**Closure of MD 194 (Woodsboro Pike) Bridge over Little Pipe Creek**

Ken Kellar

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) is beginning a project to refurbish the bridge on MD 194 (Woodsboro Pike) in Carroll County. The bridge, located near the intersection of MD 355 (Little Pipe Creek Road) and MD 194, carries traffic through the Town of Walkersville. The project will begin on June 17 and will continue until September 4, depending on weather conditions. The bridge will be closed to traffic for the duration of the project, and motorists are advised to seek alternative routes. The project is expected to be completed by October 2022.

**Woodsboro election**

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**Walkersville to buy mobile signs**

Ken Kellar

On May 10, Walkersville town officials budgeted $50,000 towards the purchase of two automated, solar-powered mobile signs. The intended use is to post detour routes and_infos, and any other public announcements the Town deems necessary.

**Pave and stripe bridge approaches.**

MDOT SHA will begin the project by cleaning and painting the metal beams beginning early June and will temporarily close the bridge to traffic on June 17 until September 4. Approximately 4,300 motorists use MD 194 over Little Pipe Creek daily. Motorists should plan for extra travel time and follow the posted detour route which includes MD 77 (Middleburg Road) to navigate around the bridge closure.

Maryland drivers can also know before they go by calling 511 or visiting www.md511.org for live traffic updates including construction delays and lane closures.

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**Walkersville employees to see a raise**

Ken Kellar

At the May 10 Walkersville town meeting, the FY 18 budget was introduced. Included was a proposed 5% raise for all Town employees. Commissioner Schildt made a motion for the raise to be reduced to 3%. The motion passed 4 to 1 with Commissioner Winch opposed.

**Upcoming space station sighting opportunities for the our area**

**Spot the station**

Watch the International Space Station pass overhead from several thousand worldwide locations. It is the third brightest object in the sky and easy to spot if you know when to look up. Visible to the naked eye, it looks like a fast-moving plane only much higher and traveling thousands of miles an hour faster!

**Mary Posey shared the website with the Times, https://spottesthesation.nasa.gov/ and reported.**

“A person can sign up for alerts and it really works - we have seen the station during the time frame that was emailed to us. We use the Middletown location (not far from Myersville)”

**Colorful cows**

Ken Kellar

At a recent Walkersville Town meeting, Dave Ennis requested the town officials pose for a photo with each holding a different colored toy cow. Mr. Ennis said the photo would be part of the August geocaching event he is coordinating as part of the year-long celebration of Walker Valley’s 125th anniversary. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and navigation techniques to hide and seek containers called “geocaches” or “caches”, at specific locations marked by coordinates. It’s popular all over the world.

A typical cache is a small waterproof container containing a logbook and sometimes a pen or pencil. The geocacher enters the date they found it and signs it with their established code name in order to prove that they did find it. After signing the log, the cache must be placed back exactly where the person found it.

It rained all day, and as we got closer to where the bases were to drop-off, one person said something about the rain and right away, a veteran spoke up, “This is nothing like the monsoons and rice paddies over there!” You could have heard a pin drop.

The drop-off was close to all the war memorials. The Korean War was closest, then the Vietnam Memorial Wall, and then WWII. There were many comments too numerous to mention, a lot of emotions were witnessed upon finding the names of fellow vets who gave their all for our freedom. Men and women of all age groups, with their hands on the wall, wept for those who never came home. One Marine lost seven of his patrol. Other comments were about “tunnel rats” (the soldiers that

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**Walkersville honors veterans**

The town of Walkersville sponsored a veteran’s bus trip to the Vietnam Memorial Wall. On Thursday, May 11, two buses from Keen Bus Lines left Walkersville Carnival Grounds at 8:00 am with 82 people including approximately 70 Vietnam Veterans. A police escort, provided by the Frederick County Sheriff’s Department, went up Route 194 to Devilbiss Bridge Road to Route 355 to the Montgomery County line. Veterans on the bus commented, “This should have been done 40 years ago when we came back from Vietnam, instead of the way we were treated. We were given total disrespect, even spit upon, when we were serving our country to protect everyone’s freedom. This is one reason we don’t talk about Nam.”

**Last year, Mr. Ennis...**

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**We don’t know the details of the August Walkersville geocaching event, but it looks like a lot of effort is going into making it special. Give it a try!”**

**Walkersville Town officials pose with colorful toy cows**

**Photo Dave Ennis**

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From the editor

Heroism continues to inspire

We received a letter from Irene Dutikow regarding our April history piece on the White Rose and Nazi legal justice. Ms. Dutikow’s letter described the continuing influence of the heroes of the White Rose. In 2012 the Russian Orthodox Church canonized White Rose member Alexander Schmorell as Saint Alexander. As a Russian-born German, he participated in the composing and disseminating of pamphlets critical of the Nazi regime and of the anti-Christian basis of its ideology. The 26-year-old did this in 1943 Nazi Germany and was caught, tried and executed for his “crime”. The book honoring this martyr is Alexander Schmorell: Saint of the German Resistance. It is available online at the Holy Trinity Bookstore and other distributors.

League clarification

Melanie Cox, the President of the Frederick County Chapter of the League of Women Voters, contacted me after reading my May editorial regarding a pending bill to modify ethics legislation by creating a process to select a committee formed to select ethics commission members. Ms. Cox informed me that since 1974, men are not excluded from League membership. She told me that 25% of new members are male, former Democrat Sheriff candidate, Karl Bickel being one example.

Ms. Cox patiently explained the efforts of the League to develop a fair and impartial process. During her explanations I pointed out a couple features of the bill that seemed to be at odds with the League’s efforts or intent. The first was the very exclusive membership criteria for the 3 committee members appointed by the chair: clergy, faculty of two named universities, and a member of United Way. Ms. Cox informed me that since 1974, men are not excluded from League membership. She did say there is a little discomfort with the apparent conflict in the organization name and the actual membership but to date no new name has been developed. “The League of Voters” sounds like “The League of Everybody”. So I understand their quandary.

I also learned that the bill is pretty confusingly written and could benefit from a few clarifying changes.

Thanks again to Ms. Cox for taking the time out to explain the League’s activities.
June 4, 1917

Draft law in effect. Everything is in readiness in this city and county, for the registration for the army draft, which will take place throughout the United States to-morrow. The polling places in Frederick and in all of the country districts as already mentioned in The Post will be opened in the morning at 7 o’clock and will close at 9 o'clock.

The law is that every man in the United States, from 21 to 31 years of age, must register. It is not optional, it is compulsory, and everyone must comply with the law or put up with very serious consequences. The U.S. Government has given the order and no local official has authority to in any way interfere. It will be a dangerous undertaking for anyone to advise or persuade a young man that he need not register. The one who does this is courting very serious trouble for himself as well as for those who may be foolish enough to listen to him.

June 6

Hailstones by carload 26 hours after storm. Frederick County was deluged with tons and tons of ice in the shape of hailstones on Wednesday evening. Out in the northeastern section of the county on the Harry Liggert property twenty-six hours after the storm are at least two carloads of hailstones raining in size from peas to hen eggs.

Late evening, County Commission at 2 A.M. Winding their way into the offices of The Post carrying a quart of hail in a handkerchief. He had carried hail about six miles in an automobile and despite the high temperature, were as large as walnuts.

“There are two carloads of ‘em there,” said Commissioner Witter, “from six to eighteen inches deep on the low lands. They washed there by the floods on Wednesday evening.”

Guerrilla war in mountains. Desultory guerrilla warfare has developed in this section from harbored resentment against Federal enforcement of the draft. Mountain men for the last two nights have fired from ambush at National Guard patrols and Department of Justice agents sent into the section following disclosure of a widespread plot to resist conscription.

A posse of National Guardsmen scouring the mountains believed they had exterminated a small gang of the outlaws whom they traced to the entrance of a cave, only to find a secret egress in the rear, from which their quarry presumably had escaped.

June 1

U-Boat sinks U.S. steamer. The American sailing vessel Mag- nus Manson has been sunk by a German submarine. She was sent down after the crew left her.

Private advices were received in Mobile late last month that the Magnus Manson had been torpedoed off the French coast. The dis- patch received there stated that the master and crew were saved after the torpedoing of the vessel.

The Magnus Manson, a five-masted schooner of 1,751 tons gross, sailed from Pensacola, Flor- ida, late in March for Genoa with a cargo of lumber. She was owned in Mobile.

June 1

Combination automobile and boat on test run. A combination automobile and boat passed through the city last night on its way to Washington from the fac- tory in Ohio. The machine is on a trial to the Capitol. It was a Gov- ernment car and was on its ini- tial trial trip over the mountains. The machine is adapted for Ma- rine service and will most likely be used in the transportation of sup- plies to the soldiers.

The machine is about 20-feet long and is light, being made out of tin. The body sits high off the ground and this enables the ma- chine to get through deep water.

A large propeller is on the front. Car in the first one of its kind to pass through the city and at- tracted much attention when it stopped at the National Garage for supplies last night. Six men were in charge of the test run.

June 17

East and Southeast coast raid- ed by airships. German airships made a raid on the east and south- east coasts of England early this (Sunday) morning. One Zeppelin was brought down in flames, ac- cording to an official announce- ment, after one of the raiders had dropped bombs in Kent. The offi- cial statement follows:

“Early this morning some en- emy airships approached the east and southeast coasts. About 2 A.M. two airships came a short distance inland, one crossing the East Anglian coast and the other coming over Kent for a few min- utes. Bombs are reported to have been dropped from the latter ship. Some damage was done and fire broke out in a coast town. No fur- ther details are yet to hand.

“Later one Zeppelin was brought down in flames.”

June 2

Crashes into oil truck. The au- tomobile of J. H. Etzler, M. Pleas- ant, was damaged yesterday after- noon when it crashed into an oil truck on the Woodsboro Pike. The machine was driven by Mr. Etzler and run into the rear of the truck, crushing the radiator, shattering a head light, and bending the fender.

The occupants of the auto be- sides Mr. Etzler were: Mrs. A. M. Etzler and two children and Rev. B. R. Carnahan, all of Mt. Pleasant.

The oil truck was not dam- aged.

June 2

Catching fish by Christian science. Toads, just common or- dinary “hop toads” the kind that hop-skip-and-jump around on the prairies at night under pe- destrians’ feet are shy critters. Also they are in demand by fishermen as bait for the more elusive that are sly critters. Also they are in demand by fishermen as bait for the more elusive that are

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Bring Dad in for dinner
Father’s Day
June 18th
to make his day special!

After July 4, 2017 we will be closed on Monday & Tuesday.

View our full menu online at www.shamrockrestaurant.com
The County recently approved a modest and responsible budget for Fiscal Year 2018 that delivers exceptional schools and safe communities while planning for our growing senior population. Thanks to our fiscal responsibility and our vibrant economy, we are able to provide top-notch education, safe communities and a high quality of life with no tax rate increase.

In fact, because of the County’s stellar AAA bond rating earned just last year from all three rating agencies, our debt service has dropped, saving taxpayers $2 million a year. That’s real money! The budget is lean, sensible, balanced and fiscally responsible. It protects taxpayers’ money.

We are investing in core services - both education and public safety. Funding provided for our schools will be used to implement the second year phase-in of the teachers’ and staff’s new competitive pay scale. And on the public safety front, to meet the growing volume of calls for service and to address the opioid and heroin crisis, positions have been added in the Sheriff’s Office, Corrections, Fire/EMS and at 9-1-1 Communications.

In fact, a majority of the new positions in the budget are in public safety. I was also pleased to support all our volunteer fire and EMS companies with an increase in the funding matrix to support their ongoing operations. Keeping our communities safe is a fundamental responsibility of local government.

The budget also begins to implement our Seniors First initiative to help plan for the rapidly growing population of seniors who call Frederick County home.

The budget includes in-home health aids to help our seniors to continue to live in their own homes, avoiding more costly nursing home care, an expansion of Medicaid eligibility for hungry, and a small amount of additional support for the Thurmont Senior Center. I am also pleased that the county is once again taking care of our own and keeping our promise to our seniors at Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center and Montevue Assisted Living.

The facilities are operating as a self-sustaining financial operation with no general fund support. We are once again accepting some indigent patients at Montevue.

Both Thurmont and Emmitsburg are allocated funds to help pay for sidewalk projects. Thurmont is improving access to the regional library by adding a side walk. While Emmitsburg is discussing a plan with Mount St. Mary’s University to install a sidewalk or path into town from Mount St. Mary’s University’s campus. In Woodsboro and Walkersville, residents will soon benefit from a new branch library that is under construction and will open to residents in January of 2018.

I want to thank Council President Bud Otis, Vice President M.C. Keegan-Ayer, and Council Members Jerry Donald and Jessica Fritzwater for supporting this lean, sensible budget and keeping Frederick County a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Community Partnerships Grants Awarded

Once again, I am proud to announce Community Partnership Grants restoring our longstanding and productive partnerships with human service and mental health agencies. Together, we do more to help all our residents achieve success and we save money in the process.

The Community Partnership Grant program is cost-effective and saves taxpayer money. These grants leveraged county resources to avoid duplication of effort and establish a strong functional collaboration to meet the human service needs of the community. Working together with the community, the county saves dollars through early intervention and prevention.

Some of the non-profits awarded grants for fiscal year 2018 include the Mission of Mercy, to provide health care to county seniors; the Sheriff’s Center, to purchase a refrigeration freezer and dishwasher; the Seton Center, to offer dental care; and the DePaul Dental Program and the Thurmont Senior Center, to purchase a refrigerator.

Heroin/opioid awareness

As you may be aware, I have announced a billboard along Rt. 85, in front of the Work Release Center at Marcie’s Choice Lane, to illustrate the sobering impact of the heroin and opioid epidemic. Statistics for Frederick County in 2017 reflect the reality that on average we experience one overdose every single day and one death from an overdose about every 10 days. In Maryland, more people are dying from overdoses than are killed in car accidents or by homicide.

Drugs are tearing families apart, leaving a wake of destruction, affecting many people beyond those with addictions including young children.

The billboard will update statistics monthly to raise public awareness as part of the county’s efforts to combat this vicious cycle. Advocacy groups like the Maryland Heroin Awareness Advocates, the Cross Roads Center of Frederick and the Frederick County Health Foundation all supported the billboard.

Advocates also are working with the Town of Thurmont, which is interested in creating a similar sign in the town.

It is time for families to talk about this heroin and opioid epidemic and its serious impacts with all their family members, friends and neighbors. The average age of someone overdosing is a young adult in their 20s but we have people of all ages, including in their 50s and 60s, dying from this addiction. There is hope and there is help. If you need help or know someone who does, you can call 2-1-1.

Celebrations and events

Cathedral to Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church in Woodboro on their celebration of 250 years of service was honored to join the congregation for their church service, picnic and historic tours. Since the church’s hamlet began in the 1767, members of Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran have worked hard, putting their faith into action and making a difference in our community.

Earlier this spring, I also had the opportunity to visit the annual Thurmont Business Showcase which was bustling with activity. It is a great event and a great way to learn about the fabulous businesses operating in the northern part of the county.

I was particularly impressed when I meet with the men and women who choose to start and grow their businesses in Frederick County.

This month, remember to stop by Vigilant Hose Company’s Spring Fling on June 10th at Mount St. Mary’s. I look forward to seeing you on June 24th at Community Heritage Day in Emmitsburg!

As you may be aware, I have announced I am running for the office of County Executive. We had our kickoff event on May 12 which was very well attended with over 300 supporters. This campaign is in full stride to win in 2018. As a council member, I’ve witnessed our budget increase by $60 million in just three years and it’s on pace to approach a $100 million increase in just one term. That’s a 23% increase in the over all budget. How many of you tax payers received 20% more in pay over the past four years? We have to stop the fiscal insanity and start to look outside the standard government box for inventive ways to provide core services while not breaking the backs of taxpayers.

There are many issues that I feel need addressed in this county, but the five main issues I will be concentrating on are as follows:

1. Senior Tax Credit -

I was part of creating a true senior tax credit to help those seniors that helped build this county. As your next county executive, I want to expand the senior property tax credit for the hard working seniors that want to retire in this county. Seniors should not be taxed out of the county they helped create and should expect they can enjoy their golden years and their family without the financial stress of increasing property taxes.

2. School Construction -

As well as my wife and four children, attended Frederick County Public Schools. I care very much about the school system for the current and future children of this county. My daughter is a teacher for Frederick county schools, and I want to help improve our school system. Through public/private partnerships we can build schools with the same quality, at a more aggressive rate, and at a better value for the taxpayer.

This is important especially on the elementary level where capacity is critical. Another important point I support is school choice. Taxpayer’s children have a right to what is best for their children. As your next county executive, I will lead this effort and provide results, not political rhetoric, in solving our school issues.

3. Fire Service -

In this county, we will continue to need volunteer and paid fire and emergency personnel. Both are very important to the quality of life in this county. Being a volunteer is more difficult with increasing state regulations and decreasing free time for volunteers. As your next county executive, I will...
From the desk of County Councilman Harold “Bud” Otis

FY 2018 Budget Vote

Another stellar year for Frederick County, MD! The FY 2018 General Fund Operating Budget has been adopted for $582M, and the Capital Projects Budget for $170M. The Council voted 4-2-1 to pass these budgets. Council Members Keggan-Ayer, Donald, Fizwater and myself voted for it, Council Members Chmielik and Shreve voted against passage, and Council Member Delauter was absent from the meeting.

Here’s why I voted FOR the budget. It is fiscally sound, conservative, resident prioritized, and our property tax rates have remained the same for the third year in a row at $1.06. County income taxes have also remained steady.

Our residents were polled and asked what their top priorities are for their own hard-earned money to fund programs within Frederick County. People responded and indicated their top priorities are Education at 45% and Public Safety at 37%. County Gardener and her team tailored the budget to reflect many of the needs highlighted by the people who live here. A high percentage (80% or $467M) of the budget is allocated to mandated programs.

Roger Wilson announces campaign for City Alderman

Roger Wilson, the Director of Government Affairs and Policy for Frederick County, has announced his bid for Frederick City Alderman in the 2017 Primary Election. “I am eager to serve city residents,” Wilson said, “and to pursue smart solutions to Frederick’s challenges. I am running for elected office because I want to ensure that our city has good roads and schools, healthy and safe communities, a vibrant economy, a thriving arts scene, and a strong sense of community for future generations to enjoy.”

Wilson, who left an executive position at IBM to commit his life to public service, believes he represents the next generation of political leaders, who are innovative thinkers and problem solvers. “I think we should dream boldly,” he said. “And work to preserve what we love about this city, to build what we need for our future, and to believe in a better Frederick for all.” Wilson feels that the best way to achieve this goal is to vote for an experienced leader–someone who is familiar with city, county, and state policies and issues, and who is understanding and responsive to residents’ needs.

Since 2014, Wilson has supported the County Executive, Jan Gardner, advancing policy initiatives with the county, state and federal delegations. His duties in this position have included serving as the liaison to Frederick County’s twelve municipalities, the Frederick County Delegation, and the County Council. Wilson has demonstrated a strong dedication to Frederick and its outlying municipalities through continued volunteer service on various boards, and through his participation in Leadership Frederick County (LFC), sponsored by the Frederick Chamber of Commerce. Wilson also served as a commissioner for the Frederick City Planning and Fair Housing Commissions.

Wilson believes that Frederick Community College is “the vital part of Frederick’s economic heartbeat” and has served on the college’s Advisory Board for Continuing Education. In 2013, Governor Martin O’Malley appointed Wilson to the FCC’s Board of Trustees, and he remains an active member.

Additionally, Wilson is a lifetime member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and is a member of the Rotary Club of Carroll Creek. Wilson also mentors young men through the Necktie Council at Frederick High School, participates in reading programs at Lincoln Elementary School, and worked with people with disabilities through Goodwill Industries Inc.’s “Good Guides” program.

A family man, Wilson has been married to Rosemary Sta- cey, a mental health therapist, for twenty-one years. The couple met while attending Virginia Commonwealth University, and moved to Frederick to raise their family more than two decades ago. Wilson is the proud father of three daughters who all attend Frederick County public schools.

Wilson has dedicated his life to serving Frederick, a community that “welcomed [his fami- ly] with open arms.” If elected as Alderman, Wilson hopes to confront challenges and pursue innovations with the same thoughtfulness and passion that he has brought to his other positions in both the public and private sectors. “Together,” Wilson said, “we can bring a new voice and new vision to all the citizens of Frederick.”

By the Authority of Friends for Roger Wilson, Treasurer: Debra Horden

This budget is well-rounded, provides grant monies supporting programs for some of our most vulnerable residents including homeless students, and is reflective of most of our residents’ values including my own. I saw nothing of note to cut, and did not offer any budget amendments as after serious review, found it to be a solid and well-constructed, fiscally sound financial plan for FY 2018. Our rate of growth at 3.9% is in line with the 3.8% rate for Frederick City, surrounding jurisdictions, and the 4.3% rate for the State of Maryland.

Enjoy our beautiful County. Tourists spend $1M per day taking in the sights and attractions we have right here in our respective backyards. My wife Rose and I hope you enjoy this beautiful weather and take some time to enjoy the many scenic parks, arts, music and recreation activities Frederick County offers. Thank you.
COMMENTARY

Family room
Fate takes a hand

Chandra Bolton
Isn’t life funny? What seems to be failure is so often life closing a door on our expectations and plans in order to open a different door to a better way. Take the case of four musicians traveling the country in the early 1900’s. Working their way from coast to coast, they played in the opera houses, large and small, a different town every day. In the little town of Na- cogdoches in East Texas, Fate took a hand. When a run-away wag- on carrying members of their troupe through town draw- ing in the show, the audience members all rushed to the windows to see what was going on. Incensed at the interruption to their perfor- mance, and the rudeness of the audience, the four musical broth- ers began pacing the stage, shout- ing insults and the wilder their behav- ior, the harder the people laughed. The light dawned on the musi- cians. While their musical talents were very fine, it was the comic- dic insults that pleased the crowd. And it would win them their fame and fortune as the Marx Brothers: Groucho, Harpo, Chico, and Zep- po (the serious one who always gets the girl). In homage to the little town which spawned their transformation from serious mus- ician to comedic geniuses, refer- ences to Nacogdoches, Texas, are sprinkled throughout their mov- ies and Groucho’s later television shows. The country of “Fredonia” in their movie Duck Soup actual- ly had a brief existence in the area surrounding the town, as it made a bid for freedom from Mexico in the early 1800’s.

Another example is a young man who had a slow start in life. As a child, he was slow to be- gin talking. After dropping out of school at the age of 15, he re- quired extra tutoring to get him into the university. But the most difficult blow came after gradu- ation when, throughout a two- year search, he was turned down for many teaching positions and graduate studies. Albert Einstein was left out of the exciting phys- ics debates going on in the universi- ties of Europe. Forced by his fin- ancial circumstances to get a job, he worked at the patent office. The job helped develop his ana- lytical skills not just in a logico- free time. Fate was taking a hand. Einstein used extra time that re- searched, developed, and publish four ground-breaking papers in phys- ics, all published in one year, 1905, and each worthy of a Nobel Prize. Within a few years, he had a position at the University of Berlin producing papers explor- ing, synthesizing, and revolution- izing the world’s understanding of physics. Eventually, Einstein won a Nobel Prize for his contri- butions. This in turn led to offers of employment at various univer- sities. In 1933, Einstein, of Jewish ancestry, accepted a position at Princeton University, leaving just as the Nazis took over Germany. Born just a few days before the start of the Great Depression in 1929, the young man grew up working on the family farm in ru- ral Minnesota. Listening to news stories on the radio during World War II fueled a desire to see the world. When a friend from high school asked if he wanted to join the Air Force, the young man leaped from the chance to join him. He wanted to be a pilot but, after testing, discovered that his gifts were more suited to naviga- tion. After several years of flying around the world, Fate again took a hand. An illness and major sur- gery meant that he could no lon- ger fly. Then a new Air Force re- quirement that all officers have a degree or retire from the service caused the young man, who now had a family to support, to rethink his career plan. Finding a program within the military that allowed him a break from active duty if he could finish a degree in two years, he applied and was ap- proved. Then, when the university he attended changed the require- ments so that he needed an extra year, he talked the Air Force into supporting the change and sand- wiched in enough graduate course work to obtain a Masters degree within the extra year. Armed with a Masters in Industrial Engineer- ing, the farm boy from Minnesota was again flying around the world, this time to solve logistical and supply problems that saved lives and the taxpayers’ money. Retiring after 20 years of service, the young man went on to a long career in the aerospace industry, building airplanes to keep America safe.

Sometimes fate doesn’t turn out as planned. Sometimes prob- lems turn out to be opportuni- ties. Sometimes being willing to change, and put in a lot of work, gets us through that new open door. Not always, but sometimes it is Fate taking a hand.

This and that
More of less and less of more

Mary Klozo
Microbeads have recently come to my attention: tiny plastic balls or fragments now common in ex- foliant skin cleansers, toothpaste, and baby products so widespread that average people likely to use products containing microplastics daily. They are used for mere min- utes, but the plastics remain in the environment for years. Many years. In the UK, over 680 tons of microbe- ads are used each year (part of the 5 million tons of annual plastic use in Great Britain, of which 24% is recycled). BBC news reports that a plate of six oysters can contain 50 particles of plastic and that the UK government plans to ban micro- beads.

Designed to wash through micro-plastics are not caught in wastewater treatment facili- ties. They make their way into wa- terways, some all the way to the ocean. Daily, enough to cover 300 tennis courts enter our waters. The plastics absorb toxins as they go. 8.5 million Canadians drink water from the Great Lakes where millions of microbeads are found, in higher concentrations near ur- ban areas. Microplastics are used in printer inks, in oil and gas ex- traction, textile printing, anti-slip and medical applications; as bulk- ing agents and abrasives in wink- leberry and cleansing creams, to increase viscosity or aid in film formation in lipsticks, sunscreen, hair fixa- tives, and mascara, and to adjust color and glitter in cosmetics. Mi- crofibers are not just in great demand by pro- ducents. Instead, look for the chem- ical names of the plastics they are made of: polyethylene (PE), poly- propylene, and polyethylene hydroxida- tes, ployethylene, nylon, and the abbreviations PET, PTFE and PMMA. You can often feel them if you rub the prod- uct between your fingers. Illinois banned “production, manufacture, and sales of personal care products containing plastic microbeads” in 2016.

The Canadian government has proposed putting microbeads on their List of Toxic Substances. In the US, the Micro-bead-Free Waters Act of 2015 (H.R. 1321 114th) prohibits “the manufacture and introduction into interstate commerce of rinse-off cosmetics containing intentionally-added plastic micro- beads.” Signed by the president De- cember 28, 2015, the deadlines for ending the manufacture and sale of microbead products are approach- ing, July 1, 2017, the manufactur- ing of such products is to be halt- ed. By July 1, 2018, the delivery of the products is scheduled to cease (with certain products having an additional year to be phased out). Microfibers are of similar con- cern. The outdoor wear company Patagonia (to their credit) has been studying the issue, particularly it relates to synthetic fiber. Sixty per- cent of all clothes worldwide are synthetic fibers, and that is grow- ing. Birds take microfibers into their bodies (particularly synthetic fiber) shed fibers, especially when they are washed. (More is shed in top-load- ers, less in front-loader) The fibers are filtered in the dryer, but go down the drain with wash water and get released into the en- vironment. Plastic microfibers have been found in fish caught in the waters off the California coast. Such fibers are in arctic waters. It’s near certain that if you eat seafood, you ingest some microfibers.

Larger plastics slowly break down into smaller pieces but take an aver- age of 450 years to biodegrade (and when they do finally break down, the toxins they’ve absorbed are re- leased). Petrochemicals are used in their manufacture and transport. Plas- tic bags caught in trees are an eye- sore for years. Bangladesh banned plastic shopping bags in 2002. After their drainage systems were choked by the bags and caused massive storm flooding. The bags are also banned in South Africa, Rwanda, China, Australia, and Italy. You can buy them for about 4¢ each. What does it cost to get rid of them? Is it even possible? What of broken buckets and cracked kayaks and the multitude of other plastic stuff? Plastics are buoyant. They are huge, floating masts of plastic debris in our oceans at the surface and sus- pended below, eventually sinking to the bottom. The Floating Pacific Garbage Patch is perhaps the size of Texas. It is not the only debris field, and they are growing. It’s all stuff we’ve discarded, aban- doned, or left untouched. On islands and thousands of miles from inhabited land, skeletons of dead seabirds are found with little piles of plastics in their stomachs. Greenpeace estimates that plastics have been ingested by 80% of seabirds world wide.

What to do? Start with paying at- tention: what does your own house- hold’s annual plastic trash amount to? Choose permanent items over throw-away plastic. Choose biode- gradable fiber bags over single-use flimsy plastic. Reuse plastics you can’t avoid as many times as pos- sible, then get them in a recycling stream. Pick up litter left by others. Consider the cost of both acquisi- tion and disposal when you shop. Keep the conversation going. Con- tact a few lawmakers and manufac- turers. It is beyond urgent that we stop leaving garbage for multiple generations not even born yet to deal with when we are long gone, and our plastics are still here.

A high school junior in 2008 developed a process to decompose plastic bags in 3 months and iden- tified a bacteria involved. Bravo Daniel Burd, of Waterloo Ontario.
Metamorphosis

Charissa Robinson

I squatted down by the edge of the creek, my shoes crunching in the fine dirt and rocks. In the distance, a group of tadpoles swam. I caught glimpses of small shapes darting back and forth through the open patches of water. I spotted little striped fish, a banded bottom-dweller, and the occasional crayfish poking its heavy clawed arms out from under a rock. Slowly, I let my gaze drift along the creek bed, scanning the underwater world for other signs of life.

Then, in the center of a pool, I saw a cluster of movement. A myriad of dark, oblong creatures squirmed and swam about at the bottom of the creek, their tiny tails gauding them to and fro. Each one was no bigger than a pea.

"Whatcha got there?" my father asked, tramping up behind me. He bent to look over my shoulder, his hands on his knees.


I took one of our water bottles and emptied it, refilling it with fresh creek water. Then I carefully scooped up a few black, wiggling tadpoles and slipped them inside the bottle.

"We've kept tadpoles for a little while before," my father said as he capped the bottle. "When they become toads, we release them by the creek. You'll enjoy watching how they grow up; it's pretty amazing to see.

As soon as we arrived home, I brought the bottle to my mother. She admired the little tadpoles which were stubbornly swimming around the bottle, trying to find the limits of their plastic confinement.

"Here, I have a special contain- er for them," my mother said ex- citedly. In our aquarium, she sub- merged a plastic mesh container which affixed to the side and pro- vided a shallow, protected, and breathable space for the tadpoles to live. She arranged some vegetation and a few rocks in the contain- er so that the tadpoles would have a way to son dry land when their transformation began. Gen- tly, I transferred the tadpoles from the bottle to their new home. My mother and I watched as the young long creatures explored their habi- tate, using their tiny, thread-like tails to propel themselves around.

"Now we feed them, watch them, and wait," my mother told me.

Over the next days, I kept an eye on them. They grew larger and stronger. As their tails grew smaller, the babies began to sprout tiny legs. As soon as they had more than doubled in size, they remained in the water, signifying that they were not yet ready to live on land; their lungs had not devel- oped enough to breathe air.

Then the process slowed. The tadpoles grew larger, but they still remained in the water, signifying that they were not quite adult. As they slowly grew into adults and lived on land, their lungs had not devel- oped enough to breathe air. They were still small, too, even though they had more than doubled in size. The babies were about the size of my thumbnail, legs includ- ed, and each one still had a long tail.

But as the days passed, the tad- poles began to shrink. One by one, each baby lost the last trac- es of its tadpole days and became a fully formed, though tiny, toad. As their tails grew smaller, the ba- by toads climbed up out of the water and squatted on the rocks, testing out the air. When the last length of their tails disappeared, they were no longer tadpoles; the transformation was complete.

A few days later, I carried a small bucket down to the creek. Inside were our tiny toads, now ready to return to their natural habitat. At the edge of the creek, I knelt down and opened the lid of the bucket.

"Ahh, guys," I said, lowering my hand into the bucket. With a gentle nudge from my finger, the toads hopped into my palm, their little feet cold and wet. "Time to go."

I set my hand down on the creek bank, and the toads paused a mo- ment, their tiny thumbs pulsating. Then, one by one, they hopped by my hand, across the fine pebbly sand, and into the creekside grasses. I watched the baby toads disappear, glad that I had had the chance to watch them grow up in an incredible process of transfor- mation.

A different marathon experience

Mitchell Brannen

Running your first Half Mar- athon is supposed to be special. It is supposed to be life changing. It is supposed to be a time where you are in a sort of detached moment. You start off anxious and worry- ing and by the end of the race, you have nothing but jubilation.

I remember seeing at least three times that you think you can’t, but for the rest of your life you will know that you did.

"Sanctuary! Sanctuary!"

Justin M. Kiska

"Sanctuary! Sanctuary!" Any fan of classic literature should recog- nize this line from Victor Hugo’s The Hunchback of Notre Dame. It’s the first thing that goes through my mind every time I hear some- one talk about “sanctuary cities.” A little voice in the back of my head repeats Hugo’s line, making me smile for a minute. It's probably a psychological coping mech- anism. Possibilities are endless because it knows how worked up I can get about the issue of sanctu- ary cities.

More often than not, I try to be a pragmatic, middle-of-the- road kind of thinker. I would rath- er find common ground so that something can be accomplished, rather than having two sides dig

in on their extreme positions and get nowhere. Some might say, "I’m just being a moderate, a bad thing. But it is what it is."

When it comes to sanctuary cit- ies, I'm on the outside. Frederick is not a sanctuary city. It was supposed to be the epic.

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According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, hun- dred of thousands of people have be- come naturalized citizens of the United States each year. If so ma- ny are willing to follow the rules and go through the process legal- ly, why should those who aren’t re- ceive sanctuary? They are breaking our laws. Laws that we see by the number of people becoming citi- zens, many want to follow, believe in, and deport to. It isn’t that they are breaking the law, they deserve to be punished for their actions. After all, if the residents of one of these sanctu- ary communities don’t want to lose federal dollars or state assis- tance, then it is up to them to re- place the elected officials who de- cided they were going to break the law.

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In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain chemicals and microbial contaminants provided by public water systems. EPA regulations require all community systems, including those providing water to customers in lentil area, to meet these standards. The presence of some contaminants in drinking water is unavoidable, but the provisions of quality water is an ongoing effort for the Town of Walkersville and its staff, and one we are continually trying to improve upon.

In our continuing efforts to maintain a safe and dependable water supply it may be necessary to make improvements in your water system. The costs of these improvements may be reflected in the rate structure. Rare adjustments may be necessary in order to address these improvements. Thank you for your understanding.

We at the Town of Walkersville work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. To this end, we have adopted a Wellhead Protection Ordinance and a Backflow Prevention Ordinance that will protect the town’s water supply. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children’s future.
Funeral Farce

The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, the Frederick area’s only year-round producing theatre, is not only known for its Broadway-style Mainstage productions and one-of-a-kind Children’s Theatre, but also for its interactive murder mysteries. Marquey Mysteries launched in 2005 with A Rock-n-Roll Golden Oldey Mystery. So popular was the show, that eleven more interactive mysteries have appeared at Way Off Broadway since, while even more are now produced outside of the theatre, including regularly on the Wayzler Carrolton Southern Railroad.

For the 2017 Season, Way Off Broadway’s producers announced a full Marquey Mysteries Series, which kicked off in March with Murder by Marriage. The second murder mystery to the series will be The Funeral Farce, on June 9th and 10th.

After dear Aunt Betty finally goes to meet her maker, it’s time for her family and friends to gathering and celebrate the life of the eccentric, curmudgeonly, straight-talking nog-namagulan. When another dead body turns up at the reception, it will be up to the guests to solve the murder. If you thought your family was dysfunctional, you haven’t seen anything yet. Everyone loves a good who dunnit! Now is your chance to play detective and help solve the case.

Detective stories and mysteries have been a part of entertainment culture for as long as anyone can remember. From the days of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Agatha Christie to the modern television crime shows of today, everyone loves a good mystery. Everyone thinks they can be the next Sherlock Holmes. At Way Off Broadway, they have that chance!

**The Funeral Farce** is based on characters created and developed by Justin M. Kiss, who is overseeing the production and has written all of the theatre’s mysteries since 2005.

“Even though each mystery has a cast of over-the-top, sometimes crazy characters and storylines,” Kiss says, “they all have to be partially based in something with which everyone can relate. Everyone has family and knows what can happen at a funeral. So with The Funeral Farce, we take a little creative license and add a good dose of exaggeration to come up with a fun evening of mystery.”

On Friday evening, June 9th and Saturday evening, June 10th, doors open and the “reception” begins at 6:30 p.m. All tickets for The Funeral Farce are $45 per person and can be purchased by visiting the theatre or calling the Box Office at 301.662.6600.

Following, The Funeral Farce later this year are Game of Gangsters and A Holiday Who Dunnit?

To learn more about Way Off Broadway’s Marquey Mysteries, or any of the theatre’s productions, visit www.wayoffbroadway.com

Happy Days – The Musical

Everyone’s favorite TV family will be singing and dancing their way across the stage this summer when **Happy Days – The Musical** opens at The Way Off Broadway Dinner Theatre, the area’s only year-round producing theatre.

Goodbye gray skies, hello blue! Happy days are here again with Richie, Potsie, Ralph Malph, and the one and only “king of cool” Arthur “The Fonz” Fonzie. Based on the hit Paramount Pictures television series, **Happy Days**, the musical reintroduces one of America’s best loved families, the Canning-lums, yes, Howard, Marion, and Joanie are here too, to a whole new generation. The famed drive-in malt shop and number one hang-out, Arnold’s, is in danger of demo- lition. So the gang teams up to save it with a dance contest and a TV-worthy wrestling match. Even Pinkey Tascadero, Fonzie’s childhood sweetheart, returns to help and, lo and behold, they revoke their old flame. This perfectly family friendly musical will have you rockin’ and rollin’ all week long!

**Happy Days** first became a part of our entertainment culture as a television series that ran for eleven seasons from 1974 until 1984. During its run, it was one of the highest rated shows of the 70’s starring Ron Howard, Marion Ross, Tom Bosley, Scott Baio, and Henry Winkler as “The Fonz.” Way Off Broadway’s production has a cast that includes DiPlo Coppa, Sr. as Arnold, Dylan Gibbs as Chachi, Michael Hudson as Richie, Dianna Jennings as Mar- ion Cunningham, Jacob R. Keith as Ralph, Pete Meyers as How- ard Cunningham, Owen Raynor as Potsie, Leah Snesery as Joanie, Tori Weaver as Pinky Tascadero, Megan E. West as Lori Beth, and Joseph Wayarter as the cool kid himself, Arthur “The Fonz” Fon- zarelli. Joining them will be Steph- anie Clark, Brittany Groove, Toby Lynch, and Michael Meyers, all making their WOB debut.

**Happy Days – The Musical** runs from June 23 – August 19, 2017, with performances every Friday and Saturday evening, and matinees on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sun- day of each month.

Tickets on a Friday evening or one of the Sunday matinees are $45, while Saturday evening tickets are $48. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the Box Office at (301) 662-6600. To learn more about the show, or any of Way Off Broadway’s pro- ductions, visit www.wayoffbroad- way.com.

The latest at MET

**Maryland Ensemble Theatre**

MET 2017-2018 Season preview at Volt
Tuesday, June 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m
Volt Restaurant • 228 North Mar- ket Street
Join the announcement of MET’s 2016-2017 Season. Sneak Peek of the upcoming shows performed by Ensemble Members.

Cash bar and complimentary hors d’oeuvres.

RSVP by June 5 to rsvp@marylandensemble.org or call the Box Office Manager at 301-694-4744. The first 63 RSVPs are guaranteed seats!

Purchase a raffle ticket online ahead of time for table for two at table 21!

You do not need to be present to win!

Fred’s Diner
by Penelope Skinner
Directed by Peter Wray
May 26 – June 18

“Award-winning playwright Penelope Skinner’s Fred’s Diner is stylish and great fun.”

**The Guardian**

In Fred’s American Diner on a busy English motorway, people dream of better lives. Chloe wants to emigrate, Melissa dreams of university, Heather wants to rebuild her life, and Sunny wants to get service with a smile, but not far beneath lies a deadly secret in this dark comedy.

**The Canterbury Tales: Love and Marriage** by Reiner Prochaska

Originally directed by Tad Janes • Restaged by Reiner Prochaska
June 22 – 24, 28, 8pm June 24, 25, 3pm

The Canterbury Tales: Love and Marriage explores the bawdy humor of Chaucer’s commentary on the perils of romantic relationships. Faithful to the original, the updated script is accessible to a young twenty-first century audience for whom it may be an introduction to Chaucer’s wise and witty satire on love, marriage, and sex.

For mature audiences only.

**A Cabaret Today!**

Support MET and Come to the Cabaret!

Tuesday, June 13, 7:30pm — Pay-what-you-will to support MET’s Original Works and The Frank Greene Fund!

Join our very own “George and Gracie” for another MET cabaret! The evening will feature some MET favorites and some new to the MET stage.

All proceeds benefit METLAB-Works in Progress New Play Fes- tival.

Once again, every seat is choose prices from $10 to $500 (hey, we can dream, can’t we?) Don’t see a price you want, just call and we’ll reserve you a seat and you can “pay-at-the-door.”
Hands-On at the Library

The Walkersville Branch Library offers a variety of hands-on programs for patrons of all ages. From 3-D Printing classes for adults (June 15 at 11:30 a.m.) and Composting programs for families (June 20 at 6:30 p.m.) to Nature Sprouts for Preschoolers (every Tuesday at 1 p.m.) and DIY for TEENS (every Wednesday at 3 p.m.), the library has something for everyone this summer. Check out these exciting programs for June!

Preschoolers

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Explore Space All Summer

From June 2 to August 25, Frederick County Public Libraries will host Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey. Housed at the C. Burr Artz Library in Downtown Frederick, this exhibit features hands-on interactives including a touch table meteorite collection with a 10-pound, 4.5 billion-year-old meteorite, a build your own solar system game, and a quiz show to test your knowledge of space science and astronomy. FCPL is proud to be one of only eight locations in the country to host this exhibit.

Along with this stellar exhibit, FCPL will also be hosting many space-themed programs throughout our libraries this summer. Here’s a few events happening this month:

*Registration required for this program.

**Thurday, June 15 1:00 p.m.**

**Storytime From Space**

Walkersville Library

Thursday, June 15 7:00 p.m.

A Half Century of Astronomy with Dr. Ted Gull C. Burr Artz Library

**Discover Space: A Cosmic Journey**, a traveling exhibition for libraries, is part of the STAR Library Education Network (STAR Net) led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Exhibit partners include the American Library Association, the Lunar and Planetary Institute, and After-School Alliance. Discover Space is supported through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

**Preschool STEM** – Even preschoolers love to be hands-on when learning. Seven preschoolers recently participated in a Spring Break STEM Club. Here they are building a house with toothpicks and marshmallows.

**Reading Recommendations for Summer**

Looking for something new to read? Check out these recommendations compiled by a partnership between Frederick County Public Librarians and the Frederick County Public School librarians.

**Babies and Toddlers:**

Dinosaur Dance

Sandra Boynton

Sweet Summer

Jennifer Marino Walters

**Preschool:**

Even Superheroes Have Bad Days

Shelly Becker

Discover the Sun, the Lakes and the Way

S.D. Nelson

**Grades K-2:**

Ada Twist, Scientist

Andrea Beaty

**Grades 3-5:**

Jacky Ha-Ha

James Patterson

Ghost

Raina Telgemeier

**Middle School:**

The Inquisitor’s Tale: Or, The Three Magical Children and Their Holy Dog

Adam Gidwitz

Blood, Bullets, Bones: The Story of Forensic Science from Sherlock Holmes to DNA

Bridget Heos

**High School:**

City of Saints & Thieves

Natalie C. Anderson

Level Up

Gene Luen Yang

**Adults:**

Dust Bowl Girls

Lydia Riebler

Dark Matter

Blake Crouch

To see the complete list, pick one up at the library or visit us on the web: www.fcpl.org. 
Walkersville produces an architect

Scott Richmond, of Walkersville, has recently fulfilled his requirements for a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture from Wentworth Institute of Technology, Boston, Massachusetts.

Scott is the son of Chris and Judith Richmond, of Walkersville. He is also the grandson of Anne Richmond and the late Bruce Richmond of South Amboy, NJ, and the late Connie Pelczar of Frederick, Maryland.

During his time at Wentworth, Scott was a member of the American Institute of Architecture. He spent his final semester at the University of Girona, in Girona, Spain. While in Europe, his studies included classes in Berlin, Germany; Barcelona, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal. He completed his internship requirements the summer of 2016 with Jardins International, on Nantucket, Massachusetts.

A graduate of Walkersville High School, Class of 2012, Scott was a recipient of an Athletic Undergraduate Scholarship from Wentworth Institute of Technology.

Congratulations to Scott on his recent success!!!
Children’s Center celebrates 30 years

Children’s Center of Walkersville celebrated its 30th anniversary with a picnic celebration and ceremony on their front lawn on May 6, 2017. Established in August 1987, it was founded by Jean Riley and the late Patricia Schwinger with a focus on Preschool and Child Care for young children. It has since grown to a fully Accredited Maryland State Department of Education Preschool Program and maintains a Level 5 Maryland Excels rating, the highest rating available to licensed Centers.

The key to the Center’s success and longevity is its passion for each child’s social, emotional, physical, and cognitive growth, as well as a family-like atmosphere. The Center is proud to have numerous children from its earlier years now grown and having their own children attend.

The owner, Ginny Simoneau, has been with the Center since its opening, and along with the staff was honored at the celebration. Remarks during the ceremony included a special mention of Ginny, “It would be impossible to honor this vital cornerstone in Walkersville without recognizing Ms. Ginny, whose advocacy, passion and love for children is unparalleled. Her commitment to children is recognized by the staff and countless families that have come through this center, but also reaches deep throughout the town of Walkersville, the Early Childhood business community, and all of Frederick County.” The Ms. Pat Schwinger memorial garden was also dedicated during the ceremony.

Lions help library

The Glade Valley Lions Club made a $10,000 donation to the new Walkersville Library. The donation will be used in the “Early Literacy Play and Learning Space.” Lions Jim Corley, Vonnie Crum, and Kathy Merendino worked with the Frederick County Libraries in designing the “Early Literacy Play and Learning Space.” Lions Jim Corley, Vonnie Crum, and Kathy Merendino worked with the Frederick County Libraries in designing the “Early Literacy Play and Learning Space.” The learning space will center around the agricultural influences and the dairy industry of the Glade Valley. The new library is presently under construction and will be completed in early 2018.

To learn more about the Glade Valley Lions Club, contact Dave Schneidel 301-845-8466 or email DRSchneidel@aol.com
Diversify with bonds (even if rates are low)

If you’ve needed a mortgage or another type of loan over the past several years, you’ve probably appreciated the historically low interest rates we’ve experienced. But if you’ve wanted to own fixed-rate investments, such as bonds, you might have been less pleased at the low-rate environment. Now, interest rates may be moving up somewhat, but even if they don’t hit the heights we saw in previous decades, you can still gain some key advantages from owning bonds.

One of the biggest benefits provided by bonds is their ability to help you diversify a stock portfolio. Stocks and bonds often move in different directions—in fact, the same economic or political forces that can be bad for stocks might be good for bonds, and vice versa. Consequently, if you own a reasonable percentage of bonds, you may not be as vulnerable to the impact of those inevitable downturns in the stock market. Keep in mind, though, that diversification can’t guarantee profits or protect you against losses.

Of course, the other major attribute of bonds is their regular income they provide through interest payments. Unless the issuer defaults—an event that’s generally unlikely, assuming you purchase quality, “investment-grade” bonds—you can count on receiving the same payments for the life of your bond. Then, once your bond matures, you’ll get back the original principal, again assuming the issuer doesn’t default. The ability to receive regular payments may help improve your cash flow and possibly help you avoid selling stocks to meet unexpected costs, such as an expensive car repair. And holding your bond until maturity can help you plan to meet specific goals; for example, if your child will be starting college in five years, you can buy a bond scheduled to mature at the same time, providing you with an influx of cash you can use for tuition and other school expenses.

Still, despite the benefits of diversification, steady income and the repayment of principal, you may find it hard to ignore the relatively low interest rates you’re seeing on your bonds. This is especially true if market rates rise, causing the value of your bonds to fall. (Investors won’t pay you the full price—that is, the face value—of your bonds when they mature, they’ll have to offer them at a discount.)

One way of coping with interest-rate movements is to build a “ladder” of bonds of varying maturities. When your short-term bonds mature, you can reinvest the proceeds in newly issued bonds that may offer higher rates, while your longer-term bonds continue to pay you greater income. (Generally—but not always—longer-term bonds carry higher interest rates than short-term bonds.)

Even within this type of bond ladder, though, you will want to diversify your holdings among different types of bonds from different issuers. In any case, be sure to evaluate whether a bond ladder and the securities held within it are consistent with your investment objectives, risk tolerance and financial circumstances.

Don’t ignore bonds when constructing and maintaining your investment portfolio. No matter what interest rates are doing, you’ll find that bonds can play an important role in your portfolio.

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- Custom Upholstery
- References Available
- Taking on New Designers
- Custom Window Treatment
- Energy-Efficient Window Treatment

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301-271-1028
heartandhandsworkroom.com
Call for an Appointment
Call for a Personalized Home Visit

Dinner in the Dark

Loss promoting their event at a Walkersville Town meeting

A guest appearance on WFMD 1200

Get there early each month.

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Leo event should boost empathy

The Walkersville Middle School LEO Club, in cooperation with the Glade Valley Lions Club, is planning an exciting event on Friday, June 9, at the Walkersville Fire Hall, to benefit the Leader Dog for the Blind program.

A remarkable non-profit program was founded in 1939 by three members of a Detroit-area Lions Club who were trying to help a friend obtain a guide dog. The experience was so touching that they established solely on donated funds. The WMS LEOs are actively involved in the raising of a Future Leader Dog and have become passionate about this program. They have been speaking at town hall meetings, local Lions Club events, and even had a guest appearance on WFMD with Bob Miller.

On June 9, at 6:00 pm, the Walkersville Middle School LEO Club will host a “Dinner in the Dark” (catered by Letti- ers’ Fine Catering, Inc.) to benefit the Leader Dog for the Blind. After appetizers and bidding on silent auction items, guests will be blindfolded and led to a table for dinner and dessert.

The experience will simulate what a visually impaired person experiences on a daily basis when eating. After dinner, blindfolds will be removed and guests will meet a Leader Dog in Training, a Leader Dog and their companion whose life they have changed. The Walkersville LEO Club is hoping to raise $2000 to be donated to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

For more information about this event please email LEOS.

DinnerInTheDark17@gmail.com or visit https://www.facebook.com/DinnerInTheDark17/ or call 301-788-0526

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Glade Valley Bakery – Part 2

1917 – 1956

Working inside the two-story bakery was the “Head Mixer” of the dough, John Grimes, the grandfather of the former Mayor of Frederick City, Jim Grimes. Flour for the bakery was made at the Glade Valley Milling Co. on Pennsylvania Avenue by the railroad tracks. Two or three times a week, Harvey Strine would bring a flatbed truckload of flour to the bakery, 80 to 100 cloth bags of flour, each weighing 80 pounds. The flour was unloaded at the side of the bakery and stored in the dry basement. When John Grimes needed more flour, it was put on the elevator and taken to the second floor of the bakery where the huge bread dough mixer was located.

Once the dough was finely mixed, it was put down a slide to the first floor of the bakery. It was then processed and put into big pans, each holding 6 small amounts of dough. The big pans were then taken to the revolving oven. ‘Kook’ Hanlon, “Head Baker”, was in charge of the oven for many years. Once the bread was in the oven, it would revolve around in the intense heat. Thirty to forty minutes later, it would come back to the front of the oven. The red-hot bread pans would be taken out of the oven and turned upside down. The six loaves of bread would be put on carts with 8 shelves and taken to the back of the bakery to cool down. Once the bread was cool, Murray Wilhide would put the loaves of bread on a long machine which would slice the bread and then wrap the bread in cellophane. The wrapped bread would be put back on the cart and taken out to the loading dock in the evening to be put on the delivery trucks for delivery to the stores the next morning. Charlie Kerchner was in charge of loading the 12 trucks. The bread was known as “American Beauty” bread for many years, along with other numerous names from time to time.

Workers in the bakery were: James Mercer, Paul Burrier, Kenneth Nusbaum, Rose Clem, Melvin Haines, Charles Kanode Jr., Charles Staley, Steiner Summers, Arthur Crum, John Gearinger, Charles Palmer, Norman Green, Roy Martin, Charlie Naylor, Clay Green, Charles O. Brister, Mary Wilhide, Roy Strine, Milton Denn, Paul Boone, John Baker, Harry Bruner, and Raymond Haines. Elmer Boone was the mechanic in charge of the machines in the bakery. Walter W. Poole was the mechanic in charge of all bread truck repairs.

In last month’s Bakery article, in error, Walter Dudrow’s name was omitted from the list of bread truck drivers.

In the 1950’s, the business slowed down due to the much larger bakeries in Hagerstown, Baltimore, and Washington sending their bread delivery trucks into Frederick, Montgomery, and Washington Counties. The Glade Valley Bakery sold their bakery business in 1956 to Manbeck Bread Company of Hagerstown, Maryland.

Article presented by Walkersville Historical Society, written by Charlie Nicodemus, assisted by Kathryn Nicodemus and Bonnie Liens. Please note – call Charlie Nicodemus at 301-845-6622 to give names of others who worked at the bakery.
New organization kicks off with blood drive

The Greater Frederick Republican Women will be holding a Blood Drive in conjunction with Spartan Tactical and Police Supply.

The Greater Frederick Republican Women, a new Republican Women’s organization in Frederick County, in conjunction with Spartan Tactical, will be holding a blood drive for the Red Cross as their first public event.

The blood drive will take place on Monday, June 12, from 3 to 8pm, at Spartan Tactical and Police Supply, located at 5735 Industry Lane in Frederick, Maryland.

Collecting blood is always difficult, and the summer months are the most challenging time to do so. According to the Red Cross website, every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood and more than 17,000 Red Cross blood donations are needed every day. The Red Cross supplies approximately 40 percent of the nation’s blood and provides blood for patients at nearly 3,000 hospitals and transfusion centers across the U.S.

Marie Fischer-Wyrick, co-founder of the Greater Frederick Republican Women, stated, “I was brought up with the saying ‘…whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.’ I hope the residents of Frederick County will come out and help us to help save someone’s entire world.”

About Greater Frederick Republican Women: The Greater Frederick Republican Women was founded in the Spring of 2017 by a group of Republican Women who wanted to encourage women to serve in their government, as well as their communities. To learn more about the Greater Frederick Republican Women, please visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GFR-WMD, or call 240-233-6474.

Lions Club member honored

Recently, Glade Valley Lion Carroll Shry was added to the District 22 W Honor Roll. Each year a select number of Lions are chosen for the District Honor Roll. This is one of the most prestigious honors a Lion can receive. Carroll has been a member of the Glade Valley Lions club for 40 years, chairman of the Scholarship Committee for 35 years, twice President, and is a Melvin Jones Fellow.
The importance of godly counsel (Proverbs 2:10-22)

We live in a day in which many believers seem to make decisions based upon emotions. They do this with such important decisions as taking new jobs, choosing churches, and choosing spouses. Instead, the foundation of our decision-making processes ought to be inspired Word of God!

In this passage, we find two inseparable entities that help us with our decision making: wisdom and godly counsel. Wisdom is defined as observing to do God’s Word. This concept can be found repeatedly through the scriptures. When we do not know what God’s Word has to say on a subject, we must then turn to godly counsel. This is a group of people that can show us where to find help in the Bible.

Proverbs 2:10-11 tells us that we will be preserved and kept (guarded) by the wisdom of God’s Word and discretion (counsel). The passage then goes on to explain what these guard us from. In particular, we are guarded from evil men (v.12-15) with their evil words, and strange women (v.16-19) with their flattering words. The passage ends by telling us that, if we walk this way, we will walk in the way of good men, and ends with a few promises (v.20-22).

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From the desk of County Councilman Kirby Delauter
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help the volunteers continue to serve our community while saving us valuable tax dollars. I supported the interim funding request from seven volunteer fire companies that would allow them to achieve their goals while minimizing the effect on the budget. I have very knowledgeable career and volunteer personnel willing to step up and provide assistance for a solid plan to stabilize our fire rescue services.

4. Sheriff Department

I support our Sheriff and Deputies 100 percent. We have a Sheriff that not only provides a first class service to our residents, but is fiscally responsible as well. The last thing we need in this country is an executive whose philosophy is at odds with the Sheriff. While other counties, such as Montgomery, want to become sanctuary counties, that is something that I do not support. As your next county executive, I will always put legal, taxpaying citizens first.

5. Taxes, Fees and Regulations

While the current executive supports big government tax and spend policies of Obama and O’Malley, I have a proven track record of the opposite. I have eliminated onerous taxes and fees as well as refunded tax dollars to our tax paying citizens. As your next county executive, I will restore fiscal sanity to our county. Tens of millions of your tax dollars are being wasted annually. This goes along with hundreds of additional hires by this administration. A prime example is a position added for a full time person to check your recycling bins, with this kind of nonsense, you tell me why your taxes continue to increase.

I am Kirby Delauter and with the support of my family and the grace of God, I will do what is best for this county as your next county executive.

Walkersville honors veterans
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were in tunnels that were seeking out the enemy; you shot first and asked questions later, and in the villages, the locals were friends by day and enemies by night.

We spent approximately 3 hours at the memorials including WW II where comments were made about the Freedom Wall and what the stars represented. The Freedom Wall has 4,048 gold stars, each representing 100 Americans who died in the war.

Overall, it was a tremendous and emotional trip, with opportunity for veterans to meet others who served. It was the first trip to the memorial for many. Everyone was very grateful to the Town of Walkersville for sponsoring and organizing this trip and would welcome going again.

Special thanks to:
1. The Town of Walkersville, Burgess and Commissioners for organizing and providing two buses.
2. Toots’s Restaurant of Woodsboro for providing excellent brown bag lunches.
3. Glenn Fogle & Sons for providing sodas and bottled water.
4. The Frederick County Sheriff’s Office for providing a police escort.
5. The Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company for the use of their facilities and pa
6. Post 282 American Legion Auxiliary for hot dogs and snacks when we returned.

Remember, show respect for all veterans. A simple handshake and thank you go a long way. Without our service and sacrifice, only God knows where we would be today.

Don Schildt, Commissioner/Chairperson
Church holds grand gala

Ken Kellar

Grace Rocky Hill Lutheran Church held a grand gala on May 21 to celebrate their 250th year as a church. Key coordinators of the spectacularly successful event attended by around 400 people include: Wanda Smith, Sandy Toms, Mandy Poole, Jane Jacobs, and Laura Hutchinson.

The event kicked off with a service by Pastor Matthew Beers.

Honored guests included: Maryland-DE Synod Assistant Bishop Dr. Charles Zang, Pastor Fred Faust, Pastor Bruce Barth, Pastor Par-}
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riss Beckhart, Pastor Gordon Nars廭es, Pastor Dahl Drenning, and Chaplain Paula Thistle.

Special guests included: County Executive (CE) Jan Gard-
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ner, Delegate and CE candidate Kathy Afzali, and Senator Mi-
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chael Hough.

Of special note were guests James and Phyllis Hammond. The siblings are the distant descendants of Sebastian “Boss” Hammond, a local slave, who ultimately purchased his and his family’s freedom. Much of the money used to acquire their liber-
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ty was from Mr. Hammond’s ser-
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vices as a gravestone carver. His works can be found all around Frederick and Carroll County. While not signed, Mr. Ham-
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mond was illiterate, he developed a unique style which allows ready identification of his work which is crisp and precise. One of his works is an 1829 stone shown to me by Sandy Toms. It stands in the Grace Rocky Hill ceme-
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ving’s edges are so sharp and precise the piece appears to have been cut yesterday. That is in stark contrast to the many sand-
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stone grave markers of similar age in the cemetery that are no longer legible due to extensive weathering.

The anniversary event was pro-
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fessionally catered with a generous menu including: fried chick-
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en, country ham on sweet potato biscuits, beef barbecue brisket on potato rolls, green beans cooked with ham hocks, red skinned potatoes with butter and parsley, cole slaw, cinnamon applesauce, chow-chow, pickled beets, rolls, and iced tea. Ice cream followed as well as a cake made to look like the church cake. (Note: At the time of my departure from the event, no one had yet had the heart to cut into the beautiful church cake).

The event included live music, history tours, colonial and vintage games, and horse-drawn wagon rides. Many historical re-enactors were present from both the colonial and Civil War eras including: 1st MD Calvary CSA, Lee’s Lieutenants, and the Frederick-area Daughters of the American Revolu-
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Congratulations to the congre-
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Scudéry and her romances

Madeleine de Scudéry was born at Havel-de-Grace, in 1607. Her family was noble, but of decayed fortune. Her mother dying while she was a child, she was adopted by an uncle, who, as he could not leave her money, spared neither pains nor expense in giving her a fine education. When she was a child, she was adopted by an uncle, who, as he could not leave her money, spared neither pains nor expense in giving her a fine education. When she was a child, she was adopted by an uncle, who, as he could not leave her money, spared neither pains nor expense in giving her a fine education. When she was a child, she was adopted by an uncle, who, as he could not leave her money, spared neither pains nor expense in giving her a fine education. When she was a child, she was adopted by an uncle, who, as he could not leave her money, spared neither pains nor expense in giving her a fine education. 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The Swamp Monster

Irving Crump
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Chapter I
Og — Boy of Battle

People would have known that
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wind to stir itself and cleanse the
for the sun to come up, and the
rity of their caves as they waited
ly as keen as that of any animal,
reeked with it and the Hairy Peo-
ering, scaly body had dragged
earth across which his long, slith-
pungent with it and the rocks and
surface the Hairy People dwelt.
in the crevices and caves of whose
was indeed a monster of horror to
dwell in the dismal swamp
leave him helpless. The great snake
sick and weak that all his strength
would live in Og's memory for-
esters by the commotion and the
from his own and the Hairy Boy
fold out of one of the lower caves,
der to the ugly calls and shouts of the
death. Nor did it give much heed
bed on which he was sleeping, and
cliff and the great snake had poked
ber, and a great hunter. Kug, be-
slowly fold upon
doorways they had seen the great
People for from the safety of their
doors they would have seen the great

Og was as glad as any of the rest of the Hairy People when mist-
shrouded dawn broke and broke
light drove the heavy darkness be-
yond the mountains. He watched
the vast blackness of the swamp
down the Valley of Fear and in-
instinctively shuddered as his sensi-
tive nostrils snuffed the revolting
air. But while he sat there huddled
in the doorway of his little cave
before the fire that he always kept
burning in the entrance, he was
conscious of something back in
his mind that seemed struggling
against this fear that gripped him,
something that he could only un-
derstand as anger. He could not
know it was the tiny spark with
in him that marked the difference
between human kind and animal
kind; the slowly awakening intel-
lgence that gave him the ability
to think, and to resent the dom-
inance of something bigger and
stronger. All that he did know was
that with his anger and resent-
ment there developed a desire to
rid the world of this terrible men-
acing thing; to make life safe and
pleasant and happy for himself
and his kind. So Og began slow-
ly and laboriously to plan, and
by the time the great round red
sun looked above the mountains
across the river a definite desire to
go down the Valley of Fear and in-
to the great swamp and put an end
to the reptile that so terrified them
had taken shape in his mind. In-
deed the desire completely domi-
nated his mind.
Backyard Gardener
Ken Kellar

The bluebirds nesting in my garden provided a good excuse for procrastination this spring. But as my wife continued to study them, I learned bluebirds are pretty hard to scare off. So I supposed I could work in the garden with an active nest nearby.

However, April came and went with no garden preparation. In the interim, I learned of an intriguing gardening technique from our new neighbors. The husband described his use of straw or hay. He would just keep a thick layer on the garden, pushing it aside to plant his seedlings. As the straw decomposed and thinned or if any weeds sprang through, he would just lay down more straw.

Rototilling? Not needed. The surface is continually enriched with the rotting straw. He said he could usually find farmers with old bales/rolls of hay that they sell for little or give away.

I checked with a dairy farmer friend who did indeed have some rotted old rolls of hay on the edge of a field. He generously got out his skid loader with a hay spike attached and loaded up my trailer with the rotting bales. By rotting, I mean a little slimy on the bottom and kind of loose and light all around.

I showed the trailer of straw to my new neighbor offering him some. He said the trailer load would be about perfect for his gardening season. I hadn't realized how much hay was needed. I looked at his garden, which was smaller than mine, and did a quick estimate of how much hay I'd need. A lot. So I emptied my trailer at my neighbor's house, headed home and continued my gardening procrastination.

As the procrastination guilt was peaking, I received some relief. I think it was the first Tuesday in May when I woke up to a pretty hard frost. Ha ha! If I had been responsible and efficient, I'd deal with some withered tomato plants. My procrastination saved me money.

A week later, I finally decided on my gardening approach. I'd lay down black plastic. When I opened up my rolls I learned the “plastic” was actually a fibrous material, not the plastic sheet with pinholes I used years ago. As I laid it over my weed-covered garden, I could still see the weeds through the translucent weave. I'm worried the weeds might get enough light to keep growing. Worse, the covering might create a steamy Brazilian rain forest environment. Time will tell.

I spent a recent Sunday planting a ton of tomatoes, peppers, squash, and cucumbers, spaced out more than prior years though. I'm trying to avoid that jungle look this year. As the bluebirds were still feeding their young, I did my work in shifts so the parents could keep the bug deliveries going. I was dive bombed by the bluebirds chicks

As it turned out, the three baby bluebirds fledged the next day. So our first garden crop, bluebirds, has been “harvested”. Our second crop is in and growing. Time to clean out the old bluebird nest and see if we can get a second crop of birds!

Press time note: As we are finalizing the June paper, the bird house occupancy remains highly contested among wrens, bluebirds, sparrows, and swallows. A few days after cleaning out the house for a new hatch, my daughter and I witnessed a bluebird pummeling a prostrate swallow which was on the ground outstretched. My daughter and I went outside to photograph the carnage but when we drew near the “dead” swallow, it flew away! The rest of that day a pair of bluebirds stood watch over the box. We assumed things had been settled. However, a day later, two swallows were seen standing guard over the box and aggressively chasing sparrows away with no bluebirds in sight. No nest is built yet. Maybe the birds don’t commit to building until they’ve held the ground for some time. All I know is it’s a bird-eat-bird world outside my window!
Spotting Hopscotch

Linda Shea

Since July 1, 2016, the Frederick County Division of Animal Control and Pet Adoption Center has taken in thirty-one owned and eight stray domestic rabbits. Hopscotch was found as a stray in the Amber Meadows area of Frederick. We ask ourselves the same questions other people do: How does someone lose a bunny? How come nobody is looking for their bunny? While we don’t have the answers to those questions, we do have insight into the complexity of owning a pet rabbit.

Owning a bunny comes with unique joys and challenges that some people might not expect. Of those joys, bunnies can be affectionate, entertaining, and relatively clean as demonstrated in their self-grooming efforts. Primary challenges include keeping them safe. Bunnies are prey animals and an overly enthusiastic canine or unsupervised feline in the family can cause unintentional damage during play or other interaction. Taking on the responsibility of a bunny caretaker includes ensuring they stay indoors unless supervised closely in a pesticide-free, secured, outdoor area for play and exploration. Their indoor habitat should include enrichment such as toys, boxes for privacy, and appropriate items to chew.

The shelter’s resource for all things bunny-related is The House Rabbit Society’s website, www.rabbit.org. The site has a section titled “House Rabbits 101” which we recommend for people considering adding a bunny to their family. The 101 section even includes a list of things to consider before adopting. For example: does everyone in the family want a bunny? Are you able to commit to this rabbit for possibly the next 10 years? Probably the most important question is, “If you move, get married, have a baby, or if the kids lose interest, are you prepared to keep your rabbit?” I would add to that list additional considerations such as loss of employment, unanticipated medical expenses, manageable allergies, or damage caused by an unsupervised bunny.

Hopscotch is undeniably adorable, and it is unfortunate his previous family has not come forward. However, we hope to place him with a family that will understand that bunnies require, and deserve, the same commitment as other family pets.

Name: Hopscotch - 173024
Breed: English Spot
Age: Unknown Gender: Male
Color: White/Tan
Spayed/Neutered: No

Name: Olive - 173329
Breed: Lop Eared
Age: 3y 10m Gender: Female
Color: Chocolate/White
Spayed/Neutered: Yes

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**June Sky**

The Moon will be first quarter on June 1. The waxing gibbous moon will pass two degrees north of Jupiter on June 3 for our Pale-violet gaze. The Full Moon, the Honey Moon, is on June 9. It will be three degrees north of Saturn, which itself lies opposite the Sun at opposition only six days later. The Moon is last quarter on June 17. The waning crescent moon passes two degrees south of brilliant Venus in the dawn sky on June 20. The summer solstice occurs just before midnight, on the same day; this is the longest day, with about 14 hours of daylight locally. The Moon is new on June 23, two more new moons until the total solar eclipse of August 21!

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 May 15, visit the www.skymaps.com website and download the map for June 2017; it will have a more extensive calendar and list of best objects for the naked eye, binoculars, and scopes on the back of the map. There is also a video exploring the June 2017 sky from the Hubble Space Telescope website at: http://hubblesite.org/exploration/nightsky/skyscape/

As June starts, Mercury is briefly visible in the dawn sky, but the dawn belongs to brilliant Venus which reached greatest western elongation, 46 degrees from the rising sun, on June 3. Mars lies behind the Sun for the next two months, but a year from now will be at opposition, the best view of it since 2003. Jupiter is well placed for evening observers in Virgo, just west of Spica. It is the brightest evening planet out now, and any small scope will allow spot its four Galilean moons. The Great Red Spot is unusually red now, and should also be spotted among its clouds at 100X with even small scopes. This photo was taken this March by EAA member Chris Madison with an 8” telescope, and is typical of the detail you can see and photograph at our EAA gazes now!

But in the SE, Saturn, just north of the tail of Scorpius, is a great show all night. It comes to opposition, rising in the SE at sunset, on June 15. Saturn’s rings are now open about 27 degrees at its solstice. You may also see some belts and zones on the planet’s disk. The largest, Titan, will be seen in any small telescope, but others will need larger scopes to spot. Again, you can get great views and shots of it at our beach gazes now!

The winter constellations are being swallowed up in the Sun’s glare, but you might spot Sirius low in the SW as June begins. Sirius vanishes into the Sun’s glare by mid-June, and this sets the period as “Dog Days”, when Sirius lies lost in the Sun’s glare. In reality, Sirius is about 10X more luminous than our star, but also lies eight light years distant, while our star is eight light minutes away.

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distincively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stelar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon. By the end of June, all the winter stars, like Sirius, are vanquished behind the Sun.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good stargazers know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. For us, it sits 30 degrees (our latitude) high in the north, while the rotating earth beneath makes all the other celestial bodies spin around it from east to west.

If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. Note the Egypti- an Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Taking the arc in the Dipper’s handle, we “arc” SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring.

Spice south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo (with Jupiter now to its upper right), then 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.

To the east, Hercules is rising, with the nice globular cluster M13 marked on your sky map and visible in binos. This rich cluster is one of the top telescopic sights in good sized scopes.

Several other good globular clus- ters are also shown and listed on

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**MID-ATLANTIC WEATHER WATCH**

We have had some very warm spells this month. Expect more warm spells ahead. It remains dry.

TORNADO WATCH: The Hagerstown Town and Country Almanack sees no tornado activity in the Mid-Atlantic Region for the month of June.

FULL MOON: June’s FULL MOON will occur on Friday, June 9. Because roses start to show their gorgeous blooms at the beginning of the month, it has been called ROSE MOON. It has also been referred to as STRAWBERRY MOON because the first strawberries of the season be- come ripe for the picking (and eating) in June.

SPECIAL NOTES: Summer officially starts with the Summer Solstice that occurs on Wednesday, June 21. For all of you eager fishermen, remember that many states allow fish- ing without a license during certain days of June. Check with your local fishing shop or your state’s Depart- ment of Natural Resources for specific dates and good luck!

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**EARTH AND SKY**

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the best binoc objects on the map back page.
The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega, rises in the NE as midnight approaches. Twice at hot as our Sun, it appears blue-white, like most bright stars. Its constellation, tiny Lyra, looks like

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ated the instinctive fear of the mysteries of the vast swamp.
And so it was that he was the first to climb down the face of the cliff. With his tiger skin across his shoulders, he drove the stone hammer in his hands as he approached the council rock, calling loud and courageously as he went. His bravery gave others courage and one by one the men of the colony; all long-armed, big-chested and short-legged as Og came slowly from their caves, bearing firebrands, too, and stone hammers, and a few of them the biggest and bravest-wearing skins of animals they had slain about their shoulders. They grunted and chattered as they came and all of them developed a sort of language under low, shaggy brows and their eyes kept ever roving toward the timber that fringed the edge of the gloomy swamp.
Og watched fatefully too, but he was cunning enough to hide as much of his instinctive fear as he could from the other Hairy Men. Instead of crouching as they did when they gathered before them or in the pit. Og stood up as straight as he could, which was not very erect, for he and his people still crouched forward until their long arms almost touched the ground, for they were not so very far removed from their ancestors who had used both hands and feet to walk with.
The Hairy Boy did not make much of a speech when the council was assembled. He could not, because the language of the Hairy People which consisted chiefly of grunts and strange clacking noises with tongue and lips, had not been developed to the point where anything but the most, elemental thoughts or desires could be expressed. But what Og lacked in the power of words he had made up for by acting. With glowing brows and gnashing teeth and

loose moans and a few guttural sentences interjected, he simulated anger and resentment against the great snake that had invaded their village so well that he inspired himself, too, and added to his own courage and it was not long before his simulated anger came real and very universal. And it was infectious.
One by one the Hairy Men became furiously angry, so angry in- deed that many of them began to beat their chests with clenched fists, roaring with each beat until their choruses began to pulsate and carry a strange, weird resonance that echoed down the valley and through the dim and gloomy isles of the swamp. Og grew the roaring until soon the Hairy Men were so excited that they began jumping up and down and swaying their stone hammers, working themselves in to a terrible frenzy of resentment against the great reptile that had carried off one of their brave hunters. And the anger spread to the women and children who looked down at them in the doorways of their caves in the cliffs, and by and by they began to shout and throw stones in the air and gnash their teeth and shake their clenched fists toward the gloomy swamp, too.
Og watched these demonstrations with eyes that gleamed with little more intelligence than the rest and when he realized that the Hairy Men had worked themselves up to the highest pitch that their anger could reach which was very terrible indeed he suddenly left the council rock and choosing the biggest and strongest of the men he stepped up to them one by one and touching each on the breast painted toward the gloomy swamp and conveyed to them by word or motions that he wanted them to go with him down the

pot shape of Sagittarius rising in the SE after sunset.
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some, that it can put on so plausible a disguise. There are even such things as fanatics upon a nation’s altar in error; though these are necessarily of rarer occurrence; and then do we see a whole people propelled on to prodigious ex-terminating wars, in which they madly run, and are ruined, while other nations look on in horror and dismay. In these cases, civiliza-
tion and religion afford no check or alleviation of the calamity: the one only gives greater force to the destruction; the other, as usual, blesses all banns alike. The sacred name of patriotism serves equally all banners alike. The sacred

true guides of human conduct.

fact, IDOLATRIES—the worship of something which is the crea-
ture of our own devices,” to the entire slitting and putting aside of those principles of justice and kindness towards others which God has established as the only true guides of human conduct.
Charity Events – Weekend charity events will be held at Trout’s Towne Restaurant (15% of sales donated): June 3,4 for Woodsboro Fire Dept.; June 10,11 for Woodboro-New Midway Rec. Council; June 17,18 for 4H Therapeutic Riding Club; June 24,25 for Rescue 24 Walkersville; and July 1,2 for New Midway Fire Co.

May 29 Memorial Day

June 4
Comic Con – See ad

June 12
Blood Drive – The Greater Frederick Republican Women, a new Republican Women’s organization in Frederick County, in conjunction with Spartan Tactical, will be holding a blood drive for the Red Cross as their first public event on Monday, June 12, from 3 to 8pm at Spartan Tactical and Police Supply.

June 13
Gov’t – Woodboro Town Meeting 7pm

June 14
Flag Day
Gov’t – Walkersville Town Meeting 7:30pm

June 18
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June 26
Gov’t – Woodboro Town Meeting 7pm

July 4
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