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Girl Scouts? Think again. They are part of the new girls' wing of the Boy Scouts. More pictures on page 2.



A rainbow shone over four generations of farming. Read AgNews on page 8.



Fr. Kevin of St. Mary's with Père Verdieu of St. Joseph's—accomplishing great things together. More on page 9.



Being dunked is just one thing dedicated volunteers do. More PES Carnival pictures are on pages 18 to 19.

## PHS Principal Deena Levine to Retire By Link Hoewing

Deena Levine became principal at Poolesville High School in 2001, but it was not her first stint at the school. In 1975, she began to teach advanced placement English to seventh, ninth, and twelfth graders. At the time, PHS had under seven hundred students, no magnet programs, and was a junior-senior high school, meaning about a quarter of those students were in the seventh and eighth grades. They were what is now known as middle schoolers.

Today, the school has four magnet programs and approximately 1,200 students (about sixty percent of whom live outside the Poolesville cluster), and is recognized as one of the highest-performing schools in the state and nationally in a number of assessments. Levine has been behind this transformation and recently announced her retirement as an educator in Montgomery County after thirty-five years in the profession, eighteen of which were as principal of PHS. She recently answered a wide-ranging series of

questions about her experience in Poolesville as principal, and her views on the Poolesville area community and PHS students.

One of the key points Levine focused on is her admiration for the Poolesville community. She knows it well after nearly two decades and appreciates what it means to the high school. At graduation ceremonies, she always asks "the parents, grandparents, and great grandparents to stand because I know that this community is so dedicated to their children's success. I also invite the alumni to stand because we are the only school in the county that reflects the history of our community. We have current students whose grandparents went to PHS, and that is very special. There is so much pride in this community for the town as well as for the school. I see that as very intertwined and to be celebrated."

Levine is proud of the high achievement levels of PHS students and of the school's high rankings on various school performance



After eighteen years dedicated to education in Poolesville, Deena Levine gets ready to start life anew following a career path set long ago.

assessments, but she is most proud of the collegial and supportive atmosphere in the school on the part of both

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## PHS: History Of Education, Part II

By Rande Davis

In the June 7 issue of the *Monocle*, we provided part I of the history of education in Poolesville which offered a listing, year by year, of the many actions taken to develop public education in Poolesville and the Upcounty area. Due to a fire in Rockville in the late 1930s, most records from the Montgomery County Board of Education are incomplete. In 1960, on the fiftieth anniversary of the building of the first public multi-classroom school in Poolesville, area residents pieced together a narrative of the process of advancing education from the start of the 1900s to

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Building PHS, more than bricks and mortar.

# Family Album



*Pike and Valega's staff served their patients in a different way than usual.*



*Drs. Margaret Valega and Tim Pike hosted their annual patient fun and appreciation day on June 14.*



*The Poolesville Quilters Club enjoyed a welcome-to-summer picnic on the front lawn of Poolesville Town Hall.*



*Jessica Mense and Charlotte Vogel spread the word about the great fun it is to be a Girl Scout.*



*Dustin Queary, master balloon-twisting artist, thrilled his audience with his rendition of an octopus.*



*The Maggie Nightingale Library held a reptile review in Whalen Commons.*



*Elizabeth Ohman took the lead in the line dance during Pike and Valega's patient appreciation day.*



*Little Learners 2019 graduates are headed to kindergarten in the fall.*



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## Rande(m) Thoughts Our Roots Speak Literally Of Our Future

By Rande Davis

Did you look carefully at the picture on our front page from the 1950s of students relaxing on the front lawn of Poolesville High School? There is so much more in that picture than just what meets the eye. That picture, which is of our past, speaks so much more of our future.

The picture and story were part of a series of articles on area high schools entitled "High Schools on the March."

We are, through our commissioners and the Fair Access Committee, full-speed ahead in leading a community drive to build a multi-use school. We are truly a high school on the march today. The camaraderie and relaxed, cohesive atmosphere obvious that day long ago is still with us today. While the rest of the county rapidly expands in a cosmopolitan, upward thrust of taller and taller buildings with less and less space between the people, we stand strong in our demand to remain as we have always been, a respite of calmness with a pace of life at least a few steps slower than elsewhere—and we want it that way. Imagine a town, that when speaking of new growth, is actually thinking of meeting the needs of seniors and young, new families. Hey, that's us.

That springtime, budding tree up front which was providing something the students could lean on, speaks to us today of the trees and landscape of the Ag Reserve we all lean on to secure a vestige of nature for decades to come, not just for us, but for all living in the county. We are Mother Nature's guardians of our environmental future. Hey, that's us.

Now, look again at the notation at the upper right in that picture. PHS education had a strong emphasis on agriculture. To those living down-country in those days, we were called the "farmers" of Poolesville; it was not meant to be a compliment but said in derision about our supposed lack of sophistication. We were proud to be farmers back then and should be even more proud to have that moniker today. It is our pastures and past that make us different, and it is that difference we should so desire. Hey, that's us.

What you don't see in that picture was what community residents and parents were doing off-campus to save the school. Public community demands to modernize and keep our high school were in high gear, with the possibility of closing our school fully under consideration by the BOE. The pressure kept building, resulting in the superintendent and members of the Board of Education coming to Poolesville to hear us out. Be sure to read that front page article. It tells you about those dark days of nearly losing our high school and having our students bused to Gaithersburg. Yes, folks, we had to fight then, too. We did, and we won. Hey, that's who we are.

It took us fifty-three years (1905 to 1958) the last time we needed to update and build a school of the quality that matched those found down-county. One thing the county learned about us long ago: We don't give up, give in, and move on. Hey, that's who we are.

Once we win this battle and start constructing that new, highly-innovative multi-use school, knowing the school's future is set, we will crusade to secure our full future by turning to our roots, by emphasizing the need to bring Agricultural Science studies to our curriculum.

For those of you who are still caught in the past, not understanding the present-day sophistication of the agricultural sciences; it is not just for those wanting to be farmers. It is study that incorporates all that the future demands with programs in science, technology, and math (STEM), and computer science and global ecology, bringing a real practical, real world impact. Yes, the county should always offer the magnet houses of specialized study programs to PHS (and we are so grateful to them for doing so). The one thing we bring to the county that no other school can do, in a way no other school could match, is our farming roots. It is our devotion, knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of agricultural science education that sets us apart. We know better than most that agricultural science is not just for farming but for all who plan careers in food science and safety (growing and preparing), care for natural resources, animal care and health, preserving and securing the ecology and environmental issues, animal and plant biotechnology, mechanical systems in agriculture, and agricultural research and development. Yep, we are farmers, we know a thing or two because we have seen a thing or two. Hey, that is who we are.

## Tidbits

### PASC Celebrated Birthdays!

On June 12, the Poolesville Area Senior Center's (PASC) third quarterly social event for 2019 was one of the highest attended to date with forty-nine seniors joining in the fun to honor sixteen who had birthdays in April, May, and June. The entertainment was superior with songs of fond memory by Strathmore's Hal and his Pals (Hal Gearhart, Dave Almy, and James Petrohilos). Dave Almy has ties to our area because when he is not

playing in the group, the sixty-five-year-old guitarist doubles as a pool designer, and it is his work that graces our Upcounty pool.

He also has ties to the nineties' Hootie & the Blowfish. It seems that the band's bass player Dean Felber and guitarist Mark Bryan (themselves, both Seneca Valley High graduates) actually learned to play guitar on the very same guitar used during their performance in town on Wednesday.

The oldest honoree of the day was Vivian Sierer (86). Others celebrating birthdays were: Grace Routhier, Cora

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PASC hosted its quarterly social to celebrate birthdays for April, May, and June.

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## Town Government

### Commissioners Hear Proposal From County Rec Department for New Tot and Youth Programs

By Link Hoewing

One of the reasons the Fair Access Committee has been pushing for a new community center co-located with a rebuilt high school is the lack of county programs in the Upcounty. At the commissioners' June 17 meeting, county recreation department officials, Tina Shubert and Trish Walsh, provided an indication that officials are listening when they appeared before the commissioners to ask for input about the types of rec programs that residents might find helpful for tots and youth.

Walsh and Shubert said that there are already plans to teach lacrosse to children from seven to twelve years old at Poolesville Elementary School this summer. Programs to teach soccer to tots are planned for the fall in the same location. The two officials said these are just initial ideas and that they would welcome suggestions for any other types of recreation programs. These could include art programs, but in order to offer them, the county would need to partner with local organizations, such as churches, that might have large rooms that could be used during the week.

In discussing the initiative, Commissioner Valaree Dickerson suggested that a good resource for the county would be to contact the MOMS Club which has over seventy members and organizes a number of activities for tots in particular on its own. Several MOMS Club members attended the commission meeting and said they were happy to talk with the county about programs that might work. It was also suggested by Commission President Jerry Klobukowski that the county provide information and links to programs that the town could put up on its website. He also said that the county should have information posted to the Poolesville Community Facebook page.

In concluding the discussion, Walsh and Shubert said that the county "just wants to get something started out here" and said that outdoor rec programs are a good fit and can be readily put together. They also said that because parents and grandparents accompany children to the programs, it often makes sense to offer adult exercise and sports programs in tandem with the youth and tot programs, and the county might be able to start up some adult programs as well.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, a local resident who lives in a house near the entrance to the community pool asked the commissioners to consider placing a speed camera on the road near the entrance to the pool. She said traffic leaving town moves at a very high rate of speed, and she is worried about her own children and about people crossing White's Ferry Road to get to the pool.

The commissioners noted that the road is controlled by the county, and they had not had any luck in getting the county to build a secure crosswalk to the pool. Tara Bond, the community police officer for the county, was asked to look into the possibility of posting a portable speed camera system along the road near the entrance to the pool.

Milton Andrews, the president of the Monocacy Lions Club, appeared to ask if the town would consider mounting a Lions club sign alongside the "Welcome to Poolesville" signs that are located at main routes into town. He pointed out that this is done in many other jurisdictions, usually with a sign frame that surrounds a town's sign and includes the logo signs for many other local charitable and civic groups.

Commissioner Klobukowski said that that the issue had been studied by the Parks Board in the past and one concern was the question of who would maintain the sign frame once it is built. It is not the responsibility of the town to do such maintenance. Unless the sign frame or the logo signs individually are attached in some way to the town's sign, the county would control the signage and the Lions would have to approach them for approval.

The commissioners decided that the proper approach would be to refer the matter to the Parks Board for its consideration.

In one final piece of business, the commissioners discussed the issue of a proposal to allow further development of a piece of farmland that had supposedly been "forever preserved" in 2010. At that time, the Ag Reserve's largest farm of 840 acres was subdivided to allow the construction of twenty-six residences

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## Garden

### Weeds: The Good And the Bad

By Maureen O'Connell

It is the beginning of summer, and most gardeners have many weeds growing in their lawns and gardens right now. With all the recent rainfall, they are rapidly spreading everywhere. What actually is a weed? The dictionary describes it as a wild plant growing where it is not wanted and in competition with cultivated plants. The American essayist and poet Ralph Waldo Emerson called it a plant whose virtue has not yet been discovered. Donald Culross Peattie, an American botanist, said, "For me, a weed is a plant out of place." No matter how you define it, weeds are plants that don't fit into our picture of a desired flower garden or landscape. We create weed problems, since no plant is a weed in nature. To put it another way, it is our way of controlling or manipulating nature. For farmers, weeds interfere with the objectives of farming or forestry and impact the economy of their businesses. They compete with crop plants for water, light, nutrients, and space.

Of the approximately 400,000 species of plants worldwide, only about three percent behave as weeds. Different plants grow and spread differently; some are stronger competitors than others, but they all have certain characteristics in common: abundant seed production; rapid population establishment; seed dormancy; long-term survival of buried seed; adaptation for spread; ability to occupy sites disturbed by human activity; and ability to thrive in unfavorable conditions. In spite of these potentially undesirable traits, not all weeds are bad. Many stabilize the soil and add organic matter. Some are edible to humans and



provide habitat and food for wildlife. The challenge is to find a balance.

Gardeners in our Monocacy area find these common weeds in their gardens: bindweed (the wild morning glory and, in my gardens, the most persistent and difficult to get rid of), henbit, pigweed, broadleaf plantain, crabgrass, chickweed, dandelion, Canadian thistle, creeping Charlie, and white clover.

What is the best way to get rid of weeds? There are many remedies. The secret of successful domination is a vigilant eye to allow no weed to get a hold, or worse still, to go to seed. Spencer, Winston, and I check my gardens for weeds several times a day. Weeds are opportunists and masters of disguise. Some of them actually have pretty flowers (are they really weeds?) and they sneak in alongside a flower you want. They do this with my *Alchemilla mollis* and alstroemeria plants. Mulching among plants saves hours of weeding. I add fresh mulch in early spring, and I add more as needed. Bare, unprotected soil provides a clean slate for a weed invasion. Have the right tools for removing the pesky weeds. My favorite is the Japanese swoe. It is ideal for weeding around delicate plants and in confined spaces with an angled blade. Its push-and-pull action severs weeds from their roots. Establish a perimeter around

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## Local News

### The Potomac Women's Republican Club's Jean Roesser Scholarship 2019 Winner!

By Rita Beck and Mary Fairbanks

The Potomac Women's Republican Club (PWRC), in recognition of its sixtieth year serving their community, established the Potomac Women's Republican Club - Jean Roesser Scholarship. Jean Roesser (1930-2017) was a longtime resident of Potomac and represented Potomac in both the Maryland House of Delegates (1987 to 1995) and the Maryland Senate (1995 to 2003). She served as Secretary of Aging for the State of Maryland from 2003 to 2007. Roesser was a founding member of the Arts Council, Montgomery County, a member of the West Montgomery County Citizens' Association and the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. She served as delegate to the Republican Party National Convention in 1996 and as an alternate delegate in 1992. She served as vice president of the Maryland Federation of Republican Women and president of the Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women. She was a member of the Potomac Women's Republican Club.



PWRC president, Julie Krieger (center left), and first vice president, Sharon Whitehouse (left), along with Wootton High School principal, Kim Boldon (right) presented the check to Abigail Russ.

Each year, this scholarship is awarded to a local area, college-bound high school student. The winner of the 2019 Award of \$1,000 is Thomas S. Wootton High School senior, Abigail Russ. Abigail's excellent writing and research were evident in her essay which was chosen out of many submitted. Participants were asked to respond to the following prompt: Who do you think had a great impact on the colonists' successful struggle and fight for freedom from the British in the Revolutionary War and why?

Abigail will be attending the University of Maryland, majoring in Journalism.

We congratulate Abigail on her outstanding winning essay and wish her the best of luck in her educational endeavors at the University of Maryland. Go, Terps!

#### Abigail's Winning Essay

*In 1776, the English colonists were split on the question of separation from the mother country. With the publication of Common Sense, Thomas Paine not only inspired an uprising against the English monarchy, but also inspired a new idea of personal independence and freedom that are distinctly American.*

*Common Sense drove public sentiment toward revolution. Thomas Paine argued that government is a necessary evil in order to maintain security, and that hereditary*

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## AgNews

### True Love Lasts Four Generations

By Lisa Warffeli

Mason Hopkins can operate heavy equipment to build you a driveway, but his true love is found at his family farm, Frozen Levels. Mason is the fourth generation to farm on this land, and his parents still reside on the farm as well. His wife, Tammy, as do all farm wives, assists on the farm, and Dylan, their eldest son, works alongside his dad in both farming and the family's excavation business. Mason shared how farming is the most educational, most rewarding, and toughest job he has known.



*The Hopkinses: representing four generations of farming.*

When Mason was growing up, his family rented Frozen Levels out to a local farmer, John Hunter. In high school, Mason's father edged back into farming by raising three head of Angus. Then they started planting hay on five to ten acres. Mason laughed as he recalled raking hay with a pitchfork in the late 1970s, tossing it up into the bed of a truck. When they bought a square baler, Mason was thrilled to be able to put the pitchfork away. Slowly but surely, the Hopkins family began running Frozen Levels again.

While attending Frostburg State University, Mason went to work part-time at a dairy farm. Mason smiled and said, "I had more money in college than I ever did." He came home and told his father he wanted to farm. Instead of discouraging his son, Mason's dad helped him buy used equipment to start, and Mason became the fourth generation of Hopkinses running the farm.

Mason now has seventy-two head of Angus cattle. He has thirty calves under 500 pounds and one bull. He raises three to four cows for his family and close friends. He also raises corn, wheat, soybeans, and hay. "There's so much that can go wrong. If it rains too much, the wheat crop can be damaged. If it doesn't rain enough, the corn dies.

"Farming is extremely gratifying and extremely frustrating at the same time." Last summer the rain caused flooding on his farm, but it stopped in time for harvest. Frustration also comes on the roads in Montgomery County. He wishes he could tell the guy who is zooming past his combine and showing him a certain finger that he is just doing his job. His job is raising the corn, wheat, and soybeans that eventually end up on the angry driver's table. He wants people to know, "We are still out here." He encourages Montgomery County residents to learn more about the farming community.

Mason prepares for bad crop years by supplementing his income with his excavation business. He always had a bulldozer at the farm, but more importantly, he learned to repair equipment. He learned because "you have to; farming makes you resourceful." Most farmers don't have the luxury of waiting on repairs or paying for them, so they teach themselves or have buddies help. "It's an education you can't buy." Mason tries to look at it as rewarding

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### Haiti Festival Another Success

By Dominique Agnew

For the past ten years, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville has hosted its Haiti Festival in the spring to raise much-needed funds for its twinned church, St. Joseph's in Carcasse, Haiti. This year's eleventh annual festival was thoroughly enjoyed by the 140 or so people in attendance. As people arrived, they were greeted by the sound of bluegrass music played by Sweet Yonder, a quintet of women who promised (and delivered!) "Bluegrass Music with Guts, Glory, and Soul." While the guests mingled and nibbled on delightful hors d'oeuvres, they perused the raffle and silent auction tables (no fighting broke out, the night was still young). Dozens of items and services donated by people and local businesses were on display. After the cocktail hour, the guests took their seats at tables only to wonder who would be able to approach the incredible buffet first. Simple solution: The order of the tables was auctioned off to the highest bidder, a devious but effective strategy. Regardless, the bidding for the first table was quite exciting. After dinner, Jack Reid introduced a special guest, Père Verdieu Joassaint, pastor at St. Joseph's in Carcasse, Haiti. Père Joassaint spoke by way of a translator and gave thanks to everyone for their support.

Other special guests included former Haitian ambassador to the United States, Raymond Joseph along with his wife, daughter, and son in law. Ketlyn Caton, president of the nonprofit organization Kakas An Aksyon (Carcasse in Action), along with three members from Missouri and five members from Florida were

also in attendance. This group has members living all over the U.S. with roots in Carcasse, Haiti and wanted to show their support for the construction of a church to replace the one destroyed by Hurricane Matthew in 2016. They traveled over sixteen hours to attend the festival. The evening was an outstanding success, good times were had by all, and over \$25,000 was raised for many projects underway.

Haiti has long been a struggling island nation in which a large percentage of the population lives in poverty. In recent years, it has been hard hit by natural disasters, first an earthquake in 2010 and more recently Hurricane Matthew which completely destroyed St. Joseph's Church. St. Mary's has provided support for over a decade with yearly medical missions, providing a year-round medical clinic, construction of a new school, paying the salaries of the teachers, and much more. Many other projects have been

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The damage to St. Joseph's Church after Hurricane Matthew in 2016.



Artist rendering of the proposed new church.



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## Focus on Business

### Creating Vibrant Communities Is a Family Tradition

By Susan Petro

Tom Kettler owns Kettler Forlines Homes with his older, brother Dick. The two have long-held traditions of not just building new neighborhoods but also of playing an active role through public service and community involvement. Tom's father, Clarence, who founded Kettler Brothers home builders, set the example for his seven children by giving generously to the communities they served.

While at the helm of Kettler Brothers, Tom's dad and two uncles were responsible for building Montgomery Village in Gaithersburg in the 1960s. The brothers were introduced to the trade by their father (Tom and Dick's grandfather), who owned a butcher shop in Washington, D.C. and dabbled in real estate on the side. He taught his sons the trade along the way.

Three out of four of Clarence's sons followed their dad into the home-building business. Tom grew up in Montgomery County and graduated from Walt Whitman High School. He studied Political Science at the University of Michigan before returning to the area in 1980. After college, Tom joined his brother Dick and cousin Kip Forlines at the then-recently-formed Kettler Forlines Homes. Sadly, Kip passed away a few years ago.

Tom began his involvement in the Poolesville community in the late 1980s and early 1990s when Kettler Forlines completed the building of the homes in the Tama community. Another builder built the first fifteen homes. After Tama was completed, Kettler Forlines Homes developed the lots for the Woods of Tama and worked with two different builders to construct the homes.

Kettler Forlines Homes purchased the property for Brightwell Crossing from the Elgin family in the 1990s. It took a few years to go through the design and approval processes needed to build a new community, which was also briefly interrupted by a housing recession in the mid-2000s, but by 2010, Kettler Forlines Homes built its model home and has now completed all but one of seventy-nine houses in the Brightwell Crossing neighborhood. They are now about halfway through their ninety-eight-home development of the Reserve at Brightwell Crossing.

Tom's major role at the company



**Tom Kettler of Kettler Forlines Homes: Real estate is his business, serving the community his calling.**

involves the initial land development. "A lot of what I do with the company is to get the projects approved," said Tom who described himself as a very people-oriented person with a job that requires many people-related skills. Throughout the process of building a new home or new community, Kettler meets with numerous people, including the town's commissioners and planning board, plus county, state, and federal officials like the Army Corps of Engineers. "When you buy a piece of property, you can't just start building," said Tom.

In addition to the work involved in getting the building plans approved, the company must rely on a team of highly-qualified site-planners, carpenters, roofers, plumbers, electricians, and other building experts. Tom is proud of his employees, many of whom have twenty or more years in the business.

Like his father and siblings, Tom takes an active role in community service and making positive changes throughout Poolesville and the surrounding areas. He served for fifteen years as the Chairman of the Board of Elections in Poolesville and was a former president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC). Additionally, Tom serves on the building committee at his church and is active with the Maryland Building Industry Association where he serves as a judge for various competitions.

One of Tom's favorite activities is working with the local area students. "If I wasn't a builder, I'd be a teacher," said Tom, who has sponsored many school activities over the years, including numerous Global Ecology

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**Creating Vibrant Communities Is a Family Tradition**

projects that seniors complete as part of their graduation requirements.

Tom loves to see his ideas come to fruition. He's not one to sit back when he can chip in to get things done. When Tom realized that Poolesville didn't have a community map, he organized a plan to create one. The maps are available at multiple sites, including local businesses and Poolesville High School. New homebuyers also receive a copy in their welcome packages. The map has been updated five times over the years to reflect the newer communities and businesses.

Tom was also at the forefront of getting the four-panel mural painted on the exterior wall of Bassett's Restaurant. Where others saw four blank wall surfaces, Kettler envisioned scenes of the Poolesville area. He worked with town officials, PACC, the current and former owners of Bassett's, and local artist Karen Kouneski to create the now-much-beloved paintings in the center of town. Kettler even participated in fundraising for the murals by becoming a bartender-for-a-day at Bassett's Restaurant. "I always wanted to be a bartender," said Kettler, whose fundraising tips raised \$400 towards their goal.

Recently, Tom became a board

member for the Historic Medley District, Inc., a nonprofit organization devoted to preserving and promoting our local history. He previously served on the Heritage Montgomery Board. Tom always had a keen interest in history and became interested in the Poolesville area history when he moved to the community. Although Tom no longer lives in town, he still remains involved in multiple activities. He regularly attends the commissioner and planning board meetings.

One of Kettler's greatest satisfactions is seeing how the houses his company builds turn into thriving neighborhoods where new friendships and lifelong relationships are forged. "I get such a thrill coming back into communities after they are built," said Tom. "We help sponsor a neighborhood picnic every year at Elgin Park which we built as part of Brightwell Crossing. This year, we had about one hundred-plus homeowners come out."

Kettler Forlines Homes has built approximately four thousand homes in dozens of communities in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. In addition to the homes built as part of an overall development, they also offer a build-on-your-own-lot option for people who want a Kettler Forlines Homes custom built on a lot that they already own or are purchasing.

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when something breaks and he is able to fix it. He says it may take him days to find the problem, but when he does, he forgets all the hours it took.

I had to ask before I left the comfort of the porch: Where did the name Frozen Levels come from? Mason doesn't know. Frozen Levels at one

time was part of a much larger farm known as Annington Manor Farm. The Annington Manor Farm was divided into smaller farms, and one of those was named Frozen Levels on the deed.

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### June 21

#### PACC 2nd Annual Golf Outing

Shotgun play, longest drive. Visit Poolesvillechamber.com/golf-outing for details. *Bretton Woods*. Registration at 9:00 a.m.

### Fridays on the Commons

Annual Bark in the Park Dog Show: Vendors, inflatables, DJ, farmers' market, rescue groups. Mutts Gone Nuts Comedy Show at 6:30 p.m.; Cutest Dog Contest at 7:30 p.m.; Dog Musical Chairs at 8:30 p.m. *Whalen Commons*. 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### June 22

#### AHOP On the Patio

Jeff Carmella Band. 4:30 p.m.

### Family Night on Calleva Farm

Fun activities for all ages. Dinner available for purchase. Details at Calleva.org.

### June 28

#### Fridays on the Commons

Red, White, and Brews: Inflatables, food trucks, farmers' market, beer and wine, featuring Barley and Hops. Concerts: Brian Harris (under the tent) at 6:00 p.m.; 19th Street Band at 8:00 p.m.

### June 29 and 30

#### 22nd Annual Montgomery County Heritage Days

You do not have to go away to get away. This two-day celebration presents

the history of the county through over forty historical sites, each offering tours and exhibits. Featuring live music, children's crafts and games, outdoor activities, exhibits, walking tours, and more! Locally, there will be special displays at the John Poole House and Trading Post, and an exhibit at the Old Town Hall and Bank Museum. Additionally, the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road is open to the public. Visit [HeritageMontgomery.org](http://HeritageMontgomery.org) for details. Free. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

### June 29

#### Annual Independent Order of the Odd Fellows Summer Picnic for Seniors, Widows, Widowers, and Orphans

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### AHOP On the Patio

Semi-Hollow Band, 4:30 pm.

### July 1

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

### July 4

#### Annual UMCVFD Family Fireworks

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department and Town of Poolesville will offer Fourth of July Celebration and Fireworks. Music by Back to the Beach Band. Along with hot dogs and sausages, soft drinks and water, there will be Cugini's pizza, Watershed Café, Fire Shop Subs, Rosie's Funnel Cakes, Corned Beef King, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, and Grandma's Kona Ice. Alcohol, pets, and coolers are prohibited. \$5.00 per car. Note: Have your money ready to help speed entry process. *Soccer fields at Hughes and Sugarland Roads in Poolesville*. Gates open at 5:00 p.m.

### July 12

#### Fridays on the Commons

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### June 14

Flags were ordered to fly at half-staff in honor of R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., former Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates, who died Thursday, June 13, 2019.



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**PHS Principal Deena Levine to Retire**

students and teachers. “We also have a very harmonious, supportive, and accepting student body,” she said. “They are competitive, but they also support one another and are proud of each other’s achievements. At our Senior Awards Night, many guests who weren’t familiar with our school commented to me their amazement that the students cheered for their fellow classmates for every award. That was not surprising to me since I know our students. We do have the best students that a principal could want.”

Levine was asked about how students have changed over the many years she has taught in and led schools. Her comments were reassuring. “From my perspective, I think that students have changed dramatically from when I was a student, from when I first taught . . . Today’s students are very politically savvy. They follow elections, know the issues, and have strong convictions and sentiments on the issues. In addition, our students are interested in social justice and are not just observers but activists and advocates. They can organize very quickly and efficiently, feel comfortable sharing their views, and are not afraid to challenge the status quo... They are very socially conscious and are deeply engaged in community service to help others. Their openness, sincerity, and their desire to make the world better makes our students completely inspiring to me.”

Levine has guided PHS for almost two decades and has been a part of the efforts by the students and parents to ensure the aging school—the core of which is almost seventy years old—is rebuilt. She is very much aware of and supportive of the efforts of the Fair Access Committee for the Upcounty to secure the county’s agreement to build a new high school co-located with community, health, and security services that are not available in our area but are provided to most other county residents.

In response to a question about the committee’s efforts, she replied, “I think Fair Access is a brilliant idea, and the way the community has come together to support Fair Access is outstanding. The concept has such merit. The fact that Dr. Smith and Ms. Evans wrote letters to the county council is very important and demonstrates their support of the school, police substation, wellness center, and community/senior center. Since our community is not near movie theaters nor malls, our Poolesville High School is the hub for community. We have very-well-attended musicals, plays, and sports events, but it would be great for the community center to sponsor activities for our young people during the entire year.”

Levine is very well aware of the significant problems with the school building’s condition and age. She has sent a list of about a dozen significant shortfalls in the building to the county school system, highlighting such things as bathrooms that are not ADA compliant, the need for a security vestibule at the school, the lack of natural lighting, and the narrow hallways throughout the school. As she mentioned in comments to Channel 7 News a few years ago, “It is an older building. The classrooms are small, the hallways are narrow, the ceilings are low, so we’re really looking for a state-of-the-art facility. I can only imagine the things we could do.”

As to her future plans, Levine said, “Since I have a law degree and am a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia, I would like to pursue something in the legal field. . . I have no immediate plans, but I hope in August to update my résumé and start looking for something in the legal field which I will find challenging.” We wish her all the best.



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## Yeas and Neighs

### Volunteers: What Would Eventing Do without Them?

By Andie Devynck

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes an army to run an event like the semi-annual Seneca Valley Pony Club (SVPC) Spring Horse Trials, the first of which in this, its thirtieth year, took place June 14 to 15 at its invaluable gem of a property, Bittersweet Field on Partnership Road. From the experienced core group of organizers, judges, course designers, and stewards to the on-site veterinarians, farriers, vendors, awards suppliers, and catering, and the outside support of advertisers and marketers, the two-day affair is undergirded by a squadron of volunteers, many of whom return yearly for the fulfilling sense of teamwork which helps this prestigious event succeed. Then, of course, there are the horses—those multitalented, magnificent athletes. We all return for the horses.



Seneca Valley Pony Club's Spring Horse Trials


The volunteer cadre perform a wide range of supportive functions. Volunteers aid in parking, both for horse trailers and spectators. This is a day-long job that may not be the most exciting of positions but is key to setting the tone for all arrivals, and order for competitors. Volunteers assist the dressage, show jumping, and cross-country stewards with a variety of tasks, most of which have to do with ensuring horses and riders are kept safe, on schedule, and their performances monitored in seconds or points. All three phases of eventing require warmup areas which must be overseen for safety and order. During competition, a dressage volunteer may be the judge's scribe, while at the showjumping course, he or she may monitor the entrance and exit to the ring.

Cross country requires the largest number of volunteers, as there must be a jump judge for every fence on the course, all of whom must communicate with the announcer in order to keep on top of the progress of each rider on course. This is particularly important when the occasional refusal at a fence or rider fall occurs, possibly affecting the flow of horses who follow in staggered starts. Returnee volunteers can ask for jump judge placements at a favorite fence. The water jump is a favorite spot as horses not only jump challenging fences but also in and out of the water.

Volunteers must attend briefings at the start of the day to receive their assignments and pertinent information. SVPC Horse Trials takes pains to prepare volunteers long before they arrive on the day of competition; however, they use an eventing coordination website that registers and educates participants as to what to bring, expect, and do during their committed hours; and they support their volunteers as much as their volunteers support them with lunch, snacks, desserts, drinks, T-shirts, decals, wet weather ponchos, and even reusable lunch and insulated grocery totes.


The icing on the cake, though, is the schooling pass. For each full day a volunteer works, a schooling pass is given which will be honored on any one of several scheduled days following the spring and fall horse trials. There is little more thrilling to an eventing fan than a chance to ride on the official course while still inspired by the horse trial itself.

SVPC staff bend over backwards to thank and praise their volunteers in real time. We all need to feel appreciated, and the SVPC authentically and vociferously expresses its gratitude for the volunteers before, during, and after each day of the event. That, too, keeps the volunteers returning year after year. If you are interested in becoming an SVPC horse trials volunteer, visit [senecavalleyponyclub.org](http://senecavalleyponyclub.org). If and when you do volunteer, remember to bring your shades and sunscreen!




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**Weeds: The Good and the Bad**

your beds; don't let the lawn's grass and its weeds slowly creep into the flower bed. I call it a little garden moat to keep out unwanted visitors. Perennial weeds, such as bindweed, have underground tubers and rhizomes. You might pull up the visible weed part, but pieces that break off remain in the soil and continue to spread underground, but if you keep pulling up the part of the weed that you see, the plant is left with no leaves and, without leaves needed for photosynthesis, the underground plant parts will become weakened and will eventually die. This will take time.

Unfortunately, for the environment and human health, the go-to control for weeds are chemicals: insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides. The herbicide Roundup, with its active ingredient glyphosate, is the brand of choice for many people. If sprayed on the lawn, it will kill not only the weeds but the lawn. It is nonselective and will control any green plant on which it is applied. There is tremendous debate on this issue worldwide. People are becoming more

concerned about the effects of pesticides on the environment and human health. Following WWII, DDT was considered a wonder chemical and was used for many purposes worldwide. Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* (1962) was a watershed moment in the history of environmentalism. She used DDT to teach the broader story of the disastrous consequences of the overuse of pesticides. Her testimony before the U.S. Congress triggered the establishment of the Environmental Protection Agency in 1970. There are no easy answers today. Should glyphosate be banned? Farmers make a very strong case for its use in commodity farming; it supports their livelihood and provides food for many people worldwide. What about the environment? More research is needed to come up with an alternative method of weed control, especially for the farmers. There is no need for home gardeners to use pesticides; there are several natural alternative methods of control. I stopped using chemicals in my gardens years ago, and I still have beautiful, healthy plants, especially my rose Olivia Austin. I use soap and water to kill many pests and stop diseases. Vinegar and water will kill weeds (and also any plants you do want).

Recently, my daughter, who lives in the borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (H&F) in central London, sent me a photo she took of a large truck in her area that was spraying weeds on the median strip and along the sidewalks and street. It was not spraying a chemical, such as Roundup, it was spraying hot water. The next day, the weeds were gone. In June 2016, the H&F Council banned the use of products containing glyphosate in ground maintenance operations in the borough. H&F is considered the most environmentally-conscious borough in London. This weed control system uses Foamstream weedingtech, an herbicide-free solution for controlling unwanted vegetation. It kills using an application of hot water and foam made from natural, non-toxic ingredients, including plant oils and sugars. When the solution is applied to a weed, the hot solution acts as a thermal blanket, keeping the heat on the weed long enough to kill it. Other cities in the UK and Europe have banned products with glyphosate and are using this hot water/foam system. The big plus is that it works without harming the environment. Several cities in California, Oregon, and Illinois are also experimenting with this innovative and highly-responsible way of dealing with the problems of weeds. On a much smaller scale, I have tried it in my gardens. I boil a kettle of water and drip it over the weeds a few times. In days, the weeds are gone. It works; it is free of charge; and it does not harm the environment. Give it a try.

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Tidbits

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Oops, We Almost Forgot

We listed those senior student-scholars who were recognized at the Poolesville Athletic Award ceremony for their outstanding contribution to Falcon sports in our last issue, but we missed one very important athlete: Gwen Boe received the Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship. Way to go, Gwen!



Student-athlete Gwen Boe received the Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarship Award.

St. Peter's Holds Shower for Pastor

Rev. Emily Lloyd and her husband Steve are soon to have a new member of their family, a baby boy! The Women of St. Peter's threw a baby shower for the minister, and Steve even joined in the fun. Rev. Emily will be taking a short time off before returning to the pulpit later this summer.



Emily and Steve Lloyd at the baby shower thrown for them by the Women of St. Peter's.

Selfie Challenge: Where in the World Is the Monocle?

We want you to send us a fun picture of you on vacation this year with one rather different kind of request. As you

travel, we want you to send in a selfie of you and your fellow travelers on vacation, with a clear picture of where you are in the background and, most importantly, holding a copy of the Monocle in your hands. We want the Monocle to travel with you, and we think our readers will get a kick out of you holding our paper during your summer travel time. Put this copy in your travel bags right now so

you don't forget! Email the picture to us at rdavis@monocacymonocle.com. Okay, in case you do forget, write on a piece of paper, "We miss [insert your town] and the Monocle," and we will accept it.

New Appointment to BOD of Heritage Montgomery

Poolesville's Abby Clouse-Radigan has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of Montgomery Heritage. She is the librarian at the

Bullis School in Potomac and holds a Ph.D, in Comparative Cultural and Literary Studies. As a Mellon Fellow at Wesleyan University, she taught about the history of museums, the politics of collections, and Native American cultural property rights. She has also worked as a researcher for the Smithsonian Institution and at the White House Historical Association, which published her newly-released book,

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## PHS: History of Education, Part II

1958, when the current building was first opened on April 22.

In this issue, we report on the people responsible for the advancement of public education in the county and town. It is the leadership of the principals and teachers who are most responsible through their dedication over five decades that eventually led to the high level of success we so proudly hail today. It is to their names and contributions that we give honor in this report.

Nearly fifty years after John Poole, Jr. built his trading post, public education came to Poolesville. The very first school building in Poolesville was a one-room, log cabin-style structure built in 1839 on farmland originally owned by J. T. Fisher. In the 1840s, Coxen Road, then the main road into Poolesville, was replaced by what we call Fisher Avenue, named in honor of this family. Coxen Road eventually was almost entirely abandoned with only a small section remaining, a section we now call Beall Street, which runs the length of Whalen Commons on its north side.

Two individuals, Mr. Herber followed by Mr. Jarbel (first names not recorded), were the pioneers of education, serving as the earliest teachers. After the Civil War, the log cabin was replaced by the one-room schoolhouse built at the corner of West Willard Road and Fisher Avenue on the property now occupied by the Blue Hearth. This structure is pictured in the June 7 issue of the Monocle near the current Thrift Shop, which also at one time served as a schoolhouse. Just prior to the Civil War, the very first principals were a Mr. Silas Davis followed by Mr. Robert Stout.

The site of the Board of Education (referred to back then as the Board of Managers for Primary Education in Montgomery County) was in Rockville where these managers of primary education ordered for the first time on June 19, 1839 the publication and printing of one thousand copies of a pamphlet entitled "Establishing Primary School in Montgomery County." In that same meeting, they voted to hire and pay an individual as their assisting clerk at a rate of \$2.00 per day for every day he attended the meeting of the Board of Managers.

The Board of Managers was responsible for hiring teachers. On a June 5, 1860 a meeting, the Board of Managers reviewed twenty-nine applicants for teaching positions. Teacher salary at that time was set at \$75.00 per quarter.

The Rev. S. R. White was the Superintendent of Schools in the six years prior to the beginning of the 1900s. Between June 1905 and January 1906, the first multi-classroom structure was built as a primary school. At that time, secondary school (now referred to as high school) for students in our area was held at Sandy Spring and Rockville. Private schools dominated. The Briarley Hall School for Ladies, built in 1873 at the corner of what is now Elgin and Jerusalem Roads, was a family enterprise with Mrs. M.E. Porter as principal assisted by Miss W.E. Porter. Some classes were also taught at what was then called the Old YMCA building, today recognized as the Friendly Thrift Shop.

In 1904, Mr. Dewalt Willard (the great-grandfather of current Poolesvillian, De Willard) was elected School Commissioner. Joined by the local Baptist minister, Rev. White, they had hoped to gain a \$10,000 loan for a new school from the Board of Managers. Opposition to the plan did not believe that sum could be paid back. On May 19, 1905, Dr. Edward Wootton and his wife Betty purchased the land where the current school now stands for \$410.00 and donated it for a school building. In June 1905, construction began and was completed in just six months. The first two-story building had two classrooms down and two up. The building cost \$3243.25 with an additional \$102.00 spent for sanitary expenses and incidentals. The bill for furniture and equipment was \$171.58.

On the day of opening, the first principal was Robert Stout, who was paid \$489.50 for nine months of the year. Previously, he had been a teacher at Cedar Bend School and was somewhat undecided about whether he should come to Poolesville to accept the position as principal or to teach at Woodside School in Silver Spring. He chose Poolesville. Not only were the economics considered better, but we suppose even more importantly, his wife, Claudia Offutt Stout, was from Poolesville. It is interesting to note that Mr. Stout had previously taught at the one-room schoolhouse in Poolesville.

When the new Poolesville School opened in January 1906, Mr. Stout, as principal, headed a teaching staff of two teachers: Miss Emma Williams (later to become Mrs. Walter Pyles) and Miss Betty Griffith (later Mrs. Magruder Viers). The school had eighty-nine students enrolled, having an average attendance of sixty-one students for grades one through seven.

The school added eighth and ninth grades in 1910, when, just a year later, it had the county's first school bus (horse drawn) in 1911 driven by Lloyd Grubb, who was also the town barber. In 1914, tenth grade was added and eleventh

grade in 1920, bringing the school population to 125. Mr. Paul Calvert Cissel became the school's first vocational agricultural teacher in 1920. The record states that this new course of study was "an important part in the future building growth of the Poolesville School."

In 1921, the assistant Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools, Mr. Thomas W. Pyles, replaced Robert Stout as principal. Stout remained as assistant principal until 1929, ending a career of forty-seven years devoted to education.

During 1922 and 1923, an addition was built to the front of the school, and the white clapboard covering of the building was replaced by a clay brick veneer.

In 1925, the school had its first gymnasium and auditorium added, measuring 65' by 37.5'. School population now rose to 275 with eight teachers. While the additions were being built, school buses were used as temporary classrooms.

On March 16, 1926, MCBOE purchased additional land for \$100 at a sheriff's auction. The land was "two acres, three rods, and four-square perches."

In 1926, Pyles stepped down, and Raymond Blackwell became principal. Mr. B.O. Aolem replaced him. He didn't last long as he was replaced by D. A. Dollarhide in 1930 (we are certain Poolesville has had a long history of fun nicknames by students for early principals). Under Mr. Dollarhide, twelfth grade was added in 1933 as was a new of 45' x 50' addition for use as an elementary school.

Agricultural teacher Mr. C. W. Wilson took over as principal in 1934 and remained until 1945. The school was officially named Poolesville Elementary and High School under his leadership.

In 1937, a local education legend, Harry C. Rhodes, previously a math and science teacher, became the assistant principal. In 1938, a one-room framed building, which had been abandoned, was reassembled and made into a home economics class room. The structure was attractively remodeled and partitioned into a model home with knotted-pine walls and kitchen equipment installed.

In 1939, a new building for a primary school was constructed: a one-story, cinderblock building with brick veneer constructed just eighty-seven feet from the existing school. This addition was 75' x 70' and consisted of three classrooms. For the first time ever, Federal funds were used in building this addition through labor by the W.P.A.

It was also in 1939 that an additional five acres were bought from Harry L. Stevens for \$10 and "other diverse benefits," which turned out to be a well-built barn to be used for agricultural classes in experimental animal feeding. This additional parcel was needed to meet the growing sewage field demands of the school. In 1941, a more modern building was built for ag studies.

During the war, it was difficult to find teachers. When C. M. Wilson resigned as principal in May 1945, Miss Olivia Green, an English teacher, replaced him until the end of the school year. Mr. Robert Skaife became principal from 1945 to 1946. When Harry Rhodes returned to Poolesville in 1946 after serving in the navy as the captain of an anti-submarine mine ship, he became principal in 1947. It was under Mr. Rhodes's tutelage that the planning of the high school that opened in 1958 began. In 1952, Rhodes became Superintendent of Schools for Queen Anne's County.

Mr. Thomas Pyles, who had been a Poolesville student in 1934, replaced Rhodes in 1953. It was during the 1950s that the Board of Education first considered closing the high school in Poolesville. The plan was to transport students to Gaithersburg and Rockville. The community, angered by this proposal, rallied in opposition to the plan, which culminated in a mass protest meeting, attended by the superintendent and members of the school board. This action resulted in dropping the notion of closing the school and busing Poolesville students elsewhere. Mr. Thomas Pyles left in 1956 to work for the State Department and was replaced by Robert T. Crawford, and it was then that integration of the school began. In 1960, the school obtained full accreditation as a secondary school system.

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## Haiti Festival Another Success

completed over the years but none as large as the one currently underway, the construction of a new church, designed to withstand hurricanes and earthquakes. The estimated cost of construction is \$480,000 and, as of the Haiti Festival, the total amount raised by St. Mary's is \$180,000, a great achievement but still a sizeable distance from the needed goal.

To help St. Mary's in its worthy endeavor: contributions can be made by check payable to St. Mary's Church with "Haiti" in the memo line and sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838 or at the webpage, [www.gofundme.com/carcasse-haiti-church-rebuild-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/carcasse-haiti-church-rebuild-fund).

## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Burglary:** 25600 block of Old Hundred Road.

**Theft:** 21000 block of Beallsville Road.

**Vandalism:** 18900 block of Beallsville Road.

**Accidental Death:** 23600 block of West Harris Road. A farmer died after his tractor turned over, trapping him in a ravine.

### Past Crime: 1957

A spectacular chase that reached speeds of 100 m.p.h. ended when a sportscar overturned after striking some gas pumps in downtown Rockville. A state trooper sighted a stolen Austin Healy car on Route 240 in Gaithersburg and chased it down the road into Rockville. He radioed ahead to Montgomery County officers who attempted to stop the car. The trooper's cruiser eventually went down an embankment, came back onto the roadway, and then hit a utility pole head on. He was taken to Suburban Hospital with minor injuries. In the meantime, the teenaged occupants of

the car scattered and were eventually arrested in various parts of Rockville.

An intensive search for a fourteen-year-old girl ended when she was found sitting on a rock with her legs dangling over Great Falls. She had left a family outing at Great Falls amusement park and disappeared into some woods. Police and firemen joined the search until someone on the Virginia side of the river saw her sitting on the rock.

It was discovered that over two hundred Montgomery County teenagers had obtained Washington, D.C. driver's licenses to escape the requirement that all drivers and cars should be insured. In Washington, there was no such requirement. The teens would present themselves at the DC DMV and give a Washington address and, after they had passed the test, they were given a D.C. license. At the time, the average insurance for a teenager was \$118 a year.

Two people died in a fire in their home on Route 27 north of Damascus. Police said that an older brother and sister lived in the house, and a bedroom caught fire after someone fell asleep while smoking. While the fire department was trying to rescue the occupant of the burning room, the lady collapsed and died of a heart attack.

Four Rockville men were arrested and charged with robbery after they attacked and robbed a man on Avery Road in Rockville. Police said that all five were drinking in a bar when the four offered the stranger a ride home. Once they got to a darkened area of the road, they threw the man out of their car and beat him and took his wallet. Two of the men had served two years in prison for the same type of robbery on Avery Road in 1952.

*Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*



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**The Potomac Women’s Republican Club’s  
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monarchy is an insult to the governed. In the 1770s, colonists were angry with the Crown and Parliament for newly-imposed taxes and restrictions on the colonies without representation; however, Paine believed that the cause should not be based solely on the argument of taxation, but on the ideas of freedom and independence. He stood against American slavery, both as serfs to the king and Africans in the fields. His ideas are echoed in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence that governments derive their authority by the consent of the governed.

During the difficult opening battles of the Revolutionary War, Thomas Paine continued to inspire the young nation. Even before the American people declared independence, armed conflict had begun. The American patriots were facing the strongest military force in the world. Paine published a series of articles, collectively called the *The American Crisis*, which rallied public opinion to the side of the patriots. In the December 1776 article, Paine wrote, “Let it be told to the future world, that in the depth of winter, when nothing but hope and virtue could survive, that the city and the country, alarmed at one common danger, came forth to meet and to repulse it.”

In the same article, Paine wrote his most famous quote, “These are the times that try men’s souls.” George Washington ordered his soldiers to read Paine’s article in order to inspire them to victory at Valley Forge.

Thomas Paine was neither a great student nor a great soldier, but he was a great writer. His simple writing style reverberated with the colonists. Paine’s battle cry motivated the country, swayed sentiments against the British crown, and kept up the hopes of a young nation. He had a huge impact on our struggle for freedom and helped shape the freedoms we love today. Paine understood the integral role that journalists have in disseminating truthful information in order to help citizens make informed decisions. He continues to be an important figure, inspiring my love of journalism. Our school newspaper, *The Common Sense*, of which I am on the editorial board, is named after his historically-significant pamphlet, and honors his place as a founder of this great country.

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### Tidbits

*Official Residences around the World.* Abby serves on the board of the Historic Medley District, Inc. in Poolesville.

### Poolesville's Odd Fellows Lodge #97 Awards Local Students

The Poolesville Lodge #97 of the Independent Order of the Odd Fellows (IOOF) continued its recognition and support of Poolesville area youths.

At the Poolesville High School awards ceremony in May, the IOOF awarded three \$1,200.00 scholarships to graduating seniors: Biliksa Hanida, Luke Lightcap, and Brennah Ringling. Then on June 11, the IOOF presented two Poolesville Elementary School fifth graders, Mustaha Bajang and Camden Sosna, with \$25.00 awards. Both were selected by their peers for Outstanding Citizenship. On June 12 at John Poole Middle School, the IOOF presented \$50.00 honorariums to eighth graders with the most student service learning hours. Zoe Astonishek earned 355 hours, and Anna Bodmer earned 180.5 hours. At Monocacy Elementary School, citizenship awards of \$25.00 were given to Hannah Park and Jevin Golden.

This year marks over twenty years that IOOF Lodge #97 has presented such awards to area students.

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### Commissioners Hear Proposal from County Rec Department for New Tot and Youth Programs

with the caveat that two large farm parcels totaling almost eight hundred acres would be protected for agriculture. The new owner of one portion of the land that includes the development that is known as Barnesville Oaks along Peach Tree Road has now filed a request to change the agreement and allow further development. The commissioners decided to send a letter to the Maryland National Capital Parks and Planning Commission opposing the requested change. The letter has been posted to the town's website [www.poolesvillemd.gov](http://www.poolesvillemd.gov).



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Born on October 8, 1935 in Nemaocolin, Pennsylvania, Marlene grew up in Washington, D.C. and worked for the Montgomery County Correction Center for over twenty years.

She was greatly admired for her positive attitude and friendly disposition. She was remembered as someone who always had a smile on her face and a kind word for others.

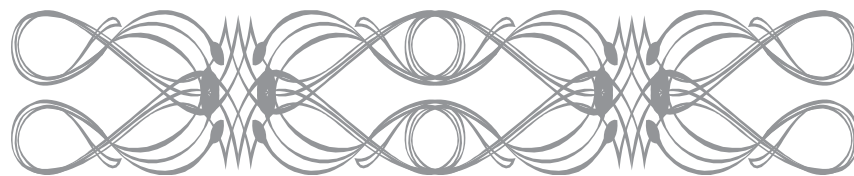
She is preceded in death by her husband Everett Edward Rone; and three brothers, John C. Frick, Gerald P. Frick, and Robert Frick.

Marlene is survived by six children, five of whom reside in Texas; one daughter, Jenny Hegarty of Poolesville and husband John; fourteen grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. Of her grandchildren, Chelsea Moron Papanikos, Whitney Moron Wright, Marshall, and Luke Hegarty are all local.

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Marlene F. Rone



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### 4<sup>th</sup> of July Safety Tips

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For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with good friends and family—including the four-legged members of the household. While it may seem like a great idea to reward Rover with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch the fireworks, in reality, some festive foods and products can be potentially hazardous to your pets.

**Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed, or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.**

**Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals.** Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

**Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pet's reach.** Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested, can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If lighter fluid is inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.

**Keep your pets on their normal diet.** Any change, even for one meal, can give your pets severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals which have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. Keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes and raisins, salt, and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.

**Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it.** While the luminescent substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.

**Keep citronella candles, insect coils, and oil products out of reach.** Ingestions can produce stomach irritation and possibly central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

**Never use firework around pets!** While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma, to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic, and other heavy metals.

**Loud, crowded firework display are no fun for pets, so please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities.** Instead, keep you little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area at home.



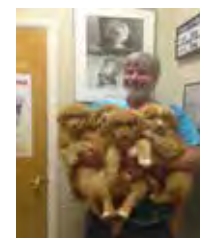
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