Are We Being Our Best Selves?

Our national and state news feeds are full of the kinds of information that would normally cause people to hide in a closet, pull a blanket over our head and withdraw from a complicated world.

We soldier on.

We raise money through United Way of Frederick County's Community Relief Fund. We order takeout food from our favorite restaurants. We pick up adult beverages to go from our local pubs, brewers, distillers and vintners. We read our online daily paper, The Frederick News-Post, because they care about us enough to make the news available, with or without a subscription in this challenging time. We download digital entertainment and educational content through our FCPL online portal. We collect food and hygiene products for the homeless and for our neighbors in group homes. We sew masks from cloth and elastic to help keep our heroes at Frederick Health Hospital protected. We teach our kids, as best we can, to keep their skills sharp in this time of darkened classrooms.

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We listen to our governor, Larry Hogan, as he leads us through this time of uncertainty and fear with clarity, purpose and intent. Jan Gardner, our county executive, and our 12 mayors and burgesses are there as well, leading from the front.

I've spoken before about our resilience and our strength in the face of adversity. We may not have seen the worst of COVID-19, but we've already seen the best of Frederick County. We see it in each of you, willing to do your part to protect our most vulnerable neighbors from this pandemic by living unselfishly in isolation for the time being.

We soldier on, because it's who we are.

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