

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

*Keeping an Eye on Local News*

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*Flags were placed at Monocacy Cemetery. More pictures are in Family Album on page 2.*



*Wyeth would one goeth to Chadds Ford? Seeketh and ye shall findeth the answer on page 3.*



*Calleva instructors did a good deed. See how in Tidbits on page 8.*



*Joan Toms and caregiver Theresa Stouffer led the survivors' walk during Relay for Life. Our collage is on page 11.*

## *Town Discussion on New Development Draws Large Crowd*

By Link Hoewing

At their June 6 meeting, the Town of Poolesville Commissioners heard from a large number of residents who came to express their concerns about the recently-announced proposal to build ninety-four homes on the Willard property adjacent to the Poolesville Town Hall. The town's hearing room was filled to capacity with residents who had a range of questions and concerns about the proposal.

Due to the unusually-large crowd, Commission President Jim Brown decided to adopt a less formal approach to the session than is normal for commissioner meetings. Citizens were not required to speak at the witness table; instead, Brown allowed speakers to offer comments from their seats.

In opening the meeting, Brown noted that the process for considering a housing development is lengthy and involves all three levels of government: state, county, and local. The first step in the process involves a review by the town's Planning Commission and assured attendees that it includes many opportunities for public input. He said



*These are the type of homes to be built in Willshire. These homes are similar to those built in the Maple Lawn community in Howard County by Miller and Smith. They will be making a number of custom changes to reflect the character of Poolesville.*

that while there are understandable concerns about the proposal, no one can tell right now what it will look like at the end of the process. He acknowledged that the proposed project, located on land immediately adjacent to the town hall is "potentially one of the biggest things that has happened in Poolesville in recent years."

Town Manager Wade Yost then made a presentation regarding growth and development in Poolesville. A large

part of the presentation explained how the process for considering development projects is structured, the current condition of town infrastructure (water and sewer systems) in relation to development, and the provisions of the town's master plan with regard to future growth.

Yost explained that the town first received notice regarding the proposed

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## *Frederick Man Killed in Route 28 Wreck*

By Jack Toomey

A fifty-nine-year-old Frederick man was killed in a single vehicle wreck on Route 28 on May 27.

A Montgomery County Police spokesperson said that the vehicle, a 2009 Chevrolet Express van, was travelling west on Route 28 between Beallsville and Dickerson at about 3:40 p.m. and, for reasons unknown, suddenly left the roadway, struck a utility pole, travelled through a section of fencing, and ended up in a grove of trees. The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police identified the driver as Roland Lee Anderson of the 7800 block of Fingerboard Road in Frederick.

This fatality remains under investigation, and police asked that if anyone has information to call the Collision Reconstruction Unit at 240-773-6620.

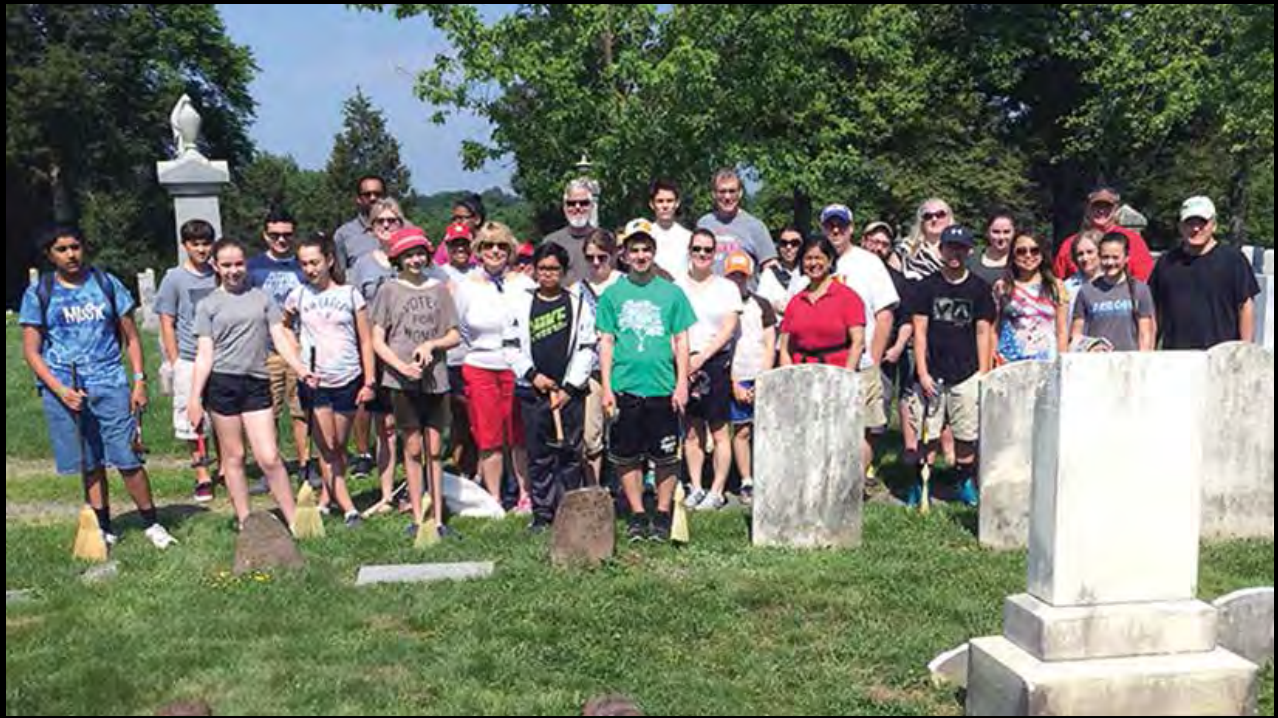


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# Family Album



Mary Phillips retired last July at JPMS after twenty-two years of hard work and dedication. She is so dedicated she came back temporarily this spring to fill a void created when her replacement left the position. Corey Ogden is trying hard to reassure her she won't have to stay long.



The large and dedicated group of volunteers that helped clear brush and winter debris at the Monocacy Cemetery.



Volunteers from Calleva put up new drywall at the Friendly Thrift Shop on West Willard Road in Poolesville.



These excited swimmers helped with the Grand Opening of the Western County Pool.



Garth Seely of Gardens by Garth brought his student discovery program, LAND, to JPMS students to teach them how to care for gardens and to landscape the school grounds.

## Daytripper

### Take the Money, Kill the Dog Anyway

By Ingeborg Westfall

I had nearly finished a guided tour of Andrew Wyeth's studio in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania when I observed the painting left unfinished on the easel, a scene of a skinny dog chained in front of a fireplace. The animal's ribs were visible, yet its face showed hope for better times. Then the docent told us the story: Wyeth tried to buy the dog (he'd always loved dogs and had them around him even when he painted, unlike people—including family—who weren't allowed in his studio), and the dog's owner took his money and then shot the dog.

This sad story may seem a weird way to recommend a day trip to the Brandywine River Museum of Art, but it's a true story and it adds depth to our understanding of one of America's best-known though enigmatic artists, Andrew Wyeth. The museum is wonderful all on its own, but a visit there paired with docent-led tours of Andrew's house (with studio inside) and the studio and house of



Andrew Wyeth's studio in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania.

N.C. Wyeth (Andrew's father) offer a welcome glimpse into the lives of a remarkable family of American artists who have influenced American art for more than a century. Even the Kuerner Farm, a frequent subject of Andrew, can be toured.

The Brandywine River Museum of Art is a modified old stone gristmill that ground corn and wheat during the Civil War, and its glorious old beams reveal their witness to the passing of time. Its three glass-enclosed levels overlooking the Brandywine River house works by three generations of Wyeths, along with early American portraits, pastoral landscapes, and still-life paintings by other artists.

N.C. Wyeth bought eighteen acres in Chadds Ford in 1911 with the \$2,500 he was paid for his illustrations for *Treasure Island*. These illustrations (among others), the originals of many of which are on view in the museum, are still evocative, muscular and expressive, highly dramatic, and remind

us how we grew to love books, the vivid illustrations pulling us in. Over his prolific career, N. C. illustrated some 112 books, and Andrew's austere watercolors and paintings in tempera are meticulous, somber, and entirely his own. Jamie (Andrew's son) is another remarkable artist, still working and producing wonderful portraits and a wide range of works in mixed media. The Equestrian Museum in Middleburg, Virginia, displays one of his paintings (probably a signed and numbered reproduction) called *Connemara Four*, its horses shown galloping straight toward the viewer.

The museum is a program of the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art, founded in the 1960s by a small group of people who wished to preserve the mill and as much of the river and surrounding areas as they could. The museum opened in 1971.

There are wildflowers everywhere outside, and trails that beckon. Off-hand, I don't recall a more welcoming place. Chadds Ford is a small community, but there are places to eat, stay, and explore. The café in the museum provides decent food and a lovely view of the river below, and the gift shop is first-rate, offering books, art supplies, and even seeds for some of the local plants in bloom (depending on the time of year).

Not only adults were enjoying the museum when I was there. I shared the elevator with a class of fourth graders who'd been studying the Wyeths in school.

The Brandywine River Art Museum is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., offering studio tours April through November. Museum admission is free on the first Sunday of the month. One thing to remember about the tours is that children younger than six are not permitted. Much more information is available on its website, [www.brandywine.org](http://www.brandywine.org).



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## Commentary

### Entropy

By John Clayton

When houses, machinery, and people hang around too long, things start to fall apart, and if you are really unlucky, they fall apart all at once. When we moved into our home over fifteen years ago, my good neighbor Eric Chasin told me that living out here in the Ag Reserve, you would have some great toys to play with (not necessarily his exact words), but that most of them would be broken at any one time. Truer words were never spoken. Here is a partial list of the things that either have just been repaired, need to be repaired, are about to be repaired, or are languishing on my to-do list: the heat pump to our garage and studio, the lawn tractor, the mower deck, the golf cart, the water pipes in the garage and studio, the door to our stable (a story in itself, told this winter), the drain pipe in our utility sink, our farm tractor, the entire drive train and slip clutch on my bush hog mower, our entire house air conditioning system (both the air handler and the compressor, presently inoperative, thank you very much), the air conditioner in my wife's car, and the fence surrounding our back yard. It seems like a trend to me.

Fencing is not a cool toy, but it is essential if one has livestock or backyard pets. When we moved in, we put a fence around our back yard, going for ye olde rustic rail, with wire to keep the dogs in. It was great for years, but then those rustic rails shrank and decayed, and eventually the entire fence was being held up by the wire, which I believe was originally held up by the fence. At any rate, we replaced some rails here and there to keep it looking like someone actually lived in the house, and it might have gone

on for who knows how long until my wife and I mutually agreed that it was time (about a year after she decided it was time), and we now have a beautiful board-on-board fence with lovely wire and working gates courtesy of Cornerstone, Inc. I also added, as an extra, an additional gate so that our septic tank guy could reach the septic tank more easily. My wife noted that when he came this spring he used a different gate and didn't need my new gate, but that's okay, I know the new gate will come in handy someday.

Speaking of gates, when we moved in, our front pasture of two-or-so acres was surrounded by this attractive round-rail fencing called Duxbury cedar. As the years passed, I received my first inkling that not everything was going to remain pristine as the cedar started to dry up and shrink, and then soften and deteriorate, and rails started falling out. I nailed them back in every once in a while, although admittedly the fence began to look shabby. We had horses and sheep by then, along with the donkeys that conveyed with the property, and escapes began to occur with alarming frequency. Sheep escapes were not a big deal, if you discount the effect on ornamental shrubbery. They don't go anywhere and my approach was enough to make them scurry back through or under the fence. The latter was genuinely funny. If a lower rail (of a three-rail fence) was missing, the sheep could squat down and squeeze under the middle rail, which rolled as the sheep pushed under it. One could not have deliberately designed a better mechanism for sheep egress.

Horse escapes are no laughing matter, and even one qualifies as an alarming frequency. They are hard to catch and prone to injury from all sorts of things, such as slipping on pavement. Fortunately, if a lower rail is missing, you only had sheep

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June 13 to 18

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June 15

**Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC)**  
*Tai chi.* 17750 W. Willard Road. Free. 10:30 a.m.

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
*This Willshire Development meeting has been cancelled, new date will be set.*

June 16

**PASC**  
**Book Discussion Club.** *One Came Home* by Amy Timberlake. Poolesville Library. 7:00 p.m.

June 17

**Fridays on the Commons**  
**Annual PES PTA Summer Carnival.** Inflatables, food, farmers' market, vendors, kids' activities, and lip sync contest. 4:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Whalen Commons.*

June 18

**Alden Farms Garden Party**  
Arts program featuring sculpture by David Therriault, paintings by James Erickson and Claire Howard, wood-working by Robert Pierce, and introducing art by college artist Wendy Wright Martin. Music by Takoma Mixer. 19215 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville. 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 19

**PASC Special Event**  
**Third Spring Concert at Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center.** FocusMusic presents Willie and the Chaperones in concert. 19520 Darnestown Rd, Beallsville, MD 20839. Donation of \$5.00 to \$15.00. 3:00 p.m.

June 20

**PASC**  
*Tai chi.* 17750 W. Willard Road. \$5.00. 10:30 a.m.

June 20 (continued)

**Commissioners' Meeting**  
Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

June 22

**PASC**  
*Tai chi.* 17750 W. Willard Road. Free. 10:30 a.m.

**Poolesville Green Monthly Meeting**  
**Community Solar—Benefit Without Solar Panels.** Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

June 23

**PASC Special Event**  
**Presentation and discussion: Know the Signs of Alzheimer's Disease.** Light refreshment. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m. RSVP preferred by June 20, call 301-875-7701.

June 24

**Fridays on the Commons**  
**Bark in the Park.** Dog costume contest, cutest, looks most like owner, etc. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. *Whalen Commons.* Farmers' Market: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; dog contest: 6:30 p.m.; and Brian Jamison Band at 7:00 p.m.

June 25

**Annual Odd Fellows' Summer Picnic**  
Food, fun, and entertainment for widows, widowers, seniors, and orphans. Free. *Memorial United Methodist Church.* 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Poolesville Military Support Group's Annual Outing to Entertain Wounded Military Personnel and Benefit Fisher House and Yellow Ribbon Campaign**  
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June 25 and 26

**Annual Heritage Montgomery Weekend**  
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## Mystery History

### The French Called Him a Hero for Defying the Nazis

By Rande Davis

Norman Davis Hersberger graduated from Poolesville High School in 1938. If you asked the man who ended up living much more of his life in Covington, Tennessee if he had any regrets about attending PHS, he most likely would have said he should have worked harder in his French class.

Six years after graduation, the young lieutenant found himself parachuting into the midst of enemy territory in France six weeks before D-Day. He was rescued by the French Resistance and was hidden in Brittany while plans to get him to Spain were made. Those plans were spoiled when he was captured by the Gestapo.

Fifty years later, in a letter, French Resistance fighter Jean Claude Moussat let Hersberger know just how much of a hero he was for his refusal to give the Gestapo the names and contacts in the French Resistance who had come to his aid. Moussat wrote, "It was courageous to bear the torture of the Gestapo. Without your courageous silence, the members of our own group and network would have been captured and killed." Hersberger wrote back, "I am grateful for your aid in helping me attempt to escape to England."

Hersberger had flown thirty-nine missions when, on April 29, 1944, he and fellow pilot Albert Johnson, two Mustang fighter pilots who were on a bombing mission, ran out of fuel due to the failure of the radio transmission equipment.

A sixteen-year-old boy spotted them after hearing the noise from the plane's crash. The lad worked with Moussat who was leading the resistance in that area.

Hersberger recalled, "A teenaged boy and a few other men came rushing toward us as soon as we hit the ground. The boy was yelling, 'Vite, vite,' and so we took off running." Hersberger had taken some French at PHS and knew it meant quick. "Since they weren't waving guns at us, we didn't ask any questions."

It was Moussat, who joined the resistance in 1940 to avoid being drafted into the German army, who led the interrogation of the young pilots.

The men were given some civilian clothes and forged IDs, and a life



A young military officer, Norman Davis Hersberger, a 1938 PHS graduate.

and death journey to Spain began. In intense danger, they were led into hiding using barns and villages, traveling by bicycle trying to reach the American embassy in Spain. Ultimately, the plan changed to getting out of France via a train. He was first taken to Paris and hidden for two weeks in an apartment. Leaving Paris, they then went to Bordeaux, then toward Dax, each town closer to Spain.

Then things went wrong. On June 5, 1944, the day before D-Day and only ten minutes before the train was to arrive in Dax, during a procedural identification check, the Gestapo searched their compartment.

"We both were supposed to be Frenchmen. Johnson played deaf and dumb, and I tried using my French, insisting I did not understand English." The interrogator almost handed Hersberger his ID back, "when he asked me where I was going, but by the time I translated what he said in order to answer him in French, he got suspicious." It was then that the Gestapo agent yelled, "Zemite!"—come with me. "I wish I had studied more French in high school, I probably would have gotten away with it," he was quoted saying fifty years later.

Hersberger always believed it was impossible for the Gestapo to have known about his whereabouts without the help of an informer. From Bordeaux, they were taken to Gestapo headquarters in Bayonne. Hersberger only gave up his name, rank, and serial number even under immense pain and torture.

"The guy (interrogator) got so irritated that I wouldn't talk, he came from behind his desk and slapped me across the face. The next thing I knew,

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## A MONOCACY MOMENT

### Lost in Time



**Washington Post – 1940**  
**Headlined:**  
**Poolesville Way...**

**Top: SHE MADE 'EM**  
Mary Offutt, president of the Betty Lamp Club, wears the pajamas she made and exhibits a dress that won her first prize in an annual community fair staged yesterday by students of Poolesville High School



**Middle: HE GREW TALL CORN**  
William Jones shows the blue-ribbon ears of corn he grew. The Betty Lamp Club and Future Farmers of America were sponsors of the fair.



**Bottom: WOULD MAKE A FINE THANKSGIVING DINNER**  
Secy Pearson pins a blue ribbon on this proud turkey hen.

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## Tidbits

### Local Girl Scouts Recipients of Presidential Volunteer Service Award

A number of young women in the Poolesville Girl Scout Service Unit were honored recently in a ceremony in which they were presented with the Gold, Silver, or Bronze President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA).

The PVSA recognizes permanent residents of the United States who have achieved the required number of hours of service over a twelve-month time period or cumulative hours over the course of a lifetime. Certified volunteer hours are not limited to those served with Girl Scouts. The award recipients recorded their activities serving their neighbors, their community, their country, and the world. The awards are offered in multiple levels and are designed to recognize each milestone of service achievement. Levels include bronze, silver, gold, and the highest honor, the President's Lifetime Achievement Award for those who contribute more than four thousand hours of service in their lifetime.

Awardees recognized at the ceremony on May 19 were Dawn Albert, Mackenzie Gross, Dorothy Ballman, Sophia Mense, Anita Andrade, Marilyn Mense.

In addition to the individual awards, Service Unit 32-11, serving girls in Monocacy, Poolesville, Dickerson, Beallsville, and Barnesville was awarded the gold PVSA for its more-than 2,738 hours logged.



*SU 32-11 PVSA Awardees Recognized at ceremony on May 19, 2016:  
Back row: Dawn Albert, Mackenzie Gross, Dorothy Ballman, Sophia Mense,  
Anita Andrade, Marilyn Mense; Front row: Rosemarie Ballman,  
Zoe Antonishek, Abby Antonishek, Jessica Mense.  
Not pictured Megan Grubb, Alison Howell, Charlotte Vogel.*

### Calleva Employees Became Community Servants

Two teams of employees from Calleva recently spent two days in community service at the Friendly Thrift Shop on West Willard Avenue. The crew really got into the nitty-gritty of things, even having to remove a stairway to make enough room to get drywall panels to the second floor in order drywall the room. The



*The second team of Calleva volunteers that helped repair and renovate the Friendly Thrift Shop.*

renovation will expand the ability of the shop to service the community with low-cost clothing and household items.

### PHS Seniors Honored For Piano Talents

Seniors Erika Blair, Brittany Grove, and Roger Guitart-Anguera studied with Linda Benoit of Poolesville and plan to continue piano at the college level. They will perform in their last high school recital on June 12 at the Poolesville Baptist Church.



*Seniors Erika Blair, Brittany Grove, and Roger Guitart-Anguera.*

### Mary Waldhorn Honored upon Retirement

Arts & Academics Night is Barnesville's year-end showcase of students' work across the arts and sciences. This year, the assembly honored Mary Waldhorn who is retiring after teaching art at Barnesville for the past twenty-two years. Mary was celebrated as a champion of arts integration and diversity who leaves a lasting legacy of cross-curricular collaboration and global citizenship education.

Carrying artwork made in Mrs. Waldhorn's classes, students opened Arts & Academics Night by singing, "Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me..." in recognition of the School's Peace Week tradition that Mrs. Waldhorn helped to institute.

"When I think about Mary, the first word that comes to mind is passion," said Head of School Susanne Johnson. "She cares deeply, not only about her work, but about each of her students. She has been a strong advocate, mentor, and advisor. She lives the essence of our mission by providing a supportive environment that brings out the excellence in each individual."

Johnson added that the eighth grade art curriculum is technically a ninth-grade level class and remarked, "Mrs. Waldhorn exemplifies Barnesville's cross-curricular approach, fully integrating the arts to support and enrich core classes."

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## Tidbits Of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**June 2, 1955** Twelve elderly nursing home patients were on the verge of being evicted from their Olney nursing home. The dispute stemmed from the county's refusal to pay for their care and insisting it was the responsibility of the state. A state official threatened to call several ambulances and have the patients taken to the county office building.

The eagerly-awaited Disney movie, *Davy Crockett: King of the Wild Frontier*, opened at county theaters.

**June 11, 1955** A national transportation expert suggested that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad tracks, running from Silver Spring to Georgetown, be turned into streetcar tracks.

John Genau, age 16 of Chevy Chase, placed an advertisement in the newspaper announcing his availability for jobs that required physical strength. He said that he would like to work as a hod-carrier or carpenter.

**June 26, 1955** Harold Spurrier, the former mayor of Poolesville, was seriously injured in a car wreck in the rural town of Dickerson. Police said that Spurrier's car collided with another car that was heading in the

opposite direction. Police added that the accident happened in front of the home of county officer Donald Brooks (who years later became chief) who helped pull the injured people from their cars.

Montgomery County announced the July schedule for the mobile chest-x-ray unit. The unit was scheduled to be at Colesville on July 5, the Rockville courthouse the next day, at the Wheaton Shopping Center on July 7, and on July 9 at the corner of Felton and Ellsworth in Silver Spring.

The Cavalier Construction Company announced that seventy houses on quarter-acre lots were scheduled for construction on a thirty-five-acre subdivision on Bradley Boulevard across from the Landon School. The homes were to be in the \$28,000 range.

**June 28, 1955** A seventy-eight-year-old Fredericksburg, Virginia grandmother was arrested by county police at Rockville and charged with bigamy. Police said that the woman had been married in Virginia and then three months later married a Rockville man at the county courthouse.

John Edwin Muncaster died at 85. He was a long-time farmer in Montgomery County and led several farming

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## School News

### Barnesville Teen Selected to Travel To Cyprus with State Department Program

Donald Vogel, a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Poolesville High School, has been selected to participate in the U.S. State Department's American Youth Leadership Program (AYLP) from July 6-31 in Cyprus. Vogel was one of sixteen students from hundreds of applicants from across the country accepted into the program. The students will serve as cultural ambassadors as they work on projects to conserve the environment.

AYLP is a leadership training and exchange program for U.S. high school students and adult mentors. Participants will explore why sustainable management of resources is important, learn about careers in science, technology, and environmental resource management, and work cooperatively with Cypriot peers to promote environmental stewardship. Using the knowledge and leadership skills learned in Cyprus, the students will be challenged to establish student service and educational projects in their home schools and communities.

Vogel, who lives in Barnesville, is in the Global Ecology Studies Program at Poolesville, and is a member of the junior varsity soccer team. He is also a member of Boy Scout



Donald Vogel

Troop 496, and last summer, participated in the troop's high adventure trek to Philmont, New Mexico.

The program starts with a three-day introduction in Washington, D.C. before the students fly to Cyprus, where they will travel the country and live with both Turkish and Greek Cypriot host families. Participants will conduct volunteer service projects, visit community and government leaders, visit research and conservation facilities, and enjoy recreational and cultural activities.

"Hopefully I can bring back the knowledge and experience I gain on my trip to Cyprus and my participation in the AYLP program to my high school to gain a new perspective on certain issues we discuss in school and experience in helping preserve the environment around the world," Vogel said.

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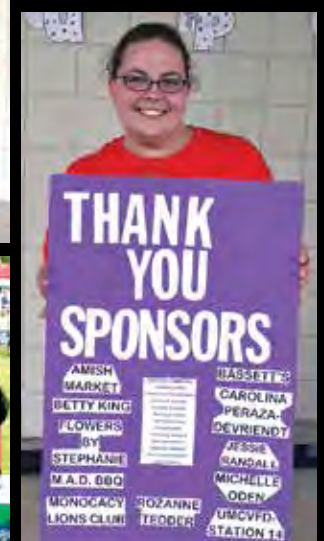
The new Relay for Life-Poolesville leadership: Tiffanie, Kim, Jessica Dawkins, and Tammy Campbell picked up the mission baton for Relay for Life 2016. Zachary Etheridge was the DJ for the day's events.



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### The French Called Him a Hero for Defying the Nazis

I was on the floor." They called an enforcer in and, with a cane pole, he began to beat Hersberger until the cane broke. The enforcer used a rubber hose and then a nightstick but failed to get Hersberger to talk.

Hersberger tried to protect himself by covering his head with his arms. "I don't know how long the beating lasted, but he must have gotten me in the head after all because the next thing I knew, I woke up in a dark basement that had muddy puddles and a leak dripping from the ceiling."

Sleeping in crowded cells, on a flea-infested mattress, a straw pallet on the concrete, he began his prison term of eighteen months. With little more than bread, coffee, and occasionally beans, he was moved to five different prisons in a little over one year. When first captured, he weighed 180 pounds, by the time he was handed over to the German air force troops, just two and half months later, he weighed 97 pounds.

In handcuffs, he and other prisoners were marched to Stalag Luft 13 in Poland. The thousands of prisoners marched through ice and snow to avoid Soviet troops. "A march would start at 3:00 a.m. and would go until evening when they would put us in barns," he said. Later they were moved to Nuremberg and finally to Mossberg, where they were liberated by Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army.

Of his experience, he humbly said, "You never knew if you were going to ever get out of there. You had to depend on your will to survive in order to live."

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### Entropy

escapes. If a middle rail was missing, you only had donkey escapes. A missing top rail didn't spring anyone. Horses only escaped if the top two rails were missing. How could that happen? Easily, if one has donkeys. When one rail was suspect, they would push and rub against the fence until something else gave way. These are clever animals which could also duck down and climb through if a middle rail was missing, something our horses would not do.

Donkey escapes are quite different. For some reason, our donkeys were totally in love with a neighbor's pasture down our road. I have no idea how or when they ever discovered this field, but they went on a beeline for it every time they got out. Through the fence, down the driveway, down the road, up the driveway, into the neighbor's pasture; this was not amusing to our fine neighbors or their dogs. Recapturing donkeys wasn't too hard, as they didn't seem to panic or threaten to harm themselves. I would approach them, pat their heads, explain we were going home, and then start making loud noises to get them moving in the right direction. Then I would chase them in a golf cart all the way home. There was an art to this. Too close, and they started running, which I didn't think was a good idea for a number of reasons. Too far back, and they would look back at me, disregard me, and go down some other driveway along the way looking for greener pastures or adventure or who knows what. Just the right distance, and they would walk briskly, occasionally look back to see if I was sticking to the task, and generally head back up the road, up the driveway, and then, well, eventually, return to the paddock.

This led to our first board-on-board fence. Yes, someday these fences will go the way of all fences, but for now, the fence problem is solved. On the other hand, while driving home today, my check engine light came on. All is right with the world.

## Monocacy Critters



Spring is a time for turtles to be on the move, and they are often spotted trying to cross the busy roads. Then again, most of the time they are happy just to rest in the sun.

Photo by Jon Wolz.

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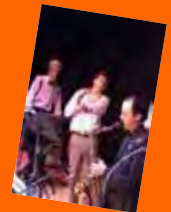
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## Youth Sports

### Satsangi, Kaur, Sunil, Lent Lead PHS State Track Effort

By Jeff Stuart

In the Maryland State 3A Championships at Morgan State University, Nandini Satsangi finished fourth in the girls' 3200m on May 27 with a time of 11:31.35, and tenth in the 1600m. Meher Kaur finished seventh in the girls' 100-meter dash with a time of 12.85, and Manisha Sunil finished fifteenth in the triple jump (32-02.75). Andrew Lent finished fifth in the boys 3200m. The girls' 4x400 relay team finished twelfth.

Adjusting to the 3A level of competition has been a challenge. It will take time to build, but the PHS outdoor track team had its moments of achievement. A large turnout of underclassmen both for indoor last winter and outdoor this spring will help.

"We have a lot of strong runners, but we will need more to reach that next level in order to be competitive in a tough 3A West Region," said track coach Mike Trumbull.

"My highlight was going the Penn Relays with the 4x4 team," said senior Rachel Kitchen, just prior to the 3A West Region competition at Urbana High School on May 18 and 19. "We took three days and went up to the University of Pennsylvania and got to run on their track. We got to compete in the 4x1 and the 4x4, and it was fun because we also got to see all the other races with all the top high school runners and some of the top college runners in our area. It was great competing in such a big official meet."

Kitchen, Sayaka Vaules, junior Juanita Jaramillo, and junior Sachi Howson took eighth place at the Penn Relays.

"The most fun I had so far was the Katie Jenkins (Invitational)," said Vaules, a senior, "because I got to try the quadrathlon which is four events, and I was going pretty well until I got to the 1500. That didn't go so well, but it was fun to try it. Running as part of the 4x4 at the Penn Relays was probably my personal highlight."

"My personal highlight of this year was winning the Jim Vollmer Mile at the Jim Vollmer Invitational," said junior Andrew Lent, "since the event itself is dedicated to the memory of our former coach. As for the team, a lot of young guys have been working hard to break the five-minute mile. We had one do it recently, and the others have been really close." Lent set a personal best of 4:32.11 at the Vollmer on April 16 at Watkins Mill High School.

"This is my second year of track," said senior Kyle Wilkins. "After the conclusion of the wrestling season my junior year, Coach Agnew suggested I do track. My original plan was not to do anything in the spring, but wrestling Coach Agnew suggested I do track, so I came out here and I did the shotput and discus. I kept doing it. It's growing on me. My best so far was when I threw the discus 120 feet at the Katie Jenkins Meet. I believe there is camaraderie in track, but most people who do a certain event just stick with each other. Distance runners and sprinters hang out with runners. Throwers hang out with throwers. As a whole team, it may not be that unified, but we pull for each other." Poolesville scoring in the 3A West Region included a fifth place finish by Wilkins in the shotput. He finished fifth overall with his second best throw of the season, 42' 6.50.

The girls' 4x200, Jaramillo, Meher Kaur, Sayaka Vaules, and Manisha Sunil finished sixth overall, setting a season best in the event by five seconds. They just missed qualifying for states by .2 seconds out of the slow heat.

Andrew Lent qualified for states in the 3200m. He finished third overall with a new personal best.

Freshman Nandini Satsangi finished second in the 3200m with a great final three laps to run her second best time ever in the event. She finished fourth in the 1600m, also qualifying for the state in that event.

Sunil finished fourth in the triple jump overall with a new personal best. Wilkins finished second in the discus to qualify. Kaur finished third in the 100m, and the girls' 4x400 team of Jaramillo, Howson, Vaules, and Kitchen finished fourth overall, setting a season best time by six seconds. It was the third fastest time in school history.

announced that all employees would be required to take a loyalty oath in addition to the one required by the State of Maryland. The new oath would require an employee to pledge support of the Maryland Constitution, as well as the laws and charter of the county.

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#### Tidbits

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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

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**Disorderly conduct:** 17000 block of Tom Fox Avenue.

**Suspicious vehicle:** 17900 block of Elgin Road.

**Liquor Law violation:** 20000 block of Haller Avenue.

### Past Crime and Events

**June 16, 1893** A general feeling of unease was prevalent in the village of Darnestown after a rabid dog had bitten another canine. Within the next few days, other dogs had exhibited signs of unusual behavior, and it was feared that a rabies epidemic was present.

**June 17, 1893** The residence of Arthur Kemp, the stenographer at the Circuit Court, caught fire while Mr. Kemp was at court. Neighbors and the fire brigade managed to extinguish the fire without much damage being done. That night at about midnight, Kemp was uneasy in his sleep and got up to investigate. He found the downstairs portion of his home was in flames.

He left the house and started firing his gun in attempt to rouse neighbors. Unfortunately, the entire house was lost, including the furnishings. It was said that the total loss was \$5000.

**June 18, 1893** Three Austrians, Joseph and Max Kapp and Ludwig Busch, left Austria three weeks previously bound for a town in America called Rockville. When they arrived in Rockville, Maryland, they found that they could not locate anyone who knew them and since they could speak not a word of English, no one could help. Officer Frank happened to meet the men and decided to take them to Baltimore so it could be determined which Rockville was their destination.

**June 20, 1893** John White, who owns a farm just outside of Rockville, was found lying in a field unconscious. After he was revived, it was thought that he was suffering from sunstroke and that he had not been assaulted or injured. He was taken to his home where he rested.

**June 24, 1890** Martin McKee, a well-known employee of the Capitol, met with misfortune while horseback riding in Montgomery County. McKee had gone to the farm of Elies Keiser near Randolph for a day of riding and sport. Sometime during the day, McKee's horse suddenly turned, throwing McKee to the ground. He was cut quite badly along the face, head, and shoulders. Dr. Stonestreet came to the farm

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## Garden

### Maryland Is First State to Restrict Pesticide Use

By Maureen O'Connell

In my last article, I discussed the Maryland Pollinator Protection Act (PPA) which would restrict consumer use of neonicotinoids (neonics), a systemic insecticide that has been shown to negatively impact the environment, especially honeybees. This ban would not be placed on state-certified pesticide applicators. Governor Hogan did not sign the bill. He had until May 28 to veto it; on May 27 the bill became law without his signature, taking effect January 2018. This is a historic moment for Maryland, as it becomes the first state in the U.S. to pass legislation to restrict use of this pesticide. Many who opposed the bill said that the restriction was unwarranted and that the regulation of pesticides should be left to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This is a controversial issue, since it appears that the EPA believes that this is a state responsibility.

There are about seven neonics found in different pesticides on the market: acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, nitenpyram, thiamethoxan, thiacloprid, and imidacloprid. It is questionable if manufacturers are obligated to put the names of these substances on all their

products' labels, so the names might not be visible. In 1985, Bayer Company patented imidacloprid as the first commercial neonic. Today this company appears to sell the most agricultural products with this substance. Other brands include: Admire, Advantage, Gaucho, Merit, and Xytect. Bayer Advanced Tree & Shrub Insect Control, Bayer Advanced All-in-One- Rose Care, and Bionide Rose Shield are three examples. Bayer states that their products are environmentally safe, if used responsibly and correctly. That is a big if, especially when used by those untrained in their application. It is also a thorny problem, fraught with ambiguities. "Our products help in the struggle to feed an expanding global population. Controlling pests is one way farmers can increase the amount of their produce which make it to market." Now, who is not for reducing world starvation?

In the past five years, there has been growing pressure put on chemical companies by environmental groups to reduce our dependency on pesticides and other garden products harmful to the environment. In April 2016, Ortho Company said that it would begin "to transition away from using chemicals that are harmful to honeybees and other pollinators." Time will tell if they were just weasel words. Lowe's, WalMart, and Home Depot said they will phase out neonics in shelf products and plants by the spring of 2019, as suitable alternatives become available. Why wait that long? Ace Hardware and True Value are "sort of on board." They

feel more discussion is necessary. Behnke Nurseries promises not to sell any neonic pesticides. These are small steps; Maryland's PPA will further bring much-needed attention to this issue.

In May, the *New York Times* reported an interesting incident peripherally connected to the neonic pesticide. On May 10, Bayer, the international chemical and pharmaceutical company, put forth a merger proposal to acquire Monsanto Company for \$62 billion. Bayer was founded in Barmen, Germany in 1863 and is best known for producing aspirin. Monsanto, a St. Louis, Missouri-based company, is the world's largest producer of genetically-modified organism (GMO) crops and the maker of

the herbicide Roundup. Between 2013 and 2016, Bayer expanded production of its herbicide Liberty, which is used to kill weeds that have grown resistant to Monsanto's Roundup. This merger, if it goes through, would create a global leader in agriculture. It could also mean that almost everything you eat could be controlled by a single mega-corporation. They would have more market share and, consequently, more political power and more economic power. Anti-trust issues could kill a potential merger.

On May 25, Monsanto rejected Bayer's takeover offer as too low, but it did say that it remained open to further talks. Bayer says that they are confident that they can still strike a deal.

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### Discussion on New Development

new development on May 23 in the late afternoon. The notice is part of the county's storm water management process and is not a part of the town's review process. The concept plan included in the proposal is necessary for the county to properly examine any storm water impacts of a new development but is simply a very early assessment that will undergo substantial review. Yost added that the town staff is in the very early stages of reviewing everything from the traffic impacts, open space requirements, parking, lighting, and the effects of any development on the town's water and sewer systems that might occur due to the development of the Willard property.

In his review, Yost also pointed out that the town's subdivision regulations and zoning policies help protect the public interest as any development proceeds. The town has influence over a number of aspects of any proposed development, including the siting of homes, street layout, and the look and feel of the neighborhoods.

Yost explained that the development process is governed in part too by the water allocation plan for the town that awards taps or connections to the water system based on a ranking system. Under the 2001 allocation plan, four hundred proposed homes were ranked and approved for potential construction. Since that time, an average of approximately thirty homes per year has been built, and the process of building new homes is governed by market forces. Even though the plan was approved in 2001, new home construction did not really start until 2008.

The town's master plan also has a major influence on growth in the town. The plan sets a target for population of 6,500 but there is "no push" to get to that limit in any set time frame. In order to decrease the chances of strip-small types of development in the outlying areas of town and to encourage a walkable downtown with businesses and facilities close by for residents, the town also adopted a new overlay zoning ordinance. Under the ordinance, the town could be more flexible in how new developments are designed—including potentially encouraging more density—in exchange for amenities or development concepts that the town might desire. Town Attorney Jay Gullo remarked that the overlay zoning designation is not automatic and would only be granted if the town believes it is in the best interests of the town and its citizens. In effect, it gives the town more leverage over new development and could allow it to gain conces-

sions that would not be possible in the traditional review process.

After the presentation, a range of citizens asked questions and offered their views. One citizen asked why senior housing should not be a focus of the new development. Yost responded that the overlay zoning approach would give the town some leverage to try and move in this direction if that is the desire of the town and its citizens.

Another resident noted that the master plan and the zoning ordinances promoted the new overlay zone and wondered whether developers had anything to do with developing the zoning concept. Commissioner Chuck Stump, the commissioner representative for the Planning Commission, said that there was very little input from anyone—including developers—regarding the master plan and the accompanying zoning ordinances.

Yost said that the town had approval from the state to pump up to 750,000 gallons per day of water from its wells but actually has the capacity to draw significantly more, around one million gallons per day. Several residents, however, questioned both the impact on the town's overall water capacity—mentioning, for example, the fact that Well Number 10 is offline—and the fact that under the concept plan proposed for the Willard property, much of the land would be paved over and would not allow for percolation of water to the aquifer.

Yost acknowledged that the concept plan would significantly cover the Willard property with street paving and housing, but he pointed out that the issue of how any proposal would affect the town's water table would be a significant one in the review process. He also added that the town's aquifer flows over hard rock layers and that local percolation of water, while not unimportant to recharge, has far less of an impact than it would in areas where water tables are covered by large masses of sediment and sand.

One of the more significant issues regarding the proposed development concerns the impact on traffic in the town.

In response, Yost said that the state would conduct a traffic study regarding the proposed development given that some of its entrance roadways would connect to Fisher Avenue. Brown put in that the town also continues to try and find ways to take over management of Fisher Avenue, in particular since it is controlled by the state which has been unresponsive to town entreaties to help address issues such as the safety of the crosswalks.

One resident asked why the town decided that more dense development

in the center of the town is a good concept. Town Planning Commission Chair Calvin Sneed answered that the town master plan is designed to encourage a walkable town, and putting more dense developments and businesses that residents depend on together would build on this concept. He also said that the town wanted to avoid sprawl in more outlying areas and, as a result, planned for larger lot sizes on areas farther from the town center. Less density in outlying areas near the Ag Reserve would also help support the continuation of rural and farming areas in upper Montgomery County, Sneed said.

Some residents expressed concern that the town does not really know the total population at given times (the census provides specific data, but it is only periodically updated) and wondered whether the 3.25 people per household guideline used by the town to judge the population impacts of new development is valid. Some residents commented that it seems younger families are moving to town as long-time residents move out. It was also suggested that factors such as delayed marriage, people delaying the age at which they become parents, and longer life spans all might impact the guideline.

In response, Brown said that over time, the 3.25 number has been a solid guideline and has held up. He also said that projections for the school system, for example, do not suggest that an increase in the number of children in town is happening or is likely to happen in the near future.

One citizen also asked how the residents could be reassured that the commissioners would not be influenced by the developers in their consideration of the overlay proposal, specifically since Brown is in the real estate business.

Brown asked Gullo to address the issue of potential conflicts of interest. Gullo answered that the town has an ethics ordinance and requires all

commissioners and board/commission members to fill out forms each year explaining their financial interests and associations with any potential contractors, developers, or builders. He also said that simply having a bias for or against an issue, developer, or project is not a problem. Conflicts of interest, where a commissioner may have a direct financial or personal stake in a given proposal, are not allowed, and commissioners must recuse themselves in such situations.

Brown said that he has a long history in the town and as a commissioner. He is very accessible and has spoken personally to some of those who had expressed concerns about the new development. He communicates regularly by phone and email with citizens and is always open to input. He also said that in the recent water allocation process, his property had four taps that were under review and, in order to avoid any potential for bias, he recused himself from that part of the water allocation review process. He said that he lost taps in the review but did not involve himself in any way in the process.

Chuck Ellison, Vice President-Land at Miller and Smith, commented to the Monocle about the meeting and the process going forward in saying that "density is always a question raised on an infill property such as this one. While I am confident the plan submitted meets the criteria of the various governing documents as well as the principles of smart growth, the public review process that takes place will establish the appropriate density."

The Planning Commission will hold its regular meeting on June 15, and Miller and Smith, the developers of the Willard property, will appear to make a presentation. Commissioners urged citizens to stay engaged, to attend planning commission meetings, to contact commissioners, and to make their views known as the process continues.

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## Remembrances

### Burley R. Colburn, Jr.

Burley Rouis Colburn, Jr., 69, of Poolesville (formerly of Russellville, Alabama) passed away on May 27 at Holy Cross Hospital in Germantown. Rouis played football and graduated from Russellville High School, Alabama in 1967. He was a member of the Russellville Church of Christ. He loved motorcycle racing, fishing, and hunting. He loved his four-legged babies, Bandit, Jack, and Peanut very much. He was a member of the medical care staff for United States ISDE teams for off-road racers in overseas competitions. His job allowed him to travel to Australia, Poland, Holland, France, Austria, Belgium, and the Czech Republic.

He is survived by wife, Nona Lee Treadway Colburn of Poolesville; brother, Ronald Colburn (wife Wanda), and sister, Cynthia Colburn Johnson (husband Kenny), both of Russellville; nieces and nephews, Daniel Colburn, Emily Colburn, Courtney Johnson, and Jenny Johnson. He was preceded in death by his parents, Burley Rouis Colburn, Sr. and Evelyn Daphine Bendall Colburn.

### Elizabeth Fitzgerald Kettler

Elizabeth Fitzgerald Kettler, known as Betty by family and friends, peacefully passed away on May 20 at her residence in Buckingham's Choice Retirement Community in Buckeystown. She was born in Seattle, Washington on September 15, 1929 to Geraldine and Gerald FitzGerald and was raised in Chevy Chase. She was a graduate of Woodrow Wilson High School, class of 1947, and went on to obtain a B.A. in English from Ohio Wesleyan University, class of 1951.

Betty worked as an assistant at the Washington bureau of *Billboard* magazine and taught nursery school prior to starting a family. She loved to cook, draw, paint, and write, and she was an avid traveler and voracious reader. She raised her seven children in both Bethesda and Annapolis, where she was an active volunteer with Montgomery County Public Schools, Children's Hospital, the Girl Scouts of America, and Meals on Wheels for which she delivered food to residents of Montgomery County. Long known for her sense of humor, she enjoyed the theater, her Irish heritage, annual family trips to Ocean City, and most of all, her family.

She is predeceased by Clarence E. Kettler and is survived by their seven children: Richard (Jane), Alan, Thomas (predeceased by Suzanne), James (Naomi), Cathleen, Theresa (Charles), and Patricia (Andrew). Additionally, she is survived by her fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Frank, Anne, Leah, Michael, Charlotte, Philip, Nicholas, Christine, Jennifer, Taylor, Elizabeth, Margaret, Victoria, Isabella, Violet, Noah, and Ellie. She also leaves behind her sister, Patricia Aubin, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. She will be remembered by her faithful driver, Daniel Silverman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Meals on Wheels in Betty's name, [www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/Donate-Online](http://www.mealsonwheelsmd.org/Donate-Online) or mailed directly to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Attn: Development Office, 515 South Haven Street, Baltimore, MD 21244.



Elizabeth Kettler

### Thomas G. King

Thomas G. King of Darnestown died peacefully Wednesday, June 1 at his home after a five-year battle with brain cancer.

Tom will be dearly missed by his loving wife of fifty years Nannette; daughter and son-in-law, Patrice and Scott Brickman of Potomac, his son Joel King and fiancée Gretchen Ryan of Dickerson; and grandchildren, Anna, Leah, Kenna, and Lane Brickman, and Adeline, Amelia, and Ariana King. Tom is survived by his brother John King of New Market, and many nieces, nephews, family, and loving friends.

Tom grew up on a farm in Gaithersburg with his parents Harrison and Gladys King, his siblings Augusta Mae Wayne and John King, and his grandparents. He attended Gaithersburg High School where he wrestled and won the state championship. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS in accounting and was an active member of the ATO fraternity. He went on to work for Deloitte Touche in Washington, D.C. where he became a partner. After his retirement at Deloitte, he founded King Financial Inc. with expertise in mergers, acquisitions, and ESOPs, and authored the book *ESOP Forever*. As a hobby, Tom owned two farms and managed Kings Creek Farm, a successful hay business in Montgomery County.

Tom was an active member of the Montgomery County 4H All Stars, Montgomery County 4H Leader and Lifetime Montgomery County Fair Member, Upper Montgomery County Farmers' Club, Professional Service Council Treasurer, National Association of Corporate Directors, ESOP Association, AIC-PA, Maryland Association of CPAs, and a member of the St. Rose of Lima Parish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial Contributions can be made to Montgomery County EAC tagged 4H in memory of Thomas King, 18410 Muncaster Road, Derwood, Maryland 20855 or the Parish of St. Rose of Lima, 11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878.

### Mark P. Miller

Mark P. Miller, 49, of Poolesville, died on May 24 at his home surrounded by family.

He was the loving and devoted husband of Julie A. Miller.

Born on April 6, 1967, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Mary E. (McCauley) Miller and the late Joseph A. Miller.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are his children, Chris Miller of Hagerstown, Chuck, Brad, and Gina Miller all of Poolesville; three brothers, Danny, Tony, and Mike Miller, and one sister, Susan Miller.

Mark was actively involved in the Poolesville High School Swim and Dive Team, serving as a parent representative, and in the Poolesville Piranhas summer swim team.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Bradley and Gina's college fund.



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## Remembrances

### Glen Johnston Percy

Glen J. Percy of Barnesville passed away surrounded by his family on May 31, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Born on July 7, 1944 in Queens, New York, he was the son of the late Johnston L. and Betty L. (Bohannon) Percy. He was the loving husband of Susan D. Percy for fifty years. He is also survived by son Noah J. Percy (Mindy Peters), daughter Rebecca D. Percy (Tony Tapay); two brothers, George B. Percy (Dona Percy), John S. Percy (Cathy Percy); and three grandsons, Johnston, Mitchell, and Zoltan.



Glen J. Percy

Glen was raised in St. Louis, Missouri and attended public schools. He graduated from Harvard University cum laude in philosophy in 1966, followed by a M.Div. at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. He was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 1970, and was called to work for social justice in the Civil Rights Movement in Georgia and with Cesar Chavez of the United Farmworkers Union in California. He had a distinguished career as a filmmaker, including an Academy Award nomination. His work focused on social justice issues, labor rights, and progressive politics. Glen enjoyed flyfishing and whitewater kayaking. A seeker of truth, Glen was an active member at his church and enjoyed examining scripture.

Glen was a beloved member of his extended family and friends, known for his hearty laugh, integrity, generous spirit, and love of beautiful light. A service for Glen will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday July 2 at the Seneca Valley United Church of Christ, 13421 Clopper Road, Germantown, Maryland.

Donations may be made to: [cholangiocarcinoma.org](http://cholangiocarcinoma.org), [habitat.org](http://habitat.org), [uccsenecavalley.org](http://uccsenecavalley.org) or [doctorswithoutborders.org](http://doctorswithoutborders.org).

### Edythe Orme Rotruck

Edythe Orme Rotruck, 94, of Mt. Airy, died on May 30, at Angel's Touch Assisted Living in West Friendship, Maryland. She was the wife of the late Gerald M. Rotruck.

Born on October 28, 1921 in Barnesville, she was the daughter of the late Charles and Irene (Bosley) Orme.

Surviving are her children, Jacquelyn Reber Martin and husband Leonard of Mt. Airy, Wm. Michael Reber and wife Rose of Pennsylvania; one stepson, Robert Rotruck and wife Barbara of Colorado; two sisters, Mary Louise (Johnnie) Crown and husband Tom of Gaithersburg, Lorraine Koonce and husband Henry of West Virginia; three grandchildren, Michelle Eifert of Gaithersburg, Cynthia Kluth and husband Chris of Mt. Airy, Yvonne Hildebrand and husband Steven; and three great-grandchildren.

Edythe was preceded in death by one stepson, Russell Rotruck, and one brother, Charles L. Orme.

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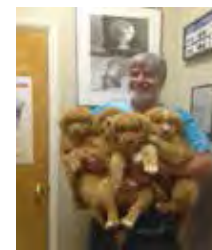
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