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Neville Smith, 84, still splits her own wood, although she plans to slow down. See how in Tidbits on page 6.



PHS students took their concern for the environment to the next level. Read about it in School News on page 10.



Scouting icon Brenda Murtha and scout Sophia Mense attended the Girl Scout National Convention. More scouting pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.

TSC Holds Grand Opening

Tractor Supply Company (TSC) opened its doors in Poolesville on November 1 but held its official, ribbon-cutting grand opening on Saturday, November 15. Joining store manager Mark Zampino and district manager Rob Davenport and store staff at the ceremony were town commission president Jim Brown, vice president Chuck Stump, and town manager Wade Yost. State Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo and Jeremy V. Criss, Agriculture Services Manager of the county Department of Economic Development, were also there to share in the event.

Brown noted, "The Town of Poolesville couldn't be more proud of having this store here to support not just our residents but our surrounding ag community as well. This store is another brick in the success story that is Poolesville with our up-and-coming



Photograph by Chontelle Hockenbery

Poolesville Commission President Jim Brown and store manager Mark Zampino cut the ribbon to officially open the new Tractor Supply Company in Poolesville.

business district and its opportunity to serve all our residents with the goods and services we know we have to have." The Poolesville location is

Tractor Supply's eighteenth store in Maryland and will employ fourteen

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Montevideo: Historic Home to First Family Descendants

By Susan Petro

To keep history alive for future generations, dedicated stewards are needed to tend to our land, the buildings, and the places that our ancestors once called home. Without these stewards, our past dissolves under piles of leaves or crumbles under the weight of wrecking balls. Grand homes that tell the story of our founding fathers are forever relinquished to fading photographs or tattered history books.

One such steward, Austin Kiplinger, and his family have spent decades making sure one local grand estate, known as Montevideo, the former home of George Washington's step-great-grandson, remains much the same as when it was completed in 1830. When Austin Kiplinger purchased the abandoned property in 1958, it was in rough condition. Despite the neglect, the home was "a restorer's dream," says Austin's son Knight. "The house had no kitchen,

bathrooms, electricity, plumbing, or closets; it was an original 1830s unrestored house."

Montevideo, located in Seneca at 16801 River Road, was built by John Parke Custis Peter on land conveyed to him by his father, Thomas Peter, who had acquired the approximately 300-acre tract from his father, Robert Peter, who owned approximately 11,600 acres of property in western Montgomery County. The name Montevideo comes from the Latin phrase montem video which means "I see the mountain," referring to the view of Sugarloaf Mountain to the north.

Robert Peter was a successful Scottish tobacco exporter who was



Montevideo, the Kiplinger home in Poolesville, holds much history within its walls.

one of the founders and also the first mayor of Georgetown, which was part of Montgomery County. Thomas, like his father, was a prominent landowner, tobacco exporter, and business investor, and also served as the mayor

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Happy Thanksgiving Wishes from all of us at the Monocle.

Family Album



Tractor Supply Co. hosted a bake sale fundraiser to benefit a local 4-H club.



4-H member Trevor Magaha and his father, Rinnie Magaha, were joined by Chontelle Hockenbery at the pigpen display during the grand opening of Tractor Supply Company.



Members of the Red Hat Ladies and guests came from Silver Spring to Poolesville for lunch at Bassett's and a tour of the John Poole House and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum.



To honor our veterans, the Girl Scouts of SU 32-11 placed flags at Monocacy Cemetery on the graves of those who served on Saturday.



Girl Scouts from Troops 430 and 4300 helped sort and pack clothing donated for Kashmir, India flood relief.



Boy Scouts gathered food to restock WUMCO's pantry. Back row: Andrew Johnson, Tom Behrens, Aidan Auel, Cole McKenney, Tucker Ross, Luke Terrell. Front row: Connor Ransom, Tristan Collier, Victor Velasquez, Jason Kuldell, Zachary Ransom, Christopher Falcone.



Parishioners at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville celebrated Veterans Day with a special presentation by the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion.

Town of Poolesville Commissioner Meeting Dominated By Open Forum Comments

By Link Hoewing

The November 17 meeting of the Poolesville Commissioners—the first since the elections—took a somewhat surprising turn. Comments during the Open Forum segment of the meeting—a portion of the meeting where citizens may comment that usually attracts few speakers—dominated the meeting agenda.

Commission President Brown then moved to the Open Forum and asked the scouts if they had questions they wanted to pose the commissioners. For more than an hour, scouts came forward to ask a wide array of often-disarming questions. They asked about everything from what the town was doing to preserve the environment beyond the solar panels to whether we are going to have a dog park or not. On the latter question, Commissioner Halbrook, who sits on the Parks Board, said the group had considered the issue extensively, including undertaking some cost studies. They had not decided whether or not to approve recommending the idea to the commissioners but would likely do so at the board's next meeting (December 3).



Scouts from Troop 496 attend a swearing-in ceremony for re-elected town Commissioners Jim Brown and Chuck Stump.

The local Boy Scout troop attended the meeting in large numbers as part of their citizenship activities. The troop members carried the colors to begin the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town commissioners then asked Tom Kettler, head of the Board of Elections, to certify the election results: the reelection of Jim Brown and Chuck Stump. After they were sworn in, the commission reelected Jim Brown to be its president and Chuck Stump to be its vice president. Commissioners were then elected to be representatives to the town's key advisory bodies. Brice Halbrook will again be the representative to the Parks Board; Valaree Dickerson will participate as a member of the Community and Economic Development Committee; Chuck Stump will represent the commissioners on the Planning Commission; and Jerry Klobukowski will continue to represent the town on education matters.

One particularly interesting exchange occurred when the scouts asked about the arrival of Tractor Supply and what impact it had on the local hardware store. Commissioner Brown took the lead in responding, explaining that the town wanted "all of its businesses to succeed," but that "no one has a monopoly on any business." He iterated that the new business would help "bring critical mass to town" referring to more shoppers. Commissioner Dickerson noted that Tractor Supply was aiming at customers—many farmers or owners of large animals on larger properties—within a twenty-five-mile radius of town, so its focus was broader than other stores.

After the scouts had spoken, local resident Dan Levine came forward to ask the commissioners to consider allowing a menorah to be placed among the lights and displays of the annual holiday lighting ceremony. Levine

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Commentary

Reconsidering the Dewey Administration

By John Clayton

As one grows older, one should collect more wisdom. Apparently, like growing older itself, collecting wisdom is an incremental process; it does not happen all at once. One grows wise slowly, one screw-up at a time. My latest moment of such growth was the writing of a column which was in part about Republican Congressman-elect Dan Bongino's victory in the Maryland Congressional Sixth District based on the unofficial returns in my morning newspaper. This is by no means a criticism of my morning newspaper. I am well aware that we get the early edition out here, and if something happened significantly after dark, like if the Washington Nationals game runs a little long, there will be no box score the next morning. A wiser person might have kept that mind. I also was too busy all that day and even the next morning to double check my data before we went to press. What's worse, the final result wasn't even close, and neither was I.

Be that as it may, Bongino should hold his head high for running a spirited and competitive race against extremely long odds. Granted, Governor-elect Hogan rode a rural and suburban Republican wave to state-wide victory, but that was not enough to help a Republican running in a district carefully crafted to deliver a Democratic seat. This of course refers to the gerrymandered configurations of District 6, and in that same column I also commented that Congressman John Delaney, in his supposed loss, was possibly on the wrong end of karmic retribution, as he was intended to be the beneficiary of such gerrymandering. I should amend that; I don't think Delaney had anything to do with redistricting, so it is perhaps unfair to suggest he personally deserved such a fate. In fact, I suspect his campaign would have been easier with a "normal" Montgomery County district that didn't have a bunch of disenfranchised Republican voters in

other counties grafted on to its western end. My point remains that the Maryland gerrymandering is a disgrace and should be remedied in a fair, bipartisan manner. Just because Vladimir Putin can guarantee his election results doesn't mean that Maryland Democrats should. What's next? Are we going to annex Delaware to protect all those Marylanders who own beach houses there?

Perhaps the real beneficiary of this tidal wave of Republicanism, our new Governor-elect Larry Hogan, can push for some real redistricting reform here, or maybe that's unrealistic since the legislature didn't change much. I hesitate to put too much on his plate, because he already has a lot there. A prominent campaign promise was to deliver \$1.75 billion in savings from, quoting his website, "waste, fraud, and abuse," so he can cut those O'Malley taxes we all hate without cutting any real spending, which of course most people like, even though they pretend not to. This was a big part of his getting elected, and I suppose we should all be watching to see how that works out. Perhaps he can set up one of those thermometers that fundraisers use so we can keep score together, or then again, maybe we should just move on.

That particular campaign promise was just a fancy number, and I'm hesitant to dwell any further on a promise that no one believed anyway when the entire campaign on both sides seemed to be about empty indefensible promises. His opponent, our soon-to-be-private-citizen lieutenant governor, had his own pie-in-the-sky promise (there may be others) about funding pre-kindergarten for all with gambling proceeds that many feel are already committed elsewhere. I still hold that both candidates were just blowing smoke and the voters resoundingly selected one candidate's Blown Smoke (BS) over the other's. Now Hogan gets to attack a \$600 state budget deficit. Well played, sir. We all need for you to succeed. If you can tighten things up and revitalize the state's economy, more power to you. Please don't waste your time trying to cook numbers to justify the promise about \$1.75 billion in waste, fraud, and abuse. No one really believed it anyway, and it didn't matter.

Rande(m) Thoughts

Holiday, Holy Day, Or Whole Day—Just Give Me the Day Off

By Rande Davis

As a kid, I always hated it when everyone got punished for the misbehavior of a few. At least, I did on those occasions when I wasn't the perpetrator of the infraction. The broad solution usually means that in trying to stop injustice to a few, injustice to all is dealt out.

The Montgomery County Board of Education (BOE) got national attention this past week for its sweeping decision to remove reference to religious holidays in its school calendar. They voted, 7-1, to clear the school calendar of reference to Christmas or Easter, and they threw Yom Kippur and Rosh Hashanah down the hopper as well. From now on, they will be listed as winter break or spring break, and in listing other times when the schools close for Jewish holidays, no designation, at all, will be given, just the simple note that school is closed. Above all, there will be no holidays for anyone. To do otherwise, apparently, would insidiously perpetrate the notion of

holy days being something worthy of observing.

The catalyst for the decision was a request by the Muslim community to have its Eid al-Adha holiday treated the same as the Jewish and Christian holidays by closing the schools and listing it on the calendar by its religious name.

The official closing of schools is not based on cause but on effect. We have never really closed schools for Christmas (cause) but rather when the percentage of students not attending (effect) is too great to keep the doors open. When schools close because the vast majority of it students celebrate Christmas (or Easter) and use the time to travel and visit family, it is not actually endorsing the holy day; it's only acknowledging the fact that there are not enough students or faculty to proceed with classes. When the Muslims have taken off for their holidays, the percentage of students absent is not appreciably different than any other day, so classes continue as usual.

Ironically, the BOE decision to list days off based on effect rather than cause didn't please the Muslims either. They really didn't mean to have the school remove references to Christmas. They just wanted their holy day off

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and recognized on the calendar. Why punish a few when everyone can share in the discrimination?

Maybe the whole thing is petty anyway. Maybe the BOE didn't go far enough. I tell you what gets my goat: Schools closing for professional days. I mean, shouldn't our teachers be professional every day. Do we only expect them to be professional once in a while, and then when they finally do, what do we do? We close the schools. Ridiculous.

Montgomery County Public Schools used to close schools for Veterans Day. Since only about one percent of the general population serves in the military, I guess skipping that day makes sense, too. When the next world war comes, something tells me Veterans Day will make a comeback anyway.

We used to take multiple days off to honor Lincoln, Washington, and Columbus. When it was discovered that no one really took the time to honor them individually anyway, closing schools didn't make sense. We still close on Presidents' Day, but to give honor to all presidents, not just our best. We don't do anything special to honor them, and besides, the store sales have become pretty lame all around.

And for goodness' sake, what are we doing having school closed for Thanksgiving? How do we know people are really grateful and not simply hungry? I guess it works because we can be pretty sure that most are grateful for at least not being in school—and they get to enjoy an extra-long weekend to boot—but this one should be changed to Turkey Day or Fall Break (or Football Day) unless we can find a way to enforce gratitude in the heart of anyone not in school. Wait, if you force gratitude, is it really gratitude?

I give up. The only thing to do to be fair to all is to switch to a numbering system. From now on, if the kids get a day off, give it a number. Just be sure to skip the number 13, no one wants to have an Unlucky Day—and don't hit me with your charge that I am just being an anti-13 bigot.

In the meantime, Happy Fall Break, everyone!

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TSC Holds Grand Opening

team members. The former location of Selby's Market, the 26,075-square-foot facility, offers a large and brightly-lit environment for shopping.

Tractor Supply Company, operating in Maryland since 1975, operates more than 1,300 stores in forty-eight states. Located in the outlying towns in major metropolitan markets and in rural communities, TSC stores focus on supplying the lifestyle needs of recreational farmers and ranchers and others who enjoy the rural lifestyle, as well as tradesmen and small businesses. The company offers a comprehensive selection of merchandise for the health, care, growth, and containment of horses, livestock, and pets, including select Purina and Nutrena brand feeds; hardware, truck, towing and tool products; and seasonal products, including lawn and garden items, power equipment, gifts, and toys. In addition, the company sells work/recreational clothing and footwear for the entire family, and maintenance products for agricultural and rural use.

"Poolesville is a great location for Tractor Supply Company because there's a huge farming community here," said store manager Mark Zampino. "Our knowledgeable, friendly team looks forward to providing our neighbors with Tractor Supply's legendary customer service."

Zampino joined Tractor Supply in 2013 as an assistant manager at the Frederick location. Prior to joining Tractor Supply, he worked in retail for many years. The Baltimore native enjoys hunting and spending time with his children. As the new store manager, Zampino oversees all store operations, including receiving, inventory control, and merchandising, as well as customer and team member relations.

To celebrate the grand opening of the store, shoppers received ten percent off their first purchase, up to \$100, and were entered to win prizes including store gift cards, pet feed, clothing, power tools, and a 22-ton log splitter.

The grand opening featured free Tractor Supply hats while they lasted, 4-H Pig and Swine Club, Java Cruiser, representatives from Rushing Winds Farms, a Nutrena representative, and a live broadcast from WFRE-FM.

Tidbits

The Seven Byrd Sisters and Leroy, Too: One for All, All for One

When Sandy Sermon, formerly of Barnesville, was diagnosed with colon cancer, her six sisters and one brother determined to make sure they would support her in every way they could. After all, that is the way it has been for them for fifty years, ever since the oldest sibling Jeanette was fresh out of high school and their father died. It's been just a little over a year since their mother died, and while six live in the area, one sister is at Ft. Hood, Texas, and Sandy lives in Monticello, Indiana. When word came of Sandy's diagnosis, it was even harder on the close-knit siblings since she was so far away. What could they do to help, to show support?



Sandy Sermon

They came up with a unique but effective way to show support for her while helping to spread awareness of colon cancer and the need to support research, but mostly, to get prayers for her, lots and lots of prayers. On the night before Sandy started her chemotherapy, they got together and dyed a colored streak in their hair to create a highly-noticeable public symbol so that when asked about why their hair was streaked so bizarrely, they could respond to build awareness of colon cancer, to request prayers for their sister, and to solicit donations to the American Cancer Society. Brother LeRoy did what he could by making the pizza run and wearing a ribbon.

The siblings, in order of their births (and colors of the streaks in their hair) are Jeanette Michelson (Ft. Hood, Texas-kelly green), Virginia Bietzel (Boyd-pink), Sandy Sermon (fighting cancer), brother LeRoy Byrd (Frederick-dark blue ribbon), Donna Wrighter (Derwood-purple), Bonnie Miller (Frederick-dark blue), and twins, Janice Roberson (Adamstown-teal) and Joyce Price (Dickerson-lavender).



The Byrd siblings dyed their hair to support their sister Sandy Sermon who is battling cancer. They are Virginia Beitzel, LeRoy Byrd, Joyce Price, Janice Roberson, and Bonnie Miller.

All graduated from Poolesville High School between 1962 and 1974, so they are not really of the age group where weirdly-colored hair is commonplace. If you spot one of them, be sure to ask about sister Sandy, voice your support for colon cancer research, possibly offer to make a donation to the American Cancer Society, but mostly, let them know you will be praying for their sister. As the theme of their mission embroidered on a tote bag states, "Supporting our sister because together we can win."

Neville Smith, Monocle Delivery Person, Retires

The *Monocle's* success is the result of a number of very devoted people through more than ten years of effort, and one of them who is especially dear to our heart, Neville Smith, recently decided to retire. Neville, who lives on Budd Road in Poolesville, concluded that at eighty-four years old, it was time for her to finally retire. She is one of four home delivery people for the newspaper, and she has been personally responsible for delivering the newspaper to over seven hundred homes in Westerly, Wesmond, Tom Fox, and Elizabeth's Delight.

Making residential delivery to homes has been her expertise for more than six decades. Well known for her work ethic, she started in the early 1950s as a postal delivery person and as a home delivery person for the *Washington Star*. She retired from the post office in 1973 and then from the *Washington Star* only when that newspaper went out of business in 1981. She then went on to drive a school bus and work at Charlie Glass's Mobil gas station, pumping gas and heartily greeting customers. She returned to home delivery in 1987 when she started delivering the *Upper Montgomery County Bulletin* until it ceased publication in 2010. You could always count on Neville.

Her commitment to quality work is legendary, and publishers John Clayton and Rande Davis were never sure if she worked for them or they worked for her. In over ten years with the *Monocle*, she was unable to make delivery only a very few times.

She would love to have visitors stop by and say hello, so if you see her outside her home on Budd Road, be sure to stop for a short chat. She may be retired, but with the cold winter coming soon, she will most likely be outside splitting wood to heat her home, so expect that she might not be able to talk too long. Oh, and it wouldn't hurt if you could stack a few of the logs for her.

Toys for Tots at UMCVFD

The U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is in full swing at the Upper Montgomery County Voluntary Fire Department. They kindly request the community to contribute a new and unwrapped toy. The U.S. Marines Corps Reserve distributes all toys locally through the Toys for Tots Program.

"The Toys for Tots program is one of the many ways that our volunteer and career firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs have served our community over the last sixty-plus years," says Chief Mike White. "Service is what we are all about."

The U.S. Marine Corps will pick up the toys to prepare for distribution. For questions, please contact volunteer firefighter/EMT Jeffery Eck at 301-349-5551.

Toy Collection bins are located at: House of Poolesville, Cugini's Restaurant, Dickerson Market, Harris Teeter, Healthworks, Hearthside Home and Garden, M&T Bank, Poolesville Barber, Poolesville Beer and Wine, Poolesville Hardware, Poolesville Town Hall, Shear Elegance Hair Stylists, Total Automotive and Diesel, Tractor Supply, UMCVFD Fire Station #14, and Zaglio's Bakery.

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Montevideo: Historic Home

of Georgetown. Thomas was married to Martha Custis Peter, the granddaughter of Martha Washington and step-granddaughter of our nation's first president, George Washington. Thomas and Martha resided at a grand estate called Tudor Place in Georgetown. Montevideo was built in the same style as Tudor Place, on a smaller scale.

Montevideo was built on farmland close to Thomas and Martha's summer retreat called Oakland (off today's Partnership Road), and also across the Seneca Creek valley from Montanverde, the home of John Peter's uncle, Maj. George Peter, who fought in the War of 1812 before entering politics and becoming active in the Democratic Party. Abraham Lincoln was a guest of Major Peter during his time at Montanverde.

Montevideo is one of the finest examples of the Federal style, a neo-Georgian style popular in America from the 1790s through the 1820s. The original center section is three bays wide, with a low hip roof and entryway featuring sidelights and a broad fanlight over the double front doors. Chimneys flank both sides of the home. Stucco covers the 24-inch-thick walls of the home, built of Seneca red sandstone.

A cemetery belonging to the Peter family is located at Montevideo and was in use before the home was built. The first burial in 1821 was a daughter of Thomas and Martha, named Columbia Washington Peter. The last Peter to be buried at the cemetery was Martha Custis Peter in 1854. In more recent years, two members of the Kiplinger family were buried next to the Peter cemetery. In 2007, Austin's wife, Gogo, was buried beneath rough-cut boulders of Seneca Sandstone, followed a year later by their son, Todd.

The Peter family owned the sandstone quarry which was used to build Montevideo, the Seneca Schoolhouse, Rocklands estate, and many other local structures. The red-colored sandstone was used for numerous canal locks, the Seneca Aqueduct, and was transported down the canal into Washington, D.C. for use in the Smithsonian Castle and the Corcoran Gallery of Art (now the Renwick Gallery).

The Peters were interested in modern farming practices such as crop rotation. John became the first president of Montgomery County Agricultural Society from 1844 to 1846. John also directed the family-owned quarry and mill and became the

owner in 1837. He was involved in politics and served for the Maryland House of Delegates as well as the Board of Education, Darnestown District.

John and Elizabeth Peter resided at Montevideo from 1830 until his death in 1848. The couple had nine children, one of whom died as an infant. After John died, Elizabeth remarried and bore two additional children. In 1854, the couple moved to Leesburg, Virginia.

After the remaining Peter descendants sold Montevideo in 1876, the property changed hands numerous times until a longing for country living inspired Austin Kiplinger to purchase and restore the estate in 1958. Knight says, half in jest, that his father's disdain for Montgomery County's new "leash law" inspired him to move to the country, where his beloved Golden Retrievers could run free.

Before moving to Montevideo, the Kiplinger family went about restoring the home, making every effort to maintain the original character while making it livable for a modern family. A matching two bedroom addition with kitchen was added. "We tried to strike a balance between authenticity and functionality," explained Knight.

The former butler's pantry was turned into a bathroom and closet. Crumbling plaster was removed from the basement walls to reveal the original sandstone walls and foundation. When the basement windows had to be replaced due to rot, new windows were meticulously crafted to exactly match the old ones.

Soon after moving to the country, the Kiplinger family got into horseback riding; Austin was a co-founder of the Seneca Valley Pony Club. The whole western side of the farm is given over to equestrian activities of the Pony Club and the Potomac Hunt, which holds its annual steeplechase races there. Additionally, both Austin and Knight are actively involved in Historic Medley District, Inc., an organization dedicated to protecting the historical heritage of western Montgomery County.

Much of the 400-acre farm is devoted to commodity agriculture: corn, soybeans, and wheat. The new farm managers, who farmed in Massachusetts previously, have plans to introduce vegetables and small-scale livestock (sheep and a goat, to start). The whole farm is in the Montgomery County farmland preservation program.

Knight hopes to see Montevideo remain in the Kiplinger family for many more years to come. "The land

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The Commissioners of Poolesville hereby give public notice of proposed conveyance of a land exchange between the Town of Poolesville and CHJ Trusts for land in the vicinity of West Willard Road and Westerly Avenue. This area to be exchanged will allow for an egress from the Westerly 7 proposed subdivision while allowing the Town ownership of land providing a better configuration for recreational purposes. This notice required per Section 82.12(52) of the Charter of the Town of Poolesville.

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has a strong pull for generations of the Kiplinger family," said Knight. "Our family has always had one foot in Washington and one foot here in Seneca." Knight is the editor-in-chief and chairman of Kiplinger Washing-

ton Editors, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based publisher of business forecasts and personal finance advice founded by his grandfather, W. M. Kiplinger. "Our work requires that I be in town, but this is where I really like to be."

Things To Do

Please note that the **Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC)** is taking reservations due by November 30 for special events next year. The first is a Valentine's Dinner Theater trip to Hagerstown on February 13, and the second is a Cherry Blossom Festival Cruise on April 11. See details in ads inside this issue.

Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre is now selling tickets for their holiday special presentation of *A Christmas Carol* on November 29. This year, the event will be held at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theater in Rockville at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets sell out quickly. Visit hgcbtstore.org for ticket information.

November 20, 21, and 22

PHS Midnight Players' Holiday Production: Stage Door
The PHS Midnight Players, presenting a play that concerns a group of young girls who have come to New York to study acting and find jobs. Tickets are available at the lobby box office. General admission: \$7.00; reserved seats: \$11.00. Thursday and Friday: 7:30 p.m.; Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

November 21

House of Poolesville Event
Karaoke. 8:30 p.m.

November 21 and 22

St. Peter's Episcopal Church Annual Christmas Attic Sale
Christmas decorations (used and new), crafts, etc. Friday: noon to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 22

House of Poolesville Event
Chris Compton. 8:30 p.m.

November 26

PASC Event
Poolesville Area Senior Center: Zumba Gold. 17750 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Event
Party with DJ Val. 8:30 p.m.
Cugini's Special Event
Thanksgiving Party. Music by Brian Jamison. 8:30 p.m.

November 28

Black Friday Bingo
7 games Coach purses; 7 games Longaberger products; 7 games cash, 3 specials, 2 raffles. \$25.00 per person. Extra cards and refreshments available. Carroll Manor VFD Auxiliary. Adamstown Fire Hall. Doors open: 5:30 p.m.; games start: 7:00 p.m.

November 28

House of Poolesville Event
DJ Slim Pickins. 8:30 p.m.

November 29

House of Poolesville Event
DJ Slim Pickins. 8:30 p.m.

December 1

Poolesville Library Book Discussion
Featuring *The World until Yesterday: What Can We Learn from Traditional Societies?* by Jared Diamond. 7:00 p.m.

December 3

PASC Event
Christmas ornament craft class. 17750 West Willard Road. 2:00 p.m.

Cugini's Special Community Event
Special Historic Medley District, Inc. fundraising event. Proceeds from dinner hour to assist in the maintenance of the John Poole House, the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, and the Seneca Schoolhouse. Personal appearance by John Poole, Jr. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 4

Twos Storytime
Listen to stories, sing some songs, and share some rhymes. For ages 12 to 36 months. Registration not required. Poolesville Library. 10:30 a.m.

PASC Event

Health insurance seminar. 17750 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

Free Community Dinner

Featuring baked ziti, green salad, and fresh bread. Memorial United Methodist Church, Poolesville. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

December 5

Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony Festival and First Friday
Whalen Commons turns into a decorated winter wonderland with **Santa's Workshop** hosted by the great man himself—plus: **Holiday Express**, a child's train ride around Whalen Commons; beautiful **ice sculptures** by Joseph Stebbing; **seasonal performers** on the stage; **refreshments** include beef brisket, country ham sandwiches, homemade soups, and funnel cakes; and the **Calleva Holiday Hayride** (if dry) or bus, will carry visitors from event to event in a loop around town, one of the stops being the center of town for **gingerbread-man decorating** at the Historic Medley's Old Town Hall and Bank Museum. **Crafters and vendors** will be in the meeting room of Poolesville Town Hall. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Event
DJ Slim Pickins. 8:30 p.m.

December 5 and 6

Pocohontas
John Poole Middle School Phantom Players' holiday production. General admission: \$5.00, available at the lobby box office. Performances begin at 7:00 p.m.

December 5, 6, and 7

Countryside Artisans Tour
Shop for holiday gifts in a quaint, rural environment this festive season. Fourteen artisans open their cottage studios to offer unique handcrafted items. Choose from hand-blown glass, nature-inspired prints and paintings, hand-painted yarns, art to wear, stone sculpture, handcrafted furniture, pottery, elegant jewelry, and locally-made wines. Watch the artists as they demonstrate their craft and take home a one-of-a-kind true American-made product. Keep the artisan tradition alive! For complete information, visit countrysideartisans.com. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

December 6

Breakfast with Santa UMCVFD
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of the engine room while viewing the Christmas classic, *Santa Is Coming to Town*. The video will repeat, so you can sit, relax and enjoy the Christmas spirit—and, of course, Santa himself will be there to hear the wishes of all the good little boys and girls. Cost of breakfast: 12 years and over, \$8.00; 3 through 11 years, \$6.00; under 3 is free.

House of Poolesville Event
Kenny Ray Horton. 8:30 p.m.

December 9

PASC Fundraiser at Bassett's Restaurant
All day, dine-in or carry out, 10% of all food proceeds go to support the Poolesville Area Senior Center.

PASC Special Event
Tai Chi. 18850 West Willard Road. 10:30 a.m.

December 10

PASC Event
Poolesville Area Senior Center: Zumba Gold. 17750 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

December 11

PASC Event
Christmas ornament craft class. 17750 West Willard Road. 2:00 p.m.

December 12

House of Poolesville Event
Karaoke. 8:30 p.m.



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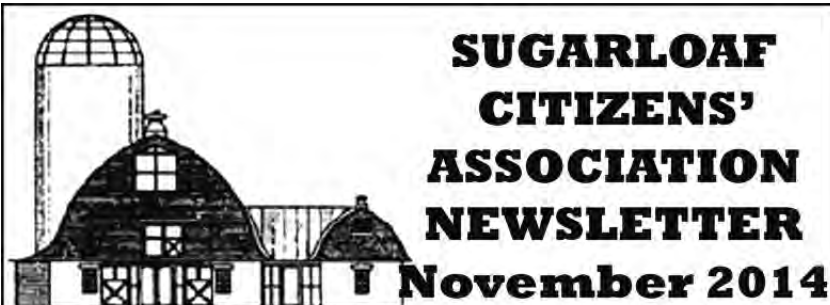
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Driving along Dickerson roads straddled by fields and orchards is a feast for the eyes: oranges, yellows, and blues of pumpkins and squash; fresh green of young winter wheat; dark green of kale; reds of Stayman apples; and the woody brown of recently-harvested cornstalks. Much of these locally grown foods will proudly end up in our pies, casseroles, and salads to share with family and loved ones who gather and give thanks this coming Thursday.

But it is important to recognize that our scenic rural landscape is not an agricultural Disneyland—the land is productive and provides the livelihood of local farmers. The Ag Reserve is a real economic engine of Montgomery County. It employs over 10,000 individuals and contributes over \$287 million to the economy. In a time when many school children think food comes from the store and do not realize that eggs come from chickens, milk from cows, and carrots from soil, the Reserve is a near-by laboratory for kids to visit, explore and learn.

Our Ag Reserve is a living treasure and we all are responsible for preserving it for generations to come. Sugarloaf Citizens Association (SCA) has worked for over 42 years to protect its rural legacy in the face of development pressures, such as mega churches, landfills and a Potomac bridge crossing that would bisect the reserve. As I raise my glass of local wine this Thanksgiving, I will give thanks for the beauty and bounty of our Ag Reserve and toast the farmers who are stewards of the land and my fellow SCA members and friends—past, present and future—for their heartfelt commitment and advocacy.

Happy Thanksgiving!

School News

PHS Green

By Emma Whitehouse

This summer Michael Payne had an idea—not one that involved sports or beaches, but rather an idea to bring the message of environmentalism to students at Poolesville High School. Payne, a sophomore in the Global Ecology Science Program, decided to start a new environmental club called Poolesville High School Green (PHS Green). The group is affiliated with Poolesville Green, a local environmental group that focuses on energy and sustainable living issues.

Michael Payne, the group's president, recruited Erika Blair, an eleventh-grade student to be vice president. Erika has been interested in local environmental efforts for a while, saying, "My mom's a part of Poolesville Green, and I've been watching that unfold for some time."

PHS Green's first meeting was held in October. With each meeting, the club has grown. Right now, the group has about ten members, Alex O'Donnell, a tenth grader in the global magnet program, joined because "It sounded like a really good idea...[and] because everyone here is like my family." Michael Cho, also a sophomore in global, says, "I'm able to do good things for the environment, especially with my friends around."



Erika Blair, vice president of PHS Green.

The group is sponsoring a shoe drive from December 1 to January 30 with the group, Funds2orgs, which helps African people sell refurbished, donated shoes. Recycling shoes reduces landfill waste and saves precious resources like water. Americans throw away 600 million pairs of shoes a year, and each pair takes about forty years to decompose. Also, it takes 2,110 gallons of water to make one pair of leather shoes. Recycling shoes is good for the African economy and global environment.

PHS Green plans to work with the Poolesville Community Garden and is considering arranging a clothing drive, but the ultimate mission of PHS Green is: "To build and nurture a passion for conservation and environmental awareness in the student body that will last a lifetime."

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Youth Sports

Hosting a Home Playoff Game

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville football team finished the season with a 7-3 record for the third straight year. This time, they earned the right to host a home playoff game, one of their preseason goals. This was the first home playoff game since the Falcons defeated W.E.B. DuBois in 2003. "We are very proud of all our players," said Coach Will Gant, "but several have stood out. Seniors Jon Bateky, Steven Morningstar, and Nic Fisher have been impact players all season. Sean Parker, Joel Hessels, Brandon Bush, and Kevin Rakow have, as well. We are very proud of this team. They have overcome adversity very well. Their resiliency has been amazing to me."

In their final home game, November 7, the Falcons defeated Rockville High School (7-3), 24-21. They survived a sixteen-point Rams rally in the third quarter that temporarily gave RHS a 24-20 lead. The winning score came in the fourth quarter on a fifty-yard touchdown pass from Morningstar to Parker. "That was probably our best game," said Gant. "It was a home game and senior night. We were in a situation where: If we won, we made the playoffs; if we lost, we were most likely out."

"Everything kind of clicked in the Rockville game," said quarterback Morningstar. "My offensive line allowed me to pass. We were able to run. Coach Murray had a good game plan. We had a big finish. The season never goes the way you expect it. Obviously, a fallen teammate wasn't expected. We are still trying to get over it. I don't think we will really ever get over it. He was an outstanding kid and a personal friend. We will always remember him—but we had to keep playing. I think the Richard Montgomery game was really a key because we were down in that game. It was either win it, or we were in for a rough ride. It was a mid-season turning point." On October 10, Poolesville trailed Richard Montgomery High School, 14-6, at halftime and, 21-19, after three quarters.

A fourth-quarter touchdown run and a two-point conversion run by Morningstar was the difference in a 27-21 win.

Rutgers-bound Jon Bateky felt the best game of the year was "definitely Rockville. The ups and downs of it. That was the game that determined if we made the playoffs. We started out strong, but they changed the pace, confused us a bit, and came back... We didn't react well to the stuff some of the stronger Frederick County teams threw at us this year, so we lost some games, but we bounced back. We beat Brunswick. We got a home playoff game. We accomplished our goal."

On October 17, the Falcons beat Brunswick, 19-14. The Railroaders beat the Falcons 34-6 last year. Poolesville trailed, 8-7, at halftime, but Fisher had two running touchdowns in the second half as the Falcons defense dominated and the team grinded out an important win.

Looking back on the regular season, wide receiver, safety Sean Parker recounted, "My favorite game had to be our homecoming game against Wheaton. Steven did a phenomenal job, and I did really great. I scored two touchdowns."

The Falcons beat Wheaton, 38-0, on October 24. Parker scored twice. He caught a thirty-four-yard pass from Morningstar in the first quarter, and then returned a fumble thirty yards for a score in the second.

"The Rockville game got us into the playoffs," said Fisher. "We found out later that we had a home playoff game so it was even sweeter... Football is a game of obstacles and overcoming them. I think we have done a good job of doing that. The season never turns out like you planned. There have been a lot of injuries. We lost Joel Hessels to injury. There was the loss of a teammate (Jake Jesuitas). He was a great kid, a good student, a good friend. I still miss him. It affected all of us."

When Liberty took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter of the playoff game against Liberty, PHS junior Jonathan Hetrick took the ensuing kickoff and raced into the end zone to put the Falcons on the board, but the Falcons eventually fell to the Lions on a very cold night, 37-7.

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Commissioner Meeting

noted that he had been contacted by over thirty local Jewish families who felt that having the menorah as part of the festivities would be appropriate and inclusive since it is part of the Festival of Lights in the Jewish calendar, a natural fit with the holiday lighting ceremony. Levine had researched court rulings, and including a menorah along with other holiday symbols in a display would be legally acceptable.

Town attorney Jay Gullo said that the commissioners should consider developing a policy around what can be included in the holiday lighting ceremony based on court precedents and to ensure that, in any future decisions, the commissioners are as objective and fair as possible. He proposed to have a policy framework ready for the next commission meeting. The commissioners agreed with the suggestion, adding that if the policy were approved, it might be possible to use it to make a decision to include the menorah in the upcoming holiday lighting ceremony on December 5.

In the business segment of the meeting, several items were considered that concerned residential developments in town. A proposed swap of land that is currently part of the planned Westerly 7 development south of town was approved. This move would ensure that an existing soccer field remains intact and would provide, in exchange, land needed to build a road providing access to the new development.

Bonds that the Kettler-Forlines developer had posted for the construction of roads, storm drains, and parks were partially released as Phase I of Brightwell Crossing nears completion. Some bonds supporting the work on the main sewer line in Phase II of the project were also released as the town engineer and the town manager both said they, and the county, were satisfied with the work completed.

Finally, a single lot the town owns on Whites Road has attracted two proposed contracts, and the commissioners elected to consider a final contract from one of the bidders. A decision on whether or not to approve the contract will be made at a future commissioners' meeting.



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Youth Sports

Fall Sports

Playoff Round Up

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville girls' field hockey team once again proved to be the Falcons' athletic flagship this fall, finishing 14-3-1 overall and reaching the state semi-final game for the third time in four years. This year, the Falcons lost in the 2A state championship semifinal to Kent Island, 1-0. Going into this final game of their outstanding season, the Falcons had not allowed a goal in their last six regular season games, and neither PHS nor Kent Island had allowed a goal in their championship tournament games.

The final matchup was tense with both teams locked in a 0-0 draw at halftime. The first half was dominated by good defensive play with neither side having any good scoring opportunities, but late in the second half, Kent Island's Kayleigh Hope took a feed from a corner and scored. Kent Island's defense held on strong to the end, preventing any scores by PHS.

"I thought the defense was pretty stellar," said Coach Regina Grubb. "They had opportunities to score, and we were there to stop them. It just takes one little bounce for a goal, and when you have that many corners, sometimes that happens."

In the region final, Poolesville beat Century, a familiar playoff opponent, 1-0. Senior Amanda Chasin was awarded a penalty stroke. She buried the shot into the left side, eliciting a loud response from her Falcon teammates and the home fans. "It was a beautiful stroke," Century coach Terry Duryea said. "There's nothing any goalie could do to stop that ball from going in." The Falcons easily defeated Rockville, 12-0, and rival Damascus, 5-0, to get to the region final. Hilton helped jumpstart the playoff run with three goals against Rockville. Senior attack Mary Hall finished second on the team with ten goals.

The girls' soccer team, with an amazing regular season twelve-game winning streak, including wins against some of the county's larger and more elite soccer teams, earned the top seed in the region. They played at a championship level, but in a 3-2 loss to Churchill in the season's final game, outstanding goalie Kirsten Darraugh, who had fourteen saves, suffered a concussion and was not available for the playoffs. Darraugh

had shut out nine opponents. Then varsity coach Jon Reader resigned for personal reasons, and junior varsity coach Justin Anderson took over. Despite a valiant effort, the Falcons fell, 3-2, in overtime to South Carroll. "It was only the smart passing game in which South Carroll outperformed us," said Anderson. "I have nominated Annie Hasselbalch, our season's most valuable player, for selection as a top ten player in the county. Annie could be a star on any team. Emily Jia, the best backup in the business, made many important saves. Alex Frost must have covered at least six miles on defense; Abby Beeler was the enforcer in the middle; Elisa Botten roughed up opponents without ever drawing a card; the Falcon Wall, Sachi Howson, Isabel Durkin, Kat Creedon, and Lucy Wang, stepped in to win the balls that had to be won; Brooke Nesselt won header after header; on offense, Karyn Comfort gave us her all, a long-range blast from Kylin Milisits just missed, and Hailey Khalil energized us in the second half." Junior forward Karyn Comfort paced the team with fifteen goals. Hasselbalch, Kylin Milisits, and Alex Frost each scored six or more.

For sheer excitement, the perennially-strong girls' volleyball team did not disappoint, despite losing the region final to Liberty in four sets.

The Falcons finished 12-4 overall. They defeated Northwest, a 3A state semifinalist, in four sets at Northwest on September 29. In their final appearance at home, they defeated Francis Scott Key in a tense, five-set thriller in the run for the region championship. Poolesville won the first game, 25-23. FSK took the second, 25-21, then the Falcons won the third set by the same score. FSK won the fourth set in overtime, 26-24. Some key serves from senior Rachel McIntyre helped the Falcons to the, 15-11, win in the tiebreaker. There was outstanding play from hitter Caroline Leng, setter Allyson Convers, and libero Amelia Stone all season. Junior Shirley Woltz and sophomore Edlia Fogam played well also. Thus, Poolesville won in the final home match for Coach Fran Duvall who announced her retirement at the end of the season. Against Liberty in the region final, the Falcons lost the first set, 25-22, and won the second, 25-23, but Liberty won the third set, 25-20, and closed it out with a convincing, 25-13, win in the fourth.

The boys' soccer team certainly saved their best for the playoffs, upsetting the number three seed Francis Scott Key before losing in the region final to Liberty. "Our boys were relentless and played well, just the time ran out on us as we lost, 3-2," said Coach

Christos Nicholas after the loss to Liberty. Senior Brian Galfond lifted the Falcons at season's end, starting with a spectacular bicycle kick goal against Rockville that is featured on YouTube. He scored two goals against FSK, and Christian Andrade had fourteen saves in goal. Sophomore Filip Burnett scored a goal against FSK.

Galfond had two more goals in the region final against Liberty.

In the 2A state cross country meet, the boys finished fourth overall with Stephen Lang finishing ninth, and Ryan Lockett finishing twelfth. The girls finished in seventh place with Claire Beautz leading the way in sixth place.

Local News

Toy Gun Sparks Incident at High School

By Rande Davis

On November 7, a John Poole Middle School student brought a toy gun onto the school bus in his backpack and displayed it to friends on the bus. A freshman high school student noticed the student displaying the gun and, when the bus stopped at the high school to drop off the older students before proceeding to the middle school, he wrestled the younger boy to the ground to secure what he believed to be an actual weapon.

The bus driver notified her dispatcher who in turn notified the school, and school security was on the scene within just a few minutes. The middle school student reported that his back was hurting after the incident and, as a precaution, he was taken to the hospital to be checked out.

While the Montgomery County Police was called, no further action was taken, and no one at the school was harmed. School administrators notified parents through an emailed letter about the incident and advised them to caution their children to not bring weapons or facsimiles of weapons to school.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Assault: 19300 block of Darnestown Road.

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Theft from vehicle: 17200 block of Spates Hill Road, 15700 block of Hughes Road, 19100 block of Martinsburg Road.

Theft: Unit block of Haller Court.

Liquor law violations: 19900 block of Wootton Avenue, 17500 block of West Willard Road.

Past Crime

November 22, 1930 Police were forced to release Andrew Jackson from the county jail. Jackson had been incarcerated for two months; however, he had never been brought to court. Jackson hired an attorney who inquired and found that Jackson had never been charged with a crime.

Two men escaped from the county jail by using bed clothing to scale an interior wall and then used metal parts from their cots that they had previously smashed to dig a tunnel under the outer wall of the jail. Police were looking for Windsor Butler and Roy Jones. It was said that it was the third escape for Butler

November 25, 1930 Much discussion was overheard after Judge Peter

handed down three severe sentences at the Rockville Circuit Court. William Lake, age 17, was found guilty of highway robbery and sentenced to four years in the House of Correction. Charles Murphy, known as a well-respected hotel receptionist, was sent to prison for eighteen months for embezzlement. Raymond Dorsey was next and was sent away for seven years after being convicted of shooting Sarah Davis on the streets of Rockville.

Montgomery County detective Theodore Vollten responded to the first fingerprinting call in the county's history. It seems that the garage of J. W. Mullinix had been broken into, so Vollten was called to the scene. He hoped to compare the found fingerprints with those of Windsor Butler, a notorious burglar, who happened to have escaped jail and was on the loose. Vollten was described as an expert photographer but a beginner in the new science of fingerprint detection.

December 10, 1930 Three men were arrested and two taken to the hospital after a free-for-all brawl at the White Pig Barbecue on Georgia Avenue. Officers Snyder, Poole, and Howes responded to the call and later said that the fight started after a disagreement about precedence in entering the lunchroom grounds. The two injured, who were knocked down and then beaten, were revived with buckets of water poured on their heads.

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Tidbits of The Past

By Jack Toomey

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Remembrance

Betty Bassett

Elizabeth "Betty" C. Bassett, 77, of Poolesville, passed away on November 10. She was the loving wife of Leo J. Bassett, and together they owned Bassett's Restaurant.

Betty was a native Washingtonian, as is Leo, and while they dated in high school, they went their separate ways after graduation only to find each other again later in life. Betty attended St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Baltimore and after graduation found employment at Providence Hospital in the pediatrics and obstetrics department. She went on to work with the federal government in the occupational safety and health areas where she spent most of her career in national security.

The celebrant at the Rite of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Presentation was its founding priest, Fr. David Brault. He reflected on Betty's life, comparing her to the Biblical sisters of Lazarus, Mary and Martha. He told the many mourners who filled the entire sanctuary of the large church that the Mary part of Betty was devoted to her family and faith while the Martha part worked hard in bringing hospitality to customers at the restaurant. Partnered with Leo in renovating the restaurant's interior, they turned what was once a corner country diner (the Titus Tastee Cupboard) with red-vinyl spinning stools, etc. into the restaurant that now has a Cheers-like ambience with warmth and charm.

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Elizabeth C. "Betty" Bassett

and enjoyed renovating both their beautiful 1860 home on Wootton Avenue and their vacation home in Deale, Maryland.

Surviving besides her husband are her children, Brian and Mark Dawson; grandchildren, Brian Dawson, Jr., Amanda Cassell and husband Nolan, Brooke Syndor and husband JP; great-grandchildren, Ryden, Oliver, and Vava; stepchildren, Leo J. Bassett, Jr. and partner Karyn Seymour, Victoria Clyne and husband Ken; step-grandchildren, Caroline and Eric Clyne. Betty was preceded in death by one son, Denny Dawson. Interment was in Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Silver Spring, Maryland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of the giver's choice in Betty's name.

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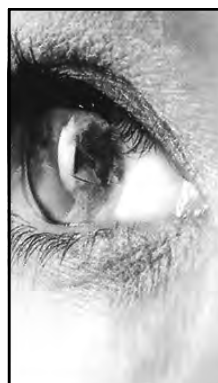
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Thanksgiving

By Peter Eeg, BSc, DVM, CCVLF, FASLMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Xylitol

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

Fatty table scraps

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

Bones and turkey legs

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

Unbaked bread dough

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

Alcohol

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

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

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