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WORK HISTORY

Giant Food Stores, Cashier; May 2018 to present
Mercersburg Journal, Proofreader/Reporter; November 2017 to September 2018
Huntingdon County Planning and Development Department, Planner I; 2016 to 2017
Experience Works Participant Assistant; 2014 to 2016
Started The Go-Back Club (a Simple-Living Brigade) and online newspaper,
Groundswell News (see www.gobackclub.org); September 2013 to present
Launched alternative, global warming newspaper, *The Order of the Earth News, Views
and Musings*; (recently changed to *Groundswell News*); 2008 to present
Experience Works, federal training program developing skills to become a self-employed
newspaper publisher; 2007 to 2008
Wrote cover story for Land Trust Alliance magazine, "Climate Change: Land Trusts Take
Action;" Summer 2008
Machine Operator, Dallco sewing factory; 2008 to 2015
Substitute Teacher, Mount Union, Southern Huntingdon County, Fulton County and
Huntingdon Area School Districts; 2005 to 2007
Freelance Writer, *The Valley Log*, a weekly newspaper; 2006 to 2007
Acting Editor, *The Valley Log*; March to August 2006
Kindergarten Teacher Aide, Southern Huntingdon County School District; 2005 to 2006
Grants Coordinator, Department of Natural Resources, Cunningham Falls State Park;
2003 to 2004
Teacher, Community Learning Center, Minority Achievement and Intervention Program,
Sykesville Middle School; started Life Savers Environmental Club; 2003 to 2004
Office Manager, Dr. Marianne Rothschild; 2002 to 2004
Reporter, *The Gazette* (a Washington Post company), Frederick, Maryland; 2000 to 2002
Senior Area Coordinator, Bureau of Community Relations, Division of Hazardous Waste
Management, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection; 1987 to 1990
Air Pollution Inspector, Middlesex County Health Department, Perth Amboy; New
Jersey; 1986 to 1987
Environmental Inspector, City of Paterson Health Department, New Jersey; 1985 to 1986

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

State's Wilderness Needs Congress and You, *The Daily News* (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); June 14, 2007
An Act of Congress, *Patriot-News* (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania); July 1, 2007
Eight environmental action guides for students (prepared and written by students with my help), Sheed and Ward Publishers; 1995
Gifts That Last (alternative holiday shopping), *Catholic Digest*; December 1996
Action Plan for Adopt-a-Highway Volunteers, *Village News*; November 1996
Environmental Lifestyles and Hormone-Disrupting Synthetic Chemicals, *Baltimore Resources* and *Village News*; 1997
Invitation to a Lifestyle Rebellion, *Earth Quarterly*; 1997

PUBLISHED BOOKS

The Order of the Earth: Concise, mini-booklet offering ideas for living an environmentally-benign life and maintaining fiercely independent ways of thinking, our team made 11,000 of them and gave them away; 1995
Off Our Rockers: Earth, Hearth and Wanderlust (co-authored with Barbara Erakko Taylor), an exchange of letters between a suburbanite and an environmentalist about managing a home with Earth-based values; 2002
Becoming a Pacifist Activist: 50 Years in the Environmental Movement - In the Field, On the Ground, Over the Moon (memoir); 2015
A Doctor for People and Planet: Chung Whan Byun; 2016

SAMPLES OF ARTICLES WRITTEN FOR THE *MERCERSBURG JOURNAL*

The Journal Goes to Africa; January 31, 2018
County Residents Gather Knowledge, Strength and Members to Defeat Power Line; February 7, 2018
Meeting Scheduled on February 26th to Try Stopping Transource Power Line; February 21, 2018
Who Cares about Indian Genocide in Canada Anyway? March 7, 2018
Area Schools Deliver Positive Message on National Walk Out Day; March 21, 2018
Franklin & Fulton Educational Institutions Mark Earth Day with a Variety of Activities; April 18, 2018
Benjamin Troupe Named University of Kentucky's First Pickering Fellow; May 30, 2018
Better Days Animal League Carries On, Needs Reliable Volunteers; June 6, 2018
National Ham Radio Association Plans Annual International Field Day, Includes Local Teen; June 20, 2018
Franklin County Commissioners Oppose Transource Project; June 27, 2018

SAMPLES OF ARTICLES WRITTEN FOR *THE VALLEY LOG*

Would You Mow Less Lawn if You Knew More About Global Warming?
September 21, 2005

Ten Tips for Conserving Fuel and Energy; October 26, 2005

Wildlife Corridors Imperilled in Pennsylvania and Maryland Mountains: Help Coming?
November 16, 2005

What Kind of Neighbor is Wal-Mart Going to be in Our Community?
December 21, 2005

Shirley Township Residents Do NOT Want Hog Factories; May 17, 2006

Curtis Starr, 6th-Grader at SHCMS Bravely Deals with Lymphoma; May 17, 2006

PA Sportsmen Concerned about Global Warming; June 14, 2006

Orbisonia Residents Suffer from Route 522 Roadwork; Part I: June 28, 2006,
Part II: July 5, 2006

Gardening Adds Joy to Life and Good Food to Table; July 12, 2006

PA CleanWays Meets to Plan Next Cleanup; July 19, 2006

What Killed the Crayfish? July 26, 2006

Local Women Carry on Art of Making Their Own Clothes; August 2, 2006

Hand-Stitching Creates Clothing; August 16, 2006

SPEECHES AND WORKSHOPS GIVEN

Go-Back Club talk at the Bricktown Senior Center (Mount Union, Pennsylvania);
April 17, 2014

Go-Back Club talk at the Natural Connections Wellness Center (Huntingdon,
Pennsylvania); April 4, 2014

Go-Back Club talk at the Three Springs Senior Center (Three Springs, Pennsylvania);
February 11, 2014

Participated in Focus the Nation event at Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pennsylvania);
January 31, 2008

Al Gore's "Inconvenient Truth" programs at:

- A Home Party (Frederick, Maryland); September 17, 2007
- Sts. Peter and Paul Orthodox Church (Mount Union, Pennsylvania);
September 15, 2007
- Tuscarora Blended Learning Charter School (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania);
June 5, 2007
- The Common Market's annual Earth Day celebration (Frederick,
Maryland); April 21, 2007
- Pennsylvania Green Party annual convention (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania);
February 2, 2008

Global Warming programs at:

- Juniata Clean Water Partnership's annual dinner (Huntingdon,
Pennsylvania); March 2, 2007
- Dickinson College Environmental Issues Luncheon (Carlisle,
Pennsylvania); February 6, 2007

- Spring Farms Elementary School (Three Springs, Pennsylvania); January 29, 2007
- Kean University's Center for Science, Technology and Mathematics Education (Union, New Jersey, two separate classes); November 14 and 16, 2006
- Sustainability Day, Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); October 25, 2006
- St. Luke's United Methodist Women (Westminster, Maryland); October 9, 2006
- Wilson College "Life After Cheap Oil" conference (Chambersburg, Pennsylvania); September 16, 2006
- Home Meeting for Juniata College professors and spouses (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); August 3, 2006
- Tai Sophia Institute for Acupuncture (Laurel, Maryland); November 20, 2006 and January 11, 2007
- Home Meeting (Westminster, Maryland); May 27, 2006
- Wesley Freedom United Methodist Church (Sykesville, Maryland); April 29, 2006
- United Methodist Church and McConnellsburg Ministerium (McConnellsburg, Pennsylvania); Earth Day, 2006
- Tai Sophia School of Traditional Acupuncture (Laurel, Maryland); March 23 and 30, 2006
- American Association of University Women at Juniata College (Huntingdon, Pennsylvania); March 16, 2006
- Adams County Green Party and Democracy for America (Gettysburg, Pennsylvania); February 25, 2006
- Genesis Farm: People, Planet and Profit: Growing Sustainable Businesses in New Jersey's Ridge and Valley (Blairstown, New Jersey); July 23, 2005

Instructor, Gaia Healing Center; created and taught class on Precautionary Principle: Playing it Safe in a Toxic World (Mt. Airy, Maryland); Summer 2003

Instructor, Frederick Community College Continuing Education program; created and taught Earth Ethics and Actions: A Plan for Busy People Who Care About the Planet, Spring and Summer sessions (Frederick, Maryland); 2004

EDUCATION

Licensed Practical Nurse, Hartwick and Wagner Colleges
 Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, Kean University
 Public Health and Environmental Law, Rutgers University