

Lions Club announces Heritage Essay winner



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Since 1967, Lions Clubs of District 22-W, which covers western Maryland from Carroll County to Garrett County, have sponsored the American Heritage, Preservation and Patriotism Essay contest. This program was initiated by the district to provide an opportunity for students and adults to sharpen creative writing skills and strengthen their understanding of our American heritage. 2017 is the 100th anniversary of Lions Clubs International, and the theme this year for elementary school students ties into this celebration. The theme is: "How is being an elementary school student today different from being an elementary school student 100 years ago?" The Libertytown Unionville Lions club sponsored the contest for elementary students at the Liberty Elementary School. The winner was Sophia Morrison. Runner-ups were Natalie Westerman and Alexis Hardy. Sophia, Natalie, Alexis and their families were invited to the club meeting on Jan. 7 where they read their essays and received certificates of accomplishment and cash prizes. From left are Lion Susan Baldwin, American Heritage Essay committee chairwoman; District Gov. Brian Cox; Natalie Westerman; Alexis Hardy; Sophia Morrison; and Libertytown Unionville Lions Club President Lion Harry Swope. Sophia's essay has been forwarded to the next of three levels of competition, which ends at the District 22-W level. If her essay wins at that level, she will be invited to the fourth District Cabinet Meeting on April 2 where she will receive a U.S. flag flown over the Capitol in Washington, and a cash prize. For more information on this and other community service activities of the Libertytown Unionville Lions, go to the club website, www.L-U-LionsClub.com.

Kids These Days Inc. volunteer at food bank



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Volunteers with Kids These Days Inc. recently helped stock shelves and fill bags of food at the Frederick Community Action Agency food bank. If you are between the ages of 11 and 21 and are interested in volunteering in Frederick County, visit www.kidsthesedaysinc.org. From left are Himani Patel, Kimberly DelCid, Bella Richardson, Maddy Shealer, Cristian Castillo and Kai Artis.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

■ **John Souders**, of Boonsboro, a senior at Boonsboro High School, earned a presidential scholarship to study occupational therapy this fall at Alvernia University, in Reading, Pennsylvania.

■ Capital University, in Bexley, Ohio, announces that **Lauren Giannola**, of Hagerstown, was named to the president's list for the fall semester. **Rebecca Catoe**, of Point of Rocks, was named to the provost's list for the fall semester.

■ The following area students were named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Stevenson University, in Owings Mills: From Keedysville: **Morgan Angle**; Middletown: **Zoe Maliszewskyj** and **Beth Reed**; Boonsboro: **Victoria Asper**, **James Davis** and **Breanna Springer**; Jefferson: **Ashley Babyak**, **Michele Crone** and **Destiny Watts**; Monrovia: **Maggie Crook** and **Claudia Lohr**; Smithsburg: **Carly Cupernall** and **Jordyn Smith**; Clarksburg: **Naseehaa Bacchus** and **Patricia Lai**; New Windsor: **Julianna Baran**, **Kaleigh Day** and **Nicholas Ellis**; Frederick: **Destiny Ferguson**, **Larry Fort**, **Allison Gottlieb**, **Smruti Hariprakasha**, **Jonathan Hart**, **Olivia Howells**, **Ryan Kight**, **Diana Perez**, **Taylor Riggs**, **Princess Jennifer Santos**, **Kylie Schade**, **Audrey Yankah**

and **Emelia Weir**; Thurmont: **Emily Hobbs**, **Alexis Ridenour** and **Lillian Shumaker**; Brunswick: **Sarah Fout**; Boyds: **Blake Ford**; Damascus: **Angelica De Leon**; New Market: **Brooke Bowman**, **Ashley Edwards**, **Paige Olsen**, **Andrew Roos**, **Anna Schleimer** and **William Thornhill**.

Emmitsburg: **Thomas Bryant** and **Taylor Joy**; Myersville: **Rebecca Holcomb** and **Jessica Lewis**; Mount Airy: **Julianna Burnett**, **Morgan Cary**, **Kaitlyn Nikirk**, **Michael Rhodes**, **Sarah Roerty**, **Kaitlyn Rollyson** and **Kelly Winklbauer**; Woodbine: **Carli Castiglia**, **Meghan Loveless**, **Lydia Martin**, **John Reeve**, **Gabrielle Sturgeon** and **Tyler Stickley**; Walkersville: **Amanda Campbell** and **Brooks Gray**; Point of Rocks: **Alexa Craemer** and **Zachary Tetter**; and Hagerstown: **Brittany Appleby-Rumon**, **Elizabeth Bender**, **Garrett Brenk**, **Sarah Duckworth**, **Mckenzie Ludwig**, **Gage Markley**, **Heather Martz-Keller**, **Shayla Mckenrick**, **Jennifer Miller**, **Taylor Riggsby** and **Brennan Taylor**.

Jamie Nicole Thomeczek, New Market, graduated from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas, in the fall semester with an Associate of Science in radiologic technology and a Bachelor of Science in medical diagnostic imaging.

■ Tennessee Wesleyan University has accepted **Keith Dorsey**, of Thurmont, for the upcoming academic year. Dorsey is a student at Catocin High School.

■ **Alexis Tchou**, a freshman undeclared major from Mount Airy, was named to dean's list for the fall 2016 semester at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

■ **Caroline Traini**, a member of the Class of 2019 at Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, is studying abroad in Italy. Traini is from Frederick.

■ **Alexander Guerra**, of Boyds, a member of the class of 2017 majoring in interactive media and game development at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, Massachusetts, was a member of a student team that recently completed a hands-on research project in Japan. The project was titled "The Conduit's Garden." In the project outline, the students wrote, "This game was completed over a three month period at the Osaka University Toyonaka Campus in Osaka, Japan. 'The Conduit's Garden' is a fourth-dimensional Japanese gardening game developed in Unity3D to work with the HTC Vive virtual reality platform."

Register for annual Trivia Playoff fundraiser

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The Arc of Frederick County will hold its 32nd annual Trivia Playoff on March 24 at The Arc at Market Street, 555 S. Market St., Frederick. Trivia enthusiasts from all over will be challenged by a variety of Trivial Pursuit editions, plus a theme-related bonus round. This year's theme is the 1920s. Join this year's sponsors and contestants in a challenging, exciting evening of food, fun, prizes and competition.

There are a number of ways to participate:

Individual or Business Teams: For a donation of \$180, a team of two or three will enjoy snacks, beverages, a chance to win prizes, and team information presented in the event program.

Table Sponsors (limited number available): For \$250, you are entitled to a team of two or three, full page color ad and name on one of the game tables.

The Arc of Frederick County provides assistance to children and adults with developmental disabilities in your community.

For more information, contact Shauna Mulcahy at smulcahy@arcfc.org, 301-663-0909, or visit www.arcfc.org.



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The Arc of Frederick County's Trivia planning committee, from left, are Shauna Mulcahy, development director for The Arc; Josh Brooks; Mack McCune and Rona Mensah. Not pictured is member Dan Stevens.

Valentines created for Hearty House



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Each month, the assisted living residents at Integrate Buckingham's Choice, in Adamstown, give back to the community by completing a service project in support of a local charity. In February, they created valentines for the women at the Hearty House shelter in Frederick. From left are Martha Reynolds, Beth Wisecup and Janet Lanman, all residents at Integrate Buckingham's Choice. In addition to the valentines, the residents also recently donated art supplies, books, games and puzzles to Hearty House, which provides services to survivors of domestic violence.

Submissions for Neighbors

Submit news for the Neighbors pages by email to community@newspost.com or by mail to Neighbors, The Frederick News-Post, 351 Ballenger Center Drive, Frederick, MD 21703. Include a daytime phone number in case we have questions.

The Neighbors pages are for noncommercial use by civic groups, charities, clubs and other nonprofit groups.

For upcoming events, submit items at least two weeks before the event. For recognition of past events, submit items within three weeks after the event.

Event photos should be clear and in focus. The people in the photo should fill the frame. Candid photos are preferred over posed photos. Identify everyone in the photo from left to right, by row, as well as who shot the photo.

Photos sent by email must be a separate attachment. Any photo embedded in a document cannot be used.

The Frederick News-Post reserves the right to edit all submissions.