Library at 301-600-8200.

Join us for thrilling tales of female spies during WWII on Sunday, August 13 from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Spymaster Vera Atkins will deliver up secrets of women

you knew were spies. Rendezvous with Vera at our temporary café and bring your coffee or tea for a chat with Alisa Dupuy, of The Ladies of History.

Read to a cute, attentive, four-legged listener on Thursday, August 10 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and improve your reading confidence when you read aloud to a Go Team Therapy Dog as part of the Paws 2 Read program!

On August 20 at 1:30 p.m., Rhonda and Terri with the "Lifting the Veil" podcast will discuss a recent psychic walk-through of Walkersville and demonstrate what they used to communicate with the other side as Mediums. Joining them is Mary Mannix, a Tarot card professional and educator and will present an overview of tarot cards, their practice, structure, and use.

Need help expunging your record from a past conviction? Meet with an attorney from Maryland Legal Aid to discuss your options and begin the process during the Expungement Clinic at Walkersville Branch Library on 8/24 from 4-7 p.m.

If you're a teen in need of volunteer hours or you want to have a say in goings-on at the Walkersville Branch Library, join us at the monthly Teen Library Council Meeting (TLC) to help make the library the best place it can be

for you! Attendees will not only receive volunteer hours, but also develop marketable leadership skills, credentials for future job and college applications, and have a fun time with other teens. August 29 at 3:30 p.m.

Anime Underground is perfect for all teens with a passion (or budding interest!) for anime and manga. Join us on Friday 8/4 and 8/18 at 3:30pm for an afternoon of fun watching anime, playing games, and socializing with like-minded peers!

Celebrate the 275th anniversary of Frederick County this month! We will have story times located at various parks around the county. After story time take a stroll, play at the playground, or bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the natural beauty of Frederick County. The 275th Anniversary Story Time series will start at 11am, and locations are as follows: Story Explorers at Loys Station Park, Rocky Ridge on 8/4 ; Story Explorers at Libertytown Park, Union Bridge on 8/11 ; Story Explorers at Pinediff Park, Frederick on 8/18; and Story Explorers at Creamery Park, Walkersville on 8/25. In case of inclement weather, all story times will be held at the Walkersville Branch Library.

Join us at Walkersville Community Park for story time on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. during the whole month of August. After storytime, you can play on the giant playground or take a leisurely walk along the paved path, and then through the woods to Fountain Rock Nature Center and Park.

In addition to our special story times, our usual schedule for infants, babies and family story time remains throughout August.

Gear up for exciting adventures happening right in our backyard! Our Summertime Adventure program will feature hands-on fun and even some special guests, every Wednesday at 11 a.m. all summer long. This weekly program will focus on exploring the topics of science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM). Perfect for elementary students looking to get hands-on and learn in a fun new way!

Calling whale enthusiasts 5 years and older! Stop in on August 5th from 10 to noon for a visit with a life-sized inflatable whale to learn all about how these creatures are like humans and have a chance to touch baleen, teeth, and bones, all from inside a whale!



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SCHOOL NEWS

Back to school vaccinations for children

The Frederick County Health Department (FCHD) will be hosting Back to School vaccination clinics from August 1st to September 11th for children who do not have health insurance, have health insurance that does not cover the cost of immunizations, or who are unable to get the vaccinated by their healthcare provider. Vaccinations are free for these children and appointments are required. Call 301-600-3342 to schedule an appointment.

Children who have health insurance that covers vaccinations are encouraged to see their healthcare provider.

Maryland State Law (COMAR 10.06. 04.03) requires all students enrolled in prekindergarten through Grade 12 to receive age-appropriate immunizations. The Maryland vaccination requirements for the 2023-2024 school year are available here.

School vaccination requirements help protect children by making sure they are protected against vaccine-preventable disease. Children who are not vaccinated can spread diseases to others, particularly to those who are too young to be vaccinated, or people with weakened immune systems, such as those with can-

cer. The school must have proof of immunizations before allowing a student to begin school. Students who have not received the required vaccinations may be unable to attend school until proof of vaccination is provided, according to Maryland requirements.

Important information for Parents/Guardians:

Children 18 years of age and younger must be accompanied by an adult 18 years of age or older.

If parent or guardian will not be bringing their child, they must send a written note giving the individual bringing the child



authorization to have the child vaccinated.

All vaccinated children are required to remain at the clinic for observation after vaccination.

Only one parent or guardian may accompany children who

have an appointment. Additional persons will not be admitted.

Please do not come to the vaccination clinic if child or parent/guardian has any symptoms, or are waiting for COVID-19 results.

Time to get ready for school

Karen Yoho
Frederick County School Board

Summer is quickly winding down. The first day of school for the 2023-24 school year is Wednesday, August 23.

Don't forget to enroll your student if your child is entering Pre-K or kindergarten, or you are new to Frederick County. Enrollment can be done online through the PowerSchool portal. An FCPS representative will be in contact to complete the process. You will need immunization and health records, birth certificate, proof of residency, and parent photo id. For Pre-K you will need to show income documentation. The FCPS website has a great deal of information on Student Enrollment. Go to the tab "For Families & Students" and click on the first link.

With the approach of the new school year, it's a good time to review your Find Out First notifications. If you aren't yet a subscriber, the link is

on the main webpage under FCPS Quick Links. You can sign up to receive emails tailored to your interests within the school system as well as emergency-closing phone texts.

Another avenue of keeping abreast of what is happening in your child's classroom is through Schoology. Many parents/guardians look over their students' shoulders as they are log in. But did you know you can obtain your own account to review your children's progress? Contact your local school to find out how.

Dr. Dyson has released "State of the System", an 8-minute video which explains the five core goals aligned with our priorities. We think you will agree that many positive things are happening in FCPS.

The system has launched a new FCPS Volunteer Center. If you are a current volunteer, you should have received an email. If you are a new volunteer or did not receive an email, you can find the link on the FCPS website under the tab "For Families

& Students". The Family & Community Involvement link will take you to the registration page.

The Board voted to adopt adjustments to how the community can provide public comment. The time expanded from 30 minutes to 60 minutes. Previously, those wishing to make public comment would have to arrive in person to sign up. There will now be online pre-registration starting five days in advance of each scheduled BoE meeting and closing two days prior to the meeting. Walk-in registration will still be available. Additionally, there will now be a dedicated email address where written comments can be submitted, which will be included in the meeting minutes so that the public may access them along with the Board members.

For complete details, go to the FCPS website in the About the District News

section. You can review the updated Policy 102, and email Board@fcps.org with any questions. The goal is to balance the practice of having public comment, which provides valuable insights that aid the Board in decision-making, with the time needed for the Board to perform its necessary work. The changes will be implemented at the first August meeting on the 9th. If, after a settling in period, the Board can always revisit the policy and discuss possible updates.

The United Way of Frederick County is once again working with community partners to Stuff the Bus. There is a link on the FCPS website or directly from the United Way's website. Donations directly support FCPS students. While the collection period has ended, it's not too late to donate. In 2022, an estimated 90,358 items valued at \$75,054 were distributed to Frederick County students. Contact Joyce Kwame-

na-Poh at JKWAMENAPOH@UWFREDERICK.ORG if you have questions.

One of the newest FCPS partnerships is with the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation to establish new innovative STEM centers in selected FCPS elementary schools. This was made possible by the generous support of Edgewater Federal Solutions. According to the FCPS website, in the school year 2023-24, "Stem Centers will launch at Tuscarora Elementary and Whittier Elementary".

Of particular interest to many is the so-called Crestwood Area Redistricting Study. There is a link on the main FCPS webpage with a great deal of information. Upcoming Community Meetings are September 6 at THS, September 7 at FHS, September 11 at GTJHS, and the BOE Public Hearing on November 8. The Board has not yet taken action so no final decisions have been made at this time.

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AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

This month we asked our students to pick and write about a August National Day, special days that often go unnoticed in our busy lives.

Sophomore

National Friendship Day

Devin Owen
MSMU Class of 2026

There are billions of people in this world, and somehow, we only meet a small section of the population—and out of this small section, there are only a select few who fall into the category of friendship. I wonder if anyone reading this knew that there is a day dedicated to just that: friendship.

National Friendship Day falls on August 26th and is a day which reminds us to recognize the friendships and bonds which we have built over the course of our lives. I would consider myself to have had quite a few insanely impactful friendships over the years. Some of the people I was friends with in high school I no longer speak to, and some of them I haven't lost contact with for a single day—it's crazy how that works, isn't it?

People come and go from our lives; yet, I am lucky enough to have had one person stick by my side for the last decade—my best friend, Madyson. We have been attached at the hip since we were

seven years old, and, having seen each other at our highest and lowest points, there's not much that could surprise either of us. This particular friendship began in second grade, on the playground during recess, and has continued through the divorce of both of our parents, different relationships and friend groups, high school, and then us moving hundreds of miles apart. Through every phase of our lives, we have always had the other there—whether in person or in heart, we are always with one another. And with connections as strong as ours, comes a plethora of memories worth honoring.

For my birthday in eighth grade Madyson gave me a "jar of memories," which was a mason jar filled with sticky notes depicting the things she loves about me, her favorite memories, and just things she wanted to tell me. I open the jar anytime I feel sad or homesick. The surprising number of memories we had made in a short period of time, now feel like a lifetime ago. I remember this one day when we had a 'best friend date'; we had our parents drop us off at Panera and we had lunch—where I wrapped a piece of bread in a napkin and stuck it in my purse (attempting to embrace my inner Aladdin)—and then we walked to mini golf, where

Mads got attacked by a bird. I don't think I have ever laughed so hard in my life!

There were also the less happy times we faced together, though; but for every single one of these times, I had this tall, blonde, goofy girl standing beside me, holding my hand through it all. At this point, we don't consider ourselves as just friends, but rather sisters. This was made evident in a text she sent me when she told me she was moving to North Carolina—the furthest we have ever been from one another in our lives: "I could never forget about you, you're my little Devy, my sister, my partner n crime, and my forever maid of honor and don't you forget that." This friendship turned into a sisterhood, and for that I am so incredibly lucky—so incredibly loved too.

Speaking of sisterhood, National Friendship Day just-so-happens to fall on my oldest sister's birthday! In a way, siblings are the first friends you ever make. Regardless of how many fights you have and the growing up or apart, your siblings are essentially where you learn what friendship is. My oldest sister, Brooke, is probably one of my best friends now. We experienced things growing up that brought us extremely close

and made it easier to lean on one another. As weird as it is watching your best friend get married, having kids, and becoming their own person with their own life, it's also really cool getting to be a part of it all along the way.

Whether it's with siblings or friends, one of the best kinds of friendships, in my opinion, are where you have someone in your life who knows you better than you know yourself—because these types of friends are those who will call you out when you need it most. As hard as it is to be called out, it's also great because they make you realize that you do have people in your life who have your back; people who want you to be the best version of yourself.

Nonetheless, all friendships change and evolve and change over the years. You can lose some, gain some, some even turn into something more—like sisterhood or, as I recently learned, a relationship. One of the best friendships I have at Mount—aside from my roommate/best friend—is with my boyfriend. I was always told growing up that the best relationships start as great friendships, and I've learned that it's not too far off from the truth.

Friendships not only teach you about other people, but they teach

you about yourself. They help you learn what's good for you, how to stick up for yourself, and so much more. We can learn a lot from the people surrounding us, even if we don't realize it. I'm incredibly lucky to have so many great friends in my life currently, and I even consider myself lucky to have the friendships that were lost over the years. We should take into account the way other people help make us who we are as we grow older, regardless of whether or not we are friends with certain people still. They had an impact on our lives at one point because of a friendship, and that impact us even as time moves on.

I urge you to take some time on August 26th to recognize and celebrate your friendships. Whether it be by telling them face to face, making plans together, or even just thinking about them with gratitude, it is a celebration, nonetheless.

Happy National Friendship Day to all my friends; those who I have lost touch with, those I still have, and even the friends I am yet to make. I would not be where I am now without any of them by my side.

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Junior

Global Sleep Under the Stars Day

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Very often I walk through the woods by my house. It is stunning how magical such a place can be, even to an adult, if only he is left to his own thoughts. Once, a bird landed along the path before me, in much the same way Miss Dickinson's did. Happy to have a companion, I looked for a while, expecting it to fly away and the moment to be lost soon enough. Well, the bird did not

fly away, and as I moved closer, it kept hopping along beside me. Soon I had walked a good part of the path following the bird, half expecting Aslan or the Lord Jesus to be around the corner. Eventually the bird took a turn I could not follow, into a neighbor's yard, and I left begrudgingly. The birds are good friends, I think, and the older I get, the more I envy them. The birds seem to me to be content doing what they are meant to be doing—not just flying, but, among other things, sleeping outside. Birds manage their whole lives outdoors, and spend much of their time in the sky. The modern person could probably be said to live in the opposite manner.

The sky is surprising. The sky is constant; it is there for everyone to

see, yet few people look up. Life keeps us from looking up, but in doing so we forget to live, we forget that there is something better, something constant, something strange, something surprising and beautiful and lovely and messy but perfect, always above us and with us, as if enveloping the space we take up and guiding our course through the heavens. Instead, we go to sleep looking at the ceiling; We trade the stars for nightlights and security.

August 8th is Global Sleep Under the Stars Day. The whole idea of sleeping under the stars has made me think about humanity's relationship with nature. Should we be as separate as we are now from nature? Certainly not. People suffer desper-

ately without sunlight, it seems; Vitamin D ought to be the easiest vitamin to get but deficiencies are common. Without going outside regularly, the body's serotonin levels drop, and it is difficult not to feel depressed. It is easy to realize that our concrete castles are making us feel bad; after all, we have an incredible amount in common with animals, even with birds, and animals certainly do not avoid the outdoors. I am certainly happy with my air conditioning and comfortable mattress, but I also know that desiring comfort is often an easy way to make a bad choice. It is natural of course, but it might very well lead to unnatural conditions for the human person.

I have a dog that is somewhat crazy. We found out that she is inbred, and currently she is on prozac for her clinical anxiety, and she barks all the time, etc. One night, sometime after midnight, I happened to be up, and found my dog waiting at the door for me to let her out. This is not incredibly uncommon, since dogs need to use the restroom in the middle of the night as often as their human counterparts. But after waiting about ten minutes, I realized that she was not coming in; in fact she was way back in the yard and out of sight. It was winter, so I was anxious to get her back in, but I went outside looking for her. I found her contently sitting in a field of grass, not a care in the world. Already I was impressed. I tried to bring her in, but she would put both paws on me as if she were giving me a hug, and then roll onto the ground. I figured, if you can't beat them, join them, and I laid down

next to her. The stars were perfect. I realized that this might be the only time she ever gets where everything is quiet. We live near a highway, which is partly why she barks so often, but at 12:30am, you couldn't hear a sound.

My dog was raised on a farm. We made the mistake of picking the puppy chasing the guinea hens (she still has an identical energy). We should have known then that a dog that had never been indoors before would always prefer the sky. I wonder if we are something like that, if we human beings are made for one thing and we are born into a broken world that keeps it from us. I don't think that we are supposed to sleep outside all the time, or even that we are necessarily made for that. I'm really not sure what I think.

I get a little teary-eyed thinking about my dog out in the field. I like to think that I understand what that's like—all the time being surrounded by unnatural noise, and only desiring something natural and quiet and simple. The birds in the air are a little freer than my dog. Sure, they are not nearly as comfortable as housepets (as often as my pets have taken my spot on the couch, they're more comfortable than I am), but they have something that we do not have. When they go to sleep, they do not see a dark wall above them or a light in the corner, but they see the whole universe stretched out before them. I think we would be better off if we got comfortable doing the same thing.

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AUGUST NATIONAL DAYS

Senior International Blind Dog Day

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In the final moments of my dog's life, he couldn't see. He could barely hear. He walked slowly around the house, his body thin and frail. I can still remember the sound of his paws against hardwood floor, his collar tags ringing together. His sixteen years of life behind him, as if weighing him down. Yet, although he was quite literally blind (cataracts) and couldn't make out most noises, he still turned his head at the sound of my voice, folded his ears down and crept towards me. And just like that, I was six years old again, and he was the new puppy crawling into my lap.

I had no idea that International Blind Dog Day was a thing. Celebrated on August 23rd, this holiday appreciates dogs with blindness. As dogs have evolved with people, their health issues have related to human nature as well. The care and protection of dogs has only recently become a priority, and International Blind Dog Day serves to sensitize owners and recognize our beloved pets' disabilities which also matter.

When I first saw that this holiday existed, I immediately thought of two things: Toby, my childhood dog who passed at the age of 16 years in 2021, and a class I took last fall, called Literature and the Environment.

The English course focused on the representation of animals in literature. We read books such as *Life of Pi*, exploring the roles between wildlife and humans, and we even researched the environmental impacts humans have left on the world, and the records of this left behind in literature as well. It was a fascinating course, using literary analysis, philosophical perspectives, and scientific research to pose interesting questions—questions we've spent several classes discussing. When we reached the unit on pets, the questions grew deeper, and the discussions grew emotional.

For example: is it possible for a dog to love? Do dogs have souls? If dogs experience pain, does this suffering reveal a greater spiritual reason?

When I was young and spent my childhood growing up with Toby—playing dress up and sneaking him into my bedroom at night—I was convinced that we were best friends. Long before he developed blindness and became hard of hearing and was in constant pain, he would run circles around the backyard, play catch

with his favorite toy, and lie in the sun. I would sit down next to him and feel certain that we were best friends, that he loved me as much as I loved him.

But this Literature and the Environment course revealed theories that went against what I believed as a child. For example, the attachment theory shows how the very close relationships between pets and humans serve merely as a transaction for nurturing behaviors. In these relationships, while pets seek safety and protection, humans crave companionship. It is in our nature to believe that dogs love us, that they are here for our utility, that their pain is our pain.

As Toby grew older, and as I progressed to college, I noticed how his age slowed him down. He lost some of his hearing, and if I looked closely, I noticed what looked like blurry clouds in his right eye: cataracts. Toby couldn't see well, and I did what any human would have done. I imagined myself in his shoes—I mean, paws.

This raised another question: do animals feel emotion? Did Toby feel sad or upset that he lost his eyesight? Did he grow sorrowful over his once clear vision?

Emotions are a very subjective experience, individual to our own psychological states and processes.

However, we must assume that animals have emotions to understand the roots of their behavior and how they process positive and negative experience.

At the very end of Toby's life, when we took him to the veterinary clinic to "put him down," I wanted to know so badly if Toby felt emotion. Although he couldn't see, did he recognize this? Was he conscious of his lack of eyesight, his hard of hearing?

I held Toby for the last time, and he looked up at me with those blurred, big brown eyes, and suddenly, I was six again, staring up at my baby puppy. But I was twenty, and Toby was dying, and he couldn't see me. He was suffering every day and needed the pain to go away. And although I couldn't for sure know if he felt sad or upset or sorrowful, I knew he was unsettled. Toby didn't know what was happening, but he knew something was different.

And he couldn't see. I imagined being blind myself, hearing distant voices and being in a cold room and feeling scared, shaking and shivering.

In the final moments of Toby's life, he felt the pierce of a shot, yelped loudly, and then stopped shaking in fear. Felt his last pulses of life. Then slipped away quietly.

It was difficult, experiencing this. Toby was an amazing dog, and even

if he was just a dog, I loved him as my best friend all throughout my childhood. But when I took Literature and the Environment, only then did I reflect on the emotions we experience when going through things like this.

Toby being blind revealed a deeper type of empathy I struggled to define. How could I know for sure if he felt scared or sad when losing his eyesight? How can any human cope with this, with the knowledge that a dog might be suffering when we can't truly know this for sure? It's its own type of sadness, somewhere between feeling empty and hopeless.

But what do we know? That International Blind Dog Day exists, meaning there is so much for love for all dogs, especially those with disabilities. That there is an attachment between humans and their pets, and so what if we call this love? In its most simple definition, love is a powerful connection that transforms.

By writing about Toby and reflecting on the August 23rd holiday, I want to raise awareness to all the dogs struggling with blindness—whether they know this or not—because they are loved, fully, and this is most definitely known.

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The Graduate

National Thrifting Day

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"Buy it nice or buy it twice" is generally a helpful rule of thumb when purchasing things that you'll need for years to come. Buying nice clothing, especially, can be a worthy investment—linen fabrics will be sturdier and longer-lasting than synthetic materials, and they'll likely be more breathable, too. A hand-made cashmere sweater will be softer and warmer than a sweater made from rayon that will shrink after one wash and improper dry. However, when I've looked at price tags for cashmere sweaters, it is evident to me that in this case, buying nice isn't just unnecessary, it simply isn't feasible.

However, I try to avoid purchasing cheaper clothing from fast-fashion stores. The insistent pressure to keep up with what's "in" this week, even though it will change next week, along with the darker production and labor practices of many companies that create cheap fashion, are both reason enough for me to strive to stay away. More ethical companies, however, are oftentimes more expensive, especially since the quality is usually better. But I cannot get all my clothing from all these better, nicer brands, simply because I can't afford it. So I face a dilemma: my moral preference is to avoid the fast-fashion industry, and my frugality limits the ability to "buy nice" to my heart's content.

The solution? Thrifting. The good news is, you don't have to go to the top of the line, name-brand stores

to buy things nice. You don't have to go to the best of the best kitchenware store or dorm-decorating department to find what you'll need for your new home, apartment or college life. Thrift stores often have gently-used decorations and furniture. Moreover, thrift stores are a fantastic option to not only downsize your own closet through donating gently-used items and clothing, but they are also a great place to find great-quality clothing for a fraction of the price.

If you've never gone thrifting before, I suggest you give it a try. A great day to go is August 16th, which is National Thrifting Day, a day to celebrate reusing, donating, and re-purchasing gently-used items and clothing.

I am a huge fan of thrifting, and have been going to thrift stores for years. When I was in ninth grade, my friend invited me to be her plus-one at a dance her private school was hosting. I was so excited to get dressed up in a fancy prom-dress style gown and go to this dance with my friend. But upon going to a department store to see their options for dresses, I realized that their price tags far exceeded what I could afford, and I would have to look elsewhere. For weeks, my mom and I looked at thrift stores, and had very little success, but we continued to look to find just the right dress.

We were out running errands probably a week before this dance. I still didn't have a dress, and felt like I had looked everywhere. I asked my mom if I could just run into the local Goodwill one more time, even though I had already checked there last week. I ran in with my sister, and found their formal

dress section. Lo and behold, I found a beautiful formal dress that fit perfectly. It was in almost perfect condition, and I felt lovely in it. It was probably around twenty dollars in total. The dress was perfect for the dance with my friend, and I didn't have to worry about wasting tons of money on a dress I really only wore once.

Similarly, some of my favorite outfits have been entirely thrifted. I found a top-quality maroon flannel button up I wore all through high school in the wintertime, and even through college. I have found beautiful skirts for daily Mass, and casual dresses for summertime, almost always under ten dollars. I also found the twinkling, long string of icicle lights that I hung in my dorm for a grand total of four dollars. They lasted me the entirety of my senior year, and added an element of cozy décor that helped me feel at home. One of my favorite mugs, a neat dark blue mug with a fox carved into it, was found on a

thrifting adventure out with my boyfriend. In the same trip, I purchased a flower vase for 99 cents, so that the flowers my boyfriend brought me could finally have a proper place on my desk.

This year, I've been in need of some nicer shoes for fall, but have been waiting to find the right pair at the right price. Just a few days ago, I went on a double-thrifting adventure with my sister and a friend; at the first thrift store, I found a pair of tan shoes, great brand, great condition, and great for fall—that I purchased for five dollars. At the second store several miles down the road, I found the exact same pair of shoes, but in black, in near-perfect condition. Needless to say, my closet for fall is about ready to go. From all my experiences both in thrifting and finding what I need, and also by donating during spring cleanings, I cannot stress enough the value of thrift stores.

You can find a lot of treasures thrift-

ing. You can't find everything you need, but you can find a lot, and it's worth the treasure hunt. It's also a good habit to go through your closets and get rid of what you truly don't wear, or donate that extra piece of furniture for someone else to get good use out of.

Buying nice doesn't have to mean breaking your bank account. It can mean an outing with friends or family members to one's local thrift store—you never know what you might find. Maybe a prom dress, maybe a framed picture, maybe a new pair of shoes. Here's to August 16th, National Thrifting Day. Let's all pitch in to combat wastefulness, excessive consumerism, and the myth that buying nice means buying over-priced. Go to your local thrift store and see what treasures you might find!

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cert is free and open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will move next door to the United Lutheran Seminary Chapel. Check our website at www.musicgettysburg.org for last minute updates.

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blend vocals, concertina, fiddle, penny whistle, guitar, keyboards and bodhrán.

The group features Beth Folkemer, Steve Folkemer and their daughter Margaret Folkemer-Leonard, as well as Ricky Czar and Ryan Kozak. Ni Riann School of Irish Dance's Performing Company includes the Folkemer's granddaughter, Allyson Folkemer. Her father Joel will complete the roster as guest vocalist.

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Way off Broadway's A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder

Justin Kiska

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre's 2023 Season continues this fall with the Tony Award-winning musical *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*.

The show, opening September 8th, is a hilarious dark comedy about a distant heir to the D'Ysquith family fortune who sets out to speed up the line of succession by using a great deal of charm...and a dash of murder. *Gentleman's Guide* is a murderous romp filled with unforgettable music and non-stop laughs as low-born Monty Navarro designs a plan to knock off his

unsuspecting relatives without being caught and become the ninth Earl of Highhurst. And what of love? Because murder isn't the only thing on Monty's mind...

Gentleman's Guide is based on Roy Horniman's 1907 novel *Israel Rank: The Autobiography of a Criminal*. The book inspired the 1949 British film *Kind of Heart and Coronets*.

In 2012, *Gentleman's Guide* premiered at the Hartford Stage in Connecticut, followed by a run at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego the following year.

The show arrived on Broadway in the fall of 2013 when it opened at the

Walter Kerr Theatre starring Jefferson Mays as all nine members of the D'Ysquith family and Bryce Pinkham as Monty Navarro. The production went on to run through January 2016, closing after more than 900 performances. At the 2014 Tony Awards, it was the most nominated show of the season garnering ten nominations including Best Actor in a Musical for both Mays and Pinkham. When the Tonys were announced, *Gentleman's Guide* took home four trophies – Best Musical, Best Book, Best Direction, and Best Costumes. It also won seven Drama Desk Awards and four Outer Critics Circle Awards.

Taking on the nine D'Ysquith family members for *Way Off Broadway's* production is Michael Reid opposite Jarod Glou making is *Way Off Broadway* debut as Monty Navarro. They will be joined on stage by Megan Elizabeth West as Sibella, Laura Saunders as Phoebe, and Jessica Billones as Miss Shingle. Taking on the fifty additional roles in the show are Amy M. Cajigas, Raquel Luciano, Stephen Soares, and Wil Spaeth.

A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder runs September 8th through October 21st and has a book by Robert L. Freedman, music by Steven Lutvak, and lyrics by Freedman and

Lutvak. Justin M. Kiska directs the production, with musical direction by Tina M. Bruley and stage management by Mitch Brannen.

Performances are every Friday and Saturday evening, with matinees on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month. Tickets on a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon are \$55 per person; on Saturday evening, tickets are \$59. Tickets may be purchased by calling the theatre's Box Office at (301) 662-6600.

To learn more about *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*, or any of *Way Off Broadway's* presentations, visit www.wayoffbroadway.com.

Frederick Shakespeare Festival heads into the Jazz Age

Endangered Species theatre Project (ESPtheatre) presents a Deaf/hearing integrated production of *Twelfth Night* or *What You Will* as our Mainstage Production in the Frederick Shakespeare Festival.

Twelfth Night is set to captivate audiences with a fanciful, fun, and fast-paced, open-air production at the Hodson Outdoor Theatre – bringing Shakespeare's

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"As the sun sets and the moon takes its place, Hood college turns into a magical atmosphere that is perfect for *Twelfth Night*," says Director Christine Mosere. "Ever since our fully integrated production of *Romeo & Juliet* back in 2021, I've wanted to bring this form of

theatre back to Frederick — home of the Frederick School for the Deaf." She continues, "We are thrilled to be back at Hood College, which is nestled inside a border of bushes making it easy to transport into the fictional island of Illyria."

ESPtheatre's *Romeo & Juliet* composer, Garth Kravits has returned to bring Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* songs into the Jazz age. Chicago based Direc-

tor of Artistic Sign Language Crom Saunders has joined our team to bring Shakespeare's words into ASL.

The cast features an ensemble of players performing multiple roles and includes deaf actor Richard Costes as Feste, Evan Crump as Orsino, Surasree Das as Viola, and Deaf actor Michelle Mary Schaefer as Olivia. Courtesy of Actors Equity Association (pending approval) Gillian Shelly will open the show as Malvolia, and Michael Harris as Sir Toby Belch.

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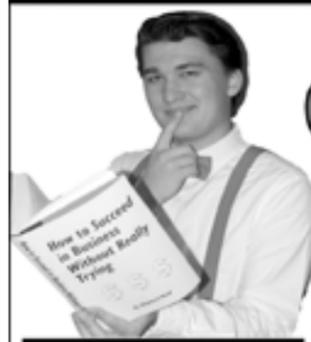
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Summer sweet treats

Sonya Verlaque

Helped out a friend at work, he had baseball tickets with this son but was scheduled to work and they were really disappointed. So, I picked it up for them. We are a small group and try to help each other out with stuff like this. The next time I saw him he brought me a lovely bottle of bourbon, but my husband and I aren't big drinkers so I didn't really know what to do with it.

While driving home - and its a long drive from WV - I was chatting with a friend and she suggested making a bourbon Pecan pie. Brilliant, although the last time we had one our friend had made it and she was Mormon and wasn't sure when to add the bourbon - so it was "potent." This recipe ensures that you cook the bourbon, so its safe to have more than one slice.

Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

Ingredients

- 1 9-inch pie crust (store-bought or homemade)
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup butter (1 stick)
- 4 large eggs, beaten
- 1/4 cup bourbon
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 6 ozs semi-sweet chocolate chips (approximately 1 cup)
- 1 cup chopped pecans

Preparation: Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Next, line a deep dish pie plate with the pie crust, set aside. Combine sugar, corn syrup and butter in a saucepan. Stirring constantly, cook over medium heat until butter melts and sugar completely dissolves. Remove from heat and cool to just above room temperature.

In a large (metal, if possible) bowl, combine egg, bourbon, vanilla and salt and mix thoroughly. Place the bowl on a damp towel on the counter, this keeps it steady for the next step. Very slowly pour cooled sugar mixture into egg mixture, whisking constantly so that the heat from the sugar mixture doesn't cook the egg mixture, I like to actually do this in a metal bowl that is pretty tall and pour it down the side of the bowl while whisking- which helps cool it.

Make sure the mixture is not hot enough to melt the chocolate too much then add the chocolate chips and pecans and stir to mix well. Pour mixture into pie shell. Bake in preheated oven for 50 to 55 minutes or until set and golden on top. Serve warm or chilled and with whipped cream if you have it!

It's stone fruit season and it would be remiss if we didn't crumble something. This crumble can also be a plum, apricot or cherry - whatever you enjoy most.

Peach Crumble

Ingredients

- Crust and Crumbles
- 140 grams (1 cup) all-purpose flour
- 130 grams (1 cup and 1/3 cup) rolled oats
- 155 grams (3/4 cup) granulated sugar
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp salt (optional)
- 150 g (2/3 cup) unsalted butter, melted and cooled
- Peach Filling
- 450 grams (2 cups) peaches, peeled and cut into small pieces
- 30 grams (2 tbsp) granulated sugar
- 2 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp almond extract

Preparation: Preheat the oven to 350°F. Grease 8 inch square oven-proof

dish and line the bottom and sides with parchment paper, about 2 inches of overhang on each side. Chop the peaches into almost 1/2-1 inch pieces. First, mix the peaches with lemon juice and then with the almond extract. Next, toss with cornstarch and sugar. Set aside. Mix the flour, rolled oats, sugar, cinnamon, salt in a medium bowl. Then add the melted butter and stir with a spoon or spatula. Place 2/3 of the mixture into an oven-proof dish that is lined with parchment paper. Use your hands or a spoon to spread the mixture evenly.

Next, cover the crust with the peach mixture but leave the excess liquid in the bowl. You may want to use this liquid later if there a lot left as a drizzle. Sprinkle the remaining dough over the peaches. If you like you can make some big crumble pieces by squeezing crumble mixture in your hand before sprinkling. Use your fingertips to press to the crumbles so they can stick to peaches.

Bake for 33-35 minutes until the top becomes golden brown and the crumbles are crunchy. Let it cool at room temperature for almost 1 hour. Then keep in the fridge for extra 1.5 hours until it is completely cool so you can have nicely cut bars. Using the parchment paper you can lift it out of the pan and cut it into squares with a sharp knife.

To use the left over peach liquid as a drizzle for the bars once they are cooled. You can place that liquid into a small pan and heat it up to thicken it as the water evaporates. Or if it is a large amount, make a slurry of 1TBSP of cold water and 1TBSP of cornstarch and add it to the pot and bring to a boil, stirring continuously which will thicken it.

The Best Slow Cooker Pulled Pork

Every night people want dinner. If I have enough forethought, I love to use



Chocolate Bourbon Pecan Pie

the crockpot to make a full dinner, usually have left overs and also not heat up the house in the summer. This is my favorite go to pork shoulder, and then after shredding - put in the oven for a few minutes for "burnt ends."

Ingredients

- 4 pound pork shoulder
- 2 tbsp smoked paprika
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1/4 cup apple cider vinegar
- 3/4 cup water

Preparation: Mix together all of the dried spices and rub into all sides of the

pork. Place vinegar and water in bottom of slow cooker. Carefully add pork (so you don't wash off spices). Cover and cook on low for about 8 hours. Remove pork and shred (remove any large fatty pieces and discard). Add juices from slow cooker as desired.

You can also strain some of the juices through a fine mesh strainer into a sauce pan, and then make a slurry with 2 tbsp of water and 2 tbsp of cornstarch and add to the pan, then bring to a boil to thicken into a gravy for the meat or mashed potatoes. For brown, crispy ends, put shredded meat on foil lined baking sheet and broil for a couple of minutes in the oven (watch carefully!)

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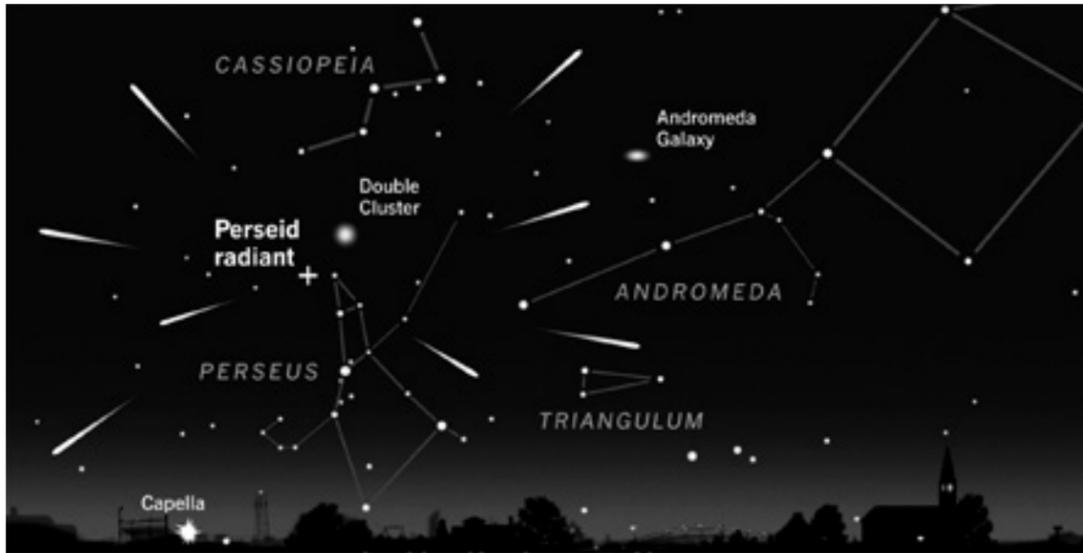
The night sky of August

Professor Wayne Wooten

For August the full moon, the Thunder Moon, is on August 1st. It passes two degrees south of Saturn on August 3rd. The last quarter moon is three degrees north of Jupiter and Uranus on August 8th, with all three rising about midnight. The slender waning crescent moon will offer little problem for observing the Perseid meteor showers on the weekend of August 12th. Expect a meteor a minute under dark skies, with most arriving after midnight, and the radiant in Perseus climbing higher in the dawn hours. The new moon is on August 16th, and passes the planets Mercury and Mars in twilight on August 18th, a great photo op. The moon is first quarter on August 24th, and a “Blue Moon” (the second full, moon of a calendar month) on August 30th, when it lies two degrees south of Saturn.

Mercury is at its best evening appearance on August 9th, at greatest eastern elongation 27 degrees east of the Sun in the evening twilight. Venus lies between us and the Sun at inferior conjunction on August 13th, but will become visible just before sunrise in the dawn sky by the first week of September. Mars too is lost in the sun's glare this month. Jupiter is close to Uranus in morning sky in Aries, but will be rising in the NE by 10 PM at month's end. Saturn is at opposition, rising in SE in Aquarius at sunset on August 27th; compared to last year, the rings this year are closing, and appear much thinner in the telescope.

With climate change, more sunlight is being trapped, and the earth for the first time in history had an average global temperature of 69 degrees F for three days in July, the hottest on record. Our star itself is not getting hotter, but it is getting a lot more active, with a peak in sunspots for the whole 21st cen-



The Perseids are one of the brighter meteor showers of the year. They occur every year between July 17 and August 24. This year they will peak on the night of Aug 12-13.

tury reached last week, two years ahead of the predicted solar maximum.

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 July 31st visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for August 2023; 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. There is also a video exploring the August 2023 sky from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: www.hubblesite.org/explore_astronomy/tonights_sky/. Sky & Telescope has highlights at www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/astronomy-podcasts/ for observing the sky each week of the month.

In the photo note huge Active Region 3633 at upper left; it had just rotated onto the earth facing side of the Sun the day before, but had been tracked from Mars by the camera aboard the Curiosity Rover the previous week, since

Mars was 90 degrees east of the Sun and could see half of the Sun still hidden from earth! A true cosmic perspective! The larger spots to the right of it are themselves bigger than Earth!

The Big Dipper rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we “arc” SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Cooler than our yellow Sun, and much poorer in heavy elements, some believe its strange motion reveals it to be an invading star from another smaller galaxy, now colliding with the Milky Way in Sagittarius in the summer sky. Moving almost perpendicular to the plane of our Milky Way, Arcturus was the first star in the sky where its proper motion across the historic sky was noted, by Edmund Halley.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo. From Spica

curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. It is above Corvus, in the arms of Virgo, where our large scopes will show members of the Virgo Supercluster, a swarm of over a thousand galaxies about 50 million light years away from us.

Hercules is overhead, with the nice globular cluster M-13 marked on your sky map and visible in binocs. It is faintly visible with the naked eye under dark sky conditions, and among the best binocular objects on the map back page. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the NE sky. Binoculars reveal the small star just to the NE of Vega, epsilon Lyrae, as a nice double. Larger telescopes at 150X reveal each of this pair is another close double, hence its nickname, the “double double”...a fine sight under steady sky conditions.

Below Vega are the two bright stars of the Summer Triangle; Deneb (to the north) and Altair. Deneb is at the top of the Northern Cross, known as Cygnus the Swan to the Romans. It is one of the most luminous stars in our Galaxy, about 50,000 times brighter than our Sun. It sits atop

the Cross; at the other end is Albiro, a fine orange and blue double star well resolved at 20X by almost any smaller scope.

To the south is the southernmost member of the Triangle, Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle. If you scan the Milky Way with binocs or a small spotting scope between Altair and Deneb, you will find many nice open star clusters and also a lot of dark nebulae, the dust clouds from which new stars will be born in the future.

To the southeast, Antares is bright in the heart of Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Just above the tail of the Scorpion are two fine naked eye star clusters, M-7 (discovered by Ptolemy and included in his catalog about 200 AD) and M-6, making one of the best binocular views in the sky. Your binoculars are ideally suited to reveal many fine open star clusters and nebulae in this region of our Galaxy. Get a dark sky site, and use the objects listed on the back of the August 2023 SkyMap print-out to guide you to the best deep sky wonders for binoculars and small telescopes.

East of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way galaxy. Looking like a cloud of steam coming out of the teapot's spout is the fine Lagoon Nebula, M-8, easily visible with the naked eye. Above it is the Trifid Nebula, M-20, another fine and very colorful stellar nursery. Just east of these young star birthplaces is the fine globular cluster M-22, faintly visible to the naked eye and spectacularly resolved in scopes of 8” or larger aperture. Look just east of the top star in the teapot of Sagittarius with binoculars.

Farmers' Almanac

*“What dreadful hot weather we have!
It keeps me in a continual state of
inelegance”*

—Jane Austen (1775-1817)

Mid-Atlantic Weather Watch: Seasonably warm (1, 2) with isolated thunderstorms in the evening, hot and humid (3, 4, 5, 6); dry, warm and humid (7, 8, 9, 10) with PM showers and more thunderstorms with heavy rain, then dry and turning much cooler and less humid (11, 12, 13, 14, 15) becoming hot and humid, with scattered evening showers and storms (16, 17, 18); dry, cooler and less humid cool, less humid and dry at first, then muggy with isolated evening thunderstorms PMT west (19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25); seasonably warm with isolated evening showers west; windy along the coast from possible offshore hurricane (26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31).

Severe Watch: The Town and Country Almanack sees heavy

rains (11, 12, 13, 14 and periods of high winds from off-shore hurricane (28, 29, 30).

Full Moon: August's full moon will occur on August 1st. Many Native American tribes called it Ripe Moon or Fruit Moon due to the many fruits and vegetables that ripen during the month.

Holidays: The end of summer is near, “The Dogs Days” of Summer that began on July 3rd, will end on Friday, August 11th, and Labor Day is right around the corner! Many are starting school, some for the very first time, and may need special attention. Begin planning now and make a list of the things that need to be done and when they need to be completed. Schedule immunizations and/or physicals, purchase new clothes, and assess school supplies that will be needed with ample lead-time to ensure a successful ‘first day’ for your young students.

The Garden: August is the peak of the hot and dry season so your plants will need water more than anything during this time. If watering is limited or restricted in your area, concentrate on getting the most to newly planted trees and shrubs. If the weather is cool, Fescue can be sown to repair lawns in the last week of August.

The Farm: Best for planting root crops (7, 8, 9); weeding and stirring the soil (14, 15, 16); planting above-ground crops (22, 23); harvesting all crops (1, 2); the best days for setting hens and incubators (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31); the slaughtering and butchering of meat (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23); transplanting (16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23); harvesting and storing grains (18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26), the weaning of all small animals and livestock (1, 2, 3, 4, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31).

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Frederick Health's Cancer care

As the largest healthcare provider in the county, Frederick Health is more than just a hospital. The system has invested significant resources in expanding cancer treatment options for the community over the past ten years. The most visible of these investments is the free-standing James M Stockman Cancer Institute, completed in 2017 and located just off US Route 15 and Opossumtown Pike.

But this large, state-of-the-art facility is just part of an expansive network of cancer care locations available to residents, a network that continues to grow.

To improve access to high-quality cancer care, Frederick Health has recently started to offer Oncology & Hematology services at its Emmitsburg location. This facility, which opened in the autumn of 2022, helped to bring Primary Care, Urgent Care, Laboratory, Imaging, Physical Therapy & Sports Rehab to northern Frederick County.

Dr. Patrick Mansky, a fellowship-trained and expert provider with decades of experience, is the Medical Director for Oncology Care. Under his supervision, Frederick Health is expanding Oncology & Hematology efforts in Emmitsburg.

Dr. Mansky, who graduated from medical school in Germany before moving to the United States, has worked with some of the country's largest and most prestigious cancer care networks. These include Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital in New York City, Case Western in Cleveland, the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, and working closely to develop a community oncology research and treatment program in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Using his extensive expertise, Dr. Mansky came to Frederick Health eight and a half years ago to help build the healthcare system's comprehensive approach to cancer care.

Dr. Mansky and his team were influential in helping to establish the James M Stockman Cancer Institute, both in the brick-and-mortar and clinical senses. In addition, Dr. Mansky has worked to expand access to these Oncology & Hematology services across the county. From his experience in other locations, he learned that bringing care closer to patients often made a big difference in both outcomes and screenings. As such, the first Frederick Health satellite Oncology & Hematology practice opened in Mt. Airy. Almost immediately, he saw positive results.

"We expanded our cancer care program by establishing these satellite cancer treatment locations, starting with Mt. Airy. This improved access, community health and built a more comprehensive approach to treatment," says Dr. Mansky.

Expanding these satellite care

locations' was always part of Dr. Mansky's plan.

"Naturally, when we opened the Emmitsburg location last year, expanding Oncology & Hematology services to this location came to mind," he added.

Dr. Mansky, who began seeing patients at Frederick Health Emmitsburg in April, says the easiest way to prevent serious cancer from developing and spreading is to schedule routine screenings and consultations. Patients should take an active role in their health by understanding cancer risks. When those routine screenings show something amiss, Dr. Mansky and his team can recommend each patient's best course of action. Depending on the patient, that could be further treatment at the James M Stockman Can-

cer Institute or additional care at the Emmitsburg facility. While the Stockman facility will still serve as Frederick Health's primary cancer treatment location for things like chemotherapy, Dr. Mansky knows the benefits of having that initial meeting closer to home.

"By bringing these services to this community, we meet patients where they are. I've had feedback from existing patients telling me that us being closer to their homes makes a difference. We have patients from all over the northern part of the county and south-central Pennsylvania now coming to Emmitsburg for treatment," added Mansky.

Located in one of the fastest-growing counties in the state, Frederick Health is working to meet the community's growing

needs. With new facilities soon to be brought online in Brunswick and Urbana, Dr. Mansky was optimistic that Frederick Health would also expand the Oncology & Hematology program to these locations.

"Whether it's at our Emmitsburg location or somewhere else in our network, we can scan for a wide variety of cancers. If a resident is concerned about something or has a family history of cancer, please come see me for a consultation," said Mansky.

Any medical issue can be frightening, and cancer is no different. To help address a serious diagnosis like cancer, Frederick Health is working to positively impact the well-being of every individual in the community by offering timely information and available resources and empowering the patient by providing the most

up-to-date technology. Dr. Mansky, like most medical experts, agrees that the patient experience is often the most critical factor in determining how individuals access their healthcare. Ensuring they feel heard and that their care is unique is a primary factor in an individual's decision to pursue one healthcare provider over another.

In conclusion, Dr. Mansky wants the community, especially those in northern Frederick County, to know they have expert, accessible care close to home.

"We will be here, ready to care for you and help you access these services," he concluded.

To learn more about this program or schedule an appointment with Dr. Mansky and his team, call 240-566-4100 or visit www.frederickhealth.org/oncologyhematology.

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COMMUNITY NOTES

Brunswick launches third News-Journal

Claire Doll
MSMU Class of 2024

The city of Brunswick, located in southwestern Frederick County, made the exciting decision to start its own News-Journal to fill the space that once was The Citizen—the Town's former newspaper.

A new publication means new characteristics and ideas established to the same surrounding area. Therefore, the Brunswick News-Journal will focus on local events and feature community matters rather than just late breaking news. City Council meetings, community events, new business openings, local sports, profiles, and so much more will fill the pages of the new publication, serving as something that is different than most other newspapers: articles and

ads from local businesses, and a garden column with the latest advice on growing your backyard. Recipes and an editorial page, where opinion articles are not only requested, but encouraged. Humor and local essays to read while sipping your coffee, and even serialized fiction and poetry that will keep you begging for more.

Delivered every month, the paper will rely on the spirit of the Brunswick community. Members can contribute their own photos, thoughts, ideas, and writing to help shape the identity of their city.

However, the work to launch this News-Journal should not go unnoticed, and it only shapes the mission of this paper even more. The ACE Group, composed of Advisors, Contributors, and Editors, are making this project possible.

Julie Maynard, former editor and publisher of The Brunswick Citizen, provided her business, advertising, reporting, layout, and design knowledge and insight. Diane Ellis will focus on copyediting to ensure consistent format, proper English, and readability of the paper.

Other contributors include Julie Gourley, Jean Doyle, and Abbie Ricketts. Long-time Frederick County sports writers, Bill Cauley, will cover the Brunswick sports section, while Patrice Gallagher will organize the newspaper's layout and design.

However, launching the paper was no easy task. When asked what has been a struggle while starting the News-Journal, editor Ellis Burruss says, "Figuring out an entirely new business! Setting up mechanisms for billing, advertising accounts, and all that business stuff."

The Brunswick News-Journal takes inspiration from our own Woodsboro-Walkersville News-Journal and the Emmitsburg News-Journal as well. To see another town following in our footsteps indicates the effect of the news-journal format. Rather than a paper filled with random ads and late-breaking news, a news-journal identifies with its community and brings multiple perspectives to shape the backdrop of one town.

Michael Hillman, publisher of Emmitsburg News-Journal and Woodsboro-Walkersville News-Journal, is credited for his brilliant work with both publications. "Mike Hillman has been a tremendous source of information, experience, and contacts," says Ellis Burruss.

If you live in the Brunswick area and are interested in contributing to the new publication, and if

you have a writing background and a heavy interest in the Brunswick/Lovettsville area, contact the staff at Editor@BrunsNews.com. Feature stories and historical articles are more than welcome.

The Brunswick News-Journal's mission statement reveals the paper's ultimate purpose: "The BNJ is dedicated to informing citizens of hap-

penings in our community, keeping people up to date on local government plans and actions, alerting people to upcoming activities of local organizations, and providing an economical means for local businesses to advertise to local people. Its emphasis is on local." Look out for the News-Journal's debut edition in the Brunswick area!

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COMMUNITY NOTES

FCPS introducing girls flag football this fall

Gina Lin
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As we are approaching the start of a new school year, Girls flag football has been a highly anticipated sport, as the flag football clinics showed great turnout. About 400 signed up for the flag football clinic and more than 200 attended the clinic held at Frederick High School in May. Previously, FCPS had tried to negotiate a flag football program with the MPSSAA. Due to reasons concerning the conceived popularity of the sport, MPSSAA chose to not sponsor the proposal. Subsequently, FCPS introduced a flag football proposal to the Baltimore Ravens. The Ravens agreed and pledged to support a flag football program in all 10 FCPS high schools with a \$200,000 grant. Additionally, Under Armour will be providing all of the highschools with 30 sets of customized uniforms and athletic accessories.

FCPS announced their pilot partnership with the Baltimore Ravens and Under Armour earlier this year in a press release. Citing that the initiative "aims to pave the way for female student-athletes in every Maryland county to eventually receive these same opportunities well into the future. Frederick County will be the first county in Maryland to pilot an

interscholastic girls flag football program. Currently, there are only a handful of states, Alabama, Alaska, Georgia, Florida and Nevada, offering flag football programs. This demonstrates a major step for Frederick County in fostering a more inclusive environment for all genders to participate in athletics.

FCPS flag football leagues will also be included in the Raven's RISE program, which is a high school football outreach initiative that provides additional support and opportunities for athletes and helps to connect players and coaches around Maryland. One of the numerous events sponsored by the Ravens, was a flag football clinic held at the M&T Stadium on May 21st, in which more than 250 girls worked with Ravens players and USA football certified trainers.

FCPS's athletic supervisor, Kevin Kendro, hopes that will create more opportunities for girls in flag football. There were Frederick County Recreational flag football leagues, but they struggled to get by without the funding of FCPS. The recreational leagues would practice in parks and practice cancellations were frequent. Through the new initiative girls flag football teams will have the appropriate equipment along with sufficient space for games and practices. FCPS and the Ravens hope that the

flag football pilot program will convince other Maryland counties to support flag football programs. This could lead to an endorsement of girls flag football by the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association (MPSSAA) which will allow for state championship titles.

The first flag football game will take place at Frederick High on August 30th, with each county team playing a match. Girls flag football schedules will align with that of Central Maryland Conference sports teams. The master schedule has been created and was sent out to those subscribed to the Find Out First updates. Each match consists of seven players from their respective team on the field at once. The game should last about an hour and is divided into two 20 minute halves with three minute intermissions. Touchdowns are worth six points. 10 points can be obtained from the 10- yard line and three points from the 20- yard line. Except for the last minute of each half, the games will be played on a running clock, which means the game clock isn't stopped. Each team is allocated four downs to progress the ball 20 yards and possessions usually begin on the 14 yard line. The offensive team can punt or go for it or proceed on fourth down. If the offensive doesn't score on the first down,



the ball must be passed to the opposing team where the failed attempt took place.

Interested in participating in fall sports? There are some important reminders and dates to keep in the back of your mind. In order to be considered for the fall sports season, an online athletic registration form, which can be found on

the FCPS Athletics page, must be completed prior to August 8th. Additionally, a sports physical dated after April 1st of this year, must be completed and submitted to head coaches on the first days of tryouts, practice, or the Fall Sports Open House. The sports physical form can also be found on the FCPS Athletics website.

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