



THE DOWNTOWN WESTMINSTER MAIN STREET NEWS May/June 2011

Local Photographer Kelly Heck is the Featured Artist at Off Track Art for May & June; Artist Reception in May 6th
Off Track Art, 11 Liberty Street - Side Entrance, invites you to enjoy an exhibition by local guest artist, Kelly Heck, from Friday, May 6th through Saturday, June 25th. A selection of photography from Ms. Heck's series "Beautiful Silence" will be on display at the gallery. The series is about experiencing true peace and illustrated through landscapes taken in and around the Carroll County, Maryland area. An opening reception will be held on Friday, May 6th, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Hours of the exhibition are: Wednesdays through Fridays from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free. To see more of Kelly's work, visit her website at <http://www.kellyheckphotography.com/>.



Some of the images by Kelly Heck that you'll see when you visit Off Track Arts in May and June

The Carroll County Arts Council and the Fun Company Present "Tiny Thumbelina" on May 6th - 8th
The Carroll County Arts Council and Maryland Ensemble Theatre's Fun Company are pleased to present the colorful production "Tiny Thumbelina" at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from May 6th to May 8th. Featuring more than 50 young actors, singers and dancers from grades 3 - 5, this production takes us into Thumbelina's small and perilous world. An unpleasant family of toads and a water rat named Walter are all determined to capture her. Plus, a muddled old mole thinks our tiny heroine would make a fine wife for himself in his dismal, underground dwelling. If only Thumbelina could find Prince and Princess, the children who promised to take her to the Land of the Little People! Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on May 6th and 7th and 3:00 p.m. on May 7th and May 8th. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

"Open Vistas" Exhibits in the Tevis Gallery through June 4th
The exhibit "Open Vistas" in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, features work by artists who paint *En Plein Air*, or on location, through June 4th. The French Impressionist group gave rise to the art of painting out of doors. They took to the streets, the countryside of Paris and the banks of the River Seine to paint landscapes, seascapes and the life of the French bourgeoisie. This technique requires great skill in painting wet paint into wet paint to capture the effects of light on nature. It is no easy task since nature is constantly moving. The sun darts in and out of clouds, the breeze blows, and trees and plants sway. Enjoy a fresh look at townscapes, landscapes and seascapes during this "welcome to spring" exhibit. Many of the artists are well known in the *plein air* circuits of their cities and states.



View from My Porch by Mary Pritchard



Ireland: Derrynane Bay by Jeanean Songco Martin



Summer Retreat by Colleen Vandeventer

Westminster Flower & Jazz Festival Hits Main Street on Saturday, May 7th
The Westminster Flower & Jazz Festival returns to Downtown Westminster on Saturday, May 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The festival area once again will encompass the 1st block of both East and West Main Street, along with the Gehr Parking Lot. De la Tierra Gardens, Tomatoes, Etc., Wakefield Valley Nursery and Whitehouse Nursery are participating to ensure there will be enough flowers to go with the jazz. Two music venues are again slated for the Festival - the stage in Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park in front of the Westminster Branch Library at 50 East Main Street and the front lawn of American Auction and Appraisal at 35 West Main Street. The Herb Sell Ensemble, along with the song stylings of Audrey Cimino, will provide dance music for Mike and Tina Foley and the Head Over Heels Dance Troupe from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Dewey Park Stage. From noon until 4:00 p.m., local middle and high school combos and ensembles will take over the stage and entertain with a variety of jazz and standards. Over at the American

Auction & Appraisal venue, The Never Too Late Jazz Band from Carroll Lutheran Village will kick-off the music at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Glenwood Middle School Jazz Ensemble at 11:00 a.m. and the Mt. Airy Middle School Jazz Band at 12:00 p.m. Rounding out the musical entertainment at this venue is The Standard Delivery Combo, playing classic jazz standards from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with Levee Sheiks performing from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Carroll County Health Department Safe Kids Program will present "Sports Safety" on the Gehr parking lot at the corner of West Main and Liberty Streets. Over 100 food and gift vendor booths will line Main Street for you, including numerous downtown merchants, to find the perfect Mother's Day present. As always, there will be a free plant at the Information Booth for all Moms who attend the festival.



Some photographic highlights from the 2010 Flower & Jazz Festival

Big Band Dance at the Westminster Family Center on May 7th Benefits Hopkins Cancer Fund

The Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins will present the Sentimental Journey Orchestra Big Band Dance in the gym of the Westminster Family Center, 11 Longwell Avenue, on Saturday, May 7th, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. The dance benefits the Johns Hopkins "Plunge for Patients" Patient and Family Fund. This is a family-oriented event with supervised children's activities, light refreshments and a 50-50 raffle, as well as big band dancing. The Fund assists needy cancer patients and their families with expenses not covered by medical insurance as they undergo cancer treatment. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children ages 12 & under. For more information, call (443) 271-2926.

The B&O Railroad During the Civil War is the Topic for May 10th's Box Lunch Talk

The Civil War was the first war in which railroads influenced the outcome of events on and off the battlefield. The Baltimore & Ohio (B&O) Railroad's unique geographic location and service to key cities such as Baltimore and Washington, enhanced its importance and made control of the railroad's operation critical to the outcome of the war. Join David Shackelford, chief curator at the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Museum, as he examines key events impacting the railroad and shows how the B&O was affected by both sides during the war at the Tuesday, May 10th, Box Lunch Talk. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), the Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held on the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and \$4.00 for non-members.

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market to Hold a Plant Sale on May 14th

Get your garden at home started while catching a sneak preview of this year's Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market when the Farmers' Market hosts a Plant Sale at the market's usual location in the Conaway Parking Lot on Saturday, May 14th, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Flower, herb and vegetable plants will be available for purchase. Other products in season will be available for purchase, too.

Great Moments, Inc. Presents An Evening with Rudy Ruettiger on May 14th

Great Moments, Inc. presents An Evening with Rudy Ruettiger at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street on Saturday, May 14th. This once-in-a-lifetime experience begins at 6:00 p.m. with the showing of the 1993 film "Rudy" based on his story, followed by a question and answer session about his life and career, along with a meet and greet. Each attendee will also receive a movie poster from the film autographed by Rudy himself. Tickets are \$99.00 and include popcorn, candy, a beverage and the autographed poster.

***Keep the Beacon of Hope Bright!* Celebratory Concert by Peggy Brengle & Don Horneff on May 15th**

Help Shepherd's Staff celebrate 20 years of Hope at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Sunday, May 15th, beginning at 4:00 p.m. This event features a musical performance by the keyboard duo of Peggy Brengle and Don Horneff. Light refreshments will also be served. Seating is limited; tickets are \$25.00 each. For more information or to purchase tickets with a credit card, call (410) 635-2612 or (410) 857-5944.

FLICC Presents *I am Love* at the Carroll Arts Center on May 20th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) are pleased to present *I am Love* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, May 20th, at 7:30 p.m. The film tells the story of the wealthy Recchi family, whose lives are undergoing sweeping changes. Eduardo Sr., the family patriarch, has decided to name a successor to the reins of his massive industrial company, and in so doing, surprises everyone by splitting power between his son Tancredi and grandson Edo. However, Edo dreams of opening a restaurant with his friend Antonio, a talented chef. At the heart of Tancredi's family is his wife, Emma, played Tilda Swinton, a Russian immigrant who has adopted the culture of Milan. An adoring and attentive mother, Emma's existence is shocked to the core when she falls deeply in love with Antonio and pursues a passionate love affair that will change the family forever. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

Catch "*Summer Magic*" During Family Movie Time at the Westminster Branch Library on May 21st

Join the staff of the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library, 50 East Main Street, for some special family time, as they present the movie *Summer Magic* on Saturday, May 21st, at 2:00 pm. Bring your own snacks and beverages and relax as you enjoy this fun family movie. While open to all ages, children age 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Big Band Bash at the Carroll Arts Center on May 21st

Two extraordinary big bands will take to the stage at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Saturday, May 21st, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Blue Moon Big Band and Big Band Caliente will perform in this live "double feature" that is sure to get toes a-tappin'! From jumpin' and jivin' to romantic elegance, the Blue Moon Big Band plays jazz standards from the 1930s and 40s with authenticity and excitement. This 19-member band has been together since 1998 and has steadily grown its local fan base. They record regularly; having released six CDs to date. The band was also featured in the 2009 motion picture "My One and Only" starring Kevin Bacon and Renee Zellweger. Locally they have performed at the Maryland Wine Festival where they continue to delight audiences with their authentic big band sounds. Their partner band, Big Band Caliente, will take the stage after intermission playing hot Latin-infused big band sounds that are sure to make you want to get up and dance. As an added bonus, ticket holders can take 10% off their meal at Harry's Main Street Grille or Rafaels after the concert. Tickets are \$20.00 for Adults and \$18.00 for Arts Council members, students & seniors. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance go to www.CarrollCountyArtsCouncil.org or call 410/848-7272.

One Tree Productions present Thursday Evening Poetry at the Carroll Arts Center on May 26th

One Tree Productions is pleased to once again present Thursday Evening Poetry at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, May 26th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Hosted by Danuta E. Kosk-Kosicka, featured poets for the evening will include Laura Shovan, Regina Sokas, Lalilta Naronha, Kathleen Hellen and Barbara Westwood Diehl.

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market Opens for an Exciting New Season on May 28th

The Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market will open for its 18th season on Saturday, May 28th. The market is located in the Conaway Parking Lot on Railroad Avenue (MD27), across the street from High's Convenience Store. The farmers' market will be open, rain or shine, every Saturday through November 19th, from 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon. All of the market's long-time participants, including Tomatoes Etc., Thorne Farms, Sharon's Baked Goods, De La Tierra Gardens, Nev-R-Dun Farm, and Orchard Country Produce and Bakery to name a few, and many, if not all, of the recent additions, like Evermore Farm, Hawks Hill Creamery, Lehigh View Farm, Rare Opportunity Farm, Furnace Hills Coffee Co. and The Farmer's Daughter, will be returning. Several new vendors, including Not from China Gourds, are expected to participate and complement the current market mix. Entertainment on opening day will be Strings on Wings. For more information on the market, its products, and its special events throughout the season, check out the market's website at www.westminsterfarmfresh.com.



Photographs from the 2010 Farmers Market Season

The 144th Annual Memorial Day Parade and Observance to Occur on May 31st

On Monday, May 30th, the 144th annual Memorial Day Parade will march through Downtown Westminster to the Westminster Cemetery, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The parade will travel down Pennsylvania Avenue to Main Street and head up Main Street to Church Street, where it will turn onto Church Street to enter the cemetery. A Memorial Day Program will commence at the cemetery, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If the parade is rained out, the program will be held at the National Guard Armory on Hahn Road.



Photographs from Last Year's Memorial Day Parade in Downtown Westminster

"Lunch at the Library" Concert Series Debuts on Friday, June 3rd

Great musical sounds will abound on Fridays along Main Street during the month of June, as the "Lunch at the Library" Concert Series debuts on Friday, June 3rd, beginning at noon. This year's venue is the stage in the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park in front of the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public Library at 50 East Main Street. This is directly across Main Street from the Locust Lane Stage where the "Lunch on the Lane" concerts were held. Performers in the concert series include The Herd of Main Street on June 3rd, Mike D'addario on June 10th, Bobby E. Lee & The Sympathizers on June 17th and the One Eyed Johnny Blues Band with John Rousey on June 24th. Each concert runs from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. Come relax and enjoy the music. Even better yet, support your local downtown eateries by buying a brown bag lunch, a hoagie or a slice of pizza to eat while listening to the music. The Downtown Westminster Main Street Program and Coffey Music are the sponsors of "Lunch at the Library" Concert Series. As a special bonus, teens can earn Library Bucks for attending.



A couple of this year's "Lunch at the Library" Concert Series performers are The Herd of Main Street and Bob E. Lee & The Sympathizers

MG Models Present Their 2011 Spring Showcase at the Carroll Arts Center on June 3rd

Join the MG Models as they perform in a runway show to the beat of a live band at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, June 3rd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Join Megan Graybeal, director of MG Models; Kirsten Nicholson, Miss Maryland Teen USA 2011; the Savage Dance Company; and other local talents at this one-of-a-kind performance. Models will be on the catwalk performing to your favorite band's hits. Tickets are \$18.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children ages 10 & under.

Antique Fire Equipment Parade to Roll Down Main Street on June 4th

If you want see an interesting array of antique fire-fighting equipment back on the streets, if only for a brief moment in time, Downtown Westminster is the place to be on Saturday, June 4th. Beginning at 9:45 a.m., the annual Antique Fire Equipment Parade will roll down Pennsylvania Avenue, Main Street and Center Street to the Carroll County Farm Museum for the 42nd Annual Spring Muster and Antique Fire Equipment Show. Bring the kids and the grandkids downtown to this unique parade. Afterwards, visit the downtown shops and eateries, browse the Downtown Westminster Farmers' Market on the Conaway Lot and take in Art in the Park, before heading over to the Farm Museum and the Spring Muster and Antique Fire Equipment Show, which runs from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Some of the antique fire equipment that traveled through Downtown Westminster during last year's Antique Fire Equipment Parade

"Art in the Park" Returns to the Grounds of City Hall on June 4th

"Art in the Park 2011" returns to the grounds of Westminster City Hall, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Carroll County Arts Council has partnered with the City of Westminster for three decades to present this annual outdoor cultural festival. Attracting a large, loyal audience of art enthusiasts, "Art in the Park" is a juried event that features local and regional artists and artisans in a relaxed, festive atmosphere. Not only does "Art in the Park" have terrific contemporary to traditional visual art for sale and viewing, but it also offers strolling musicians, art demonstrations, unique food and a variety of family activities throughout the day. The grounds have been carefully planned to offer ADA accessibility, so everyone can enjoy the event. The event is free to the public and located behind City Hall between Locust Street and Longwell Avenue in Downtown Westminster. Festival patrons are encouraged to park free in the Longwell Parking Garage, which is adjacent to the park. For more info, call the Carroll County Arts Council at (410) 848-7272.



Art in the Park has contemporary to traditional visual art, along with an eclectic variety of live music, while located in a relaxed setting

Westminster Branch Library to Host a Daddy-Daughter Tea Party on June 4th

Come dressed in your summer finest as the Westminster Branch Library celebrates daddies and their special little girls with a Daddy-Daughter Tea at the library, 50 East Main Street, on Saturday, June 4th at 11:00 a.m. The library staff will provide crafts, games, and a tea party, of course! Please register your daughter only, though a daddy is expected to attend as well. Children ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration for the tea party begins May 21st. For more info, call (410) 386-4488.

Catch "Around the World on a Dime" at the Westminster Branch Library on June 6th

Join John Watts, an employee of the travel industry for more than 20 years, as he discusses various ways to save on vacation travel expenses during these tough economic times at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Monday, June 6th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The program will include ideas on where to go, how to get there and how to save money doing it.

Downtown to Become Base Camp of the 2011 Westminster Lacrosse Festival June 10th - 12th

More than 200 teams and 15,000 spectators are expected to descend upon Westminster for the 2011 Westminster Lacrosse Festival to be held on Friday, June 10th through Sunday, June 12th. While most of the competition fields will be located outside of the downtown area, Downtown Westminster will be serving as the festival's base camp with administrative and hospitality facilities located on the surface lot of the Longwell Parking Garage across the street from the Westminster Family Center, as well as hosting games at East Middle School. A Saturday evening event for the participants and families is also planned for Westminster City Park that will surely draw a crowd to downtown. To find out more about the lacrosse festival and things to do in Westminster that weekend, periodically visit the festival's website at <http://www.westminsterlacrossefestival.com/> as it builds toward the event.

Keeping Up With the Joneses: Westminster Follows Architectural Trends is the Topic of June 14th's Box Lunch Talk

In the late 19th century, Westminster's buildings did not exhibit the simple architecture one would expect in a small Maryland town. Join Architectural historian Jerry Trescott as he examines how Westminster kept pace with national trends as the city's residents and business leaders built monuments to the latest in residential and commercial designs at the Box Lunch Talk on Tuesday, June 14th. Presented by the Historical Society of Carroll County (HSCC), The Box Lunch Talks are a monthly lecture series on topics relating to local history. The talks are held the second Tuesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at Carroll Post #31 of the American Legion at the corner of East Green and Sycamore Streets. Participants are encouraged to bring a lunch. Beverages and dessert are provided for all. Admission is \$1.00 for Historical Society members and \$4.00 for non-members.

FLICC Presents *The Runaways* at the Carroll Arts Center on June 17th

Film Lovers in Carroll County (FLICC) present the movie *The Runaways* at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Friday, June 17th, at 7:30 p.m. Kristen Stewart and Dakota Fanning star as Joan Jett and Cherie Currie in the music-fueled coming-of-age story of the groundbreaking, all-girl rock band, The Runaways. They fall under the Svengali-like influence of rock impresario Kim Fowley, who turns the rebellious Southern California kids into a rock group with outrageous success. With its tough-chick image and raw talent, the band quickly earns a name for itself and so do its two leads: Joan and Cherie. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over. For more information and tickets, call (410) 848-7272.

The Art is Inside You Exhibit Begins June 17th in the Tevis Gallery

Featuring work by self-taught artists who rely on an inner vision rather than traditional artistic processes to create, the Carroll County Arts Council is pleased to present the exhibit *The Art is Inside You* in the Tevis Gallery of the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, from June 17th through August 6th.

One Tree Productions Present Thursday Evening Poetry at the Carroll Arts Center on June 23rd

One Tree Productions is pleased to present an evening of poetry readings featuring Robert Carter, Gordon Wickes, and Marge Wickes at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, June 23rd, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Open mic for those poets wishing to share will also be available.

The Westminster Branch Library Presents the Bubble Show on June 24th

Catch Margie Lynch, a.k.a. The Bubble Lady, as she presents an interactive bubble-filled show for children of all ages at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Friday, June 24th, at 10:00 a.m. Among the highlights of the show will be: gigantic bubbles up to 5 feet in diameter, bubbles up to 18 feet long, and smoke bubbles made with dry ice and hot water. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending. Registration for the event begins June 10th. For more information, please call (410) 386-4488.

Commemoration of the 148th Anniversary of Corbit's Charge is Slated for June 25th -26th

If it wasn't for the Battle of Westminster, more commonly known as Corbit's Charge, 148 years ago, we all might be speaking with a Southern accent, or so the story goes. The skirmish here delayed General J.E.B. Stuart and his 5,000 Confederate cavalymen from reaching Gettysburg until July 2, 1863, the 2nd day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Join the Corbit's Charge Commemoration Committee in remembering the event that occurred 148 years ago by attending a weekend of activities on June 25th and June 26th. The Commemorative Weekend begins on the morning of Saturday, June 25th, as the Civil War encampment, located on the grounds of the Carroll County Multi-Service Center at 224 North Center Street, opens and features civilian and military re-enactors, artisans, sutlers, drill and firing demonstrations, camp life demonstrations, children's games, and museum displays. The annual parade to the Corbit's Charge Monument and Lt. Murray's gravesite in the cemetery of the Ascension Episcopal Church, will take place at 12:45 p.m., followed by a wreath-laying ceremony. Rumors have it that the encampment will close for the evening after a free Civil War-era rules baseball game featuring players in period uniforms. Sunday's encampment activities begin with a Civil War tent-style church service at 10:00 a.m. Guided walking tours of the battle site will be offered Sunday afternoon. The encampment will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, with various demonstrations throughout the day. All events are FREE and open to the public. For more information on the event, visit http://www.pccwrt.org/Corbits_Charge.htm.



Some photographs from last year's Corbit's Charge event

***The Princess Bride* Kicks Off the Free Summer Kids Movie Series at the Carroll Arts Center on June 28th**

Beginning on June 28th and running through August 9th, the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, will be presenting free kids movies on Tuesday evenings; starting at 7:00 p.m. *The Princess Bride* kicks off the festivities. Directed by Rob Reiner, *The Princess Bride* is a classic fairy tale, with swordplay, giants, an evil prince, a beautiful princess, and yes, some kissing, as read by a kindly grandfather.

Upcoming films in the series include:

July 5th - How to Train Your Dragon

July 12th - Lassie

July 19th - Ella Enchanted

July 26th - The Muppet Movie

August 2nd - The Secret of NIMH

August 9th - Back to the Future

Admission is free, with no advance reservations required.



Covers of the films to be shown as part of the Summer Kids Movie Series at the Carroll Arts Center

The Westminster Branch Library Presents "Black Belts in Action!" on June 25th

Interested in seeing how martial arts teaches discipline, physical fitness, and respect for others all while having fun? Come see the students of Tristar Martial Arts show their stuff in a demonstration at the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Saturday, June 25th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending.

A Carroll Rhythms Drum Circle Welcomes Summer at the Library on June 25th

Come drum in the sunshine! Creating rhythm in a drum circle is a wonderful way to welcome in summer and shed some stress. Join Laurie Precht of Carroll Rhythms, providers of drum circles in Carroll County for ten years, as she hosts a drum circle on the stage of the Westminster Branch Library, 50 East Main Street, on Saturday, June 25th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. Drums and percussion instruments will be provided or bring your own. No experience is necessary. Teens can earn Library Bucks for attending! Children 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration for the drum circle begins June 11th. For more information, please call (410) 386-4488.

The Carroll Arts Center's Live Kids Shows Present Mr. Dave Thomen of D's Magic on June 30th

Kicking off the Live Kids Shows at the Carroll Arts Center, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, June 30th will be Mr. Dave Thomen of D's Magic. Mr. Dave Thomen is an accomplished magician whose show combines comedy and magic with illusions choreographed to lively music. His innovative routines and classic magic will fascinate audience members of all ages. Sponsored by Random House/Bertelsmann, he will perform shows at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for Arts Council members, students under 18 and seniors 60 years & over. For tickets or more information, call the Arts Center at (410) 848-7272.

Ready for Some Stompin'? Clogging Demonstration at the Westminster Branch Library on June 30th

Clogging is a contagious activity, so be prepared to do a little stompin' yourself as The Carroll County Cloggers dance to a wide range of music, from old time string band to today's pop, on the stage of the Mary Lou Dewey Sculpture Park in front of the Westminster Branch of the Carroll County Public library, 91 West Main Street, on Thursday, June 30th, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The rain date for this event is Tuesday, July 5th at 7:00 p.m. Children ages 3 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Downtown Business Happenings

Great Things to Check Out

- O'Lordans Irish Pub and Westminster Cigars will be presenting a "Pint & Puff" Party on the patio of O'Lordans Irish Pub at 14 Liberty Street on Thursday, May 19th, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Cigar giveaways and specials will abound at the event, along with an extended Happy Hour!
- Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at Papa Joe's Restaurant at 27 East Main Street (Rear). They'll be having numerous \$5.00 specials on May 5th from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. so give them a holler at (410) 871-2505 and see what's cooking! Please note that Papa Joe's will be closed from May 15th through May 22nd for a well-deserved vacation.
- Birdie's Café at 233 East Main Street has the following live musical performances presently slated for May and June: May 7th - T3; May 14th - ATM Trio; May 28th - Set Sail Joseph; June 10th - Bridget Joyce; June 11th - Clare Anthony; June 17th - Waters Edge with Quiet Life Rebellion; June 24th - Red Sammy; and June 25th - ATM Trio. Music happens from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm, except for June 10th & 24th when it starts at 7:00 pm. Don't forget Birdie's Café's monthly poetry series, The Corner of Poetry and Main that is held on the third Saturday of every month from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the café, which will occur on May 21st and June 18th. Birdie's now hosts Open Mic Nights on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. You must sign-up at 7:00 p.m. to perform that evening.
- Café Tuscany, 84 East Main Street, is introducing a spring/summer menu on May 4th. The menu will be bring back some favorites including the meat and cheese plate. Catch the Nick Reider Jazz Trio at Café Tuscany on Friday, May 6th.
- Wine Me Up, 61 ½ East Main Street, will be holding a "Tasting with Tony" on Thursday, May 19th, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. It will feature white wines. Cost is \$15.00 per person. May's Karaoke Night at Wine Me Up will be Saturday, May 21st, from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

- Beginning May 16th, **Giulianova Groceria & Italian Deli**, 11 East Main Street, will present “Tubesteaks in Paradise.” Nine different types of tubesteaks and 16 different toppings will be available to satisfy your hunger at Giulianova’s including Smoked Polish, Nathan’s All-Beef, Roma Fresh Polish, Natty Boh Brats, Old Bay Slaw Dogs, Sweet Italian, Hot Italian, Tony Paco’s Hungarian, and Chicago Style. All hot dogs and sausages, along with 2 free toppings, will be \$3.25 a piece. Additional toppings will be \$.25 each. Culinary delights will also once again flourish at Giulianova’s with cooking classes occurring in May and June. The May lesson entitled “Cooking with Beer” will occur on May 19th, beginning at 7:15 p.m. Chef Billy Schroeder will show you how to prepare beer-battered fried chicken; bratwurst poached in hard stout with peppers & onions; and crab fluffs in beer batter. To celebrate his birthday in June, Chef Billy will hold a cooking class on June 16th, beginning at 7:15 p.m., featuring some of his favorite dishes. You’ll learn how to make crab-stuffed mushrooms imperial; barbecued shrimp skewered on fresh rosemary stems; and Chicken Chesapeake. To sign-up for these classic culinary events, call Billy at (410) 876-7425.
- The Two-Headed Pheasant Pub in **Johansson’s Dining House** at 4 West Main Street, has live music scheduled for Friday evenings in March from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. The current performance schedule is as follows: May 6th - Altered Mike; March 13th - Finnigans Woo; May 20th - Joel David; and May 27th - Chris Swam. The Pub will also be hosting the 10th Annual Cystic Fibrosis Pub Night on Thursday, May 26th, from 6:00 p.m. until closing. Come in for a fun night and a good cause. Live music will be performed by F.T. Blindman. There will be a silent auction, raffles and guest bartenders, with all proceeds to benefit Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. **Johansson’s Dining House** has extended its \$16.95 Dining Deal, Monday through Thursday, until May 12th.
- **Maggie’s Restaurant**, 310 East Green Street, has lots of things happening in May and June. Mondays feature “Sam & Sirloin” at Maggie’s. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. for just \$15.00, you get a sirloin steak, a side and a Samuel Adams plus you get to keep the glass! On Wednesdays, Maggie’s has wine tastings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. May 4th will feature the Italian winemakers Peri and Bergamasca. Cost is \$10.00 per person. On Thursday, May 5th, Maggie’s becomes **Cinco de Maggie’s** with drink specials, \$1.00 tacos, giveaways and the band Gravy playing in the pub from 9:00 p.m. until midnight. Finally, there will be live music on Saturday evenings from 9:30 pm to 12:30 am. May’s schedule is: May 7th - Tom Long; May 14th - Chris Schoberg; May 21st - Rich & Famous; and May 28th - Times 2. As the schedule is not yet in place for the month of June, check out Maggie’s website - <http://www.maggieswestminster.com/> for performers as June draws near.
- **O’Lordans Irish Pub** at 14 Liberty Street will have live music on Saturday nights from 9:00 p.m. to Midnight during May and June. The performance schedule that presently is available is as follows: May 7th - Finnigans Woo; May 14th - No Egos; May 21st - Ken & Wayne. Don’t forget that traditional Irish music sessions are held the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. These sessions are open to all levels and all traditional Irish and Celtic musicians and listeners. To check out O’Lordan’s great menu and beverages, go to www.olordansirishpub.com.
- **Rafael’s**, 32 West Main Street, is still putting the finishing touches on their music schedule for May and June. However, we do know that Ben Sherman will be playing on Friday, May 13th, and Rich Fehle on Friday, May 20th. Both will be performing from 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. For more information on what is happening at Rafael’s, call (410) 840-1919 or visit the website calendar at <http://rafaelsrestaurant.com/vcalendar/>.
- **Clementine’s Country Boutique**, 14-18 John Street, will be busy as a bee hive with several activities going on in the store on Saturday, May 7th. From 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Clementine’s will be hosting a “Fight Like a Girl” Trunk Show. Earn 5 Clementine Dollars for every \$25 “Fight Like a Girl” purchase that day. Additionally, a portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Stacy Davis Breast Cancer Fund. At 1:00 p.m., local Maryland author Tonya Neumeister will read from her book “My Dog Eats Peas.” “My Dog Eats Peas” is a fun and heart-warming tale that teaches children a wonderful life lesson of the importance of telling the truth, even if it means sacrificing something you long for in the process. Bring the kids to this reading. You’ll be able to purchase a personally signed copy of the book for your child after the reading.
- **Coffey Music** at 31 East Main Street, will be offering 20% off almost everything in the store during the Westminster Flower & Jazz Festival on May 7th. Coffey’s is pleased to announce The Taylor (Guitar) Road Show will be coming to the store on Tuesday, May 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Check out some really, really cool guitars that night! Coffey’s also continues to host open Bluegrass Jams on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. Whether you’re a picker, grinner or listener, you are welcome to join them. The jam will start at 7:00 p.m. and will be held on their showroom floor. They’ll also have an upright bass available for anyone to use. Finally, Coffey Music has just announced the dates for the 2011 Summer Drum Camp will be July 11th -15th. For more information on the Drum Camp, visit <http://www.mikeottodrums.com/summercamp.html>.
- **Eclecticity**, 13 John Street, will be hosting monthly “Front Porch Music on Saturdays” concerts beginning May 7th, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. One Foot Down, featuring Cliff Essman, Greg Padrick and Dave Powell, along with special guests Emma Padrick and Paul Thomas, will open the series. Bring your own chair and enjoy the music! Musician donations will be gratefully accepted. For more information or future performers, contact Shawn Lockhart of Eclecticity at (240) 409-4863.
- In addition to participating in Free Comic Book Day on Saturday, May 7th, **Gotham Comics** at 15 East Main Street, Suite B-1 will be having a \$1.00 Comic Book Sale. On May 20th & 21st, **Gotham Comics** will be celebrating their 8th anniversary. They’ll be holding a sale both days, along with hourly door prizes. You do not need to be present to win. On Friday, May 20th, they will be giving away free comics while supplies last. At 5:00 p.m., **Gotham Comics** will hold a comic book trivia contest. On Saturday, May 21st, they’ll have free food and drinks and teach people how to play some great games. The games that owner Keith Forney and crew will show you how to play include Kill Doctor Lucky, Forbidden Island, Carcassonne and Guillotine.

Coming Soon...

- **Furnace Hills Coffee Co.**, a very unique coffee roasting operation, is planning to begin operations at 71 West Main Street in May. They will once again be selling their “great” organically grown, direct trade purchased coffee at the Downtown Westminster Farmers’ Market, beginning with the market’s Plant Sale on May 14th. Learn about the story and mission of **Furnace Hills Coffee Co.** by visiting their website at <http://www.furnacehillscoffee.com/index/>.

Anniversaries...

- Congratulations to Keith Forney of **Gotham Comics** on the 8th Anniversary of the business in Downtown Westminster. **Gotham Comics** is located in the Winchester Exchange Building at 15 East Main Street in Suite B-1.

If you have a downtown business happening or an event you want to share with the Westminster Main Street Community, please feel free to email Stan Ruchlewicz at sruchlewicz@westgov.com. Your information should be submitted to Stan Ruchlewicz before the last full week of February, April, June, August, October and December for inclusion in the next issue.