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American Legion Post 247 Commander Bob Hernandez presented Barbie Stull, owner of Cugini's Restaurant, a certificate of appreciation for the restaurant's community service. See more in Family Album on page 2.



Louis Van Amstel, of Dancing with the Stars fame, helping Jessica Lindenfesler strike a LaBlast pose at our very own Hope Garden Ballet. See Tidbits on page 7 for the fun details.



This is all that's left of a church in Haiti after Hurricane Matthew hit. Read about the local ties between this village and Barnesville, and what you can do to help, in Local News on page 8.



A Veterans Day display in the hall at Monocacy Elementary School. Read about it in School News on page 12.

## New Sports Center Proposed for Poolesville

By Rande Davis

A proposal for a new sports and recreational facility at Hughes and Budd Roads in Poolesville was presented by local attorney Charles Jamison on behalf of his clients Riley Jamison and Laura G. Wright before the town's Planning Commission on November 16.

The multi-purpose venue, to be called Meadowlark Fields, would consist of six full-sized fields suitable for soccer, lacrosse, or football with an all-event indoor building called Meadowlark Pavilion. The proposal offers parking, modern restroom facilities, and a snack facility similar to what is used now at Poolesville High School.

Meadowlark Pavilion would feature a full commercial kitchen, modern restrooms, and banquet hall. The facility would target special events like weddings, banquets, family reunions, holiday parties, and community and club meetings. It is planned to be licensed to offer alcoholic beverages. The facility will not be open to the general public beyond its scheduled special events.



Jonah Valmonte testified against the proposed soccer facility for Poolesville.

Jamison offered that the proposal meets with the town's Master Plan vision of "bringing in new sustainable and desirable commercial ventures and also helps businesses already in existence." He maintained the use would "not adversely effect the physical development of the town," and the petitioner did not envision any detrimental effects.

The Chairman of the Planning Commission, Cal Sneed, opened query by the board by asking about the potential use by Poolesville residents. Mr. Jamison replied that the study at this time was more informal by speaking to various local soccer coaches. Commissioner Michael Tims wanted to

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## Margaret "Maggie" Nightingale

By Rande Davis

One of Poolesville's grand ladies, Maggie Nightingale, passed away on Veterans Day, November 11. She was born in Springfield, Ohio on March 8, 1937 to Calvin and Letha Nuckols. She was the beloved wife of Thomas Nightingale.

This demure lady towered over most as a dedicated volunteer and public servant to Poolesville and the area. As the Grand Marshal of Poolesville Day 2013, Maggie was selected for this special honor for her years of community service in general and for her activism on behalf of the Poolesville Public Library.

Town of Poolesville Commissioner Jim Brown spoke for many in observing, "It was extremely difficult to hear of Maggie's passing. Her physical stature was in complete opposition to the strength she brought to the many causes

she embraced. As far as I'm concerned, her devotion to the town, and especially our children, is irreplaceable."

In 2009, she was recognized by the Montgomery County Library Advisory Board as the 2009 Volunteer of the Year. How and why she came to receive this special recognition provides insight into the value of dedication and perseverance joined by the benefits of following a lifelong passion. Her story offers many lessons to all of us.

Maggie's passion for books and readers came at a very early age. Her family recalls that even as a youngster she always had "a nose stuck in her book." Having an aunt who was the librarian in the library just five or six blocks from her home certainly influenced her readiness to explore books. She spent a lot of time at that library and fondly recalls the days sitting in a



Maggie Nightingale when she was honored by the town as grand marshal of Poolesville Day in 2013.

window seat of the old library curled up reading a book.

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# Family Album



Butch Zachrel and Julian Singh, Marine veterans, organized a celebration party at Cugini's for the 241st Marine Corps party.



Veterans and members of American Legion Post 247 held a Veterans Day memorial precisely at 11:00 am. on November 11.



Ginger Gibson, Art Virts, and Steve Gibson placed memorial American flags on graves of veterans at the Boyd Presbyterian Church in Boyds on Veterans Day.



These eight military veterans were honored at a Monocacy Elementary school assembly.



Veteran Marines gathered at Cugini's joined to share a celebration for the Marine Corps 241st Birthday.



Enjoying themselves at the Mexican Grill PACC network event are Raissa and Brian Wetcher, Christine Nanof, Joyce Breiner, Thomas McInnes, Gail Lee and Julian Singh.



PACC Network gathering; Karen Wilson, Carolyn Rush, and Cathy Bupp.



Members of the PACC shared the fellowship of a network night at the Mexican Grill.



Creator of LaBlast dance exercise Louis Van Amstel has the ladies on their toes.



## Town Government New Member Sworn In as Commissioner

By Link Hoewing

The newest member of the Town of Poolesville Commission, Martin Radigan, was sworn in at the commission's November 14 meeting. Along with incumbent Jerry Klobukowski, who was reelected for his sixth consecutive term, Mr. Radigan took the oath of office administered by Town Manager Wade Yost. Commissioner Valaree Dickerson, also reelected to a new term, was unable to attend the meeting.

Before the swearing in of the commissioners, Tom Kettler, the Chair of the Board of Elections, provided an overview of the election and its operations. He remarked that 1346 people voted in the election, which he estimated represents about thirty percent of eligible voters. He said that the town staff—in particular Town Clerk Bobbi Evans—provided crucial administrative support, and he lauded the commitment and sacrifice of the other six board members who worked from approximately 6:30 a.m. until around 8:30 p.m. on Election Day. He restated the results of the election with Jerry Klobukowski receiving 1159 votes, Valaree Dickerson receiving 1055, Martin Radigan garnering 918, and Brice Halbrook collecting 764. The top three vote getters won seats on the commission.

President Jim Brown thanked the board for its service and congratulated all who ran in the election. He gave special praise to former Commissioner Brice Halbrook who has been active in a number of initiatives as a commissioner—including a new project to help reduce drug abuse among school youth—and who was instrumental in leading the Poolesville Day Committee in past years. Brown said that commissioner representatives who sit on

various town committees—such as the Parks Board—are normally appointed or reappointed after an election, but because Commissioner Dickerson could not be present, these appointments would take place at the next meeting.

Brown further commented that he had found renewed interest in an idea he and other commissioners had been discussing with the State Department of Commerce: The Maryland Revenue Authority has been focused on how to better manage state resources and facilities, and an idea had been floated to build a so-called "Grape Crush" on the site of the clubhouse at the Poolesville Golf Course. A Grape Crush is a grape-mashing facility that can be used by local wineries to crush their grapes so that they can make wine. Very few wineries have their own mashing facilities, and the establishment of such a facility near Poolesville would help promote the wine industry in Montgomery County. He said that the golf course would remain operational if such a facility were built, and it might include wine tasting and other amenities to attract residents from around the county. While nothing has been negotiated or firmly decided, he is encouraged that the idea seems to be getting much more attention.

In the New Business segment of the meeting, Tom Kettler and Maureen O'Connell, representing the Historic Medley District, the local historical association, made a presentation in support of a grant request to help the organization as it works to repair the former town hall. The building, located in the old downtown section of Poolesville, was once a bank and then converted for use as the town hall for many years. It was sold to the Historic Medley District in 2006 as the town moved to build its own offices now located on Whalen Commons. The old town hall was renovated and repainted in 2011, but in recent years, it has been experiencing some exterior problems.

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## Commentary

### When Your Queen Gets Trumped

By John Clayton

How much did she win by? I slept through the whole thing. There's this joke that was funny in 1970. A guy goes into a coma in 1958 and doesn't wake up until 1969. The first thing he notices is that the flag outside his hospital window is at half-mast. So he asks, "Who died?" A nurse says, "General Eisenhower." So the guy says, "That's a shame." Then he thinks about it a little more and says, "Oh no, that means Nixon is president!" Get it? Well, Nixon was VP under Ike, and then he's out of politics for years, and then he gets elected president, and the coma guy misses all that, and oh never mind. You had to be there.

As Election Day dawned, the Democrats were going to win the senate, Hillary Clinton would become the first woman president while maybe winning some Red States, and the Republicans were going to hang on to the House of Representatives by the skin of their teeth. Somebody forgot to tell the voters. Most Republicans experienced just the opposite—acceptance of inevitable doom replaced by, "We're in charge again!" As far as what this was like, I can't improve on Stephen Colbert: "It's like the GOP got caught in a plunging elevator, and they all fell ten stories screaming, only for the doors to open on a candy store where everything's free."

I sensed something was up a few days before. While talking to several Republican or at least conservative acquaintances, I sensed a new attitude. While they professed no love for Trump, they signaled an unspoken sentiment, "He's not my choice, but there are other things to consider." I even got a text from a professional acquaintance, whom I do not know well, that closed with, "... and don't forget to vote for what's-his-name tomorrow." Clearly she thought this older white real estate agent was a secret Trump voter, and it supported the theory that the polls were missing a lot of voters who were going to select He Who Shall Not Be Named in the privacy of a voting station.

It was a sweeping GOP victory in both houses of congress and in governors' mansions and statehouses across the country. The Republicans will have to deal with rifts between the insurgent Trump true believers and the party establishment, but winning will help, at least for a while. The Democrats, on the other hand, are a leaderless smoking ruin compared to what they were,

oh, last Monday. I have no idea what to expect next, but some important ideas and issues are going to take a beating.

Who will Trump be? He's no typical conservative, let alone a typical Republican, and many of his stated views fall outside GOP orthodoxy. He won because he picked up a lot of support outside of the right wing and alt-right coalition that noisily supported him during the campaign, just like he said he would. He understood the hearts and minds of his countrymen better than anyone—not bad for a guy who spends most of his time in Manhattan and exclusive golf resorts; nevertheless, I don't think that a majority of the country necessarily endorses the, for lack of a better name, Mike Pence agenda, let alone the Steve Bannon agenda. After all, Clinton won the popular vote, almost five percent didn't vote for either candidate, and turnout was low. We remain divided by any measure.

Is Trump someone who can unite us? I would love to see a gutsy unorthodox president who bridges the partisan divide and builds coalitions on important issues, but what makes me think Trump morphed into that overnight? I'm willing to forgive and forget a lot of his past faults and go day-forward with his presidency, but he hasn't said or done anything yet that gives me much confidence. I don't think a person who keeps a white nationalist like Bannon close to one side and embraces the counsel of Rudolph Giuliani and Newt Gingrich on the other is going to be a bipartisan beacon for consensus. He built his following by capitalizing on hate and fear, which won't evaporate overnight. He promised a lot of things to his hardcore supporters that he won't be able to fully deliver, and thank goodness he can't. How will they feel when he doesn't deliver? The Republican Party promised things to the right wing for years that didn't happen and it resulted in the Trump candidacy. Same old, same old.

Eight years ago there was a great feeling of bonhomie across the country as Barack Obama became our first minority president on a message of hope and change. Maybe that feeling didn't last long, and clearly it didn't all turn out well, but at least we started on a positive vector. I'm not encouraged that Trump said he would keep two popular provisions of Obamacare, because he's going to axe all the unpopular provisions that attempt to pay for them. That's just politics as usual. Move along folks, there's nothing new to see here.

Of course, the most miserable person right now is probably Rush Limbaugh, who has been outflanked on outrageousness, and the happiest is probably Colbert, or maybe Alec Baldwin. This is still a great country; I'm not worried about that.

## Rande(m) Thoughts

### It's Not Over When It's Over Even if the Fat Lady Sings

By Rande Davis

I think you will agree that the election resulted with a highly unexpected result. I mean, I really didn't expect Martin Radigan to pull it off. He's a friend and a neighbor, and he is sincere and thoughtful, so I expect he will do a fine job once he gets over the shock of winning. Now, we have a new face to join the town commission. With about 4,500 voters in town and having around 1,300 actually casting ballots, the town leadership was decided by just short of thirty percent of the electorate. That's on a presidential election year, and believe it or not, it is considered a good turnout. What prevents the other seventy percent of the voters from going to the town elections, I cannot say. Maybe they just thought any one of the candidates would be fine.

Brice Halbrook was the odd man out this time around. I have known Brice for some time now and worked with him for five years when he took the reins of the Poolesville Day Committee and chaired the event with Bridget

Burke; together they really developed it into the fine organization it is today. He is a highly professional management type, one who is a serious, fair man of very high integrity. He served the town with no personal purpose other than to make it better. He became legendary at the Poolesville Day Committee for a dictum he issued about offering up ideas to the committee: "You can make any suggestion or present any idea you want, but if it is accepted, be prepared to own it, be prepared to manage it, and don't expect that your idea is for someone else to work." It sure cut down on many frivolous ideas by people who could offer lots of ideas and work suggestions for others to do while never actually planning on pitching in. Yep, there always are a lot of volunteer consultant types around. Brice is a doer, not a talker.

I suppose his lower public profile worked against him, but his measured words and thoughtful input helped keep the town commission on track. If you see him, pat him on the back and thank him for a job well done.

Giving thanks is never a bad idea, and I know we are all very grateful the national election is over. Many woke up last Wednesday pleased or satisfied, while others, as I heard in a sermon, pretty much thought darkness

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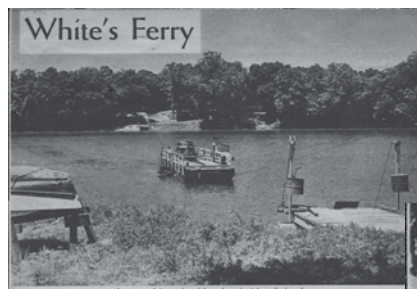
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November 18, 19, and 20

### The Blue Hearth Special Bonus Market Weekend

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November 20

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Hosted by Our Lady of the Presentation Roman Catholic Church with a combined choir from community churches. Offering collected to benefit WUMCO Help! 7:00 p.m.

December 2

### Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Whalen Commons turns into a virtual winter wonderland. Join in the family fun with Santa Claus there to take gift requests (he comes at 6:00 p.m.), ride the holiday kiddie railroad, see ice sculpturing, festive music, refreshments available, gingerbread decorating at the Old Town Hall. Park lights lit at 7:30 p.m.

### PACC First Friday Holiday Night

Many shops and businesses will be open including Crafts-A-Plenty, Historic Medley's Old Town Hall Bank Museum with gingerbread decorating for the kids, the Blue Hearth, and more along the way. Ride the Poolesville Polar Express sponsored by Calleva from Whalen Commons to the old center of town. Visit the Old Town Hall for gingerbread decorating and the New Town Hall for the JPMS Christmas tree, musicians, and singers.

December 2, 3, and 4

### Countryside Artisans Annual Holiday Tour

Give the wonderful gift of art this Christmas. Visit twelve artisans and crafter studios representing over forty artists and an award-winning vineyard for a self-guided tour. Get official brochure and maps at [www.countrysideartisans.com](http://www.countrysideartisans.com). Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

December 3

### UMCVFD Santa Breakfast

All you can eat: Juice, pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, coffee, and fruit salad. Bring kids early to have time to see the model train layout and to watch the movie *Santa Claus Is Comin' To Town*. Contributions to Toys for Tots welcome. Cost: Twelve and over: \$8.00; 3-11: \$6.00; and under 3 is free. UMCVFD Fire Hall in Beallsville. 8:00 a.m. to noon.

### IOOF Christmas Dinner

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Poolesville Lodge 97, is once again hosting its annual Christmas dinner for seniors on December 3. If you have plans to attend, please RSVP by November 25 to Richard Norwood at 301-943-6845 or Spencer Schmidt at 301-349-2057. Memorial United Methodist Church. 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

December 7

### Community Dinner

Baked ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and homemade desserts. Memorial United Methodist Church. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

December 9

### Poolesville Area Senior Center Event

PASC Event: *Tai chi*. 17750 West Willard Road 10:30 a.m.

PASC Event: *Zumba Gold*. 17750 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

PASC Event: *Christmas Craft Day*. 17750 West Willard Road (in café). 1:00 p.m.

December 9, 10, and 11

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## Tidbits

### Town Commissioner Election Result

Jerry Klobukowski — 1159 Val Dickerson — 1055  
 Martin Radigan — 918 Brice Halbrook — 764



New Town of Poolesville Commissioner Martin Radigan was sworn in by town manager Wade Yost with commissioners Church Stump and Jim Brown observing.

### Dancing with a Star—Louis Van Amstel came to Poolesville!

From Hollywood to Amsterdam to...Poolesville? That's right! On Sunday, November 6, Poolesville became the dance capital of the world as three-time world champion and Dancing with the Stars pro, Louis Van Amstel, led a master class in LaBlast at the Hope Garden Ballet Academy.

LaBlast, created by Van Amstel, makes ballroom dancing accessible, fun, and a terrific workout for anyone, whether you are an experienced dancer or have never danced a step in your life. LaBlast inspires the mind and transforms the body while teaching the true skill of dance. The program fuses famous ballroom dances with carefully designed fitness routines and choreography that get your body energized while increasing core strength, flexibility, and balance.

The idea for LaBlast came about after the second season of "Dancing with the Stars," when Van Amstel's celebrity partner, Lisa Rinna, confided that she had an amazing experience working with him and wanted to keep dancing after the show season ended. It quickly became apparent to Van Amstel that he had an opportunity to create something new and exciting—something that wasn't already out there.



New LaBlast class now offered at Hope Garden Academy.

### Chris Poole Completes American Legion Boys State Program

Chris Poole of Ron and Linda Poole completed the American Legion Boys State program this past summer. American Legion Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

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## Local News

### Local Church Assists Devastated Parish in Haiti

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St Mary's Catholic Church, Barnesville began its relationship with St Joseph's Catholic Church of Carcasse, Haiti in 2008 when the two parishes officially became twinned. The relationship not only supported the church and the community in Carcasse but also educated our many supporters—parishioners and non-parishioners alike—to the plight of the struggling yet resilient people of Haiti.

Carcasse is a rural community of about 5,000 on the southwestern coast of Haiti. Most people earn their living through subsistence farming and fishing and live in small mud-floored shacks with thatch or metal roofs. Their church was situated a mere sixty feet from the water's edge.

*Before and after photos of the decimated school in Carcasse after Hurricane Matthew's devastation. Bottom photo shows the complete destruction of the village's church.*



The two churches, together with Global Solace, Just Haiti, and Health and Education for Haiti built a school and rectory with solar power and computers, empowered local farmers to export coffee to the U.S., and have provided healthcare to the community.

In one long and terrifying day, Hurricane Matthew destroyed their church, the second floor of the school, solar panels, most of the coffee trees, crops, farm animals, and fishing boats. An estimated ninety percent of house roofs were blown

off, and many houses were completely destroyed. The community is left without shelter and without an ability to feed itself, but not all is lost.

Emergency aid raised by St Mary's and its many supporters is the only aid to reach Carcasse as of this writing. Lee Bristol of Beallsville, CEO of Global Solace, is planning to replace the solar panels destroyed by the hurricane. The other components of the solar power grid and the computer lab (also supplied by Global Solace) survived the storm. The lower level of the school was cleaned up and classes resumed on Monday, November 7.

Long-term plans will be made for the construction of a new church on the more protected school and rectory property. Repairs will also need to be made to the school, and support given to the farmers and fishermen who drive the local economy.

Anyone who would like to help support these efforts may make donations by check payable to St. Mary's (PO Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838) or by PayPal on St. Mary's website: [www.stmaryonline.com](http://www.stmaryonline.com). One hundred percent of the donations are used to help the people of Carcasse.

There are also two upcoming fundraisers. Cheese and pumpkin breads will be sold after all the Masses on Sunday, November 20 before Thanksgiving. On December 3, professional classical musicians, Alice (viola) and James (violin) Tung, also known as St. Michael's Duo, will be holding a free concert accepting donations for the benefit of Haiti at St. Mary's Church at 7:30 p.m.

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## Local News

### Dedication of New Monument at Monocacy Cemetery

A new monument at Monocacy Cemetery for all who have served the nation in the military was dedicated on November 5.

Among those being honored by the new monument are eight American Revolutionary War patriots (the most in any Maryland cemetery), thirty-five Confederate soldiers, five Union soldiers, seven veterans of the War of 1812, three Spanish-American War soldiers, a Seminole War soldier, thirty-five World War I veterans, 140 World War II veterans (three of whom served in Korea as well), twenty-three Vietnam vets, and numerous enlisted servicemen and women who served in various military branches during times of peace.



*A new memorial was erected to honor those buried at Monocacy Cemetery who served in the military.*

have voluntarily given their very best to serve our country. I believe we are surrounded by the spirits of those who have sacrificed so much for the freedom we all share today. I encourage you all, each time you pass this memorial when visiting your family here, to stop at this place for a moment to remember the courage, pride, determination, selflessness, dedication to duty, and integrity of our veterans. General Douglas MacArthur once said, 'The soldier—above all others—prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war.' Here, in this quiet country setting, I believe they have found their peace.

We are grateful to have them here—many of whom are buried alongside their ancestors, who would undoubtedly be extremely proud of their achievements. "I would personally like to thank Brendan O'Neill for offering this beautifully-symbolic sculpture. What began as a block of stone being chiseled for his father-in-law, Mr. Richard Troth Willis...has become a permanent tribute to so many others. In his own words, Mr. O'Neill exclaimed, 'This eagle has been on an interesting and circuitous journey'—and look where it has come to rest...in a place of honor at the top of the hill. Like the eagle rising from the clouds, the pride we have in our veterans will continue to soar."

### Local Author Publishes Children's Book

Writing a children's book is a challenging task, even for the most seasoned author. Sean Lynch of Dickerson was up for the challenge and recently published his first children's book: *Little Robin, Flying South for the Winter*. It is a lovable adventure that will bring a smile to all those who read it.

In this colorfully-illustrated book, Little Robin sets out on a journey to meet up with his friends and fly south for the winter. He is in danger of missing the trip when he is faced with the important decision of whether to help others in need. As the air turns cold, in a moment of fright and worry, Robin stays calm and does not give up hope.

Writing and publishing *Little Robin, Flying South for the Winter* was a family affair. Sean's two children, Caeley and Seamus, were instrumental in making the publication a reality. "Not only did they illustrate the story of Little Robin, they also were my biggest motivators and supporters," said Lynch. Sean's wife, Jennifer, also made great contributions throughout the publication process.

Among these 316 known veterans buried here, there are only six who died in battle, among them, Pvt. Wallace Sellman, of the First Virginia Cavalry, Company K, and the Thirty-Fifth Battalion, Virginia Cavalry, who was the only Civil War soldier of the thirty-five other Confederate soldiers at Monocacy to die during the time of battle. He is also the youngest veteran buried there. He was just twenty-one years old.

Other notable veterans include Joseph Franklin Cummings, a captain of the Indian War, who relocated his family from Poolesville to Texas and was directly involved in the capture of Chief Crazy Horse.

In summarizing the dedication, Glen Wallace Dietz said, "Our liberties and values stand safe today because of these heroic men and women who

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<p style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">3rd stop: Uptown</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">The Blue Hearth, Bassett's Restaurant, HMD Old Town Hall &amp; Bank Museum, Poolesville Hardware Store</p>	

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**Tidbits: Chris Poole Completes American Legion Boys State Program**

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935. At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs.

High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

Chris recently visited his sponsoring post, Poolesville's Post 247 American Legion, to thank them for sponsoring him and to provide an overview of his experience.

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### Margaret "Maggie" Nightingale

When she entered Kansas State University, she was disappointed that the college did not offer a course in library science, so she studied Liberal Arts instead. She attended the college on a scholarship from the Manhattan (Kansas) Chamber of Commerce which paid the tuition, books, room, and babysitting fees. Ironically, she worked for many years for the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce as its secretary.

She and her husband, Tom, married sixty-four years, had two children while they were still in college. She attended part-time while raising her kids, subsisting on \$200 a month and living in a campus dormitory-trailer. It was a challenge that strengthened her perseverance skills; something which was integral to her achievements as a volunteer in our library system. Tom, a veteran from Korea and attending college on the G.I. Bill, would eventually go on to obtain his Ph.D. in Respiratory Physiology and develop a career with NIH. The early years were challenging, but as Maggie would say, "No one ever starved."

Eventually, they found their way to Poolesville. Maggie wanted a small town with a close-knit community. Their realtor kept showing them homes in Silver Spring and Rockville, but Maggie persevered, and they finally moved into a \$65,000 model home in the Westerly subdivision in Poolesville in 1977.

Maggie quickly immersed herself into her church and community and began volunteering at the public library that at the time was in the Poolesville High School. Librarian Kathy White must have recognized the persuasive power of Maggie because she asked her to help in lobbying the county council for new library space. Maggie took a course in "effective lobbying" offered by the League of Women Voters and another offered by the county council. If results mean anything, she must have been a star student.

Maggie was a demure, soft-spoken woman who exemplifies the adage "actions speak louder than words." Polite and slight in stature, she must have looked like an easy pushover to the county council when she first came to testify on behalf of having a store-front library in town. Those big, stern men

soon learned a thing or two from her. Told that the county couldn't afford a library in Poolesville, Maggie reminded them that "we in the Upcounty are taxpayers, too" and opined that "perhaps secession wouldn't be such a bad thing since Frederick County certainly would like to have Poolesville within its domain." Her charm, wit, and intense support for her cause eventually won them over. In an attempt to dissuade her, she was told nothing could be done for five years at least. Five years later, Poolesville had the library in the shopping center in town. Her work didn't stop there though. Year after year she continued to lobby for more: more space, more books, and more hours. She became one of the most recognized and appreciated Poolesville residents among county leadership. It is said that County Executive Doug Duncan, who could be very stern and non-committal to most petitioners of the county, always beamed with a smile when Maggie came to make her case. When former Councilman Mike Knapp would run into her, he would simply smile and, before she could say a word, would blurt out, "Hi, Maggie, I know, the library needs..."

Maggie's love of books caused her to always have them around—even in the car. Her daughter Tish seemed to have her mother's natural passion for the power of books. Asked once why they always had books in the car, her answer was simple: "You never know when you might need to read." She always stayed busy with her family which includes eight grandchildren and still she volunteered as administrator for education at Our Lady of the Presentation. Even with all that, she filled her empty moments working part-time at Lord and Taylor and curling up with a book, most likely one by Jennifer Evanovich. "I love her light-hearted mysteries, especially one character who is a crazy grandmother."

For so many years as the voice and advocate for the Poolesville Library, we can all have a sense of gratitude to Maggie, so the next time you withdraw a book at the library, tell 'em "you just had a need to read and that this one is taken out in Maggie's honor."

Maggie is survived by husband Thomas; children, Dennis Nightingale, Catherine Keller, Tish Brownlee; and sister Carol Joy; as well as eight grandchildren, Gillian, Madison, Cate, Hyatt, Lauren, Laine, Maggie, and Emily. Her sister Sally Knisley preceded her in death.



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## School News

### Commissioner and Cluster Rep Address School Board

Town of Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski and Poolesville Cluster Representative Jennifer Singh spoke before the Board of Education at a Facilities and Boundaries Committee hearing in support of accelerating construction of a new high school in Poolesville.

Klobukowski advised that the Poolesville commissioners endorse the Poolesville Cluster's requests for inclusion in the Fiscal Year 2018 Capital Improvements Program. He reminded the board that the 2006 Facilities Planning Meetings at PHS suggested that there would be a new high school in 2012. The expected date of completion is now 2023. He expressed hope that the current budget would maintain the commitment to open a modernized twenty-first-century PHS in 2023.

Singh, who identified herself as a Monocacy Elementary School mom, supported her recurring theme that "Your kids deserve better" while reminding the board that students were studying in classrooms built in 1978 and using equipment handed down from other schools. She highlighted shortcomings in accessibility and the fact that the school cafeteria holds less than twenty percent of the student body, and students look for alternative places to eat in the town, including a local church. Singh also referenced past delays and the desire of cluster parents that the current schedule be maintained.

The entire text of the addresses given by Klobukowski and Singh is available on the Montgomery County Board of Education website, at the November 10 Facilities and Boundaries meeting.

### Veterans Day Observance at Monocacy Elementary

Monocacy Elementary School had a Veterans Day assembly on November 11 to honor those who are serving or have served in America's armed forces. Veterans who are related to Monocacy students were honored guests at the assembly.

Principal Kristin Alban discussed the history and meaning of Veterans Day to an attentive audience of kindergarteners through fifth graders, teachers, staff, and visitors. Her presentation was followed by a robust musical program. Kindergarteners and first graders sang "America;" second and third graders sang "This Is My Country;" and fourth and fifth graders sang "This Land Is Your Land."

A video of the five armed forces (which the students were able to name afterwards) was shown, featuring stirring martial music and an impressive display of military personnel and hardware. Following the video, the eight veterans in attendance introduced themselves, identified their branch and term of service, and their relationship to a student or students at Monocacy Elementary. They each received a handmade card from the students, presented by patrol officers.

Portions of a presidential proclamation were read, and the entire school sang "America the Beautiful." After a description of its significance, "Taps" was played, the assembly was adjourned, and the students returned to their classrooms to make Veterans Day cards to be sent to a veterans' hospital.



Monocacy Elementary School students sang patriotic songs at their Veterans Day assembly.

### Local Students Learn from a Master

The Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences recently invited the community to join them for an evening with local artist Lee Newman. An accomplished painter and printmaker from Frederick, Mr. Newman compared and contrasted a



Barnesville School of Arts and Sciences students spent time learning at the studio of Lee Newman.

Cezanne still life with a Chardin at a reception held on November 17 at the Barnesville School's media center.

Newman received BFA and MFA degrees from American University before continuing his studies as a Fulbright Scholar in Vienna, Austria. A committed educator, he and Joseph Kossow founded the Washington Studio School, and he has since taught in a number of schools and universities. He is currently on the faculty of the Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda and the Delaplaine Arts Center in Frederick. His prints and paintings are in a number of private and public collections across the country, including the National Gallery of Art, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, and the Library of Congress.

Barnesville eighth grade students recently had the opportunity to visit Mr. Newman's printmaking studio where they saw drypoint etchings in progress.



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## Youth Sports

### Lockett Wins State Title; Boys Place Fourth, Girls Fifth; Both Girls and Boys Win 3A West Regional Titles

By Jeff Stuart

Poolesville's Ryan Lockett took first place in the Maryland 3A Cross Country Championships at Hereford High School in the Baltimore suburbs. He posted a winning time of 16:00.7 on a grueling course called "the toughest three miles in cross country," by John Dye, operator of national high school running website [www.dyestat.com](http://www.dyestat.com). The course has hills, but a legendary ravine in the middle of the course known as "The Dip" must be traversed twice in the three-mile race. Only a few boys have run the course in less than sixteen minutes and only a handful of girls have completed it in less than nineteen minutes. The course record is 15.41. Andrew Lent finished fourth, running a time of 16:12.6. The Falcon boys' team finished fourth overall. The Falcons girls finished fifth overall. Nandini Sat-

sangi's 19:55.3 was the eighth fastest time. Logan Rohde finished fifteenth.

Lockett and Lent, and they have done so many times this year, finished first and second at the 3A West Regional Meet in Urbana on November 3. Anthony Meza came in thirteenth. Both the boys and the girls finished first. Lockett broke Linganore's Micah Hewitson's course record at Urbana. Hewitson had edged Ryan at the Urbana Invitational in October, running a personal best of 16.11.

Lockett returned to Poolesville this season after spending last year at Gonzaga because he enjoyed the Poolesville experience, and the coaches and other runners were glad to have him back. As a senior, Andrew Lent finished an outstanding high school cross country career. Both runners now turn their attention to indoor track events.

Satsangi placed first for the girls, followed by Rhode at third. Seniors Theresa Nardone placed seventh, and Emma Benz placed sixteenth. "We had a great day," said coach Prasad Gerard. "Ryan and Andrew were moving together for much of the race in a pack of four. At about 2.5 miles, Ryan made a break with Rahul Reddy from River Hill. Ryan than hammered the downhill to break away, but Rahul caught up by the top of the dip. They ran together until about five hundred meters to go,



*Poolesville's Ryan Lockett took first place in the Maryland 3A Cross Country Championships.*

and then Ryan put the hammer down. Andrew kept pressing the pace, but the other runner broke away, and Andrew finished fourth in a great time. Both Ryan and Andrew built on their racing ability. Ryan gained confidence and kept running through challenges. Andrew took more risks and was pushed to run faster. Anthony Meza, our third

runner, ran a great race and finished in a fast time."

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**Local News**

**Looking for a Few Good Vets And Friends of Vets**

By Rande Davis

For persons wanting to help veterans, Poolesville's American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 has a number of suggestions and is asking for your assistance on a number of levels.

First, the post wants to make sure all vets, including those on active duty, are duly honored on the town's military service poster in the lobby of town hall. This particular honorary poster gives accolades to all who currently serve or have served since Operation Desert Storm (August 1990). While Post 247 has put out various notices to veterans in the area before on this matter, it is not surprising that vets are not prone to seek special recognition; therefore, the legion must rely on friends and family of these

vets to send them the information. If you have a friend or relative who has served in the military from 1990 to the present, please leave his or her name as a message on the post's Facebook page at Poolesville American Legion Post 247.

Post 247 looks for ways to assist vets through its parent organization, the national American Legion, locally through Poolesville Military Support Group, and direct donations to various charitable groups that specialize in aid vets. Donations to the Poolesville American Legion Post 247 this Thanksgiving and holiday season can be mailed to Steve Gibson, Treasurer, Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247, 19916 White Ground Road, Boyds, MD 20841. Donations given to the post between now and the first of the year will be used to make gifts to various organizations that assist veterans. Other donations later will be accepted to upgrade its inventory of memorial flags, memorial wreaths, and important items that help the group like a new vendor's tent used for fundraising and public education.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Burglary:** 17400 Hoskinson Road.

**Theft of vehicle:** 16600 block of W. Willard Avenue.

### Past Crime

**November 22, 1910** The Montgomery County grand jury indicted Otto Linaweaver of Virginia on a charge of false swearing. He had been married in Rockville three weeks before under the name of Owen La Mont. Linaweaver had taken Miss Letha Buchanan of Craigsville, Virginia to Rockville to be married. He apparently did this because of his bad reputation in Virginia. Miss Buchanan's father came to Rockville and swore out a warrant charging Otto with perjury. At his trial, Linaweaver testified that he was a clairvoyant and a palmist, attended revival services, and was generally of good character. Judge Peter found him guilty and sentenced him to sixty days in jail.

**December 1, 1910** Judge Peter sentenced James Miles to four years in prison for the slashing of a fellow employee at the Chevy Chase College. Testimony revealed that Miles and Samuel Morrison had argued, Miles produced a knife and began slashing Morrison. Several women were in the next room, and one became so frightened that she jumped out of the window, breaking her ankle.

**December 2, 1910** Raymond Jenkins was discovered crawling along the

floor of the bedroom of James Devine at his house near Germantown in the early morning hours. Devine and his young son were aroused and saw that Jenkins was carrying a straight razor. In the fight that followed, both Jenkins and Devine were cut. Jenkins sought treatment at the Emergency Hospital in Washington and at that time confessed to the crime and implicated Lon Doy and Pat Warren as his accomplices. Doy had been captured while Warren remained on the loose. Jenkins was tried a few weeks later and was convicted of assault with a dangerous weapon and burglary, and was sentenced to ten years in prison.

**December 3, 1910** John Dove was employed by Lewis Frizell at his creamery near Cedar Grove. He was given accommodations at the Frizell home and usually slept on the first floor. The seventeen-year-old daughter of Frizell awoke to find a man trying to climb into bed with her. She screamed and her father came into the bedroom and accosted Dove. The sheriff was summoned and Dove was arrested. Later, he was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

**December 4, 1910** Harrison Flynn was arrested and charged with horse theft after stealing a horse from the farm of his brother at Cedar Grove. Harrison took the horse to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania where he attempted to sell it under an assumed name.

*Several items were obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*

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### It's Not Over When It's Over

had settled upon the land. For a few days after the votes were cast, it felt good to know that we could all get back to work and focus on our own lives. Sadly, I was wrong. The intensity of the disappointment for some of those not voting for the winner began to perc all over again. More than just a few students in college and high school walked out. A bunch of protestors, some sincere others simply paid, went to the streets to destroy personal property not even knowing or caring if the car they were smashing belonged to someone who had voted their way.

It may have been a foolish hope that a serious discussion on the issues could begin without all the personal attacks by both sides.

I did not like it when Trump was setting records in insulting and mocking others, but now Trump has been trumped. The hyperbolic disparagement by opponents of Trump at the moment is even greater.

I don't know if Americans can get into a real dialogue, but here is what I think might be a simple truth. If you insist on calling someone an "ism" or "ist" before you even begin dialogue, you most likely are not really looking for an open honest discussion. Joe McCarthy was the crown prince of this form of biased dialogue. He seems small potatoes now since he only had one "ism" to splash upon another's chest. I have learned, since voting with the winning side, that I am now anti-Semitic, biased, racist, a misogynist,

Islamaphobic, homophobic, and xenophobic—and just in case they run out of deplorable "isms" and "ists," now we're being told that we are facing a unique and extraordinary moment of real danger, violence, and fear. These charges are not just from your everyday paid rabble-rouser types. Heck, it even includes once-serious politicians, truly caring celebrities, and even, at least, one well-respected bishop. Excuse me if I find it difficult to carry on a conversation with anyone who introduces his or her side by asserting that I am the epitome of fear and loathing in America.

All this happened within just one week of the election and one week before Thanksgiving. The wonderful season of gratefulness may be hard this year with half the population in mourning. I do understand how suffocating losing an election can be. I have lost about half of all those I have experienced. In a far off time, almost beyond anyone's memory, each president-elect was offered a two-year period of support before the next campaign began. Even a ninety-day "honeymoon" period seems quite quaint today. When my preferred candidate lost in the primaries this year, I decided to step away from the intensity of the election and enjoy life without the daily grind. It was bliss. I came back in just long enough to vote. I think maybe I will step back from the heat, learn to enjoy life again without a permanent campaign, then slowly begin to wrestle with the current political dialogue. I just can't figure out what ism or ist that makes me.

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### Local News: Local Author

The story was born as a bedtime fable that Sean told to his son, Seamus, now age eight. "It quickly became his favorite story; I showed it to other parents and educators, who also loved the story and its message," said Lynch. Encouragement to publish the book was overwhelming. Two years, and many refinements later, *Little Robin, Flying South for the Winter* became a reality.

Sean grew up in New England. After earning his bachelor's degree, he traveled extensively. He lived and worked in Japan and Spain in his early twenties. During this time, he met many wonderful people who dramatically influenced the person he is today. "They had a positive and lasting impact on me, just as Little Robin has on the animals he helps on his journey," said Lynch. Today, Sean lives on a small farm in Dickerson with his wife and children, and an entertaining assortment of farm animals.



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## Garden

### Wildlife, Woodlands, And Open Space

By Maureen O'Connell

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA) recently won three awards in recognition of its outstanding reforestation program: The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) State Division Award and two IWLA National Awards. One of the national awards, James Lawton Childs Award, is a chapter award that recognizes outstanding conservation programs; the other two awards are in recognition of individuals who have made outstanding contributions to conservation.

The IWLA was founded in 1922 in Chicago, Illinois by a group of sportsmen who wished to protect fishing opportunities for future generations. It was named after the English writer and fishing enthusiast Izaak Walton (1593-1683). He is best known as the author of *The Compleat Angler*. The IWLA was the first conservation organization with a mass membership. Today, it is a diverse group of fifty thousand men and women in chapters all over the country dedicated to protecting our nation's soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife. Its activities span the spectrum of outdoor recreation and conservation, from angling and birding to stream monitoring, wildlife photography, skeet and trap, rifle and pistol shooting, hunting, and hunter safety.

The B-CC IWLA awards were specifically concentrated on its Reforestation Program of four different fields covering 18.2 acres on its 623-acre farm on Izaak Walton Way in Poolesville.

What was the goal of this project? Our forefathers cleared the fields of trees to plant agricultural crops, but today, "The cash crop of the B-CC IWLA is not bushels of grain but rather the healthy ecological attitude and comprehension of our natural resources by our membership," according to the B-CC IWLA website. Three- to five-acre fields are too small to produce a productive agriculture crop. You face problems with erosion, deer damage, invasive exotic species, and loss of habitat for wildlife, but how do you reforest a neglected field? It takes extensive research to find the questions involved and to find the answers. First you must clear out the invasive exotic species that so quickly take over and spread in untilled fields. What species of trees do you plant and how many per acre? How do you protect the young seedlings and mature



*The B-CC Izaak Walton Chapter won three awards for protecting our forests.*

trees from deer browsing? What is the best season for planting? What types of tools are needed? How much will it cost? Last, but not least, who is going to do all the work of planting and maintenance? The chapter found the answers, work began in 2010, and the planting was completed in 2013; maintenance continues to this day.

Phase I was the planting of one thousand trees in B4 and B5 fields in April 2012. Over one hundred B-CC members and their families gathered to plant twelve varieties of native trees in these former agricultural fields. Phase II was the restoration of the C3 field and its transformation into a prime, sustained, multipurpose wildlife habitat. The long-neglected field was cleared of invasive plant species, and overgrown and aged ornamental trees and shrubs. Members planted over 1,100 native hardwood and evergreen trees in the former agricultural field. Phase III was the clearing and tree planting in the B1 field with a similar mix of native trees. Once established, these trees will offer optimum wildlife habitat and will achieve the conservation goal for the B-CC IWLA Conservation Farm.

This tree-planting project qualified for a program called Forestation Mitigation and the chapter created a Forestation Mitigation Bank with the Montgomery County Park and Planning Commission. This reforestation project is the most successful project B-CC IWLA has ever conducted in respect to the number of children that were involved. "A beautiful sound, 'Dad can we go to the field and check on my tree?'"

Congratulations to this chapter's leadership and to their dedicated, hardworking members.

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## Tidbits of The Past

By Jack Toomey

**November 4, 1930** Montgomery County voters were prepared to march to the polls to decide if the Democratic Party would remain in power as it had for the previous ten years. In some circles, it was thought that the Republicans would win out for the first time since the Civil War. Major E. Brooke Lee, leader of the Democratic Party, issued a statement saying that he thought that his party would carry the day by at least three thousand votes. He thought that Rockville and Kensington were weak spots.

As it turned out, the Democrats did carry the day and won nearly every race.

**November 15, 1930** Mrs. Bertha Minor, wife of the headmaster at the Briarley Hall School at Poolesville, filed a suit for divorce in the Rockville court. Through her attorney, she alleged cursing, striking, and mistreatment. She said that her husband, the Rev. George Minor, threatened to commit her to an insane asylum. Further claims involved Mrs. Minor being struck down on October 2 and left in a condition that necessitated a visit to her doctor.

**November 19, 1930** A dispute on how to develop the new courthouse site at Rockville was raging. At the heart of the matter stood a row of hundred-year-old maple trees that might have been removed. Longtime residents of the county said that it would amount to sacrilege to cut down the stately trees that had witnessed so much of the county's history.

**November 21, 1930** The State Roads Commission announced that it would begin accepting bids for the construction of a triple-span concrete bridge over Great Seneca Creek on the Gaithersburg-Frederick Road.

**November 23, 1930** A meeting of the Montgomery County Basketball League was held at the Rockville fire hall. Teams from Rockville, Kensington, Damascus, Woodside, Sandy

Spring, Stewart Motors, Silver Spring, and Takoma Park attended and paid the ten-dollar entry fee.

**November 26, 1930** States Attorney Robert Peter was being congratulated all around Rockville for obtaining convictions in thirty of the thirty-one cases that he tried that week. It was thought that a record had been broken. If the jury in the house bombing cases from Seat Pleasant (change of venue from Prince George's County) were to come back before Friday evening, Peter would have had a perfect record. Among some of his convictions were of Charles Shelley, convicted of stealing chickens from a farm in Darnestown, and that of Carlton Russell who gunned down Sarah Davis on the streets of Rockville.

The Washington and Electric Railway Company announced it would suspend service from Washington to Cabin John on account of ten unsafe bridges. The company said the defects were discovered during a recent inspection and that crews would begin working immediately. Buses would run instead until the railway resumed service.

**November 27, 1930** The Maryland State Roads Commission announced that the bridge on Route 28 that spanned the Monocacy River a mile north of Dickerson would be closed for over a year while a more modern structure was built. Several detours were suggested, including one for local traffic. Motorists wishing to travel to Frederick from Poolesville and Beallsville were directed to take Route 28 east to Lee's Corner, a left turn onto Bucklodge Road and on to Clarksburg, and then a left turn onto the road to Frederick.

**November 29, 1930** The Farmers Banking and Trust Building opened at Rockville after being built at an expense of \$145,000. The old building was purchased by Montgomery County which planned to demolish it and build a new courthouse. The vault was described as of the most modern design with foolproof locks. In addition, an electric elevator was installed.

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### New Sports Center Proposed for Poolesville

know if the petitioners had discussed their plan with the current soccer field operator at Muldoon Farm. They had not yet discussed it with them.

Kevin Schramm voiced his initial enthusiasm for the notion of a soccer center but had become less excited based on overcrowding of local restaurants when Muldoon Farm hosts soccer events. He discussed the proposal with an executive director of SoccerPlex in Germantown to get a better handle on the proposal operationally. SoccerPlex parking lot requirements are eighty to ninety parking spots per field while the petitioners are offering sixty spaces per field. He raised issues of mixed vehicular use of the roadway adjacent to the field, which include farming equipment, bicyclists, current local traffic, and weekend traffic from the Capital Polo grounds on Hughes Road. He also said he worried about the current plan expanding and growing beyond the current proposal.

After the board wrestled with a number of specific concerns regarding sufficiency of the parking lot plan, conditions of Hughes and Budd Roads, concern over the entry and egress to the property, safety issues of increased traffic, and the impact on residents living near the venue, they opened up the meeting for questions/comments.

Doug McKenney, a member of the town's parks board who also is a resident near the facility voiced objection to the proposal. He brought up the rough and unsafe condition of Hughes Road, which frequently has accidents and speeders on the back road, and the lack of cooperation from the county in addressing road problems in the area.

Based on the six fields and standard use by full teams of eleven to fifteen players, McKenney anticipated use to be 1,080 players per day, an amount that is twenty percent of the town's entire population. He also pointed out that there would be at least one car per player and probably more since parents, grandparents, other relatives, and friends often attend youth soccer games. From his experience as a member of the town's parks board, he challenged the notion that there is a large demand for additional soccer fields since the town has more recently been experiencing a downward trend in the request for soccer field use.

Speaking in favor of the proposal was Craig Gattis who remarked on the lack of lacrosse or football fields in town for local teams. He also maintained that local businesses do get a lot of business from visiting sports teams and would get new business from this proposal.

Coach Steve Orsini spoke in favor of the proposal as being beneficial to a variety of high school sports teams, including the cheerleading squads.

Lance Wolin, a construction builder who has built recreational facilities, asked about the adequacy of parking, especially considering wedding events that might take place at the same time as soccer games. He also challenged the purported water use to be far below that of other facilities.

Many of the other public speakers live on Hughes or Tom Fox and they complained about the intense increase in traffic, noise from weddings, loud-speakers—all of which disturbed their peace—and they were most passionate about an anticipated drop in the value of their homes.

Caroline Taylor said she spoke in solidarity for those living on Hughes Road. She said ideas of these kind are great but not in this location. She too noted the cumulative impact of mixed traffic which includes large landscaping trucks, school buses, etc. She drew attention to testimony that the facility has no local demand and that property values could be diminished by up to fifty percent.

Jonah Valmonte, a twelve-year-old, seventh-grade soccer player, testified against the problems that would come from increased traffic making it more difficult for him to use the already-existing local soccer fields. He also thought it would injure the rural atmosphere of our town.

Chairman Cal Sneed closed the meeting by saying that they would discuss the proposal and wait to hear back from the petitioners on how they may choose to proceed after hearing the testimony of those in attendance. Anyone can request that the town notify them by email of any future meetings concerning this issue.



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For example, a large chunk of its concrete exterior fell off of the top side of the building, the outside lighting for the building no longer works, and several letters from the sign on top of the building have fallen off.

O'Connell asked the commission for a grant of \$3,500 to help with the necessary repairs. She said that the group estimates that it will cost around \$9,200 to complete all of the repairs. The group has a fair amount of funding that it can use to make up much, although not all, of the funding needed to make all of the repairs if the town grants the \$3,500 request.

In discussing the request, the commissioners reminded that the town never made any commitment to fund or provide ongoing support to maintaining the building. It was also noted that the town has guidelines for grants that set a limit of \$2,500 per award; however, Commissioner Chuck Stump brought up the fact that the town had conserved more funds this year in its grant budget because the fireworks display was cancelled, and the town did not have to make its traditional grant to the firehouse to support that program. President Brown also agreed with the representatives of the Historic Medley District that the old town hall is an "iconic" building that is well known to residents and visitors and has been a part of the town logo for years. He said that it would be a shame for the building to deteriorate and said that while the town does have guidelines limiting grant amounts, a larger amount in this case would be warranted. A motion was made to grant Historic Medley \$4,600 to help ensure that all needed repairs can be made as soon as possible. It was approved by unanimous vote.

Town Engineer John Strong provided an overview and a recommendation regarding bids to repair the forty-one manholes that the town has identified that need to be rebuilt so they no longer leak. The town had received four bids to do the work ranging from \$99,500 all the way up to nearly \$350,000. The difference in bid amounts resulted from a number of factors including the fact that two of the firms were from New Jersey and would have had to provide

accommodations for its employees to work in this area for an extended period of time. He also said that the low bidder, D&S Construction, had been able to purchase needed materials, including concrete, from another firm that was going out of business and, as a result, got the materials at very low cost. He said D&S is based nearby (in Northern Virginia) and has done a lot of work for the town, all of it of high quality. The commissioners voted unanimously to accept the D&S bid along with allocating an additional \$10,000 in contingency funds in case of unexpected costs.

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## Ah, Thanksgiving...

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A joyous holiday when friends and family join us for a day of football, lounging, and all-day tryptophan turkey tasting. The smell of cinnamon, nutmeg, pumpkin pie, and turkey all baking in the oven slowly filter through the house, driving you—and your dog—slowly mad.

To avoid a visit to the animal ER, here are a few tips on how to pet-proof this holiday:

First word of advice? **Keep your dog out of the kitchen—or better yet, crate him.** Accidental counter-surfing can result in severe poisoning to your pet.

Next, make sure your guests know the house rules: **Don't feed your pets.** Your friends and family may not be aware of the common kitchen foods that are quite poisonous to pets. Politely inform all your guests to keep their food out of reach and to never feed your pet without your permission (particularly if your pet has food allergies).

Last? **Dump the trash.** Somehow, your dog will find a way to get into it, and the leftover corn-on-the-cob, yummy string that goes around the turkey legs, turkey skin, bones, moldy food, and fatty grizzle all pose a threat to your pet. Potential problems from “garbage gut” include gastroenteritis (e.g., vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain), pancreatitis (severe inflammation of the pancreas), a gastrointestinal obstruction, or even tremors or seizures.

So what tops the list for the most dangerous Thanksgiving foods that are poisonous to your dog?

**Grapes, raisins, and currants.** Currants and raisins are commonly found in stuffing, baked goods, and as snacks. When ingested, these fruit from the *Vitis sp.* can result in severe acute kidney failure. Signs of poisoning often don't show up for days, until kidney failure has already taken place.

**Onions, leeks, chives, and garlic.** When ingested, these common kitchen foods from the *Allium sp.* can result in oxidative damage to the red blood cells, making these cells more likely to rupture (e.g., hemolyze). Cats are especially sensitive and can develop a severe anemia (low red blood cell count) from even small amounts. Thankfully, this is typically seen more with chronic ingestion (e.g., when they are eating it for days), but to be safe, keep these out of reach.

**Xylitol.** If you have any calorie-counting chefs in the kitchen, you may want to verify if they've used any xylitol in the baked goods. Xylitol, a natural sugar-free sweetener, is a sugar substitute used in a ton of products nowadays: gums, mints, mouthwashes, nasal sprays, chewable vitamins, baked goods, chocolate, etc. When ingested by dogs, it can result in a massive insulin spike, causing a life-threatening hypoglycemia (low blood sugar) and even liver failure with higher doses.

**Fatty table scraps.** Fatty table scraps like gravy, turkey skin, etc. are potentially dangerous to your dog, as they can result in severe pancreatitis. Even a piece of bacon can trigger pancreatitis in dogs, so when in doubt, don't feed it to your dog or cat!

**Bones and turkey legs.** Huge no-no. While you may think you're giving your dog a treat, you're actually putting him at risk for a possible foreign body obstruction. The bones can also get stuck in the stomach or intestines, potentially resulting in a perforation (or rupture) of the intestines.

**Unbaked bread dough.** About to throw some fresh bread in the oven? Make sure your dog doesn't eat the unbaked dough first. When this occurs, your dog's stomach acts as an artificial oven, making the yeast rise and release carbon dioxide, causing a distended abdomen and potential life-threatening gastric dilatation-volvulus (GDV). Next, the yeast and sugar in the unbaked dough are metabolized to alcohol, resulting in secondary alcohol poisoning in your dog.

**Alcohol.** As mentioned above, we can see alcohol poisoning from weird sources (e.g., unbaked bread dough, rum-soaked fruitcake, etc.). Likewise, dogs can be poisoned by ingesting alcohol drinks, so keep the mixed drinks and beer away from your dog. Accidental ingestion can cause severe coma, slowed respiration, and a life-threatening low blood sugar in your dog.

If you think your dog or cat ingested something poisonous, contact your veterinarian or an animal poison control center right away. When it comes to any poisoning situation, the sooner you diagnose it, the easier it is to potentially treat, the less invasive it is to your pet, and the less expensive it is for you. Now, that's something to be grateful for.

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