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Glenn Wallace hosted Monocacy Cemetery's first annual Wreaths across America tribute to departed veterans. See photos on page 2.



Basketball opened the winter sports season at PHS. See Youth Sports on page 3.



John and Lori Gruber paid an emotional tribute to someone special. Read more in Local News on page 4.



Remembering our dearly departed in 2021 on page 10.

Cook Resigns as President

By Link Hoewing

Information from several sources indicates that soon after the January 3 Town of Poolesville commissioners' meeting, Commissioner Kerri Cook resigned her position as president of the commission, but is staying on as a commissioner. It is reported her decision was due to time constraints with ongoing family matters and a new job which, combined, limited her ability to fulfill the duties of president.

Under town rules, Vice President Martin Radigan would assume the responsibilities as president until the commissioners can meet and formally elect a new president. That decision could be made as early as January 6. There are two possibilities being considered: Radigan could be elected president; or the commission could elect Jim Brown as president until elections this November. Brown has stated he will not be running for reelection this fall, and having him serve again temporarily as president might help neutralize public concern. Traditionally, the top vote getter is elected president, but the obligation to do so could be overridden.

Over the holiday break, the commissioners held two meetings on December 20 and January 3. At their last meeting, the discussion made it clear there is dissatisfaction on the part of a majority of the commissioners with the performance of the body and the way it is structured.

Commissioner Jeff Eck said questions raised at the December 20 meeting by local resident Joy Zucker-Tiemann about whether the commission had many notable achievements led him to look back at the commission's activities. Her comments "left him worried" about what the commission has achieved. He said he thinks it is time to think through how the commission does its work. "We need new energy" around what the commission does and how it does it.

Commissioner Ed Reed seemed to agree with Eck's concerns. He said he wanted to look at "where our priorities should be" going forward. He has remained concerned about how the commission deals with public comments and questions, and how they respond to citizen concerns.

Commissioner Jim Brown also agreed that looking hard at how the commission operates and how it is structured is needed.

Commissioner Martin Radigan said that he did not think it was fair to suggest the commission has had few accomplishments. He pointed to the way the town managed its operations during the pandemic; the activities and accomplishments of the Fair Access Committee with the blessings and support of the commissioners; and the selection of a new town manager.

The commissioners agreed to hold a discussion about these matters at the next commission meeting scheduled later in January.

During the January 3 meeting, Town Manager Tony Tomasello read the results of the recently-completed citizens survey regarding trash and recycling pickups. Nearly three hundred town residents completed the survey. Based on the responses, the average size of the households who filled in the survey is around 3.4 persons, about

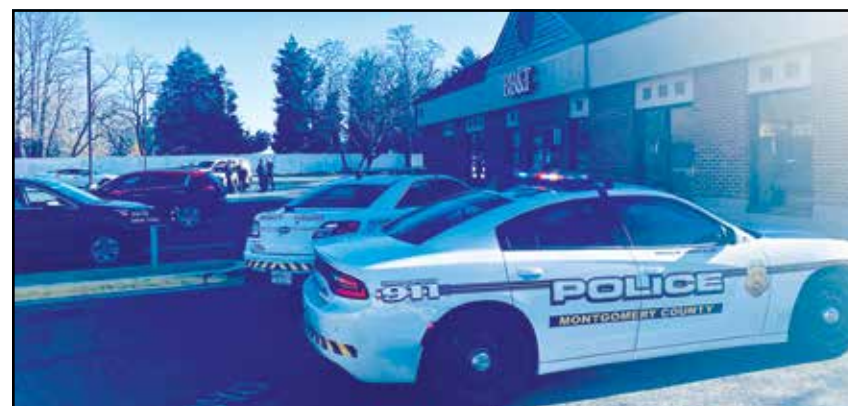
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Update on BB&T Bank Robbery

By Jack Toomey

On December 14, Poolesville experienced its first bank robbery in over a decade. At about 12:20 p.m., a man entered the Poolesville branch of BB&T in the 19900 block of Fisher Avenue and announced a robbery. He suddenly vaulted the tellers' counter, knocking down the plexiglass partition in the process. The tellers all fled to the vault. The intruder then scooped up all the cash he could find and then left the bank.

He was described as a male of unknown race, about six feet tall, skinny build, and he was wearing a dark gray



MCP officers secured Truist Bank (BB&T) in Poolesville after robbery.

hoodie, gray pants, black boots, black winter gloves, black goggles, and a black mask. Employees said that they were told not to talk to the press about the robbery.

There is a possibility that this robbery

is connected to two bank robberies in Frederick County. The case is being handled by the robbery squad of the Montgomery County Police. Anyone with information about this robbery should call 240-773-5070.

Family Album



 WREATHS
across AMERICA
at Monocacy Cemetery



Youth Sports

PHS Winter Sports Teams Start Strong, Cope with COVID Protocol Setbacks

By Jeff Stuart

All Poolesville sports teams won their opening games of the winter season, but there have been COVID interruptions. Here are the coaches' comments on the early season events.

"We won the first game with our full squad," said boys' basketball coach BJ DeBuchananne. "Then COVID hit, and we are now on pause until December 28. The second game, we led most of the way but ultimately fell to Clarksburg. We were down five guys in the second game. We were supposed to play in a winter tournament at Northern High School in Calvert County, but that has been canceled. We won at Wheaton on December 7, 55-49.

"Seniors Dylan LeMarr and Jeremiah Oyer found early foul trouble and had to sit the majority of the first half. Wheaton had an early burst and built a twelve-point lead. We outscored them 20-7 in the second quarter to take a three-point lead into half time. The second half was back and forth with more foul trouble for Dylan and Jeremiah. We managed to hold the lead most of the way until a late Wheaton run gave them a two-point advantage with two minutes left in the fourth. From there, Matt Griffith made a tough spinning left-handed layup to tie the game. Van Rosenbaum got a fast break layup to put us ahead, and then we made free throws to seal the game. Clutch defensive stops and timely offense contributed to an 8-0 run the last two minutes and a 55-49 final. Van Rosenbaum led the way with eighteen points and seven rebounds, Matt Griffith and Joe Royal had ten points each.

"We went into the game at Clarksburg on December 10 undermanned. We had five players sitting out due to COVID health and safety protocols. Despite that, we were up nine going into halftime and held an eight-point lead after three quarters. In the fourth quarter, Clarksburg's pressure wore us down as they

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Rande(m) Thoughts Sounds of Silence And Other Things

By Rande Davis

It's a new year, with new beginnings, and a chance for grand do-overs. Boy, we sure have a lot to choose from when it comes to do-overs from 2021. I am confident that each of us in his or her own way will be successful in making needed improvements this year.

As a community, we also need to set some goals. We start out with many of the big issues and concerns still out there waiting for solutions, with the status of White's Ferry ranking at the top. Hopefully, by mid-January, the light at the end of the tunnel will emerge. There is some doubt that the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will reassert its original decision made in the 1870s to make the Virginia shoreline a public landing. They do not need to declare eminent domain so much as they simply need to reassert it. Eminent domain can be messy, for sure, but doing what is right can often be that way. Whatever direction they take, we only hope it gets the ferry open before we lose any more businesses.

In waiting for that solution, we move on to other news of the day. As a newspaperman, I am often hit with the inquiry, "Hey, what d'ya hear? What's new?" As I reflect on our reporting of community events and of town government developments, in particular, I hope the coming year will find a much

more open and transparent Town of Poolesville Commission.

In years past, dialogue with the public at commissioners' meetings often resulted in some rather robust but positive discussions. Back then, meetings started off with public comments or questions, as they do now, and were limited to five minutes, unlike the arbitrarily chosen current limit of three minutes. It was not unusual, though, for the commission to allow diversion from its agenda to pursue additional discussion.

A government is not open and transparent when it allows the public to speak. It is only open and transparent when it responds in kind. Failure to engage the public with responses to their questions and concerns fosters distrust and frustration. If agendas are too tight to include more open discussions, then it is time to have additional meetings, if necessary. There is no reason the commission could not establish a third time for meetings devoted to public comments and discussion.

My observation is that public comment time during town meetings is like the song by Simon and Garfunkel, an exercise in the Sounds of Silence. It is not appropriate for commissions to just listen. The public is entitled to know their thoughts and opinions as well. Even when their opinions are still in the developmental stage, it is still helpful to hear from them to be able to gauge their priorities and concerns.

Until the commissioners find a better way to engage the public at town meetings, the public may just as well be singing, "Hello, darkness, my old friend, I've come to talk with you again."

Fun Fact...

www.songfacts.com

"The Sounds of Silence" was Simon & Garfunkel's first hit from their 1964 album *Wednesday Morning, 3 A.M.* When the album initially sold two thousand copies, it was considered a flop and the duo split up. Originally acoustic, it was re-recorded without their knowledge and overdubbed with electric instruments and released as a single, becoming their first major hit. Had the song not been reworked, the duo probably would have gone their separate ways.

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Local News

Nearly Five Hundred Departed Local Vets Honored at Monocacy Cemetery

By Rande Davis

When members of the Board of Directors of Monocacy Cemetery were approached to participate in the national Wreaths across America Program, their answer was a resounding and an immediate yes. Within three weeks of being asked to join in the national memorial tribute, Monocacy Cemetery not only had all 477 veteran local gravesites sponsored with a wreath, but they raised enough donations to cover over 700 wreaths in total. The additional wreaths were donated to Crownsville Cemetery, as they had over 18,000 gravesites to honor.

Each December, on National Wreaths across America Day, the national organizers' mission is to remember, honor, and teach about America's dearly departed with wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all fifty U.S. states, at sea and abroad.



A monument to veterans who died in battle.

Glenn Wallace hosted the event on December 18 at Monocacy Cemetery, and in representing the BOD, stated, "On behalf of the board of directors, we would like to thank the 180-plus volunteers and visitors who participated in the Wreaths across America event held Saturday, December 18, 2021, at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. We remembered and honored our 477 local veterans and taught everyone about the value of freedom. We are sincerely grateful to the Goshen

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outscored us, 18-9. Late in the game, we had opportunities to regain the lead but could not convert. It was a valiant effort under the circumstances, and the team rallied around each other to give ourselves a chance to win. We just came up one play short. Matt Griffith led the way with fifteen points and four assists. Joe Royal had nine points and five rebounds. Jaylen Riggs had two points and nine rebounds. We lost, 48-47."

The Falcon Wrestlers beat Clarksburg on December 8 at home, 36-35. "It was a great match," said coach Tim Tao. "Clarksburg always wrestles us tough. It always seems to come down to the last match, and it did again. Senior 138-pounder Zach Schneider started the match with a big win over a good wrestler, Elias Moreno. Then Isaac Feny wrestled very tough against Clarksburg's best wrestler, state-ranked Jonathan Chang. He didn't get pinned which was huge. We kept the ball rolling with Sam Stempler beating another quality wrestler in Owen Pelaez and Kevin Fultz getting a pin. Our tough guys matched well against theirs, and we came out on top. We went into the last two matches at 126 and 132 pounds, losing 30-32. We told our 126, Zach Brooks, that if he only lost by a decision or major, it still gave us a chance. With about ten seconds left of the match, he got a reversal, losing only 8-2. We were behind, but that hard-fought loss gave us an opportunity. Diesel Anderson, at 132, knew he had to pin for us to win. He got the job done in only ninety seconds. It was very exciting, and the crowd erupted as Diesel earned us the win. Clarksburg has a very good young team, and they fought hard. My guys hung in there. Though they lost, Isaac and Zach helped secure that win by keeping their matches close, preventing additional bonus points.

"We had more than five wrestlers test positive for COVID. They were suspended from all activity for fourteen days. I'm hoping we can come back from all this and keep the momentum going. We have a really good team with huge potential. I'm hoping for a region title and possibly a state title this year, if we are able to wrestle. Being off for two weeks, really, really hurts the momentum we built as well as the conditioning."

Absences due to COVID severely affected the girls' basketball team. "We have only gotten one game in," said coach Katie Hackey. "The day after our first game, a 69-14 win over Wheaton, I had seven girls come down with COVID. By the end of the week, we had ten of my twelve girls, plus myself, out with COVID. We will not have another game until after the winter break."

The varsity bocce team, coached by Tom Lang, won their opener at Northwest, 2-0, on December 17.

On December 11, the varsity boys' swim team just edged Blair, 93-92. The girls lost, 110-73; and on December 18, the boys defeated Damascus, 136-49, and the girls won as well in a tighter contest, 94-91.

"Aside from following protocols and trying to be cognizant of social distancing while on deck and washing our hands much more frequently," said coach Jonathan Leong, "we have not been impacted—knock on wood—as some other swim teams or MCPS sports teams. To my knowledge, we have not had any positive cases—yet. That may be due to only having two practices per week and one competition, but I'd like to hope that it is because the swimmers and divers are being very vigilant about wearing their masks while on deck until they jump in the pool. Hopefully, we won't have to wear scuba masks if this gets really bad."

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Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Present Virtual and In-Person Programs

Poolesville Seniors is offering a wide variety of programs in January and February that meet community needs for exercise, information, and socialization. Visit their website poolesvilleseniors.org or call 301-875-7701 to register for the virtual events listed below. All events are open to the entire community.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Indoor Pickle Ball

Fully vaccinated players are welcome, and masks are required in accordance with Montgomery County regulations. *Family Life Center, Poolesville Baptist Church.* 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Virtual.

PS Book Club. Now on the third Monday of the month. 7:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. 11:00 a.m. Virtual.

Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual.

Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email info@poolesvilleseniors.org. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Fully vaccinated beginner and seasoned players are welcome in person. Masks are recommended. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Fridays

Breath-Mind-Body with Kathy Jankowski. Please register for each Friday class. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Virtual.

January 6

Sugarloaf: A Little Mountain with a Big History

Join historian Ralph Buglass for his extensively-illustrated talk about the historical oddities of Sugarloaf, including the connections with Frank Lloyd Wright and FDR which almost lost this local treasure to the public. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 13

Conserving Monarchs in Your Own Backyard

Join biologist Clarence Hickey to learn how he planted common native milkweed in his yard to aid migrating and reproducing Maryland monarchs and raised monarch caterpillars in his home to release them into the wild. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 17

PS Book Club

Join us to discuss our first selection of the new year, *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. This Pulitzer Prize winning WWII historical novel reveals the unique vision of a blind French girl and a German boy obsessed with science and radio waves in beautifully descriptive language. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 20

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Join Kenny and the Poolesville Seniors as we continue our exploration of the historic homes and properties in the Agricultural Reserve. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 27

Off the Beaten Path in Philadelphia: The City of Brotherly Love

Need a getaway close to D.C. without the crowds? Join travel expert Barbara Paulson as she helps you plan your next "stay-cation" to Philadelphia, the City of Brotherly Love. Watch cannoli being filled by hand, check out Al Capone's prison cell, take a selfie strutting your stuff in a Mummer's costume, have a third-generation cheese monger help you select just the right pecorino in the Italian Market, and visit the nation's first art school and museum (200-plus years old). 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

February 10

The SEHP Dorsey Archeology Project

Join Montgomery College anthropology professor Tara Tetrault as she delves into the SEHP Dorsey Archeology Project, excavating the late 1800s log home of Basil and Nancy Dorsey in Sugarland. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

February 11

PS Heart and Sole Online Auction

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Nearly Five Hundred Departed Local Vets Honored at Monocacy Cemetery

Mills Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter, the Hungerford Resolves Society (NSCAR), the General William Smallwood Chapter of the Maryland Society, Sons of the American Revolution, and Hughes Network Systems.”

Each volunteer was given a few wreaths to place on the previously-notated gravesites. The process of laying a wreath at the grave is to solemnly lay it at the base of the grave marker, then standing in full respect, saying the veteran’s name out loud and verbally thanking him or her for his or her service to the nation.

Most wreath placers did not know the person they were honoring, and, indeed, of the nearly five hundred vets at Monocacy, most lived and served long ago.

For Lori Gruber and her husband, John, though, the day’s event was very special as she got to place a wreath in honor of her father, who died at age 54 in 1997. She also placed some flowers from a daughter’s wedding, one that her father missed.

The event included placing special wreaths in honor of each branch of the military. Lisa Pederson, an air force vet, not only placed one for the air force but also placed one for those now serving in the newest branch, America’s Space Force.

Monocacy Cemetery plans to participate in the national program every December.

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For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Did you know that you don’t need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.

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Remembrance

Georges R. Jacob

Georges R. Jacob was reunited in Heaven with his beloved wife Lilia on December 18, 2021 as he was lovingly encircled by his children at his bedside.

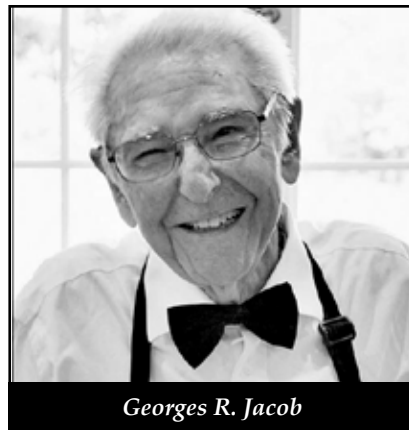
Georges Raoul Jacob was born in 1928 in Mainz, Germany, the third son of Jean Henri and Esther Jacob. His elder brother Henri Maurice was born in 1925, followed by Robert Charles in 1927, and then his younger brother Jean Joseph in 1932.

To avoid the German Army, the family moved to Algeria, first to Oran in 1930 and then to Mostaganem in 1937. They lived there until World War II ended in 1945. While there, Georges was an excellent student, and he received a certificate of excellence and a book from the president of France. He wanted to go to college while he was in Mostaganem but ended up going to a professional school where he learned English and apprenticed as a carpenter. In 1945, the family moved to Abreschviller, France. In 1947, the family made the decision to immigrate to the U.S. Georges and Robert traveled from Cherbourg, France with twenty dollars in his pocket on an army transport in the summer of 1947 and arrived in New York twenty-one days later.

The family settled in southeast Washington, D.C., and Georges held various jobs as a stock boy at Every Market and as a carpenter building houses in Kensington. Eventually, he went to work with his father as a butcher in the Western Market. He first met Lilia in the summer of 1948 while working behind the counter at the Western Market. They began their courtship that summer. Their first date was to a swimming pool on Connecticut Avenue. Lilia had invited Georges to a Romero family dinner since they lived close by on 20th Street. He was a member of the International Students Club on R Street where he took her to dances. They had to walk everywhere because he never had money for a bus. As they would walk on their dinner dates, she would sing him Mexican songs. He would always walk her home and then have to walk all the way back to his home on 14th Street, about three miles away. They would go to the movies on F Street where the movies cost fifty cents. There was always a singalong with an organ. One fateful day, his brother Robert was driving them on a double date to a movie, and when they emerged from the back seat of the car, he gave her a kiss. She liked it.

Georges was drafted in March of 1951 and was inducted into the U.S. Army at Fort Meade, Maryland, and then had his training at Fort Polk, Louisiana. While stationed at Ft. Polk, he proposed to Lilia. He shipped off to Germany with an artillery unit where he served his country with pride and was honorably discharged in 1953.

Georges and Lilia were married March 28, 1953 at St. Patrick's Church in Washington and then lived on 17th Street, NW. He worked at the Western Market, honing his skill as a butcher and shopkeeper. In 1958, he returned to university studies on his GI Bill and graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in International Studies in 1960. He and his brothers purchased three buildings



Georges R. Jacob

in Georgetown in 1960 and opened the French Market and moved to McLean, Virginia that same year. From 1960 to the early 1990s, the French Market was the preeminent store for gourmet foods and French Butchery in the greater D.C. area.

Georges and Lilia's family started in 1954 with their first two sons Gerard and then Georges in 1957. Their daughter Gabrielle came along in 1960 and lastly Adrien in 1962. The family enjoyed life in McLean and gathering with the extended Jacob, Martin, and Romero families. They enjoyed trips to Europe and Mexico, vacations through New England, Florida, Texas, and the Outer Banks of North Carolina.

After retiring from the French Market, Georges worked at Balducci's and Total Wine until 2006. In 2006, he moved to Poolesville with Lilia where they immersed themselves in the community and their nine grandchildren (Ashley, Eric, Jojo, Stephanie, Michael, Renee, Christian, Corinne, and Anna). They cheered them all on at basketball and soccer games, concerts, graduations, and weddings. He also loved playing pool at the Senior Center in Gaithersburg and working side-by-side on family gatherings with his daughter who also lives in Poolesville. He was able to celebrate the births of all four of his great-grandchildren (Carter, Mila, Parker, and Aubrey). Georges laid his Beloved Pupu to eternal rest in April of 2015 and enjoyed his final years living with Gabrielle and Jim Brown in their Poolesville home.

Georges was laid to eternal rest at National Memorial Park, Falls Church, Virginia along with his wife, mother and father, and siblings.

In lieu of flowers, and in appreciation for their honoring care, the family is inviting donations to be made to the Holy Cross Health Foundation, Hospice Program.

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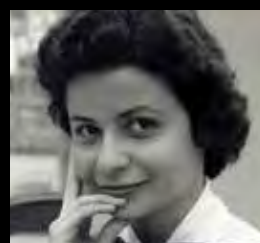
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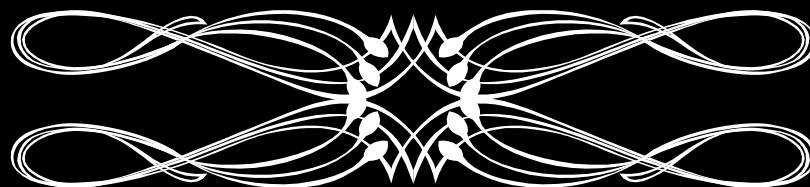
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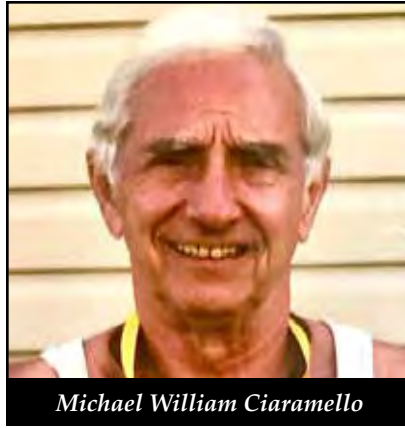
Michael William Ciaramello, born in Brooklyn, New York, passed away peacefully on December 24, 2021 after a long and happy dance through life. He was 93 years old.

Michael was a family man, a provider and doting patriarch, with a lifelong commitment to his late wife Ruth. He served in the Korean War, building the Osan Air Base with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He later put himself through college at the New York Polytechnic Institute of Engineering and had a long career in telecommunications with Western Electric as an electrical engineer. Though a New Yorker at heart, his career brought him to Fallston, Maryland, and he eventually retired in Poolesville.

Michael cherished having an active and full life. He played recreational basketball and softball, medaled repeatedly in track and field at the Maryland Senior Olympics, and loved showing off his muscles at every opportunity. Michael had a special fondness for cars and loved his Thunderbirds and Corvette. He was an avid gardener, a friend to animals, and admired the simplicities of nature. Michael had a questioning curiosity on almost everything and had knowledge on many subjects. He expressed his creativity in a number of ways and was very resourceful in fixing things with what he had at his disposal.

He was known for his quick wit, confidence, strength, loyalty, and sense of fairness. Michael was happiest around family and often vocalized it by saying, "It doesn't get any better than this."

He is survived by his children, David Ciaramello (JoAnn) and Valerie Ciaramello Gluck (Marc); grandchildren, Allie, Shelby, Morgan, and Jake Gluck, and Jack and James Ciaramello; younger sister Marie; younger brother Daniel (Angela); and many nieces and nephews. He raised a beautiful family that will forever treasure his life and memory.



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the same as the number in the most recent census data. Roughly two-thirds of those surveyed said they put trash out at the curb twice a week. This question was designed in part to determine whether moving to once-a-week pickups, which Tomasello said is by far the norm in the industry, would be acceptable. Only nineteen percent of those who responded said they “always set out a full trash bin,” evidence that once-a-week pickups would not be difficult for households to manage.

Those surveyed seemed both to be supportive of trying to find ways to collect trash more efficiently and to do so in ways that are more environmentally benign. Tomasello noted that, unlike most jurisdictions, trash and recycling are not billed separately in Poolesville but are included in the overall tax bill paid by citizens. In the survey, it is clear people do not know how much trash and recycling pickup services cost. Tomasello said that the cost of \$20 per month is “unheard of” and extremely low by comparison to most jurisdictions.

Tomasello added that the input from the survey could help inform how the bid for the next trash and recycling contract is structured. During the discussion, the commissioners seemed to express a preference for structuring a bid that allowed for either once- or twice-a-week pickups. They also said a preference should be included in the bid proposal for companies that offer services that are “environmentally friendly” and that include “automation.” Some companies, for example, have large grabbing systems that can reach out from the curb, pick up, and invert a trash receptacle. These systems are more efficient and only take one employee to manage; however, they would likely require citizens to use new and specially-designed trash bins. Just because a “preference” is included in a bid does not mean satisfying that requirement alone is enough to assure that bid outweighs others.

At the December 20 meeting, the commissioners considered and approved bids totaling almost a million dollars to refurbish the sewer lines in many parts of town. The money for these projects comes from the \$1.9 million the town was awarded under the American Rescue Funds Act.

The commissioners also set out a framework for the renewed search for a town manager. They agreed to use an only slightly modified version of the process used last time. The central piece of the process will continue to be a citizens’ committee that will review all resumes submitted and vet them before a final short list of candidates is sent to the commissioners for interviews. One significant change this time will be an effort to expand the advertising outreach for candidates.

It was noted that in the last outreach effort, some key organizations, like the Virginia Municipal League and various military organizations, that might well have candidates interested in the town manager position, were omitted. A concerted effort will be made this time to expand the outreach effort.

In addition, Tomasello said that he believes the job description should highlight more effectively the need for candidates to have knowledge of or experience with sewer and water systems. He asserted that these aspects of the job were not highlighted or explained well in the previous job description, and he thinks that may mislead candidates as to whether or not they have the experience and background necessary.



The commissioners also announced the winners of the annual holiday lights decorating contest. The judges this year for the contest were Tom Kettler and Tara Scholz.

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Past Crime: 1945 to 1949

A carnival being held in Kensington was shut down by officers after numerous complaints to the stations. Patrons complained that they were being cheated in games such as the balloon throw and rubber duck pluck. To top it off, a fight between carnival workers broke out on the last night, and Holsom Dodson was arrested for disorderly conduct.

Two Silver Spring residents were arrested and charged with various gambling offenses. Ann and Willie Jackson, owners of the Blue and Grey Tavern at Montgomery Hills, were charged with running a football pool and setting up a gambling table.

The county manager fired Police Chief Orme after Orme commented negatively on the new system of using one-man

scout cars. The county manager had ordered that the one-man cars to go into operation immediately, causing Orme to comment to the press that he thought it was a bad idea. Of course, sixty years later, it is very rare to see two officers in a police car.

Police Sgt. Leroy Snyder was indicted on two counts of malfeasance in office when he was accused of using on-duty officers to work on his farm. All of the officers were emergency policemen who were hired during WWII. The matter came to light when one of the officers was assigned to a school crossing for a week. He became upset and went to the states attorney and revealed the scheme where Snyder was using the illegal labor. In the end, Snyder was acquitted at trial when the county was unable to prove that the officers were actually on duty.

Police from several jurisdictions were scouring the countryside for a car belonging to the suspect in the murder of Florence McAllister near Burtonsville. McAllister was found beaten to death, probably by a hammer, and two men were named as suspects. In a new twist, Officer Melvin Wheeler, a private pilot, went to an airfield and borrowed an airplane and flew over Howard, Montgomery, and Frederick Counties in an effort to spot the car.

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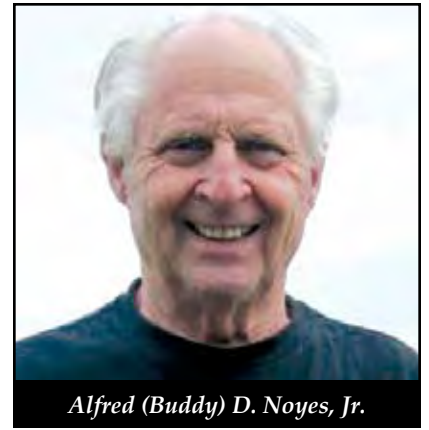
Remembrance

Alfred (Buddy) D. Noyes, Jr.

Alfred (Buddy) D. Noyes, Jr. went to be with our Lord on Nov 27, 2021 at his home surrounded by family and loved ones. Buddy was the son of the late Judge Alfred D. Noyes, Sr. and Katherine Spear Noyes.

Buddy was born July 6, 1936 in Takoma Park. He graduated from Poolesville High School in 1955.

After graduation, Buddy joined the merchant marines and served one year, then he joined the United States Navy, serving on the USS Kretchmer until 1960. Buddy returned home from service and held various jobs before attending Montgomery College and earning an associate's degree in 1968. After college, Buddy held several positions, helping underprivileged and mentally-challenged youth until finally becoming a code enforcement officer for Montgomery County and then retiring in 1986. Buddy and his wife Carol spent a lot of their time after retirement serving the Lord in many ways, including missionary work in such places as Korea. Buddy was a loving family man and outdoor enthusiast who also had a passion for physical fitness, and almost every day you could find him outside working out with his prized kettle balls and telling anyone who would listen how old he



Alfred (Buddy) D. Noyes, Jr.

was and how many pounds he could lift, and if you didn't believe him, he was happy to show you his muscles.

Buddy is survived by his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Wilma (Carol) Noyes of Beallsville; two sisters, Shelia Noyes of Florida and Nancy Morningstar of Florida; one son, Alfred A. Noyes of Frederick and one daughter, Laura K. Cabahug of Baltimore; grandsons, Philip A. Cabahug of Georgia and Joseph C. Cabahug of Beallsville; one great-granddaughter, Emily Cabahug of Georgia; and numerous nieces and nephews

A memorial service will be held on January 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Joseph's Indian School, P.O. Box 326, Chamberlin, SD 57326.

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New Year: Less Weight for You and Your Pets

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Welcome to 2022. Did you make New Year's resolutions? Did you make some resolutions for your furry friends (I don't mean Uncle Fred)? Well, if you did, you are about 100% likely to fail. Sorry, but that is the hard truth about New Year's resolutions. They are done under stress, duress, or an alcohol-induced sense of immortality. The number one resolution is always to lose some weight. We are, in general, an overweight country, and our pets are a prime example; 90% of the domestic animals in the USA are at least 10% overweight or more. We love to love our pets by giving them treats—all kinds of treats—and even our own treats. The average person overfeeds his/her pet's regular food by 10 to 20%. This is usually not the fault of the pet parents, it is the fact that dog and cat food companies typically recommend 10 to 20% feeding rates above needed amounts. We create fat puppies and kittens, and this translates into overweight adult pets.

What can we do with our New Year's resolutions for ourselves and our furry friends that has a chance of working? It is very simple. Small starts and stay within attainable goals for yourselves and your pets. There are now many apps that allow you to set schedules for yourself and your pets with respect to feeding, treats, and activity. There are fit bits and bark/meow bits that people and pets can wear to keep track of how active they are and how many calories they burn. For diet, just reduce daily intake of foods for your pet by 10%. Smaller meals three times a day can help better with weight loss than one big meal a day. Take your pets to your veterinarian and get them weighed. You can also get a quick checkup to be sure there are no hidden issues that may be a problem for your pet and you. Plan on a monthly weigh-in at your veterinary clinic. Like weight watchers, showing up in person and sharing your pet's weight can be very reinforcing.

When it comes to activity, studies have shown that by trying to make your pets more active, you actually become more active. A great rule of thumb is to keep your exercise events short and to the point. Walk your pet for 5-10 minutes to start. Consider just walking around the house or backyard. Trips down the street or into the woods can come later. Stay at the same level for three to four weeks. Trying to increase your activity time too fast is a recipe for failure for you and your pet. Remember that 80% of dogs over the age of eight have some level of osteoarthritis, so if you start to exercise your dogs or cats, and they start to seem lame or uncomfortable, a trip to your veterinarian to determine if arthritis is an issue is a good idea. There are great medications that will allow you and your pet to continue exercising comfortably. Never start exercising at a run, always at a walk. Running can come much later in the program or not at all. Many studies show that a brisk walking pace is actually better for you than a run.

Any effort you make for yourself and your pet is better than no effort. Averaging a pound of weight loss a month is a good target for an overweight pet. Always remember, unlike people, pets do not recognize quantity over quality, so a tiny bit of something tasty is better than a bag of junk food.



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