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Brunswick Veterans Day Parade is Maryland's Largest

By DIANE ELLIS

The Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 9, is a Brunswick tradition. Now in its 93rd year, it is one of the oldest and Maryland's largest parade in observance of Veterans Day.

The activity begins on East Potomac Street at City Park with parade units lining up at 12 noon, followed by the opening ceremony at the Square Corner (Potomac and Maple Ave.) at 1:00 p.m. The parade units begin moving along Potomac Street at 2:00 p.m. Parade watchers typically gather along the full length of Potomac Street for this yearly spectacle.

Nearly 100 parade entries will include marching bands, military units, veterans' groups, fire and rescue vehicles, antique cars, performing majorettes, dance troupes, and many civic groups, churches and businesses including elaborate floats and costumed characters.

Parade entries are judged each year by a panel of judges and prize money is awarded. For each category of entrants, 1st place wins \$150 and 2nd place wins \$100. One grand prize winner receives \$500.

Charlie Rentzel, a 96-year-old Korean War veteran, will be the honorary parade marshal this year. Rentzel lives in Brunswick and was a Technical Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. For a heart-warming video story about how friends and strangers helped Charlie and his wife Anna with home repairs when Charlie was



The Fort Detrick Color Guard presents the colors.

diagnosed with cancer, watch
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Brunswick Business Expo Returns

By JULIE GOURLEY

After a several-year hiatus, the Greater Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce (GBACC) is once again holding the Brunswick Business Expo on Thursday, November 6, from 5-8 p.m., at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company at 1500 Volunteer Drive.

"GBACC is looking forward to another successful Expo. We hope that lots of area residents will come and see what our ever-growing business community has to offer," said GBACC President Abbie Ricketts who is leading the organizing committee.

Samples, giveaways and doorprizes

The Expo is a popular business-to-consumer event of local businesses, organizations, and other non-profits in the wider Brunswick area. The goal is to educate the public about the variety of businesses and organizations in our area and to connect potential customers with business owners. Restaurants, bakeries and other food-related businesses provide samples of their offerings. There will be lots of giveaways and door prizes.

The Expo is a free event for the public. Exhibitors do not have to be GBACC members, although members receive a discount for their participation. The fire company building capacity is maximum 54 vendors and the Expo usually fills the space.



Local businesses display their products and services at a past Brunswick Business Expo at the Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company.

History of the Expo

The Greater Brunswick Area Chamber of Commerce came up with the idea to hold a business expo, and the first one was held at the Green Country Inn on Souder Road (now Travelodge by Wyndam). It was small, but successful.

The next year, upon learning that Thurmont had held successful business expos, members of the Brunswick Economic Development Commission (EDC) traveled to Thurmont to learn more. The visit inspired the EDC, now joined by GBACC, to create the "Greater Brunswick Area Business Expo." In order to save money on the venue rental, GBACC and EDC decided to hold the Expo at Brunswick High School's two gymnasiums. Although the event attracted about 400 residents from

Brunswick and the surrounding area, the logistics proved to be challenging.

Once the fire company's new building in Brunswick Crossing opened in 2012, the co-organizers decided to hold the 2012 Expo there and it has remained at that location.

The last Expo was in 2019. The pandemic ended any hope of holding Expos in 2020-2022. Three more years went by and this year GBACC decided to bring the Expo back. With so many new business start-ups in our area since 2019, GBACC hopes businesses will see it as an opportunity to introduce themselves and expand their customer bases.

For more information, go to <https://gbacc.net/expo-25>. ■

Girl Scouts "Playing the Past" at Brunswick Heritage Museum



Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 37157 (Jefferson and Point of Rocks) and Troop 37128 (Myersville) at the Brunswick Heritage Museum, from left to right: Lyvia Hasper, Cora Anderson, Hannah Bittle, Bria Brown, Anneliese Stieg, Evelyn Mamula, Serafina Ballin, Ruthie Hornaday, Ella Del Balzo, Zoey Rojo-Rensin.

By JEAN DOYLE

Junior Girl Scouts visited the Brunswick Heritage Museum on Sunday, October 12, to participate in a program to earn the "Playing the Past" junior Girl

Scout badge. Ten girls aged 9 to 11 represented junior Girl Scout Troop 37157, from Jefferson and Point of Rocks, and Troop 37128 from Myersville. It was the girls' first visit to the museum.

The "Playing the Past" Girl

Scout badge is the creation of Julie Kloetzli, Museum Board President and a Girl Scout leader. She is committed to bringing more activities to the museum that will interest youths.

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Veterans Parade CONTINUED

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Charlie Force! — YouTube.

The keynote speaker for the parade is Major General Paula Lodi, who assumed command of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command in July, 2024. Previously, she served as Commanding General of the 18th Medical Command (Deployment Support) and as Deputy Commanding General for Support of the U.S. Army Medical Command.

Her distinguished career covers assignments all over the world including the Gulf and Iraq wars. During her 35-year career, she served in various medical positions as an executive officer and commander, including Chief of Staff, Operations for the Office of the U.S. Surgeon General, as well as tours at Army medical centers, combat support hospitals, the Pentagon, and at training centers. She has received numerous awards and honors.

She is a native of Franklin, Mas-



Major General Paula Lodi is the Keynote Speaker for the Brunswick Veterans Day Parade.

sachusetts, and commissioned into the Medical Service Corps as a Distinguished Military Graduate of the Rutgers University ROTC program. ■

IN MEMORY

Barbara Williams Remembered for Helping Others in Times of Loss

Barbara Ann Williams, 80, passed away at her residence in Brunswick on October 17, 2025.

A mother, grandmother, friend, and active community member, she was known to be caring and supportive, kind and loving. Growing up in Chewsville, Md., and later moving to Hagerstown, she attended North Hagerstown High School, Class of 1962.

She enrolled in, and graduated from, beauty school to become a beautician, and she worked in Hagerstown. After marriage in 1967, she assumed the role of wife, relocating to Baltimore, and went on to become a mother in 1971.

Her family moved to Brunswick in 1980 to become proprietors of the former Feete Funeral Home, as the John T. Williams Funeral Home. She later became the sole proprietor in 1982, and she continued to operate her business until her death.

She was active in the F.O.E. Women's Auxiliary, chapters of various Funeral Directors Associations, and the Brunswick Chamber of Commerce. She was a supportive donor to local schools,



teams, and charitable organizations. She was a pillar and beloved member of the Brunswick community.

In her free time, she enjoyed gardening and exterior decorating. She prided herself in helping to beautify her business and the town with displays of seasonal cheer. She wanted everyone to feel welcome and to uplift those in need.

Barbara was the daughter of the late Orville and Edna Hoover. She was sister to Terry Hoover

of Smithsburg, and the late Kelly Hoover. Barbara was the wife of the late John Williams and the mother of Scott Williams from Woodstock, N.Y., and Eric Williams from Lorton, Va. She was grandmother to Aleida Ruth and Owen Brooks Williams.

Friends are invited to call on Saturday, November 1, and Sunday, November 2, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. each day at the John T. Williams Funeral Home, 100 Petersville Road, Brunswick.

A Funeral Service will be held at New Hope United Methodist Church, 7 South Maryland Avenue, Brunswick, on Monday, November 3, at 11 a.m. Reverend Katie O'Hern Hamilton will preside. Interment will follow in Brownsville Church of the Brethren Cemetery, 1911 Rohrsville Road, Knoxville, followed by food and fellowship in Brownsville Church of the Brethren Fellowship Hall.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.harmanfunerals.com.

Obituary and photo courtesy of Harman Funeral Home, Middletown, Md. ■

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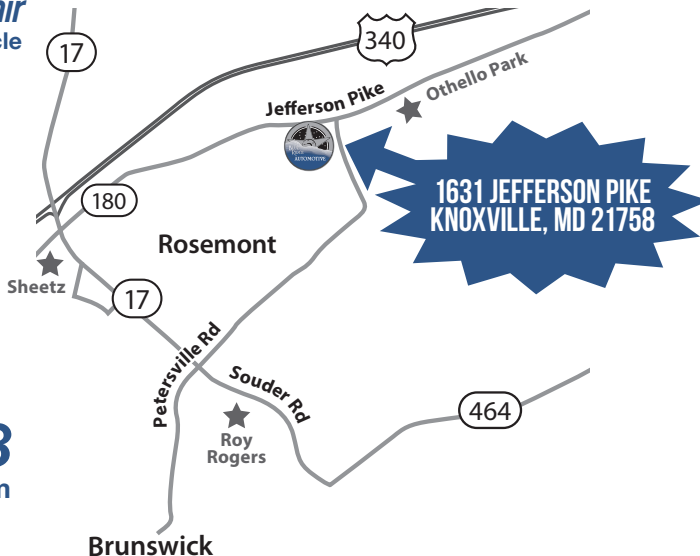
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Mayor and Council
October Update



Back Row L-R: Brian Sandusky, John Caves, Andy St. John, Eric Smothers
Front Row L-R: Daniel Yochelson, Nathan Brown, Angel White

By JULIE GOURLEY

Municipal Infractions
Update

The Council adopted Ordinance 622 “Maximum Fine for Municipal Infractions,” increasing the maximum fine from \$1000 to \$5000, effective October 1. This change was undertaken in response to Maryland House Bill 1506, “Municipalities — Enforcement of Ordinances and Resolutions” establishing the October 1 deadline.

The Council had a first reading of Ordinance 624 “General Municipal Infraction Penalties Max Fine” that further clarifies Ordinance 622. The Council will vote on it at their October 28 meeting.

Utility Billing Payment
Plan, ServLine Usage
Updates

The city offers a payment plan to residents who get behind in paying their utility bills. A number of residents take advantage of this plan, which requires a minimum debt of \$200. This level was established in 2020. Since then, utility rates have increased, and the minimum quarterly household bill has also increased to an average of \$192. Thus, the Council approved an increase in the minimum debt to qualify to \$250.

Most residents are in the City of Brunswick Leak Protection Program implemented by ServLine, a division of HomeServe. The program covers

unexpectedly high water or sewer bills up to \$2500 per incident. Residents pay a total of \$38.40/year for this service (\$4.80/water and \$4.80/sewer per quarter).

Examples of qualifying leaks include a leaking underground sewer pipe, a water heater flood, or a toilet leak from a flap failure.

The ServLine Leak Protection program does not cover maintenance and repair of water and sewer service lines that are the homeowner’s responsibility — lines that run from the house to the property line. The city, through ServLine, offers separate service line repair plans for additional fees. The BNJ will do a story on the water/sewer line protection programs in the next issue.

The city gave a report on how much residents have used ServLine since the program began on April 1, 2022. The 2022 total payout from ServLine to participants was \$9,778.23; for 2023, \$43,854.68; for 2024, \$41,597.04; and for 2025 so far, \$29,775.13; for a grand total of \$125,005.08. The lowest monetary payout during the four years of the program was \$101.95 in 2023, and the highest was \$5,000 in 2022.

Bond Anticipation Note
(BAN)

There are several expensive, but necessary municipal projects in the pipeline for which the city does not have sufficient funding: wastewater treatment plant upgrade, water reservoir upgrade, sports complex improvements, and B&O Railroad Park improvements. These projects are either

Reflecting on
Gratitude, Service
and Strength
of Our Brunswick
Community

As November arrives, it always gives me a moment to pause, take a breath, look around, and appreciate all that makes our Brunswick community such a special place to call home. It’s a month centered on gratitude and reflection, and it reminds us just how fortunate we are to live in a city where neighbors still look out for one another.

Every day, I see that spirit of community in action, from volunteers lending a hand at events, to small businesses supporting local causes, to residents who give their time and care to make Brunswick stronger. Our progress as a city is built on the quiet dedication of so many who choose to serve in their own way.

November also brings with it an important time of remembrance with Veterans Day. On

FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK



I invite everyone to
join us
for Brunswick’s
93rd Annual
Veterans Day
Parade on Sunday,
November 9th.

November 11, we honor the men and women who have served in our nation’s armed forces, including the many veterans who call Brunswick home. Their cour-

age, sacrifice and commitment to something greater than themselves exemplify the very best of what it means to serve.

I invite everyone to join us for Brunswick’s 93rd Annual Veterans Day Parade on Sunday, November 9th. The opening ceremony begins at 1:00 p.m. at Square Corner Park, followed by the parade through downtown along Potomac Street at 2:00 p.m. This proud tradition is one of the oldest Veterans Day parades in the entire country and is a testament to the enduring spirit and strength of our community. It reminds us that Brunswick has always been a place where service, gratitude, and togetherness are not just celebrated once a year, but lived out every single day.

As we move towards Thanksgiving, I encourage everyone to carry that same spirit of gratitude and service forward. Whether it’s checking in on a neighbor, supporting a local charity, or participating in a community event, these small acts continue to shape Brunswick into the close-knit, caring city we all love. ■

— Nathan Brown

shovel-ready or well underway, but the city lacks sufficient funding for up-front and completion costs. The sports complex renovation, which has been in the works for over a decade and is the most complex funding arrangement the city has ever done, can now finally begin.

To address the up-front cost barrier, the city has opted to issue a bond anticipation note (BAN) in the amount of \$18,200,000. The BAN is tax-exempt, has a 3.47% APR, and a 5-year maturity (Nov. 1, 2030). It will be a private sale to M&T Bank.

BANs, or short-term bonds, are issued in anticipation of long-term financing (such as general obligation, or GO, bonds) which are then used to retire the BAN. They function, in a way, as a loan from the long-term bond. BANs can go to closing within a few months; thus, the projects can break ground in the first quarter of 2026. The city will issue \$18,200,000 in GO bonds later.

The Council had its first reading of Special Ordinance 625, “General Obligation Borrowing for Certain Capital Projects, Including Issuance of a Bond Anticipation Note in Calendar Year

2025.” It will be voted on at the November 18 Council meeting.

BPD Complaint Mediation

The Council approved a new Memorandum of Understanding between the Brunswick Police Department and the Carroll County Community Mediation Center to implement BPD’s new Police Complaint Mediation Program. The program will apply to low-impact complaints against police officers.

BPD recognizes that the traditional standard investigation and adjudication process used to investigate complaints does not provide opportunities for complainants and officers to interact in a controlled setting designed to increase mutual understanding and bring closure to minor problem incidents.

Some complainants simply want to understand why an officer took a particular action or want an opportunity to explain their actions to the officer. Other complainants want to retain some control over how their complaint is handled rather than turning the complaint entirely over to the law enforcement agency or civilian administrative charging committees

for decisions and resolution.

BPD decides whether to submit a complaint to mediation and prefers to handle complaints this way to save time and money and to engender public confidence. The service is free.

In Other News...

- BEACON has opened registration for the Secret Santa program.
- The Council approved the Brunswick Emergency Operations Plan.
- Planning and Zoning is now doing “kinder and gentler” code enforcement by issuing courtesy notices to reduce citations.
- Utilities will begin using a food-grade polyphosphate water additive called “SeaQuest” to help with lead and copper removal and to protect water lines.
- The city website was overhauled recently with a new look and feel.
- The Council approved a train station renovation project and Martin’s Creek retaining wall repair project. ■



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Marking Brunswick's Railroad Heyday



State and local officials unveiled a new historical marker in downtown Brunswick on Oct. 2. Pictured (left to right): State Del. Jesse Pippy; Mayor Nathan Brown; Brunswick historian James Castle; State Sen. William Folden; Sean Winkler, senior policy advisor with Maryland DOT; Kelly White, chairwoman of the Brunswick Preservation and Revitalization Committee; and Frederick County Council President Brad Young.

By MARK ROHNER

Just in time for Railroad Days 2025, state and local officials unveiled a new historical marker in downtown Brunswick highlighting the city's heritage as a canal village and railroad boom town.

The marker, in the West Potomac Street pocket park just below the Potomac River bridge, was dedicated on a sunny afternoon October 2, with numerous state and local officials attending.

Mayor Nathan Brown said the city was fortunate to have State Highway Administration property downtown where the sign could be located.

"We were able to get this sign in our downtown, which is great for us because we not only wanted people who were driving by to see it, but also people who are coming off the C&O Canal or visiting our community," he said.

Telling the story of Berlin/Brunswick

Speakers traced the city's history from its founding as the village of Berlin in 1787, to the arrival of the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad in the 1830s, to the town's relocation and renaming as Brunswick with the construction of the B&O yards in the 1890s.

Brunswick historian James Castle described Berlin as "basically a ghost town within our town, a previous village hidden in our current city."

MARC employs 32 engineers, conductors and maintenance staff in Brunswick, where about 300 passengers board trains every weekday.

For someone living in 1790s Berlin, "you had your cabin, you had your family, you had your Bible, you had your farm. You had game to hunt and the river to fish and that was life," Castle said. That changed with the arrival of

the canal and the railroad, especially after B&O representatives began buying up land in Berlin as a site for the rail yard. With that came the renaming and incorporation of the town as Brunswick.

"It was those railroad yard jobs that brought thousands of residents here and created a boom town," Castle said.



Carrying on the railroad heritage

Darrell Smith, statewide planning director for the Maryland Transit Administration, which operates the MARC commuter rail system, said the agency carries on Brunswick's railroad heritage with passenger rail service and MARC's maintenance operations here. The railroad employs 32 engineers, conductors and maintenance staff in Brunswick, where about 300 passengers board trains every weekday, Smith said.

Looking ahead, Smith said MTA's long-term plans call for enhanced passenger service at Brunswick.

"The proposed expansion ultimately includes trains in both directions every hour between Brunswick and Washington seven days a week," he said. "Providing this expanded service will be enabled by proposed future improvements at the MARC station: a new platform, a pedestrian bridge that we've been working on jointly with the city and our friends at MDOT, and enhancements to our maintenance facility."

The MARC Growth and Transformation Plan, released in late June, calls for the pedestrian overpass, platform improvements and expansion of the maintenance facility to be built in 2031-2040. Service improvements would come after 2040. ■

Leave the Driving to Karl: New Taxi Service Starts Up

By DIANE ELLIS

Some people like to drive. Karl Musser had a job where he drove two hours every weekday to Beltsville in Prince Georges County. "So, I got used to driving," he said as he discussed his new venture: a taxi service for Brunswick.

The taxi service is open all day long, but if service is needed late at night or early in the morning, Musser says to call ahead.

Musser was close to retirement last March when federal budget cuts and program closures at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture made his 27-year job as a geographic information systems advisor no longer a reality. Running a taxi service was one of the jobs he was considering in retirement. "A taxi service fills a gap in transportation options in Brunswick," he said. "It's hard to get an Uber or Lyft here."

Musser's taxi service is licensed for Frederick and Washington counties. This means he can pick up passengers in these areas, but he can not pick up outside the area. He said that Frederick City has its own set of taxi license requirements and he is not licensed for pickups there. But he can drop off anywhere.

So far, his services are targeted to recreation users in the area, such



Karl Musser with his taxicab.

as bicyclists, hikers and campers, who need a ride to a hotel or other destinations around Brunswick. His taxi can carry two bikes. He drives people to pick up their cars at local auto repair shops. He can drive children but only if an adult goes along. He will take people to medical appointments or to an airport, but he suggests calling ahead to schedule whenever you need to be somewhere at a specific time.

A believer in public service

Karl Musser moved to Brunswick from Silver Spring in 2003 and is originally from the Chicago area. He believes in public service. He became a member of the Brunswick Planning Commission last year. In his professional life he is a mapmaker and very interested in how local governments map their systems and plan for growth.

He runs the local Games Club of Maryland which holds monthly gaming events at Smoketown

Brewing Station. Musser can also be found helping out at Five Dances Wellness Center in Brunswick, which is owned by his partner, Samantha Francis.

Pay what you want

Musser is going to try this way of payment which involves negotiating a reasonable fare. He said it is often more profitable than having set fares. His cab is a Toyota Camry that carries up to four passengers. Look for the yellow "Taxi" decal on the side.

Calls for a taxi are not answered by a dispatch service. Karl himself answers or, better yet, he'll receive your text message. The taxi service is open all day long, but if service is needed late at night or early in the morning, Musser says to call ahead.

To hire a taxi, call or text Karl Musser at 240-462-3029. His website (fantasymaps.com/driving) provides a map of his service area and other information. ■

Fall Programs



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Girl Scouts “Playing the Past” at Brunswick Heritage Museum

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The steps to complete the badge include touring the C&O Canal Visitors Center, touring the Brunswick Heritage Museum, playing a game to find out about local people in Brunswick’s history and matching them to their jobs and contributions to the community, researching the duties and chores of the people in Brunswick’s history, and learning about the Gandy dancers and the music that helped them work together.

The requirements ended with an arts and craft project where the girls made hats to represent the various professions they had learned about during their tour. “The girls were very enthusiastic about the hat making,” Kloetzli said. “They were happy to stay well over the two hours allotted for the activities.”

At the conclusion of the event, Kloetzli solicited comments and recommendations from the girls about what they liked and what changes they would suggest for the badge requirements. Most comments were positive, and the girls agreed that the trip to the museum was a very worthwhile experience. The one recommendation was for more arts and crafts time.

These junior Girl Scout troops were the first official troops to earn the “Playing the Past” badge. Kloetzli is hoping that the word will spread and junior Girl Scout troops throughout the state will add Brunswick Heritage Museum to their scouting adventures. ■

BEHIND THE BADGE

Corporal Chris Handler

The Brunswick News-Journal periodically profiles an officer in the Brunswick Police Department in the hope that it will help the community get to know their police department. Earlier, we profiled Special Officer Eric Bittner, Officer Joel Storms, Officer Noah Salzman, Corporal Brandon Smith, and Lieutenant James Ledwell.

By JULIE GOURLEY

Corporal Chris Handler has been with the Brunswick Police Department for 19 years. He is currently the Assistant Supervisor of Patrol Team A with four officers on his team.

Prior to joining BPD, he was with the Mt. Rainier, Md., Police Department handling parking enforcement. Before that, he was a Special Police Officer with Adventist HealthCare Shady Grove Medical Center. His favorite hobbies are doing landscaping/yard work and sports/outdoor activities with friends.

When asked what he likes about working in the Brunswick community he said, “I like that being a police officer in Brunswick means we can often effect actual change. Our agency cares



about the community and we try to do things that make Brunswick a safer city to live in. I like that the Mayor and Council see us as individuals and that they always try their best to take care of us.”

Say hello to Corporal Handler when you see him! ■

Celebrating the Heritage Museum Façade Restoration

By JEAN DOYLE

A ribbon cutting and celebration took place on October 3 at the Brunswick Heritage Museum to showcase the completed restoration of the building’s façade.

This project, which started under former museum president, James Castle, was completed under the leadership of current president, Julie Kloetzli. The project was supported by the City of Brunswick and the State of Maryland, along with donations from local community organizations and many friends and supporters. ■



Pictured at the ribbon cutting are (from left) city council member Andy St. John, Chris Worth, project architect Walter Schamu, former museum president James Castle, museum president Julie Kloetzli, and museum volunteers Jackie Ebersole, Dan Bonesteel and Dave Roberts.

BHS Students of the Month: September 2025



Principal Schwarzenegger is on left with students Addison Willis, Graham Markham, Haddie Shullenbarger, Juliana Vias, Sophia Hargett, Rylynn Bailey, Megan Taylor, Anna Barron, Ramata Sautter (not pictured).

Scouting for Food

By ANNE ZUMBACH

November is Scouting for Food month and Brunswick Boy Scout troop 277 will have a food drive at the Weis Shopping Center on Saturday, Nov. 1, from 11–3 pm, with donations going to the Brunswick Food Bank.

The troop will walk in the Brunswick Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 9, and they will be at the JFK 50-Miler on Nov. 22 working at the Weverton Aid Station to support runners in this ultra-marathon.

In October, the troop was at Railroad Days running games for children and adults. This was followed by work on an Eagle project — assembling and painting picnic tables for Holy Family Catholic Church.

At the Fall Court of Honor, scouts received merit badges and rank advancements. Three boys have completed the requirements for rank advancement. Hutch Nerheim earned the rank of Scout, the first step on the trail to Eagle. Kyle McGann advanced to Star Scout, while James Best advanced to Life Scout, the last rank before earning Eagle.

Brunswick Boy Scout troop 277 meets at Merryland Park and offers outdoor activities as well leadership development for boys ages 11–18. For information, email zum50@hotmail.

BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2025

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Maryland State Citations	40	309	18	158
Maryland State SEROS	5	56	8	59
Warning Citations	130	870	72	779
Parking Citations (paper)	77	359	8	58

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Calls for Service	1,946	15,392	811	8,863
Homicide	0	0	0	1
Rape	1	4	0	2
Robbery	0	1	0	1
Assault	6	42	13	67
Breaking & Entering	0	2	0	8
Theft	7	36	2	33
Auto Theft	0	0	0	2
Adult Arrests	4	60	9	68
Juvenile Arrests	0	4	1	24

OTHER INCIDENTS				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Motor Vehicle Accidents	7	69	12	102
Emergency Evaluations Mentally Ill/Suicidal Persons	5	79	11	67
Overdoses	2	10	1	10

YTD = year to date PY = previous year N/D = no data SEROS = safety equipment repair orders (a law enforcement officer can issue a SERO to the operator of a vehicle with defective or non-functioning equipment, such as a taillight)

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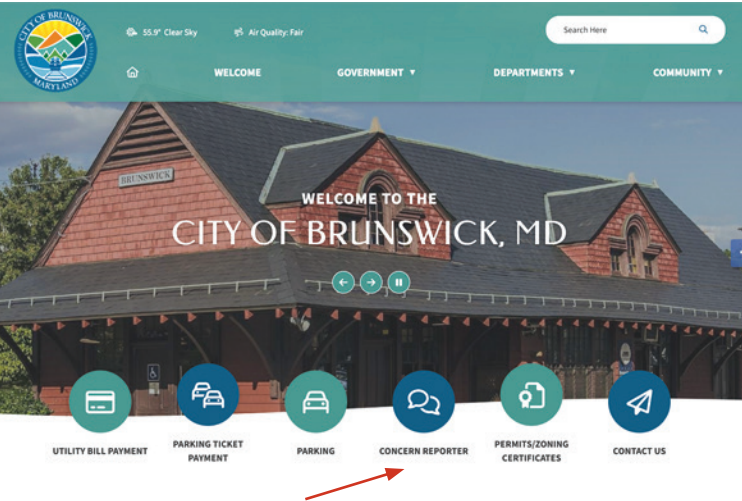
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BRUNSWICK NEWS

Community Concern Reporter: Efficiency at its Best



The new CCR link on Brunswick's website home page.

By JULIE GOURLEY

Long-time Brunswick residents will remember a time when dealing with city government often led to a headache. This was especially true for people seeking help with business start-ups, but also reporting simple things like discolored water, yard trash or junk vehicles.

City Hall customer service has shown significant improvements over the years and now has gone one step further.

The Community Concern Reporter

Enter the “Community Concern Reporter” (CCR), a user-friendly, easily accessible tool on the front page of the city’s website: www.brunswickmd.gov. This portal was wholly designed by city staff and is intended to be a one-stop-shop for all possible issues needing attention.

The CCR went live in July after over a year of design, development and testing. A number of residents have already used it with very few complaints and even compliments to the city for creating such an efficient and effective tool.

The CCR is not to be used for emergencies. What constitutes an “emergency” is explained at the beginning of the short electronic form where you input your concern/complaint.

Department of Public Works personnel are the progenitors of the system and got their initial inspiration from a similar county tool. The CCR, however,

is significantly different and a vast improvement over its counterpart that is somewhat “clunky” to use and less comprehensive. In fact, there is no tool like the CCR anywhere in the country. The one small, but important piece of the CCR the city did not create from scratch is the only thing preventing the city from patenting it.

How Does it Work?

Using the CCR is simple. From the city website landing page, click on the CCR link, which takes you to the short form to fill in a few pieces of information:

- who is reporting (select “citizen/community member”)
- your name
- your email address
- your phone number
- date you noticed the problem
- address/location of the problem
- location of the problem on an interactive map
- selection from drop-down menus of possible problems
- written description of the problem
- photo upload (this is particularly helpful to city personnel)

When you hit the “submit” button, your issue is instantly alerted to all personnel in the relevant department and is added to the CCR “Viewer” (just below the CCR link on the city website landing page) that shows all current issues and their locations, color-coded as to their

Happenings at 50+ Community Centers

By JEAN DOYLE

You can still register for programs and activities in the Fall session. Register online for fee programs at: <https://frederickcountymd-gov.3dcartstores.com> or in person at any 50+ Community Center. For the free programs, register at: VirtualSeniorCenter@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Trips in November and December

Friday, Nov. 14 — The Benjamin Banneker Planetarium. In a classroom-sized planetarium at CCBC Catonsville, watch two shows: “Two Small Pieces of Glass,” the history of the telescope and the discoveries the telescope has made, and “Black Hole: 1st Picture,” the historic milestone in science visualization and discovery. Time: 8:15 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$35 per person. Bring money for lunch. Leave from the Frederick Center. Register by Friday, Oct. 31.

Wednesday, Nov. 19 — Movie at Warehouse Cinema. Kick back and enjoy watching a movie on the big screen. Ticket includes a snack pack of small popcorn, drink, fruit snacks. Movie TBD. Time: 10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 per person plus money for extra concessions. Leave from the Brunswick Center. Register by Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Saturday, Dec. 13 — Glenn Miller Orchestra. “In the Holiday Mood” is a captivating holiday program. It includes the timeless melodies and swinging arrangements that made the Glenn Miller Orchestra an icon of the Big Band era. Time: 4:45 p.m. to approximately 11 p.m. Cost: \$65 per person. Bring snacks for the ride home. We will not be stopping for dinner. Leave from the Frederick Center. Register by Friday, Nov. 21.

Virtual Tours

The live interactive virtual experiences are free, and led by Michael Poist, Virtual Center Supervisor. Pre-registration is required.

Saturday, Nov. 8 — Wild West Express. Take a virtual ride on the Walkersville Southern Railroad. Time: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 — Carnivorous Plant Nursery. Enjoy a virtual guided tour. The nursery has dozens of species of plants from around the world. Time: 3-4 p.m.

Special Events at the Brunswick 50+ Center

Thursday, Nov. 13 — Monthly Dinner Dance. Held at the Brunswick Eagles, hosted by the Brunswick 50+ Center. Time: 2-5 p.m., dancing at 2 p.m., dinner at 4 p.m. Cost: \$12 per person, register 1 week in advance, call 301-834-8115 or stop by the Center at 12 East A Street.

Friday, Nov. 21 — Circle of Friends Memory Cafe. A safe and relaxed place for people with early-stage memory loss, where family and friends can come together for social interaction and education. Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Held at the Brunswick Library. Free, pre-register at 301-600-6022.

Monday, Nov. 24 — Making Music and Merry Fun. Join us for karaoke, dancing and live musical concert with Michael Poist. Held at the Brunswick Park Building. Time: 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Cost: \$7 per person, lunch included. Register by Nov. 17 at 301-834-8115.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 — Lunch Bunch Holiday Lunch. Reserve a meal a week in advance; turkey holiday menu. Voluntary contributions toward the meal cost are appreciated. Time: 12 noon.

Tuesday, Dec. 2 — Scams: Protect Yourself. Presentation by the Maryland Office of the Attorney General to provide information about the constantly evolving scams to Maryland constituents. Time: 1-2 p.m. Free, pre-register at 301-834-8115.

Thursday, Dec. 4 — Bingo Fun at the Brunswick Eagles. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost: \$7.00 for lunch. Register by Nov. 26 at 301-834-8115.

Don’t forget all the many and varied ongoing activities offered by the Brunswick 50+ Center. For information about the Brunswick 50+ Center call 301-834-8115 or stop by at 12 East A Street. ■

status. You can then track the city’s progress in resolving your issue.

If city personnel have any questions about your submission, they will call you. When the issue has been resolved, you will get an email informing you. If you still believe the issue has not

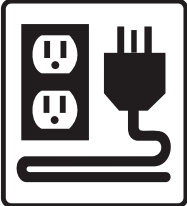
been resolved, you can submit a second time with your further explanation or you can call the relevant department to discuss.

As of this writing, the city resolved 54 issues in the previous four weeks.

This reporter gave it a try with a long-flickering street

light and can attest to its ease of use and rapid results. The light was fixed within 48 hours. It would be unsurprising if other communities ask the city for a copy that could be tailored to their situations. That would make Brunswick Public Works personnel very happy indeed. ■

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LOCAL NEWS

The Wedding Niche

A Unique Venue at Historic Keep Tryst Manor

By PATRICE GALLAGHER
Photos by LOVE & SOL

The long history and gorgeous location of Keep Tryst Manor provide a compelling venue for anyone seeking an unusual and intimate setting for a wedding or other event.

Lisa Hall and her husband own the property, and renovated it with their business — The Wedding Niche — in mind, after the Covid-19 pandemic put a pause on Lisa's career as a wedding/events planner at a large Virginia venue. Prior to that, Lisa grew up in Alaska, lived for awhile in California, and owned salons and spas, learning along the way how to design beautiful spaces and organize large events.

What does Keep Tryst mean?

Ever wonder about the origin of the name "Keep Tryst?" Apparently, the name came from John Semple, who purchased a grant of land in the 1760s, comprising 20,000 acres in Maryland and Virginia, 10,202 acres of which surrounded what we now know as Keep Tryst Manor. He named his Maryland grant "Keep Triest" based on his Scottish clan motto, meaning "always faithful". The spelling varied over time, with Keep Tryst lasting until today.



The manor house has bedrooms for bride and groom, with a porch for "first look."



One of many locations near Keep Tryst Manor, where couples can choose to be photographed.

Small weddings in a beautiful natural environment

The Wedding Niche specializes in small weddings of 45 guests and under, and offers packages that include comprehensive wedding/event services (as Lisa said, "All-inclusive weddings are our superpower"), but couples can

also choose to handle more of the details themselves. Lisa has close connections to a number of vendors that she has vetted over time, including photographers, caterers, florists, etc. and will organize them so a couple can simply arrive on their special day, with all details taken care of, or as an option, Lisa will offer recommendations and couples can rent the venue and hire vendors themselves.

An extensive and useful website

A look at The Wedding Niche website displays the mix of wedding options hosted at Keep Tryst and elsewhere; Lisa is a licensed officiant and besides at Keep Tryst Manor, will conduct weddings in other, more adventurous locations, like the Appalachian Trail. The manor is walking distance to the Potomac River, Appalachian Trail and C&O Canal, and many couples walk to the Potomac River to be photographed during cocktail hour after their ceremony.

Trey and Cassie Haines, who met at Brunswick's Smoketown Brewery, were recently married at Keep Tryst Manor. Their photos, taken by photography company, Love & Sol and included with this article, demonstrate some of the lovely locations on and near the property.

The Wedding Niche website is a great resource, discussing and displaying photos of pop-up weddings, elopements, small intimate weddings, vow renewals and destination weddings, all

offered at Keep Tryst or offsite. Lisa noted that, while it varies year by year, elopements account for about 20% of her business. On the website, Lisa's blog entries cover sustainable weddings, themed weddings and the costs and trends in weddings. Her enthusiasm for unique and beautiful events shows in her blog posts and Instagram postings.

Collective marketing for wedding businesses

As Lisa has grown her business, she's been thinking about how small businesses handling weddings and events might benefit from marketing together. Vendors interested in collective marketing may contact her at theweddingniche@gmail.com.

Keep Tryst Manor is located on Keep Tryst Road in Knoxville. You can learn more about The Wedding Niche online at theweddingniche.com. ■



The barn, decorated for dinner.



Cassie and Trey Haines, saying their vows, as Lisa Hall officiates.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

Food for Thought on Thanksgiving Day

What do we have to be thankful for come November 27? Despite the horrors we get immersed in every day from the news and social media, there is much for which we can be thankful — particularly if we take a long view.

Consider this perspective: in many ways, life around the world continues to improve. One measure is that life keeps getting longer. In 1960 the life expectancy at birth worldwide was 51 years. In 2023 that had increased to 73 years and in the U.S. it's 78 years (World Bank <https://data.worldbank.org>). During that same time, disease rates and poverty levels worldwide have also been falling dramatically.

We can also appreciate that in the United States we have a Constitution and a history that places us under the rule of law. Despite some upheavals in the past 250 years, it is that fundamental quality of our society that gives us stability. But, as is often attributed to Thomas Jefferson, "The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

That vigilance takes the form of citizens — every citizen — paying attention to what their government officials are doing. This applies to elected, appointed or hired government officials at every level. It's up to citizens to monitor their actions and, if they undermine our history and traditions, to do something about it. That might be a letter, a yard sign, a social media post, speaking up at a meeting... any number of ways of getting your voice heard.

We can voice condemnation or voice support, depending on the situation. Without the guardrails of the rule of law and citizen vigilance, governments can move in directions that betray the fundamental beliefs of American society.

Our constitutional rights are a concept we can be thankful for on Thanksgiving Day. ■

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OPINION

Dirty-Coal-Powered Water-Sucking Sprawling Data Centers

By JOHN P. FLANNERY II

Multi gigawatt data centers in the region exist in large numbers, operating at high speeds all the time. They've altered forever the residential, farm and small business communities that defined the region. Data centers treat us, the people who live in Maryland and Virginia, as no more than a subdivision of their over-extended industrial park.

You may have heard words of reassurance from the data center reps, the oleaginous apologists for the data centers. You've seen their brightly-colored ads: "Be happy, don't worry. These centers are a good thing," they say. For whom? Not for us folks.

The Centers have a capacious appetite for dirty fossil fuel power from coal sites in West Virginia, and they daily inhale enormous volumes of our drinking water to "cool" the heat from their busy servers. They occupy our land with thousands of acres of boxes in search of an aesthetic.

We must beware the power guzzlers drawing on coal sites and burying toxic power lines. Burying is not the answer—it's more complicated than that. Bloomberg Intelligence observed that "its research shows data centers ... could be responsible for as much as 17% of all U.S. electricity consumption by 2030." The U.S. Department of Energy has said one data center "can require 50 times the electricity of a typical office building," similarly sized.

Data center developers give lip service to renewables but, at the same time, the industry is considering re-purposing former coal mines, or coal-fired power plants, to be home to data centers. (See Darrell Proctor, "Power Demand from Data Centers Keeping Coal Fired Plants Online," Power Magazine, Oct. 16, 2024.) It appears we have a pivot away from decarbonization goals, and some think nuclear is the viable alternative, trading the risk of greenhouse gases for radiation.

Data centers consume staggering amounts of energy. We must concern ourselves about massive facilities, newly constructed substations, and sprawling transmission lines that encroach on green spaces and suburban neighborhoods where residents can expect to contend with the constant noise of cooling systems, diesel generators, and construction.

Worse, we the people are the ones who will be forced to subsidize this fuel infrastructure because the cost will be distributed across all ratepayers, residents included, to underwrite power lines from West Virginia coal fields. Can you imagine paying the user costs for the coal-fired energy that data centers need — after citizens opposed these coal-fired power lines?

Demand for water has increased, but using water is how the data centers mostly cool their servers. One test of goodwill would be if data centers use only reclaimed water.

Data centers are not sustainable. The developers want too much, and it's high time we had a moratorium on more centers, including every center application poised to pass but not yet approved.

We should not be putting down power lines when the demand will increase again if we don't force developers to understand we are not a subsidiary of their business plan. We should instead be cutting back on power-eating data centers.

When did developers decide their business profit was more important than our private lives? ■

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FREDERICK COUNTY NEWS

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

As November begins, we eagerly anticipate the coming holiday season with our friends, family and neighbors. Let's remember that this month also includes a special day to honor those who have served our nation, Veterans Day on November 11.

Brunswick Veterans Day Parade

This is one of the oldest Veterans Day parades in the country and one of Frederick County's most valued traditions. This event brings together people from Frederick County and beyond to pay tribute to our servicemen and women.

I encourage everyone to attend this year's parade on November 9 to honor our veterans and support our community. The opening ceremony starts at 1 p.m., and the parade begins at 2 p.m.

New School Openings

As we honor our veterans, November is also a time to reflect on how we can continue to create a strong, vibrant community.



County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

I am especially proud to share that Frederick County recently celebrated two new schools opening: Green Valley Elementary in Monrovia and Valley Elementary in Jefferson. Green Valley Elementary has been one of the county's most overcrowded schools. We've known that Valley Elementary has needed renovation for years. Both new schools are energy efficient, meet the LEED Silver design requirements, and are designed to accommodate the needs of modern learners.

These two projects have been successful thanks to our strong partnerships with Frederick County Public Schools, our Frederick County Delegation, the State of Maryland, and members of each community.

School construction has been a top priority since my first day in office. I spent 17 years as a classroom teacher, so I understand firsthand the challenges schools face. I remain committed to improving the experience of students, educators, and families all over Frederick County. Stay tuned for more good news on school construction coming soon!

Upgrades at Treasury and Permitting Building

While school construction is an ongoing priority, we are also making upgrades to the Frederick County Treasury and Permitting Building. You may have seen that 30 North Market Street in Frederick closed for renovations during much of October. While services remained available, I appreciate your patience while the County

works to make upgrades to this building. For the latest updates on the renovation project, please visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/30NMUpdates.

Federal Workers in County Impacted

As we celebrate our accomplishments and look forward to future improvements, it is essential to acknowledge the broad impact of federal decisions on our local community.

Over 12,000 civilian federal workers live in Frederick County, and more than 4,700 civilian jobs are located here. Many of these people and more could be affected by uncertainty at the federal level. Resources are available to help during these difficult times.

In Frederick County, we believe in compassion, community and stepping up for one another in times of need. Fortunately, our community partners are ready to help. That's the Frederick County way— coming together to support those who need it most. If you or someone you know

is struggling, please visit the County website for helpful resources.

Visit www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/Assistance to learn more. This web page provides information on where to find assistance with food, medical and health care needs, payments for utilities, employment opportunities and other financial relief. The resource list will be updated as new information becomes available.

State of the County Address Coming Up

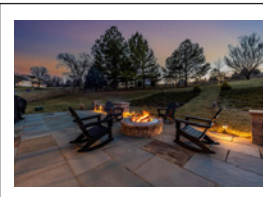
I recently had the opportunity to share our progress and future goals in the annual State of the County Address. Be sure to read next month's column for more news and updates on our County's current affairs, key achievements and future plans.

In the meantime, if you would like to watch the State of the County address online, please visit our YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/FrederickCountyMD. ■



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LOCAL NEWS

County Seeks Local Input on Transforming Rural Health

By JEAN TOLEMAN

On October 2 at the Brunswick City Park Building, Rissah Watkins and Dr. Barbara Brookmyer from the Frederick County Health Department gave a presentation to elicit comments from the public on how to transform rural health in our community.

This was on behalf of the Maryland Department of Health and in response to a new federal program: The Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP). With sweeping cuts of an estimated \$1 trillion in Medicaid in the “One Big Beautiful Bill,” U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) and Susan Collins (R-ME) worked to include section 71401 in the bill. It establishes a \$50 billion fund called the Rural Health Transformation Program.

The program will fund \$50 billion to approved states over five fiscal years, with \$10 billion of funding available each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2026 and ending in fiscal year 2030. Of the allotted monies, 50% would be distributed equally among all approved states. The other 50% would be allocated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) based on a variety of factors.

Goals of the program

The strategic goals of the RHT are:

- Make rural America healthy
- Help rural providers have sustainable access
- Attract and retain a high-skilled health care workforce
- Spark the growth of innovative care models
- Foster use of innovative technologies

The funds must be used for three or more approved uses that include:

- Promote evidence-based, measurable interventions to improve prevention and chronic disease management
- Provide payments to health care providers
- Promote consumer-facing, technology-driven solutions
- Provide training and technical assistance for technology-enabled solutions
- Recruit and retain clinical workforce
- Provide technical assistance
- Support access to substance use disorder treatments and mental health services
- Develop projects that support innovative models of care

Due to short notice, the Frederick County Health Department was only able to schedule two public meetings in the county to obtain public input, one in Emmitsburg and one in Brunswick. Julie Martorana, Brunswick City Administrator, arranged for the meeting in Brunswick and advertised it on the Brunswick Facebook page and a flier in the Brunswick Library.

While Brunswick does not meet the federal guidelines for a rural area (18 out of Maryland’s 24 counties are rural), the state of Maryland wanted to receive input from across the state.

What the State wanted to know

- What citizens felt was working well in the community that supports health and the health of neighbors.
- What challenges the citizens have in taking care of themselves, both individual challenges and organization challenges.
- When considering the future of the community, what does healthy rural Maryland look

like with a focus on sustainable access, workforce development, innovative care and tech innovation.

About a dozen people attended the meeting; several were from outside the Brunswick area. Areas of concern included the limited transportation options, limited knowledge by the public of available resources in the community (an example given was of the 211 phone number for mental and behavioral health services and links to other resources such as food, housing, employment and healthcare not being well known), and access to internet services.

Ken Oldham from Frederick United Way discussed the push toward more health care being provided digitally. He reviewed a project they had just completed where United Way gave out 5500 Chromebooks. Among the recipients, 80% had no home computer. He voiced the difficulty in dealing with healthcare matters by using only phone access.

To qualify for the monies, each state had to submit an application by the end of October. The information obtained from the meetings was to be used in completing this application. States awarded funding will be notified by the end of December. If Maryland receives funds from this program, it will be required to submit an annual report on how the funds were used.

Information for this article was obtained from cms.gov/priorities/rural-health-transformation-program-overview. More information and updates are available on the MD State Office of Rural Health website (<https://health.maryland.gov/pophealth/Pages/Rural-Health-Transformation-Program.aspx>). ■

Windows/10 End of Life

Windows/10 support for most users ended on October 14, 2025. What does this mean and what do you need to do? You have three options:

1. do nothing
2. pay for extended support
3. upgrade to Windows/11

If you do nothing the bad guys are going to target your computer using every trick they can find and there will be new tricks more likely to succeed. This is no scare tactic; it is the reality that you will be targeted. Microsoft is not looking out for you. Your virus software is always going to be behind in threats.

Other software (Photoshop is a good example) may also stop getting security or new features if you stay on Windows/10. It might take some time for other vendors to react, but it will happen. Is it worth the risk to remain on old software which is not supported? It depends on how careful you are on the web, how you avoid going to bad sites, and whether you have multiple users on the computer who may not be as careful as you are. So, you must weigh your options. Whatever you do, lock down your important web sites (see previous columns on how to do this).

Extended support — If you need to remain on Windows/10, then you can get extended support for security updates by paying \$30 per year. This offer is only until October 13, 2026, but may be extended. Search for “Windows ESU program” to read details on qualifications and how to enroll. Other vendors are unlikely to continue security updates.

Windows/11 upgrade — The easiest and least cost option is to upgrade to Windows/11. The Windows/11 upgrade itself is free. Go to Start > Settings > Update & Security > Windows Update to



determine if your computer is eligible for an upgrade. Some older PCs are not going to be eligible, which means you will need to get a new computer.

New Computer — If you are forced to get a new computer to run Windows/11 be sure to get one with Windows/11 installed. It is unlikely you can transfer your Windows/10 license to a new computer so be sure your new computer comes with Windows/11 pre-installed. Your peripherals (monitor, keyboard, etc.) will work. I recommend a minimum of 16GB of memory and 512GB of SSD storage (1,000GB or 1TB is better). For the cpu, anything in Intel’s i3/i5 12th generation cpu chips will be good enough for most consumer users. But don’t forget all that “other” software. You may need new licenses for some software products. Do your research to find out what software also needs upgrading and at what cost.

So, the recommendation is update if you can, but if you cannot update, get a new computer. Good luck. ■

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IN THE KITCHEN

The Most Important Meal of the Day

By CHRISTINA FRITZ

Breakfast does just that — breaks the fast. It gives you energy to fuel the day. Like driving a car, starting the day with an empty fuel tank won't get you very far.

Breakfast can help keep your appetite in check and prevent low blood sugar. When breakfast is skipped or eating is held off for most of the day, hunger may become too intense, making it less likely that better-for-you foods will be chosen for meals and snacks.

Set yourself and your day up for success by eating breakfast 1-2 hours after waking up. If you don't feel hungry in the morning, you may never have been a breakfast eater or haven't in a long time. This trains your brain to not send hunger signals to your body because they have been ignored for a long period of time. Once breakfast is consistently re-introduced, the natural hunger cues will return. Over time, when we eat a satisfying and nourishing breakfast, it may result in decreased feelings of hunger throughout the day and may help with weight loss or management.

Skipping or avoiding the first meal of the day can sometimes feel like the only option, as there may not be enough time, you are too tired, don't feel hungry, or there are no breakfast foods available. While breakfast seemingly might not fit into everyone's schedule, making time

for at least a small snack can have positive effects on hunger throughout the day. Preparing overnight oats, egg bites, or a yogurt parfait the night before can make having breakfast the easy choice. If you are on the go, pack a granola bar and piece of fruit in your bag to snack on during your commute.

Breakfast promotes the intake of important nutrients to support general health. We tend to think only of typical breakfast foods such as eggs, bacon, pancakes, toast or cereal. Consider more nontraditional foods for that first meal of the day such as dinner leftovers.

To create a balanced breakfast, variety is key. Aim to incorporate a component from each — protein, carbohydrate and healthy fats. Protein encourages satiation as well as supports muscle health. Eggs, Greek yogurt, soy milk, beans and lean meat contain protein. Carbohydrates provide energy and fiber. Oatmeal, whole grain bread and cereal, vegetables and fruit are all nutritious sources of carbohydrates. Healthy fats also encourage feelings of fullness and add flavor to meals. Avocado, nuts, seeds and smoked salmon are good sources of healthy fats.

Breakfast ideas

- Whole wheat tortilla with black beans, salsa, avocado and cheese
- Smoothie made with milk, fruit and spinach
- Whole wheat toast or English muffin with peanut butter, banana and cinnamon
- Omelet made with peppers and onions with a side of berries
- Whole grain cereal with milk topped with walnuts and a banana

Visit weismarkets.com/recipes for more breakfast inspiration. ■

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GIORGIO REMAZZE / UNSPLASH

Seasonal Produce: Chestnuts and Cranberries

By JEAN TOLEMAN

There aren't many "seasonal" foods anymore. With refrigeration, genetic modification and high-tech packaging, just about everything can be found in grocery stores year round. From watermelon to lettuce, apples to tomatoes, it's like summer in winter, fall or spring.

But come late October, two items appear in the grocery store that are not seen any other time — chestnuts and fresh cranberries.

Yes, dried and frozen cranberries and cranberry sauce are always on the shelves, and if you go to an ethnic grocery, you can find jarred chestnuts. But fresh? No. Only now are the chestnuts nestling in their shells piled in big baskets while bags of fresh glowing cranberries line up in graceful rows.

It is heartwarming to see these items. They bring memories of seasonal family favorites like chestnut dressing or cranberry salad.

Chestnuts and cranberries are more American than apple pie. While apples originated in Kazakhstan, in central Asia, chestnuts and cranberries were both native to this continent. But after the chestnut blight in the 1900s killed off all the native trees, the chestnuts we see in the grocery this time of year come from China, France and Italy, the biggest producer. Homegrown chestnuts might be found at a local farmers market, but they come from the smaller Chinese chestnut, not the majestic native chestnuts that once dominated the hills of Appalachia.

Chestnuts

In European cities in late fall or winter, you might have tried roasted chestnuts prepared at a street stall. This is a favorite winter treat. With their nutty umami flavor, chestnuts are wonderful in sweet and savory recipes. They have a slight sweetness and a soft texture. They go well with Brussels sprouts and can be added to dressing alongside Thanksgiving turkey. Why not try roasting your own chestnuts? Kids might enjoy peeling off the shells after roasting.

Roasting ½ to 1 pound of fresh chestnuts in shell:

- Position oven rack in center of oven and heat to 425 degrees.
- Using a sharp knife, carefully make an X-shaped cut on the round side of each nut (this keeps them from exploding when heated).
- Arrange nuts on a baking sheet or rack and place in oven.
- Roast until shell has peeled back from the cuts and nut meats have softened, approx. 15-20 minutes.
- Remove from oven. Pile in a mound in a towel. Wrap them up, squeezing hard. The nuts should make a crackling sound. Let them sit for a few minutes to cool.
- Pull and snap off the dark shells, including the papery skin between shell and nut. Enjoy!
- Store in the refrigerator in an airtight container for up to 4



DIANE ELLIS

Fresh chestnuts purchased in October at the Brunswick Farmers Market from Country Pleasures Farm & Orchard.

days. Or freeze in airtight container for up to 6 months.

Chestnuts are nutritionally more similar to fruits than other nuts. They are mineral dense, considered high in copper, manganese, phosphorus, iron and magnesium. They are in the top 8% of foods as a potassium source, containing almost two times more potassium than bananas per 1 oz. serving. (foodstruct.com)

Cranberries for Sauce and Relish

Did you grow up with the cylindrical tube of cranberry sauce from a can on your holiday table? Was there a jelled cranberry salad wiggling on a bed of head lettuce? Cranberries are an essential dish on Thanksgiving. Their festive color provides needed brightness to an otherwise pale spread. Their zesty acidity goes perfectly with turkey and mashed potatoes.

Cranberries, grown in New England, especially Massachusetts, are harvested in October. While it is not known if they were part of the first Thanksgiving, native tribes ate and used cranberries for medicine and dyes.

Fresh cranberries make their appearance in stores in late fall, but due to their high levels of antioxidants and vitamins, they have become popular as juice, dried and in dietary supplements available throughout the year. The benefits of cranberries in preventing urinary tract infection were known by native peoples. Cranberry juice is a well-known natural treatment for preventing this condition, though how it prevents bacteria that cause UTI from adhering to the bladder wall is still unknown. (pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)

Mama Stamberg's cranberry relish recipe

For over 30 years the radio show "Morning Edition" on National Public Radio has shared Mama Stamberg's cranberry relish recipe as told by Susan Stamberg. Stamberg, who died in October, is considered one of the founding "mothers" of pub-

lic broadcasting. This might be one to add to your repertoire this year.

- 2 cups whole raw cranberries, washed
- 1 small onion
- ¾ cup sour cream
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp horseradish from a jar

Using a grinder or food processor, grind the raw berries and onion together. Add everything else and mix. Put in a container and freeze. On the day of use, move from freezer to refrigerator to thaw (some ice slivers should be left). The relish will be thick, creamy, and shocking pink with a tangy taste. Serve it alongside turkey or on turkey sandwiches the next day. Makes 1½ pints.

Take advantage of this "seasonal produce" now and make a little extra to freeze because, come the New Year, fresh chestnuts and cranberries will only be a memory until next November. ■

Jean Toleman is a retired dietician, living in Knoxville, who worked in the field of diet and nutrition for over 30 years.

Loudoun Fire & Rescue Open House



KATE BAKER

Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Station 12 had an open house at its new station in Lovettsville on Sunday, October 12. Tower 602 from the Purcellville Volunteer Fire Company (pictured above) demonstrated its fire-fighting capabilities. Visitors watched fire safety and life-saving demonstrations. A free lunch and many activities for children were provided. Swift Water Team 610 from Lucketts and PHI Air Medical Leesburg - AirCare 3 joined the celebration.

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Lovettsville Town News

By ABBIE RICKETTS

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

For the third consecutive fiscal year, the Town of Lovettsville has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association. This prestigious award reflects the successful presentation of the Town’s Fiscal Year 2026 budget document that is transparent and complete and which meets the high standards and criteria set out by the nation’s foremost authority on governmental accounting.

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11

It was over a hundred years ago at 11 a.m. on 11/11 (November 11, 1918) when the armistice began which ended World War I. Lovettsville is hosting its annual Veterans Day ceremony to honor and thank not just recent generations of veterans, but every man

and woman who has honorably served since the American Revolution. The date is Tuesday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Lovettsville Veterans Memorial. This event is open to the public.

Proclamations Issued

Proclamations were issued by the Mayor and Town Council for Lovettsville Oktoberfest Distinguished Citizens honorees. They were thanked for their devotion and service to the Town of Lovettsville. The honorees are:

- George and Joyce Frye Hoopengardner
- George (Bugsy) and Hypatia George Hawes
- Reginald and Shirley Frye Sanbower
- Vanessa Giles

Lovettsville’s Southern Gateway

The Town of Lovettsville is seeking citizen input. It has announced: “Your Voice, Our Town:

Shape the Future of Lovettsville’s Southern Gateway. The southern entrance to our town — the Southern Gateway Planning Area— is poised for change. As a community, we have a unique opportunity to guide this development and ensure it aligns with the core values that make Lovettsville special: our small-town character and our quality of life. This is a chance to directly influence the future of our town. Your participation is vital to ensuring that any development reflects the community’s vision and serves our shared interests.”

A Town Hall meeting was held October 20 for residents to share their ideas and concerns, but they can still participate by completing a community-wide survey. Between now and December 1, go to www.lovettsvilleva.gov/planning-commission/page/plans to “review background material and complete a brief survey to help us identify the resources we should protect and the issues we need to address with new development.” ■

Lovettsville Historical Society

November 2 Ceremony at New Jerusalem Cemetery in Lovettsville

A special ceremony honoring 33 Revolutionary War Patriots will be held at New Jerusalem Lutheran Cemetery in Lovettsville on November 2, during which a monument listing their names will be dedicated.

The Revolutionary War Patriot Burials monument program is authorized under the Commonwealth of Virginia’s Revolutionary War Graves Preservation Program, and administered by the Virginia Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The New Jerusalem monument has been reported to be the largest such monument ever authorized under the Virginia program.

Sunday, November 2, is designated on the church calendar as “All Saints Sunday,” which makes the installation of the monument honoring Patriots buried in the New Jerusalem Cemetery especially significant for the church congregation. New Jerusalem was established in 1765, and the earliest known burial was 1770.

Upcoming Lectures in 2025

Sunday, November 9, 2pm
260 years of Lovettsville’s New Jerusalem Lutheran Church

All lectures are being held in-person at the St. James United Church of Christ, 10 East Broad Way in Lovettsville.
Questions: events@LovettsvilleHistoricalSociety.org. ■

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DAY TRIPS FROM BRUNSWICK

Catoctin Creek Park



Surveying the creek from the edge of a pebble beach.

By JOHN CAVES

We've covered day trips to major battlefields, historic towns and cities, and serious hiking and bicycling destinations so far this year. As we near the end of 2025, it seems right to turn to a quiet place for family fun that is very close to home: Catoctin Creek Park.

With a nature center, a playground, short walking trails, and a stream with several pebble beaches, it's an excellent place to take kids and tune out for an afternoon.

Catoctin Creek Park is run by Frederick County Parks and Recreation and is situated between Burkittsville and Jefferson, less than a 20-minute drive from Brunswick.

To get there, take Broad Run Road from either Burkittsville, where it begins as Picnic Woods Road, or Petersville, where it be-

gins as St. Marks Road just past Othello Park. Then turn onto Sumantown Road and follow it until just before the wooden bridge over Catoctin Creek, where the park entrance will be on your right. If you are coming from Jefferson, take Old Middletown Road to Sumantown Road, which you'll follow across the bridge to approach the park from the other side.

Playground and Nature Center

The first thing your kids will notice as you enter is the playground. It has some neat artificial rock features that kids can climb up and then make their way across the ropes and nets connecting them. It also has some fossil replicas for all the dinosaur fans out there, in addition to the usual slides and equipment.



Hitting the trail in Catoctin Creek Park.

There's a pavilion right next to it that can be reserved for events.

From the playground, go across the parking area to the nature center, which is full of critters. The room is open to the general public and has glass enclosures with several types of snakes, frogs, toads, turtles, and bugs. It also has a little pool that the staff periodically puts the turtles in to let them swim around. Just be careful that your kid doesn't try to take a swim with the turtles, too!

Other rooms in the nature center are reserved for special events, of which the park has plenty. The center is only open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. It's closed Monday through Wednesday, so plan ahead if you want to see the animals.

Trails

Once the kids are jazzed up about the woodland creatures, it's time to hit the trails. The park has five, none of which are longer than a mile. It's also worth noting that the county's parks and rec department took care to make the park handicap-accessible: One trail is paved and navigable in a wheelchair, and another is a sensory trail with a guide rope and touch box stations for the blind or visually impaired.

All of the trails take you through quiet woods and meadows, with plenty of room to run around. Two of the trails parallel Catoctin Creek as it meanders through the forest and offer multiple access points to the creek itself. (A note of caution: Some of the banks are steep.)

Several of the side paths to the creek deposit you on pebble beaches, which your kids will gleefully try to dismantle by throwing every pebble below their feet into the water. The largest pebble beach is near the end of the yellow and blue trails, conveniently only about a tenth of a mile from the playground.

Birthday Parties and Events

By the time you pry your kids away from the playground, nature center, and creek, you will have easily spent the better part of an afternoon at the park. If the munchkins love it and want to come back, you can make a special trip there by arranging for a birthday party. The park's party packages include hands-on animal demonstrations and guided hikes, crafts, or storytelling for up to 30 kids. You can call the park at 301-600-1646 or fill out their online form at recreater.com/171/Birthday-Party at least a month in advance to make reservations.

The park also holds regular events including hikes, crafts and nature education during all four seasons. These programs are open to everyone, though you need to register for them online and they tend to book quickly. You can find the list of upcoming events at recreater.com/999/Activities.

Take an afternoon, enjoy the park, and remember it again come spring! ■



Climbing on the artificial boulders at the park playground.



A lizard hanging out in his home at the nature center.

OFF THE SHELF

The Book of Strange New Things (2014)

By Michel Faber

Reviewed by LAURA DVORAK

Peter is a man on a mission. USIC—an acronym never fleshed out—is a corporation that has tapped him to travel to planet Oasis. A recovering drug addict and alcoholic, he has changed his life with the help of Bea, his wife, and faith. Inexplicably, Bea was not selected and will remain on Earth with Joshua, their cat.

Despite this emotional and physical separation, Peter appreciates that the monetary reward from the assignment will help the couple and their church financially. The scope of his employment remains undefined and USIC's purpose for establishing a base on Oasis also is not explained to Peter, who is to replace a previous minister.

On Oasis, Peter meets several USIC co-workers, as well as the nationals—Oasans—who live away from the USIC compound. Oasans are slight, gentle creatures who have strange "heads" and exhibit difficulty enunciating sibilants. Many—not all—are hungry to hear Peter speak from what they call, "The Book of Strange New Things," (New Testament exclusively), which he understands to be the King James version of the Bible. They know smatterings of English and can sing "Amazing Grace," thanks to the most recent USIC pastor as well as a linguist. Both of those individuals are missing.

Peter is driven to the Oasan city, where he is incommunicado. When resupplying at USIC, he can send to and receive transmitted messages from Bea. His forays to preach and work with the Oasans grow longer each trip—these beings truly thirst for his words and he bonds with them. Back at USIC, Bea's messages, at first loving and supportive, grow increasingly frantic and disturbing. His replies are never quite received as the balm or encouragement he feels for his mate. Absence makes the heart grow frustrated and bemused.

This story examines faith for things known and resilience in the maws of the unknown. The tangled skeins of belief, love and responsibility tighten as Peter purposefully manages his congregation even as Bea flails in chaos, alienation and diminishing faith. ■



TRAVEL, ARTS, CULTURE

Celtic Harp Trio
at Brunswick Library

By JEAN TOLEMAN

The Celtic Harp Trio, composed of Jim Dronnenberg on harp, Wes Merchant on violin, and Julie Merchant on flute, will play at the Brunswick Library on Sunday, November 30, from 2 to 3 p.m. This will be their second performance at the Brunswick library.

COVID brought
them together

The trio has been playing together for about five years. While they were aware of each other long before that, it was COVID that brought them together on Carroll Creek in Frederick.

“Our paths had crossed in Shepherdstown at O’Hurley’s General Store. Every Thursday night they have an open jam. It is a big group, so we had played together there,” Julie Merchant said. They had also seen and listened to Dronnenberg in Frederick, where he plays his Celtic Harp almost daily on the creek during good weather. “We had chatted with him on our strolls around town,” she added. One day Jim asked them to come down, bring their instruments and join him. This was during COVID and the outdoor format was perfect. The rest is history.

Playing every Wednesday

They now meet up every Wednesday, weather permitting, and provide wonderful music in a beautiful spot. One can almost forget the world as you sit looking at the amazing water flowers in the creek, watch the people pass by and listen to the blend of harp, violin and flute as they unite to create an English folk tune or Irish jig.

Recently, they have expanded their venues to include local libraries. They played at the Brunswick library in September and will be returning the end of

this month. They also play at the Middletown library every 3rd Sunday.

Wes Merchant is from Baltimore, though his family moved to Walkersville when he was in college. He started playing the violin as a hobby, having no formal training. “I know how to read music, but play mostly by ear,” he said. In college he started playing folk music.

Julie Merchant grew up in College Park and met Wes in Baltimore. She has played the flute since the mid-1980s, playing at contra dances, English country music venues and Glen Echo. Now the two live in Frederick.

Together, the
three can play just
about anything a
listener suggests.

Dronnenberg lives in Knoxville and is a Frederick native. He has always loved music and has sung with the Frederick Coral Arts Society. He became enamored with the Celtic Harp around 35 years ago. Dronnenberg also can’t read music, “I am self taught, but have had wonderful friends provide help,” he said. He has played at Medieval Society events and the Renaissance Festival in Crownsville. He also plays for weddings and other events.

Together, the three can play just about anything a listener suggests. Since they mostly play by ear, “as long as one of us can get it started, we can usually work it out pretty quickly.” Dronnenberg said.

If you are unable to see them at the Brunswick Library, the trio can be found on Carroll Creek below the Wine Kitchen restaurant on Wednesday afternoons, as long as the temperature is over 55 degrees and it’s not raining. ■



Jim Dronnenberg’s Celtic Trio playing on Carroll Creek.

Art Auction Benefits Local Groups

By DIANE ELLIS

Kimberly Yourick believes in strengthening community through the arts. As the owner of Lockhouse Gallery, which opened in May in downtown Brunswick, Yourick decided to donate the commission she earned from the sale of paintings by renowned Frederick artist, Helen Smith, to two deserving local groups.

The Brunswick Food Bank and the Brunswick Arts Council each received \$1,925 in October to further their non-profit missions. The Brunswick Food Bank has been serving the community since 1978 by providing food to those in need.

About the Arts Council

The Brunswick Arts Council is a non-profit group that was formed last year and has over 70 members. “We are deeply honored to receive this generous donation,” said Sarah Frost of the Arts Council. “It was inspiring to see how many people came out for the Helen Smith auction — a true reflection of the remarkable artist she was and the lasting impact of her work. Thank you to Kim for donating her proceeds.

“BAC will use these funds to continue bringing art classes, community events, and public art to the Brunswick area. We’re excited to build on our momentum and continue supporting our in-



Joanne Williams (on left), treasurer of the Brunswick Food Bank, with Kimberly Yourick, owner of Lockhouse Gallery, and Sarah Frost, vice president of the Brunswick Arts Council.

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credible local artists as we, together, strengthen and grow the arts in our community.”

The exhibit and auction of 22 original works by Helen Smith was held at Lockhouse Gallery in September. The donations are a fitting remembrance to Helen Smith. She was a trailblazer for women in art in Frederick County. She graduated from the Maryland Institute of Art in 1916, taught art at Hood College from 1916-1925, and became a beloved Frederick painter who was 103 years old when she died in 1997.

Lockhouse Gallery is located at 17 W. Potomac Street and is open Wed.-Sat. 12-7 and Sun. 12-5. ■

FILM REVIEW

Reviewed by LAURA DVORAK

Kanopy is an on-demand streaming service offered by the Frederick County library system for films, documentaries and courses, among other selections. Kanopy participants receive “tickets” each month for “admission” to view choices.

Le Roman de Renard /
The Tale of the Fox
(1937)

Directed by Irene and Wladyslaw Starewicz
French with English subtitles

The Tale of the Fox is based on folktales. It is an animated wonder, the various critters either decrying or defending the wiles of the fox, who takes full advantage of many in the kingdom. The abused send myriad pleas and petitions to the (lion) king. The defense (badger) poops their complaints as untrue or frivolous. (Full disclosure: Badger is fox’s cousin.) Will the animal kingdom find a way to work with or around fox, and be left in peace? Therein lies the quest.

The stop-action animation of this one-hour film is something to behold, never mind the story. The movements, facial expressions, drooling and downright cute, imaginative characters are a barrel of fun. That this was created in the first days of animated films seems astonishing — it is so well contrived and acted. The cat serenade alone is a mellifluous phenom.

Thank goodness for Kanopy, especially now that a 100% tariff on foreign films is planned. Perhaps the king should be petitioned about that. Warning: Le Roman de Renard portrays violence not suitable for children’s viewing. ■





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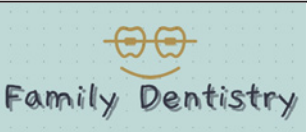
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Valley Craft Network in 44th Year of Studio Tour

By JEAN TOLEMAN

The annual Valley Craft Network Studio Tour will be held November 22 & 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the 44th year of the tour, possibly making it the oldest studio tour in Maryland.

The artisans have been busy tidying up for company as they look forward to opening their studios to visitors. The tour gives people the opportunity to see inside artist work spaces and hear how the valley and the artists' histories are reflected in their art.

Fifteen artisans, thirteen studios

There are 15 artisans participating in the tour this year at 13 different studios. A complete map and information can be obtained at www.valleycraft-network.org/artisans. Works on display will include jewelry, ceramics, paintings, photographs, fabric art and woodworking. Consumables include goat cheese, distilled spirits, cider/wine and kombucha. The tour covers the Pleasant and Middletown Valleys. Participants in the network are juried in and some have a guest artist.



Alice Orzechowski with her goats at Caprikorn Farms.

Jayne Marshall, jeweler and metalsmith, is in her second year of the tour and is the newest member. She was overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of visitors last year. "I had not expected so many people. Many had been coming on the tour for years."

Marshall feels the area attracts artistic people. She was drawn to the area around 30 years ago when her craft was

a hobby. She moved her studio out of her house and started having people visit. Once she got comfortable with the production side of the process, she applied to the Valley Craft Network. "The group really helped me learn," she said.

She handcrafts sterling silver and gemstone jewelry in her studio on the corner of Main Street and Route 17 in Burkittsville. This beautiful historic town is worth taking time to walk around before heading off to the next studio.

Jennifer Bernhard is a ceramist and has lived in the Middletown Valley for over 35 years. She said the art tours started in the 70s and 80s when people were going back to the land and simpler lifestyles. Making art was part of that. Like all things, the craft movement ebbed and flowed but had died down a bit until the Covid pandemic when people started baking again, sewing and doing things with their hands.

Bernhard has seen the participation by people and appreciation of local art and artists increase in recent years. She creates beautiful hand thrown and altered pottery and sculpture, from the practical to the nonsensical, with even the practical having a bit of whimsy that brings a smile. Her studio is located near Middletown on Ridge Crest Drive.

Alice Orzechowski and Scott Hoyman have been raising goats on Caprikorn Farm in Pleasant Valley since 1978. Alice has been making goat soap and cheese for the past 10 years. The farm is the only On-Farm-Home licensed goat cheese processor in the state, which she is quite proud of. They make a variety of cheeses including cheddar, Gouda, and fetina, as well as fresh traditional and flavored chevres. At this stop, you not only will get to sample a bit of the product, but you can see the goats in the petting paddock.

Culture, Country and Craft

The 13 studios on the tour are located in beautiful settings that bring out a lot of people who return year after year. As Jayme Marshall said, "It brings togeth-

er culture, country and craft."

If you are unable to make the fall tour, the group does a Showcase in the spring at Willow Oaks in Middletown. At this event, all the artists are located at one venue, which suits those who don't want to drive so much or those with mobility issues. All the artists also have web pages where their works can be viewed.

The Valley Craft Network Studio Tour makes for a nice country drive and offers the opportunity to buy unique holiday gifts. But be alert as you drive across Gapland Road on Saturday, Nov. 22. The JFK 50-mile race occurs that day and there will be runners crossing the road in the morning. ■



Jayne Marshall at her Burkittsville studio.

BNJ TRAVELS



Brunswick resident Jane Clifford and her husband travelled along the west coast of Ireland in October, pictured in front of Inch Strand.



Jennifer Bernhard at her ceramics studio near Middletown.



Kirke Martin of M4 Studios Pottery works at his kiln in Keedysville.

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Compiled by
Julie Maynard

November 6, 1925.

Heavy October Snow.

A heavy snow for the month of October fell practically continuously during Friday last, October 30th. On the mountains, several inches were reported. In town, trees and roofs were covered with a white blanket which made very appearance that winter was at hand. This was said to have been the heaviest snowfall in October for the past 30 years.

BRUNSWICK WOMAN
FOUND MURDERED
LAST FRIDAT NIGHT

Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, Aged
24, Shot To Death In Her
Home, About 11 O'clock.

JESSE CAMPBELL IN JAIL.

He Is Charged With the Murder
After He Was Seen Running
from the House, On Way To
Summon a Doctor—Two Other
Men Also Seen Leaving the
Sullivan Home After Campbell,
Who Charges That One of These
Men Is the Slayer.

A formal charge of murder has been placed against Jesse Campbell, aged about 21, of Brunswick, and he is confined in the Frederick county jail, following the discovery of the almost lifeless body of Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, aged about 24 years, on the floor of her Potomac street home, Brunswick, about 11 o'clock last Friday night. Mrs. Sullivan had a bullet wound in her right side and died within a few minutes after the arrival of a physician.

The arrest of Campbell took place following an autopsy on the body and an investigation at the Sullivan home until the early hours of Saturday morning by State's Attorney William M. Storm, Sheriff Ingomar W. Albaugh, and Deputy Sheriffs Chas. W. Crum, Morgan P. Runkles and E. L. Main. Knowledge of the death of the woman was first received by Deputy Sheriff Main, who was informed by Dr. J. M. Shafer [who] was called to the home by Campbell.

Campbell says he was passing the Sullivan home when he heard a shot. He rushed into the house and found Mrs. Sullivan lying on the floor, face downward. He ran to the office of Dr. Baxter, who accompanied him back to the Sullivan home. While Mrs. Sullivan was being turned over on her back, she gave a shudder and expired.

A Miss Dietzer, who resides in a house adjoining the Sullivan dwelling, declared she heard a shot and heard Mrs. Sullivan exclaim, "Oh, My God." Miss Dietzer says she rushed to the window, threw it open and looked out. She declared she saw Campbell, followed by two other men, rush from the Sullivan home.

The dead woman is the wife of LeRoy Sullivan, who is now serving a term of three years in the Maryland House of Correction on charges of assault with intent to kill, carrying concealed weapons and selling liquor. There are four small children, two at home and two living with relatives. The body was taken to Baltimore for burial by Undertaker Chas. H. Feete, of Brunswick.

Habeas Corpus proceedings will be instituted in an attempt to secure the release from jail of Campbell, according to his attorney, Samuel A. Lewis, of Frederick. Mr. Lewis stated that while the woman was undoubtedly murdered, the defense is ready to prove the shooting was done by one of the two men seen to follow Campbell from Mrs. Sul-

livan's home, and that the name of at least one will be given at the habeas corpus hearing.

It is reported that Mrs. Sullivan was engaged in the illicit sale of liquor and that Campbell was one of her runners on the day she was killed.

Pleasant Paragraphs About Those
Who Come and Those Who Go.

Miss Olive Butts, of Locust Valley, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Harry Reeder, of near Keedysville. Miss Pearl Graham, of Baltimore, has been spending several weeks in this neighborhood, visiting friends.

C. H. Hyssong of Chambersburg, Pa., while digging his sweet potatoes last Friday, found a potato with a finger ring around one end. The ring is the one lost by his son several months ago when he helped plant the sweet potatoes.

LOST—A horse's neck strap, in Burkittsville, on Monday evening, Nov. 2nd. Finder please leave at A. A. Miller's, at Burkittsville.—JOHN O. BOYER. 11-6-1t-24w

November 13, 1925.

Burkittsville Man
Arrested on Charge of
Running Down Woman.

A warrant was issued on Saturday of last week, for the arrest of Elmer Pearl, of Burkittsville, who is charged with being the driver of the car which ran down and injured Miss Kate Lout, in Hagerstown, from which injuries she later died. Pearl is charged in the warrant with failure to report a serious accident, which is required within 24 hours. He claims he stopped after hitting the aged woman and that he was informed she was not injured.

Will Send Barrel of Goodies

The local W. C. T. U. is collecting for the barrel of jellies, etc., also magazines, for the soldiers, sailors and Coast Guard for Thanksgiving, instead of waiting until Christmas.

Straw Stack Burned.

Fire in a straw stack in the barnyard of the farm of Greenbury House, about two miles south of Jefferson, that threatened the barn and other buildings, was extinguished Tuesday night 1st by the Independent Hose Co. automobile engine, of Frederick, and a squad of firemen in charge of Foreman Allen Kline. The fire, which had been smouldering since the day before, suddenly flared up and Mr. House telephoned to Thomas A. Chapline, president of the company, for help. The firemen immediately left for the scene and arrived there after a quick run. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Bazaar and Supper.

The annual Bazaar and Supper given by the ladies of the Lutheran Church, of Burkittsville, will be held in the Parish Hall, on Nov. 20 and 21. Home-made Candy, Cake, Fancy Work and Toys will be on sale. 11-6-2t-7t

CAMPBELL IS STILL IN JAIL.
No Move Made Yet to Secure
His Release on Bail.

No move toward institution of habeas corpus proceedings in behalf of Jesse Campbell, Brunswick man charged with murder in connection with the death of Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, also of Brunswick two weeks ago, has yet been made.

When asked as to whether he would file a habeas corpus writ within the near future, S. A. Lewis, Campbell's attorney, gave no definite reply. Several days ago, it was declared that Campbell's release would be sought on ha-

beas corpus proceedings on the ground that he is innocent of the crime. The proceedings, it was stated, would be filed in a few days, but yesterday (Thursday) morning, Mr. Lewis stated there is a "probability" that they would be filed next week, but gave no definite assurance as to the time.

November 20, 1925.

Campbell Trying to Raise
\$1,000 to Bear Expenses of Trial

With \$1,000 deemed necessary, Jesse Campbell, of Brunswick, who has been in the Frederick county jail since the finding of the dead body of Mrs. Elsie Sullivan, Brunswick, several weeks ago, has written a number of Brunswick people, asking their subscription to a fund to help fight his case. S. A. Lewis, of Frederick, has been retained as his attorney.

Turkey Dinner.

The members of the Reformed Church, of Burkittsville, will hold their annual turkey dinner and supper, on Thanksgiving Day, to which everyone is invited. Dinner, 75c; supper, 50c. 11-13-2t-7t

"Why I Believe In Spiritualism," is Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's, Author of "Sherlock Holmes" and other notable stories, contribution to "My Religion" series in Sunday's Bal American. 11-20-1t-6t

Alpheus D. Thomas, Aged 80

Alpheus D. Thomas, for many years a prominent farmer of the valley, residing near Brunswick, died at his home, about two miles from Brunswick, on Wednesday morning. He had been ill for about seven years with paralysis. He had improved from time to time since the first paralytic stroke, but suffered several lapses recently. The deceased would have celebrated his 80th birthday yesterday (Thursday). Besides his widow he is survived by eight children (in Iowa, Cumberland, Adamstown, Petersville, Brunswick, and two at home).

November 27, 1925.

Mr. Henry Baker, of near Broad Run, who is employed on the farm of Mr. Alonzo K. Darner, had the misfortune recently to catch the middle finger of his right hand in a corn grinder, while in the act of grinding corn, tearing the end of it off. Dr. W. O. Huff, of Middletown, rendered the necessary aid and took it off at the joint.

Ku Klux Parade in Frederick.

Between 400 and 500 members of the Ku Klux Klan, headed by a band of music, paraded the principle streets of Frederick last Saturday afternoon. The Klansmen came in automobiles from Baltimore, Washington, Cumberland, Brunswick and points in Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, and were clad in full regalia, except their faces were not covered.

16 Heads on One Stalk.

Mrs. Claggett Wiles, of near town, brought to our office last week a stalk of Cabbage which has 16 perfectly developed small heads and two loose ones. The small heads are very solid and perfectly developed.

Pearl Fined \$25.

Wilmer Pearl, of Burkittsville, whose automobile struck and fatally injured Miss Kate Lout, at Potomac and Baltimore streets, Hagerstown, on Oct. 11, was fined \$25 and costs by Justice Bower, in Hagerstown, on charges of failing to stop after an accident. Pearl said he did stop after the accident and was told that Miss Lout was uninjured. He then continued his trip to his home, at Burkittsville, without reporting the accident.

Patsy, a Piano
and a Passion



LAURA DVORAK

Fábio Mendonça performs his interpretation of Patsy Cline's "Crazy," written by Willie Nelson and released October 1961, on the renovated former Moose Lodge piano. With the front panel removed, the mostly-original actions are shown.

By LAURA DVORAK

On September 27, 1952, the Brunswick Moose Lodge welcomed vocalist Virginia Patterson Hensley for her debut with Bill Peers and His Melody Boys. One can imagine patrons on Potomac Street as band members haul instruments up the stairs and prep the stage. Hensley, a self-taught pianist, places her fingers on the piano's ivory keys, hums a melody, warming up before wowing her audience. She is 20 years old and ready to roar.

After her initial performance, she returned to the Moose Lodge in 1954 and 1955. Her name evolved to Patsy Cline. She recorded her first single, "A Church, A Courtroom, Then Goodbye" in 1955. On September 8, 1957, Cline celebrated her 25th birthday at the Moose Lodge. Her rise to stardom continued as she relocated to Nashville.

In 1963, when Cline was 30 years old, she died in a plane crash. A decade later, she became the first female solo performer inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Piano rescued
after lodge closes

In 2017, the Brunswick Moose Lodge was permanently closed, the 1912 Chickering Brothers piano silent. Guitarist Fábio Mendonça hadn't heard of Patsy Cline prior to 1989 when he relocated from Brazil to the United States. He learned of the vocalist from a neighbor in the D.C. area. "As a musician, once you hear that voice, you know how special she was," he said. "One day I was visiting the Brunswick Heritage Museum when a volunteer told me Patsy had performed here."

Sometime later, Mendonça was jamming at Beans, wearing his Patsy Cline t-shirt. Also at Beans was the owner of the Moose Lodge building. They talked. Mendonça took possession of the Chickering piano in the summer of 2024. "I kept as much original as possible. Hearing those piano strings—when the action hits the strings—that is the same sound Patsy would have heard. I felt a spiritual need to take the piano home,

like it was calling 'don't leave me here.'" A bit like touching history, leaning in, hearing the past, all while present.

Restoring the piano

Inside the piano, above and around the piano's tuning pins, are multiple signatures and dates, beginning in 1953. Each documents times when the Chickering was tuned, cleaned and overhauled at the Moose Lodge. The tuner was Ken Windle of Winchester, Virginia, who lived about a mile from Patsy and was one of the musicians accompanying her in Brunswick. He was praised both as craftsman and virtuoso pianist by Winchester clients. One online photo shows Windle relaxing in a living room with Bing Crosby, in town as Grand Marshal for the 1948 Shenandoah Valley Apple Blossom Festival.

Archival pictures of the piano show its rich mahogany sheen, but rich was decidedly not its 2024 look. For several months Mendonça patiently stripped away layers of orange paint that entombed the case of the 112-year-old instrument. "In a way, the paint helped preserve the piano, by creating a shell," Mendonça explained. "I had 12 actions replaced. All the strings are original. Seven of the ivory keys were missing. I searched an antique store to find pull knobs for the lid."

For Mendonça, the Chickering revealed previously buried "signs." First, three matches, sulphur heads burned. "Those remind me of Patsy's song, 'Three Cigarettes in an Ashtray,'" he said and then points to indelible cigarette burns near the keyboard. Next treasure, three pink ticket stubs, their function forever lost. Then, a quarter. "Look at the date—1952. That's when Patsy started singing in Brunswick." Finally, Mendonça shows a penny, dated 1961. "She had moved to Nashville by then. It's almost like these coins were left in the piano to mark her time in Brunswick."

Fábio Mendonça's piano tale, which he filmed and described as "my way of thanking Brunswick for having triggered my journey and interest in Patsy's life and times," is available on YouTube: <https://youtu.be/Pti36ZbD5H4>. ■

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To sponsor a wreath, use the QR code, or by check payable to Wreaths Across America and mailed to Pulling For Veterans, PO Box 4101, Frederick, MD 21705 or go to www.wreathscrossamerica.org/MD0644P. The deadline to sponsor a wreath is December 1, 2025.

Volunteers are needed to help with the laying of wreaths. Please text or call 240-285-4487 to sign up.

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For more information
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ENVIRONMENT & SCIENCE

Do Woolly Bear Caterpillars Predict Winter's Harshness?

By DR. KATHY HEINSOHN

Take a look around as you drive or walk around Brunswick and surrounding areas, and you are liable to see the caterpillar known as a woolly bear (aka woolly worm, or fuzzy forecaster) perhaps avoiding (or not) cars as they cross the pavement of roads lined by trees. The caterpillars are black and rusty brown and the thickness of their "sweaters" or bands of black and rusty brown is supposed to forecast the upcoming winter.

The woolly bear is the caterpillar of the Isabella tiger moth (*Pyrrharcia isabella*). It occurs in both Canada and America and was first named in 1797. The adult is pale yellow or cream in color with black spots on the wings, and feeds on night blooming flower nectars. The adult has a wing span of 30-50mm. The caterpillar is a generalist feeder but prefers herbs, tree leaves, clover, dandelions, lichens and mosses.

Ecologically the Isabella tiger moth is significant as both an adult and a larva. The adult is a pollinator and a food source for many predators like birds and small mammals. The larvae feed on leaves of plants and trees and help control vegetation growth.

Neither the caterpillar nor the adult stage is harmful to humans or pets and their hairs are not toxic. But it is best not to handle the caterpillar as the hairs (setae) can cause slight skin contact dermatitis.

Several towns, including Banner Elk, North Carolina, and Vermilion, Ohio, celebrate the woolly bear with an annual festival.

Lifecycle

Eggs will hatch into the larvae or caterpillar in late spring or summer. The larvae are voracious eaters. Then as temperatures drop in the fall, the heart stops and the gut freezes and the caterpillar freezes entirely, but a cryoprotectant material allows it to hibernate in this fashion over winter under rocks or logs and thaw in the spring still as a caterpillar.

The woolly bear then becomes a pupa in early spring. The adult moths emerge in late spring, live only a few days, but mate and the female lays her eggs on the underside of leaves. And the process starts again.

Weather predictions

According to folklore, the wider the rusty brown portions, the milder the winter. And the wider



Woolly Bear Caterpillar

the black portions, the harsher the winter will be. In fact, in folklore the story goes that there are five possibilities:

- 1) Wider rusty brown bands with small black bands mean a mild winter.
- 2) Even bands of black tips with rusty brown in the middle means an average winter.
- 3) Thin rusty brown bands mean a harsh winter.
- 4) An all-black caterpillar with no rusty brown bands means a very severe winter.
- 5) A lighter brown or creamy white caterpillar means a snowy winter.

However, not to burst any bubbles, there has been no rigorous research. What research is out there is quite limited and more anecdotal. So, they are fuzzy

forecasters!

Most scientists and entomologists (scientists who study insects) agree that the colors more accurately reflect the age and developmental stage of the caterpillar, as well as its species and past wintery conditions than the upcoming wintery ones. Molting and shedding as the caterpillar molts from stage to stage also can lead to more brown bands. Typically, older caterpillars almost ready to molt into the adult moth have wider rusty brown bands. And in a clutch of eggs there can be a variety of colors in the larvae that emerge. ■

Dr. Kathy Heinsohn has a Ph.D. in Structural and Urban Pest Management from Purdue University and is a Board Certified Entomologist (B.C.E.) and local beekeeper.



Adult Isabella Tiger moth

Volunteers Needed for Community Tree Planting

By ABBIE RICKETTS

Wild Potomac, a local non-profit organization, and River and Trail Outfitters need volunteers to help plant approximately 100 native trees and shrubs at the Brunswick Family Campground on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The new trees will provide shade for campers and improve wildlife habitat, advancing Wild Potomac's mission to create and support places where people and wildlife can "thrive together." The trees will also help stabilize the riverbank and reduce erosion, which is more important than ever after recent flooding at the campground.

The City of Brunswick is supporting the project in various ways, including utility checks and pre-digging many of the holes. The Maryland Department of Transportation provided a grant to purchase the trees. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources and the Frederick



County Forestry Board are also assisting.

About Wild Potomac

Wild Potomac is dedicated to restoring the Potomac River and its watershed to health and abundance. The organization's work brings people into relationships with revitalized wild ecosystems, establishing and protecting places where people and wildlife can thrive together. Brunswick resident Neil Gormley is the founder of the organization.

Sign up to volunteer

Use the QR code above to sign up as a volunteer for the tree planting project. More information about Wild Potomac is at www.wildpotomac.org. ■

Blessing of the Animals at Grace Episcopal Church in Brunswick



On left, Daniel Catalano, seminarian in residence, Rev. Edie Holton, Geordie the poodle, Marianne Szuberia (Geordie's owner), Gillian Killmayer, acolyte. Looking on are members of the choir and the Cendrowski family, Stacy, Steve, and Max.

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Soccer Tops BHS Fall Sports Records

By BILL CAULEY

Girls' and boys' soccer at Brunswick High School have taken center stage this season, with both teams enjoying successful seasons.

Through matches of Oct. 11, the Railroaders' girls had a 9-3-1 record. In the Central Maryland Conference's Gambrill Division, Brunswick was tied with county-rivals Middletown and Walkersville for the division lead.

On the boys' side, the Railroaders, through the same time frame, were 8-4-1 overall, also tied with the Knights and Lions for the division lead.

Laila Jackson ranks third among county scoring leaders. Through 13 matches, Jackson has recorded nine goals with four assists for a total of 22 points. In determining soccer statistics, two points awarded for a one, one point for an assist.

Tied for the No. 7 scoring spot for the Railroaders is Katie Hargett, with 17 points (four goals, nine assists) through 11 matches. Leah Smallwood ranks tied for 10th in the county with 15 points (five goals, five assists).

Hannah Cook is ranked sixth in the county among goal keepers with a goals against average of 0.62. To compute that figure, one takes the total number of goals

allowed, multiply that number by 80, the number of minutes in a varsity soccer match, then divide that answer by the actual number of minutes played.

For Brunswick's boys, Chris Vasquez Molina and teammate Gabe Cabeza hold down the two top spots in scoring. Vasquez Molina has been dominant this season, with 45 points (21 goals, three assists) through nine matches. Gabeza checks in with 31 points (12 goals, seven assists) through 12 matches.

Gabe Paschalides is ranked fourth for the Railroaders (25 points, four goals, 17 assists) through 13 matches. Keeper Alex Tully has a 1.50 GAA.

More Fall Sports Highlights

- Brunswick's field hockey team continues to improve. The Railroaders are 3-8 through games of Oct. 16.
- Brunswick's volleyball team is 2-9 through the same time frame.
- Both Brunswick football teams are struggling. The boys' squad is 1-5 (through games of Oct. 16). The Railroaders' girls flag football team is also 1-5. The Railroaders' boys are led by Barima Baffoe, who has rushed for 306 yards on 43 carries (5.0 yards per carry) with three touchdowns through six games. Addison Shackelford has rushed for 82 yards on 23 carries (3.6 yards per carry) for Brunswick's girls. From her quarterback position, Shackelford has 23 of 59 passes for 287 yards and a touchdown.
- In boys' cross country, Brunswick's Asher Adelman has the 11th best time in the county at 16 minutes, 39.1 seconds (5 kilometer course).
- On the high school golf circuit, the Railroaders' Luke Del Balzo has a 41.6 average for a 9-hole round. Teammate Grant Wenner has a 42.6 average. Jared Ricketts averages 43.1 for nine holes for Brunswick. ■



BHS Cross-Country Finishing Strong



The senior members of the boys and girls Brunswick High School 2025 Cross Country team before running in the CMC meet at Boonsboro. Both teams placed 2nd in their respective division meet out of 8 schools in the division.
Back Row: Kassey Tetteh, Asher Adelman, Simon McGillivray, Brenden Arnold, Brett DeMarco, Adam Parde, Josiah Nunez, Connor Orndorff, Jonah Miller.
Front Row: Samantha Junker, Caroline Teague, Kaitlyn Heck.

By LEE ZUMBACH

The boys and girls Brunswick High School Cross Country season has been one of accomplishment and improvement. The experienced boys' team has placed near the top of every meet while the young girls' team has turned in improved individual and team performances.

Senior Asher Adelman is having an outstanding season as he has placed 1st or 2nd in all of his six meets to date and will make a run for the State title on November 9. His time on the 3-mile Boonsboro course was 15:25, the fastest Brunswick time ever recorded on that course. In that

meet, Asher placed 1st out of 56 runners to win the Central Maryland Conference small school division.

Along with the seniors noted in the photo caption, other team members include Griffen Adelman, Rickey Riley, Rowen Williams, Nidhish Muddaria and Ian Henderson.

On October 17, the boys' team placed 2nd in the CMC meet behind a very strong Smithsburg team. Asher Adelman and Simon McGillivray made the 1st team all league, while Griffen Adelman made the 2nd team as a sophomore.

The young girls' team has improved with each meet. It is a

team of 12 girls with just three seniors (see photo). They also placed 2nd in the ladies division of the CMC behind Middletown. They are in a position to possibly qualify for the state meet by turning in strong performances in the remaining meets. Along with the seniors, the team members include Vivian Alexander, Shelby Kenawell, Haddie Shullenbarger, Sasha Steyee, Maren Clatworthy, Kim Porter, Emma Myer, Kate Virgilio, and Ramata Sautter.

In the CMC meet, Kate Virgilio made the 1st team all league and Vivian Alexander and Shelby Kenawell made the 2nd team. ■

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November 2, 2 pm
Brunswick Library

Elementary Explorers: Dino Bash (ages 5–10)
November 4, 4:30 pm
Brunswick Library

Gemstones Beneath the Towpath: The Historic Culverts of the C&O Canal
November 5, 6 pm
Brunswick Library

Brunswick Business Expo
November 6, 5–8 pm
Brunswick Volunteer Fire Co.

Tween Time and Teen Time: Glow in the Dark
November 6, 6 pm
Brunswick Library

Country Breakfast
November 8, 6–10 am
Burkittsville Ruritan Club

Gemstones Beneath the Towpath: Walking Tour of Culverts Near Point of Rocks
November 8, 2 pm
Brunswick Library for details

National STEM Day (ages 5–10)
November 8, 2–4 pm
Brunswick Library

Todd Marcus Jazz Band — Benefit for Heartly House
November 8, 4 pm
St. Paul’s Episcopal Church,
1914 Ballenger Creek Pike

Veterans Day Parade
November 9, 1 pm
Potomac Street, Brunswick

Autumn Leaf Acrylic Painting
November 9, 2 pm
Brunswick Library

Teen Time: Fine Art Exploration
November 13, 6 pm
Brunswick Library

Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar
November 14, 8 am–3 pm;
November 15, 8 am–2 pm
Grace Episcopal Church
114 East A St, Brunswick

Bethany Lutheran Church Bazaar
November 14–15, 9 am–2 pm
109 1st Ave, Brunswick

Music Therapy: An Adaptive Adult Program
November 14, 11 am
Brunswick Library

Catoctin Holiday Art Tour
November 15–16, 10 am–5 pm
www.catoctinart.com

Gemstones Beneath the Towpath: Walking Tour of Culverts Near Lander Lock 29
November 15, 2 pm
Brunswick Library for details

Puzzle Swap (all ages)
November 16, 2–4 pm
Brunswick Library

Elementary Explorers: From Book to Bookmark
(ages 5–10)
November 18, 4:30 pm
Brunswick Library

Teen Time: Super Spices
November 20, 6 pm
Brunswick Library

Sausage and Pork Chop Sale
November 20
Order forms on Petersville Ruritan Facebook Page

Memory Cafe
November 21, 11:30 am
Brunswick Library

Petersville Ruritan Country Breakfast
November 22, 6:30–10 am
Check Facebook page for info

American Legion Holiday Bazaar
November 22, 10 am–4 pm
18 S. Maple Ave, Brunswick

Read to a Dog (ages 0–10)
November 22, 10:30 am
Brunswick Library

Valley Craft Network Studio Tour
November 22–23, 10 am–5 pm
Vcntour.com

Elementary Explorers: LEGO Party (ages 5–10)
November 25, 4:30 pm
Brunswick Library

Holiday Craft Market
November 29, 10 am–2 pm
Jefferson Ruritan Club
4603B Lander Rd

Celtic Harp Trio
November 30, 2 pm
Brunswick Library

SAVE THE DATE
Valley Elementary WinterFest
December 6, 9 am–2 pm
Silent auction, gift shop,
performances, games & more
3519 Jefferson Pike

Hometown Holidays
December 6, 4–8 pm
Holiday market, parade, tree
lighting
Downtown Brunswick

Holiday Buffet Breakfast
December 20, 6:30–10 am
Petersville Ruritan

RECURRING
Intermediate Conversation Class for English Language Learners
SATURDAYS, 10:30 am
Brunswick Library

Brunswick Arts Council
2nd SATURDAYS, 10 am
Brunswick Library

Connect & Create
SECOND SATURDAYS
Smoketown Brewing

Worship Service
SUNDAYS, 9 am
Jefferson United Methodist Church
3882 Jefferson Pike

Worship Service
SUNDAYS, 9:30 am
New Hope United Methodist Church
7 S. Maryland Ave

Baby Storytime
MONDAYS, 10:30 am, ages 0–24
months with caregiver
Brunswick Library

Beginning Readers Club
(k–2nd grade)
MONDAYS November 17, 24
and December 1
Brunswick Library

Manly Movie Night
MONDAYS, 7–9 pm
BYO drink
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St.

Toddler Storytime
TUESDAYS, 10:30 am
2 year olds with caregiver
Brunswick Library

Shuffleboard & Cornhole – \$2
TUESDAYS, 4:30–6:00 pm
Parks & Recreation Building,
Brunswick Elementary School

Table Top Tuesdays
TUESDAYS, 6–8 pm (3rd Tues.
calling all Dungeons and
Dragons neophytes and/or pros)
BYO drinks
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St.

Preschool Storytime
WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 am
3–5 year olds with caregiver
Brunswick Library

Preschoolers School & STEM Skills
WEDNESDAYS, 11:15 am
3–5 year old with caregiver
Brunswick Library

Valley Quilters
all ages /levels
1st WEDNESDAY, 6:30 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Peggy: valleyquiltersTLC@gmail.com

Ladies’ Movie Night
WEDNESDAYS, 7–9 pm
BYO drinks
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St.

Musical Storytime
THURSDAYS, 10:30 am
ages 0–5 with caregiver
Brunswick Library

Goose Creek Ruggers
2nd SATURDAYS
10 am–1 pm
Catoctin Presbyterian Church
15565 High St.
Waterford, VA

Games Club of Maryland
3rd SATURDAYS, 12–7 pm
Smoketown Brewing Station



Valley Craft Network Studio Tour



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