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Feature of the Week

Corbit's Charge Civil War Commemoration, June 26, 10am-4pm, Historical Society of Carroll Co., 210 E. Main St., Westminster. Info, www.pipecreek-roundtable.org.

Grace United Church of Christ Summer Raffle Fundraiser

Grace United Church of Christ (GUCC), located in Taneytown, announces a Summer Raffle Fundraiser, to be held Sunday, July 11, 2021. The proceeds of the raffle will benefit local and community projects through GUCC's Lay, Life, and Work Committee.

The raffle prize is a designer utility tote filled with approximately \$300 worth of items and gift cards. For tickets or more information, call Joan at 410-756-2043.

GUCC thanks the community for its support of past bag raffles and bingos, and hopes to resume their Spring & Fall Bingos in 2022.

Carroll County teacher selected for special business program

by Sylvia Blair

Carroll County Public Schools teacher Marcene Trump, the Career Connections coordinator at Liberty High School, will be part of a special business program connecting 25 Maryland educators with local businesses.

The 2021 Teacher Externship Program is an opportunity for 25 Maryland educators to be paired with local businesses to better transition their students into the workforce, according to the Chamber.

Beginning in July, the program will provide participants with a four-to-six-week business experience at one of 13 host companies. The paid externship bridges the gap between businesses and educators, helping teachers gain valuable technical and career pipeline knowledge they can pass on to their students, according to the Chamber.

"I am grateful for the commitment that the Maryland Chamber of Commerce, the Maryland Chamber Foundation, and United Healthcare Mid-Atlantic are making to offer opportunities for teachers to experience first-hand the skills necessary for our students to develop before entering the workforce," Trump said.

Career and Technical Education teachers at CCPS were encouraged to apply for the teacher externship. In her role as a career coordinator, Trump works with students as they transition to young professionals through their internship experiences.

Since the teacher externships aim to close the gap between education and industry, Trump said she thought it would be a wonderful opportunity, and one that aligns with her personal and professional goals.

Trump applied and was invited to interview with UnitedHealthcare Mid-Atlantic. She was selected to participate in the teacher externship this summer.

"As educators prepare students to enter the workforce, it is important that there are opportunities for them to learn the skills they are hop-



A participant of last year's Teacher Externship Program talks with her mentor. In 2020, 3 teachers participated. There will be 25 teachers this year, including Carroll County's Marcene Trump.

ing students are developing in the classroom," Trump said.

In its third year, the Maryland Chamber Foundation Teacher Externship Program is staged to impact thousands of Maryland students in 2021 as they consider their future careers. The industry and technical knowledge teachers gain allow them to enhance their curriculum and educate their students on both the hard and soft skills required to enter the workforce and obtain a livable-wage career, according to the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. Up from three participating teachers in 2020, the 25 teacher externs represent a 766% growth in 2021.

"Teachers have a powerful and lasting impact on their students' lives," said Whitney Harmel, vice president of membership and development for the Maryland Chamber of Commerce. "Giving our educators the opportunity to be empow-

ered with this wealth of new information has the potential to change the future of Maryland's workforce. Our businesses have high-paying jobs available for those with the right skills, and our goal is to create real pathways for our diverse population of Maryland students to follow towards lucrative careers."

"Our teacher externships have become the flagship program for the Maryland Chamber Foundation as we work to drive solutions in education, talent pipeline and workforce development," said Steve Wornner, chairman of the Maryland Chamber Foundation's board of directors, and president and chief operating officer of BGE. "Building this bridge between educators and businesses opens up a wealth of opportunity for thousands of Maryland high schoolers as they make critical career and life decisions."