

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

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The smiles of these kids are white and bright for a good reason. Find out why in Family Album on page 2.



PHS Athletes of the Year. Discover who they are in Tidbits on page 8.



Celtic games are just a stone's throw away. Discover this daytrip adventure on page 11.



The sun shone proudly on an important day. Read about the dedication of a local bridge on page 14.

## PACC Holds Forum for District 1 County Council Candidates

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a forum for the candidates running for the open seat in District 1 of the County Council. The district extends from the Upcounty south through Bethesda to the District of Columbia line. Of the eight Democratic candidates, four attended, two sent either a representative to read a statement or sent a statement to be read, and two candidates were no shows. There was one Republican candidate.

The forum was moderated by Poolesville resident Ralph Hitchens who presented nine questions that came from either the chamber or persons attending the forum.

The format allowed opening and closing statements and ninety seconds for each candidate to respond to

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District 1 County Council candidates who attended the PACC Forum on June 5: Republican Richard Banach, and Democrats Bill Cook, Ana Sol Gutierrez, Peter Fosselman, and Meredith Wellington along with moderator Ralph Hitchens, PACC president Gail Lee, and treasurer Monica Molina.

## Historic Boyds Negro School Celebrates Renovations

By Miriam Schoenbaum

It was standing room only on Sunday, May 27 at the Boyds Negro School as over forty people came together to celebrate the completion of the 2017 repairs to the historic building which served as the only school for black children in Boyds between 1895 and 1936.

The Boyds Historical Society bought the one-room schoolhouse in 1980 and restored it to its original condition circa 1900. The recent repairs to the siding, foundation, roof, and windows were financed by a state grant of \$9,000, as well as generous matching contributions from local community members and organizations. State Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo and State Senator Brian Feldman sponsored the state grant for the Boyds Historical Society. Clarence Williams of CSW Repairs in Germantown did the repairs.

The Boyds Negro School is open to the public on the last Sunday of every

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Attendees at the Boyds Negro School's celebration of the historical site's recent renovation.



# Family Album



Maddie Durmowicz, a senior dancer with Hope Garden Children's Ballet, and Bubby Roland, an HGB graduate who currently dances with the Maryland Youth Ballet, danced a pas de deux.



Dr. Margaret Valega joined some of her clients at the picnic table.



These JPMS and PHS students took some time out to celebrate with the Pikes.



Dr. Tim Pike and dental hygienist Ellen Onderko with guests at the dentistry's annual patient appreciation day.



Chief Powhatan, played by Styles, demonstrated his strength and agility by jumping over eight men in Hope Garden Ballet's "Arrival of John Smith."



The littlest stars of the ballet: Kathryn Song, Leah Santizo, Margot Slonski, Julia Weldom, Azul Folco, Lily Cusic, Camille Morrow, Emily Rivera, Scarlett Palazon, Lorelei Hofmann, and Emi Munster.



## Town Government

### Initial Thinking about New Development On Willard Property Aired at Town Meeting

By Link Hoewing

Billy Willard, whose family owns the property adjacent to Whalen Commons that was the subject of a prolonged debate last year regarding a proposed development concept, approached the town for a very preliminary discussion of some new ideas about developing the property.


Town Manager Wade Yost mentioned the meeting in his town manager's report. He said that he, along with Commissioner Martin Radigan and Planning Commission member Mike Tims, listened to the ideas presented by Willard, who was accompanied by his attorney, Jim Clifford, and an official from the Trust for Public Land, Kent Whitehead. It was clear that the concepts Willard discussed are in just the very earliest of phases at this juncture. No formal plan has been submitted and any firm proposals would first be sent to the Planning Commission for vetting. In other words, any plan for the property is a long way from formal consideration.

Yost said that the proposal discussed would lead to about 4.3 acres of the property (the rear of the property farthest away from Fisher Avenue) being offered as open space or parkland. The Trust for Public Land would be involved in helping apply for grants and funding to assist in the purchasing of the land that would become publicly owned.

The front of the property is currently zoned commercial and could accommodate a number of uses. It would allow for more density than the rear of the property which is zoned for one-half acre residential use. It appears from the discussion that no specific ideas regarding the number and types of homes that might be proposed was offered, although Yost felt that Willard was thinking about homes with smaller square footage than had been proposed last year.

It is unclear whether or when anything concrete will be proposed by the Willards for consideration by the town.

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**Celebrating 50 Years of Service**  
by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

**Celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

Throughout our Anniversary Year, this column will be featuring the services that WUMCO Help provides to people in need in Poolesville, Dickerson, Barnesville, Beallsville, and Boyds. While we are best known for our food pantry, we are also a financial assistance program. Last year, we distributed \$60,800 in financial assistance to people in need in our service area. Financial assistance comes in three broad categories: housing/auto, medical, and heating oil/propane.

In terms of the third category, **heating oil/propane**, we assist clients by paying for one fillup of heating oil or propane a year. This helps our clients keep their homes heated throughout the winter. We couldn't provide this help for the neediest in our community without your help and generous contributions. Thank you for your support!

**WUMCO Trivia Night – June 8**

Nancy Piatt is hosting a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for WUMCO on Friday, June 8 at St. Peter's Church on Fisher Avenue in Poolesville. Starting at 7 pm, there will be snacks, beer, and wine for sale, prizes, a bake sale, and other surprises. Advance tickets are \$10 each and \$15 at the door. Children under 13 get in for free. Pick your team and get ready to Trivia! Contact WUMCO to buy advance tickets.

**Wednesday for WUMCO!**

On Wednesday, June 13, all who dine at Bassett's in Poolesville will also be contributing to helping those in need. Bassett's will give 10% of their income that day – dine in or carry out, lunch or dinner – to WUMCO Help. Please mark your calendars and join WUMCO at Bassett's on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## Rande(m) Thoughts On Turning Seventy

By Rande Davis

*Old friends, old friends,  
Sat on their park bench like bookends  
A newspaper blown through the grass  
Falls on the round toes  
of the high shoes of the old friends.  
Old friends, winter companions,  
the old men  
Lost in their overcoats, waiting for  
the sunset  
The sounds of the city sifting  
through trees  
Settles like dust on the shoulders of the  
old friends.  
Can you imagine us years from today,  
Sharing a park bench quietly  
How terribly strange to be seventy...*

It's happened. This month I ruminate on my turning seventy, finally, gratefully.

My best bud in my young adulthood, Steve Lynch, and I, both sophomores in college at the time, could talk endlessly about everything in the most, well, sophomoric way. Mostly, politics and religion, and of course, girls. To us, our philosophical acumen was so great, like the stars we once talked about all night sitting on a rooftop, seemed to have no boundaries. Eat your heart out, Aristotle.

We could sit in a coffeehouse for so long that management would ask for a lease. Come on, Starbucks, that's what coffeehouses are for. He was the only person I ever knew who could make one donut last three hours. I, on the other hand, could make it disappear before the plate even hit the table. What we lacked in common we made up for in our mutual hubris.

Life and times sent us our separate ways: He a liberal, me a conservative; he a Catholic, me Protestant; he went in the navy, I went in the army; he went on to a steady career as a lifelong teacher, I seemed to try new things every five to ten years. It seemed, at the time, that the things that divided us were really that which bound us. Decades later, if I heard his laugh lost in a madding crowd, I would still know it was he. Like the nation at the time, we were united despite our diversity.

How sad that in America, it doesn't seem like that today.

Life happened and, like a raft in a pond, floating silently and mysteriously into the morning mist, we drifted apart until the shore could no longer be seen behind, and what lay ahead could not be discerned.

Recently, we reconnected via text messages. How appropriate, eh? It's not exactly like sitting on a park bench, but here we both find ourselves, nearly four hundred miles apart, quietly staring into space figuratively together wondering how it went by so fast.

As a youth, my life was launched with the soundtrack of Simon and Garfunkel and Neil Diamond heralding a future of hope and promise. What we may have lacked in wisdom, we gained in hope. What we learned is knowing we have so much more to learn.

To the youth today, I offer the answer to Paul Simon's youthful observation: Yes, it is terribly strange to be seventy. Astonishingly, I have found, while the body slows, time speeds. The good news is that I lived enough years for seventy to become the new fifty. So much still to learn, enjoy, and love. Let's get started then.

## Local News

### Upcounty Prevention Network Sponsors June 11 Event on Vaping and Juuling At Town Hall

By Link Hoewing

Technology has changed all our lives. Battery technology and miniaturization have made it possible to carry around all kinds of powerful, small devices. In 2003, a technology revolutionized smoking when the first version of today's e-cigarette or "vaping device" was created. Using long-running, small batteries and powerful miniature heaters, it vaporizes liquid nicotine. The smoke, tar, and smelliness of a standard cigarette are gone, but nicotine, the powerful and addictive chemical that makes cigarettes so hard for so many to quit, remains and is delivered in a powerful new form.

Research on vaping, as compared to cigarettes, is much more limited, but it also seems likely that other dangerous chemicals are contained in the mist produced by vaping.

At least, in part, vaping technology was supposed to help grownups stop smoking, helping to reduce the many cancers that it can help cause, but young people have taken this technology and, according to one recent article, "invented a new kind of bad habit, one that they have molded in their own image. The potential public health benefit of the e-cigarette is being eclipsed by the unsettling prospect of a generation of children who may really love to vape."

Teens call it "juuling," after one of the makers of e-cigarettes, Juul, and a "social scene" has evolved around this new phenomenon. Because juuling fluids contain nicotine, which is rapidly assimilated into the brain, many experts worry about a new generation of young people participating in a very addictive practice. This is especially so because juuling has grown very rapidly in many areas where teen smoking was declining.

Nicotine is a prime ingredient in vaping devices. According to experts at the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), some studies show nicotine is more addictive than heroin and cocaine, and there's a growing body of evidence, according to the CDC, that nicotine can harm the developing adolescent brain.

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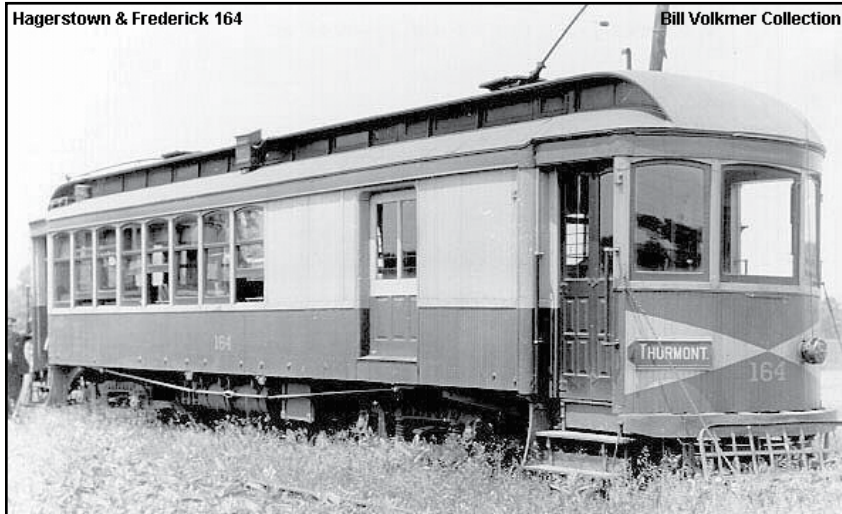


## Local History

### The Railroad That Wasn't

By Jack Toomey

By 1910, nearly every major railroad in the east and central part of the United States had already been built. Prohibitive labor costs, machinery, and problems with buying property to construct these railroads all stood in the way of new development. For example, the Metropolitan branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, now owned by CSX and which extends from Point of Rocks to Washington, was running as early as 1873. Except for double tracking some parts of this nearby railroad, straightening some curves, and building new bridges, no real improvements have been made in 135 years.



Part of the historic interurban railroad.

At about this time, a new type of transportation was invented. The interurban type of railroad became very popular. It was an electric-powered railroad that propelled cars, sometimes just one car, similar to trolley cars, across the countryside from city to city. From 1910 to 1916 a virtual spider web of these interurban railroads sprang up, especially in Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Indiana. In addition to carrying passengers, they transported material and packages from city to city. Investors quickly jumped on board, sometimes encouraged by door-to-door salesmen who painted a rosy picture for future wealth.

The interurban fever even spread to Poolesville. On the evening of October 19, 1907, seven hundred citizens met at Seneca, presumably in the old hotel, to discuss extending the Gettysburg & Frederick Railroad to Poolesville and then to Washington. Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, a Washington man with large land holdings in the Seneca and Poolesville areas presided at the meeting. He talked thirty-five farmers into granting the right of way through their farms for building the tracks. Three hundred dollars was raised for the initial survey. Since some farmers were not present at the meeting, the right-of-way for the railroad could not be guaranteed on that day. Dr. Jordan said that he envisioned a route from Frederick

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#### POOLESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on June 13, 2018

at 7:30 PM, Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed Dunkin's Donuts to be located at 19710 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, Maryland. This public hearing is made pursuant to the Poolesville Appendix A - Subdivision Regulations, Section 27. E.

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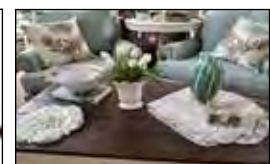
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## School News

### Students Organize to Fight Gun Violence

By Alessia Modjarrad

After the school shootings at Parkland, Florida and Santa Fe, Texas, students across Montgomery County began mobilizing to fight against what they describe as a gun violence epidemic. What started out as a project by Montgomery County Students for Gun Control has now transformed into a moveable and haunting memorial known as #Memorial to Our Lives.

The memorial consists of one T-shirt with the name of a student who has been killed by gun violence in 2018. It provides a daunting reality to viewers, humanizing the names that may only be seen on television, online, or not at all. The memorial made its first appearance at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School with 199 shirts. It then went to Richard Montgomery and to Poolesville High. It now has 258 shirts. When it arrived at Poolesville, the

shirts were placed on the fence surrounding the tennis courts.

The memorial highlights the reality behind what students are living through on a day-to-day basis. Groboski, a PHS sophomore, pushed for the exhibit to be brought to Poolesville because "it is important to not only pay tribute to the victims of gun violence, but simply to be exposed to something like this, as we often forget the real people affected behind the statistics."

The organizers posted on the local Facebook page, inviting members of Poolesville and the surrounding area to visit the installation. Overall, it was met with positive feedback by the community. Memorial to Our Lives symbolizes what is at the core of our youth's fight for change: the people. Since the Parkland shooting, there has been a greater push for accountability, common sense gun legislation, and a call to action for the American people to do their civic duty: Vote. #Never-Again is championed by the students, for the students, and it has made its way to the Town of Poolesville.

The memorial will go to Einstein next and then to Walter Johnson.



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*PHS's temporary memorial to those that died by gun violence.*

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## At Your Service

### School Resource Officer Christopher Winkler

By Susan Petro

School Resource Officer Christopher Winkler has dedicated most of his career to protecting and helping others: first by serving eleven years in the navy, and another eleven years as a reservist, before joining the Montgomery County Police.

Even during Winkler's off hours, he is protecting the public by serving as a volunteer emergency medical technician for the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) in Beallsville. Additionally, Winkler volunteers as a cook at UMCVFD where he can often be found behind the concession stand during baseball season cooking up hamburgers and hotdogs.

For the past five years, Winkler has been assigned to Poolesville High School as its full-time on-site officer. Protecting students and staff is the number one priority for Winkler and other school resource officers.

Winkler describes school resource officers as the ultimate in community policing. "We're out there among the people we are protecting and serving, talking with and building relationships with the students and staff," said Winkler. "A normal beat cop is running from one call to the next and seeing people in their worst moments; everybody here is seeing me when bad stuff is not happening, for the most part."

Winkler began working as a school resource officer soon after the program's inception about fourteen years ago. Originally, only three schools had full-time officers as part of a pilot program which began soon after the Columbine tragedy occurred in 1999. The following year, the program expanded to every high school. Officer Winkler's first assignment included the coverage of an entire cluster of schools, including five elementary, one middle, and one high school.

For a while, Winkler teamed up with another Montgomery County officer and a Rockville City Police officer to handle five Rockville area high schools. "Basically, we were hopping all the time," said Winkler. "I could be at Churchill High School and receive a call from Quince Orchard, and I would have to hop in my cruiser to drive from one school to another, leaving a considerable response time."



MCP School Resource Officer  
Chris Winkler

Today, Montgomery County assigns a full-time officer to every high school.

One of the very first things Winkler did after he was assigned to Poolesville High School was a complete walk-through of the facility, memorizing the location of every single door (including the ones kids like to prop open to get back in the school after skipping a class), the location of roof access points, the boiler room, stored chemicals, the security cameras and where they are pointed. "I know this building like the back of my hand," said Winkler. "I have a full set of keys to about anywhere in the building."

Winkler arrives before school and keeps an ear on his radio to ensure that all of the school buses have arrived safely. He keeps an eye out as the students enter the building each morning. During the school day, Winkler is usually in the hallways talking to and interacting with the students and checking the doorways to make sure they are secure. From time to time, he enjoys teaching and answering students' questions in the first period law class.

At lunch, Officer Winkler can often be found in his cruiser monitoring the traffic that passes in front of the school. The reason for that, Winkler said, is because about sixty percent of the kids cross at that crosswalk at lunchtime and, before he started sitting there, a few accidents occurred where kids were struck. Luckily, there were no serious injuries. "My cruiser is sitting there as a visual reminder for people to slow down and be mindful of the pedestrians," said Winkler.

While keeping the student and staff safe is Winkler's first priority, he has many other tasks throughout each day. Handling incidents of crime at the

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## Tidbits

### Take a Chance to Help

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Christina and Sam are loved and surrounded by supportive family and friends; however, this has been emotionally, physically, and monetarily draining on them both.

Christina's mother lovingly stitched a quilt to be raffled off as a way to assist the young couple. Readers are invited to join their mission to support them during this very difficult time by purchasing raffle tickets to win the pictured lap quilt (40" x 58"). All proceeds will go to Sam and Christina.

Your prayers and support are appreciated more than you will know.

Cost of the raffle tickets: one ticket for \$20 or three for \$50.00.

Tickets may be purchased through Paypal at [paypal.me/QuiltforSam](https://www.paypal.com/US/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&source=url). Be sure to pick the friend and family option.

It is very important to be sure to include your name/email/phone number in the notes section so that raffle numbers can be emailed to you.

The raffle tickets can be purchased through September 1. The winning ticket will be drawn on Labor Day, September 3.

### Jake Perkins Memorial Scholarships Awarded

Each year, the Poolesville High School Athletic Booster Club awards \$1,000 scholarships to two deserving student-athletes in memory of PHS alumnus and Booster Club president, Jake Perkins. Recipients are chosen based on their community involvement, school commitment, athletic involvement, and scholarship. This year's awardees are seniors Kelliann Lee and Haley Harkins.

Jake Perkins was a good scholar, but so much more. While at PHS, he was president of the student council, played indoor track (shot-put), football, basketball, and baseball. In his early years, he was a member of the marching band.

After graduation, he attended Virginia Tech, studying pre-law. After taking time off to take a job as aide to Senator John Warner (R-Virginia), Jake returned to Blacksburg to complete his undergraduate degree. Jake subsequently received his law degree from the University of Maryland Law School in Baltimore.

After working for another law firm for a short while, Jake opened his own practice in Poolesville as well as a title business in partnership with Frank Jamison. Along the way, he became president of the Athletic Booster Club, president of the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Lions Club, and was involved with the Boy Scouts and was an organizer of Poolesville Day. For Poolesville Day, it took a committee of ten to replace what Jake was doing by himself.

As an assistant coach to the girls' varsity basketball team at PHS, Jake helped Coach Fred Swick during games as well as accompanying him on scouting trips.

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Quilt being raffled off to help cancer patient.

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## Garden

### Thomas Jefferson, Rest in Peace

By Maureen O'Connell

For many years, I have had two *sous gardeners* helping me in my garden, although, at times, they could hinder me. Last year, someone said to me that she had heard that I had beautiful gardens; I thanked her and moved on. Later, I did hear this woman whisper to her friend, "Well, you know that she has two helpers to do all the work." I laughed to myself as she was obviously unaware that my "two helpers" were my Labrador retrievers. Over the years, their names have changed as they grew older and passed on. On May 12 of this year, I lost my black Lab, Tom (also known as, Thomas Jefferson or The Noble Beast). I have had him since he was eight weeks old; he would have turned thirteen this July. I want to thank Dr. Peter Eeg and his wonderful associates and technicians at Poolesville Veterinary Clinic who lovingly cared for him all his life and, especially, over the past five months as they struggled to heal his abraded and infected hind paw,

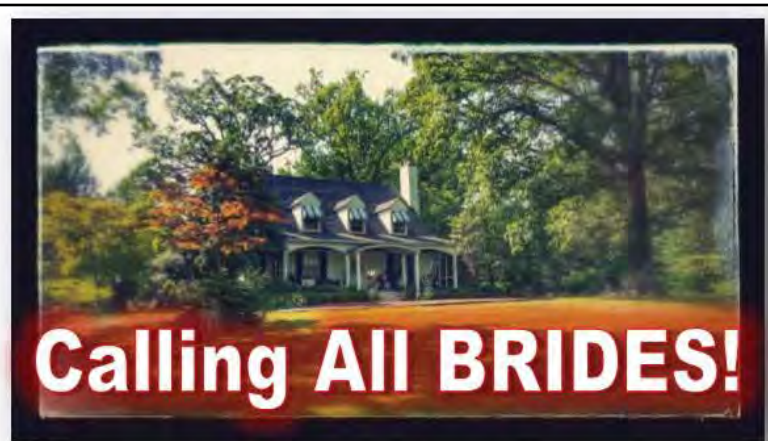


Ten-week-old Spencer with ten-year-old Thomas Jefferson.

a complication of degenerative myelopathy. Tom went to the clinic several times a week for care, his tail continually wagging, and ready to give all a big welcoming lick.

Tom was joined in the garden two-and-a-half years ago by Spencer, a yellow English Lab. They were the best of friends, though sometimes Tom could get a little annoyed with his quite frisky brother. As we enter the

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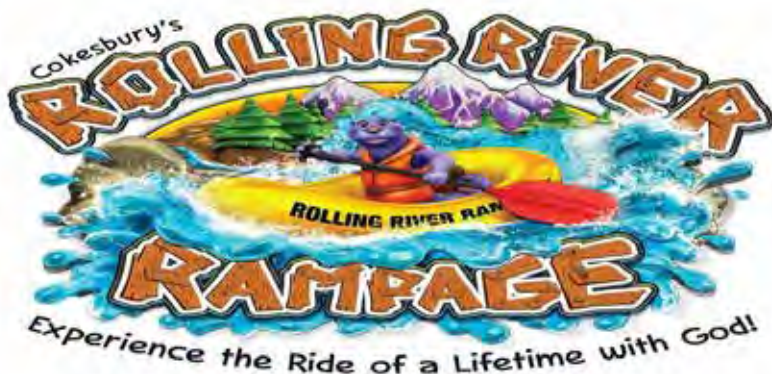
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**Free Form Movement:** Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Rm 129.

**Zumba Gold:** Wednesday in gym at 1:00 p.m.

### June 8

#### WUMCO Trivia Night

Nancy Piatt is hosting a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for WUMCO Help. There will be snacks, beer, and wine for sale. Also featuring prizes, a bake sale, and other surprises. Advance tickets: \$10 each; \$15 at the door. Children under 13 are free. Pick your team and get ready to Trivia! Contact WUMCO to buy advance tickets at 301-972-8481. *St. Peter's Church, Fisher Avenue.* 7:00 p.m.

### June 9

#### Library Special Event: Summer Read and Learn Open House

It's the first day of Summer Read and Learn! Sign up today at any Montgomery County Public Library to get started. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### June 13

#### Library Special Event: Canal Conversations: The Cultural and Natural History of the C & O Canal

The final lecture of the series will feature Robert Kapsch and Elizabeth Perry Kapsch who will speak about the C&O Canal breaking ground at Little Falls on July 4, 1828. Perry Kapsch, local historian and former president of the Historic Medley District, will discuss the planning and construction of the Seneca Aqueduct and the evolution of the village of Seneca while her husband, Robert Kapsch, former project engineer for the rehabilitation of the Monocacy Aqueduct, will discuss the planning and construction of that structure. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 7:00 p.m.

#### Poolesville Planning Commission Meeting

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

#### Wednesday for WUMCO

All who dine at Bassett's will also be contributing to helping those in need. Bassett's will give 10% of its income that day (dine in or carryout, lunch or dinner) to WUMCO Help. Please mark

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### June 14

#### Library Special Event: Family Storytime

This 25-30-minute program is designed to delight children of all ages. Filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. This program encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning and introduces them to the culture of reading. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 10:30 a.m.

### June 15, 16, and 17

#### The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

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### June 18

#### Library Special Event: Rock of Ages

School's out for summer! Kick off Summer Reading by channeling your inner rocker and competing with friends on Rock Band. For grades 4-12. No registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 3:00 p.m.

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

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

### June 19

#### Library Special Event: Pajama Storytime

This 25-30-minute program is designed to delight children of all ages. Filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. This program encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning and introduces them to the culture of reading. Pajamas are encouraged but not required! Repeat of June 14 program. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 7:00 p.m.

### June 20

#### Library special Event: Caregiver Support Program

This informal event is open to all community members who provide care for their loved one. Attendees can learn about: county resources for caregivers; tools to navigate local supports; how caregivers can maintain a healthy mind, body, and soul; planning ahead as a caregiver; and much more. These caregiver outreach sessions are hosted by Lylie Fisher from Montgomery County's Health and Human Services—Caregiver Support Program. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 7:00 p.m.

### June 21

#### Library Special Event: Paul Merklein—Cartoonist

Calling all artists and cartoon fans! Cartoonist Paul Merklein will teach children how to draw cartoons during this engaging and interactive program. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc. This is a summertime program for elementary-aged children and their families. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 11:00 a.m.

### June 23

#### Library Special Event: Reptile Rangers

The scaly creatures will captivate you as we share myths, histories, and benefits of these often-misunderstood animals. Meet a live king snake, corn snake, stinkpot turtle, terrapin, and many more reptiles! Presented by a Maryland Park Ranger from the Department of Natural Resources. This is a summertime program for all ages! *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 11:00 a.m.

#### The Big Flea: Annual Town of Poolesville Huge Flea Market

Many individual vendors joined by free electronic recycling (8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), free paper shredding (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.), and free paint

recycling as part of the Sustainable Maryland program (paint must be in original container, there is a \$2.00 charge per can). *Whalen Commons.* 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Fourth Annual Field and Fiddle Festival

A celebration of the beauty and history of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve. Music, food, vendors. Tickets available only online at [mocoalliance.org](http://mocoalliance.org). *Madison Fields, Dickerson.*

### June 23 and 24

#### 21st Annual Heritage Days Weekend

For specific information about all 40+ free events around the county, visit the Heritage Days website page: [www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org/events/heritage-days).

### June 24

#### Exciting Special Event: Raegan's Dream

An open house and grand celebration of Old Oaks Estate Venue Tree House. Come join in the fun and tour the fascinating and magnificent Bridal Tree House. Refreshments and live music by Greg Harrison Jazz Trio. *Old Oaks Estate, 20100 Beallsville Road.* 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.



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## Daytripper

### Traveling to Ireland—By Car!

By Rande Davis

Yep, you read that right, you can travel to Ireland by car. Well, not exactly Ireland, but as close as you are going to get to it on, as they say, this side of the Pond. The best part? It's not simply Ireland but the whole Celtic experience.

If you are looking for a terrific daytripper on June 16, you won't have to go any farther than Mt. Airy, Maryland. That is when the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival will be held at the Mt. Airy Volunteer Fire Company Activity Grounds at 1003 Twin Arch Road.

This will be like last year's event except on a dry and warmer June day (they hope).

There will be all the expected Irish games, children's activities, music, and food, including Irish/Scottish whiskey, mead, and beer tastings. The athletic games may be new to you, like the heavy hammer or stone throw, Caber toss, and more. There are a host of authentic Irish musical



*These lasses are just part of the entertainment at the Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival.*

performers. New will be living history reenactment groups, featuring kilts, face paint, and all.

The main differences this year will be: eight pipe bands, an expanded Bairns' (kids') Area with "wee games," dancing, magician, face painting, crafts, treasure hunt, and more! They will also be hosting an Afternoon Tea to benefit Hero Dogs (tickets can be purchased online for \$20 per person). The bands this year are: Celtic Rock Bands (Rathkeltair, Kilmaine Saints,

and Gaelic Mishap) and, on the acoustic stage, performances by Craggy Island, Capital Celtic, and the Martin Family Band.

There will be living history reenactment groups, kilts, face paint, and all, including: Njörðr Wanderers (Vikings), Caisle an na Cnamha (Castle of Bones), and Gaelic Irish soldiers.

Get all the info at [midmarylandcelticfestival.com](http://midmarylandcelticfestival.com).

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### Historic Boyds Negro School Celebrates Renovations

month, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. between April and October, and by appointment. Other Boyds Historical Society events and projects include Heritage Days in June, a stand at the Germantown Historical Society flea market twice a year, pontoon boat rides on Little Seneca Lake, school field trips, and archival work. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.; volunteers are welcome.

After the celebration, the Boyds Historical Society took a group of visitors across White Ground Road to the historic Edward U. Taylor School. The Taylor School opened in 1951 as the consolidated elementary school for black children from Martinsburg, Sellman, Poolesville, Sugarland, Clarksburg, and Boyds. It became an integrated school in September 1961. The school closed in 1979. Montgomery County Public Schools currently uses the building to assemble science kits, and the Upper Montgomery Athletic Club plays baseball at the school's ball fields.

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## Yeas and Neighs

### Pardon My French: The Sport of TREC

By Andie Devynck

If you've ever gone on an equestrian holiday, here or abroad, you know what a wild ride it can be. Equitrekking is the fancy name for vacationing on horseback, and these adventures differ in type as radically as horses and riders themselves. Trekking is offered in practically every country on Earth, from the mountains to the beaches, and even some below sea level! Not surprisingly, a competition sport has developed for trail-riding enthusiasts from this activity and has spread as an exciting way to highlight the skills necessary for the expert guides who lead these rides.

Short for Techniques de Randonnée Équestre de Compétition, TREC is comprised of three phases (like eventing): Orienteering, Control of Paces, and a Cross-Country Obstacle Course. Interestingly, TREC can be either ridden or driven (not with a car but with a carriage) using separate courses tailored to each form. In addition to being a complex skills-building sport, TREC is a sport in which all riding disciplines, breeds of horses, and varying abilities of riders are welcome and can compete against peers in teams.



Equestrian TREC.

#### Phase One: Trail Orienteering on Horseback (240 Points, 10 points for Equipment Pack)

The first phase of TREC, Orienteering, requires sound navigational skills and the ability to cover varied terrain. Successful teams will correctly and safely traverse the route while staying within the optimum time. Riders are given an allotted amount of time to copy down the route they must follow onto their blank topographical map. Teams must then follow the route using their map and compass (GPS devices are not allowed) and must be prepared to deal with potential hazards and emergency situations one might encounter while on the trail.

There are unknown checkpoints along the route that riders must pass through in the correct sequence and direction. Riders must also maintain the posted pace, which varies throughout the course. Points are deducted for riders traveling either too quickly or too slowly and for riders passing through the checkpoints from the wrong direction or missing them altogether.

Riders must also carry an equipment pack with them in this phase that includes items like a first aid kit and reflective gear. Points are deducted for riders missing the specified items from their pack.

#### Phase Two: Control of Paces (60 Points)

In the second phase, riders must show they can clearly control the horses and demonstrate the obedience of their mounts. Riders must first canter out, and then walk back on a 150-meter-long and two-to-four-meter wide passage without breaking gait. Higher marks are given to the rider that can canter the horse slowly and walk quickly while staying within the narrow track. Control of the Paces can be on different terrain or in an area with distractions to increase the level of difficulty.

#### Phase Three: Cross-Country Obstacle Course (160 Points)

Presumably the most exciting phase of TREC, the Cross-Country Obstacle course is one to five kilometers long and includes a variety of obstacles riders and horses might come across while riding in the countryside and certainly what

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*The family expressed their deep appreciation to those attending the dedication to their son.*



*The award-winning PHS choir graced the crowd with a moving a capella version of our national anthem and the marine hymn.*



*Laura Engler, Laura Friedman, James Cappuccilli (organizer and master of ceremony for the day's events), George Pappas, and Susan Hornburg in front of the newly installed sign.*



*The Marine Corps League provided the honor of a 21-gun salute for the hero marine.*



*Robert Rossi of the Marine Corps League, and chaplain for the day's events, with the family.*



*Delegate William G. Folden, the driving force in the naming of the bridge in Kirk's honor, presented the Bosselmann family with a replica of the sign.*





Honored guests Matt Mensik, Mr. and Mrs. Bosselmann, and PHS counselor George Pappas.



Joe Brown, president and best friend to Kirk, hugged his son, Kirk's namesake, during the young man's inspirational comments about being named after the marine.



Michael Skidmore, of the Montgomery County Fire Fighters Pipes and Drums, played "Amazing Grace."



PHS senior Morgan Bliss played taps beautifully.

TOWN OF POOLSVILLE'S TRIBUTE AND REMEMBRANCE FOR MARINE CORPORAL KIRK J. BOSSELMANN



Commissioners Jerry Klubukowski and Jim Brown spoke of the town's pride for Kirk Bosselmann.



This was just part of the community that came out to help honor Corporal Bosselmann.



Matt Mensik, who served in the marines with Kirk, spoke of Kirk's valor and good spirit.



Commander John Robinson and Legionnaire Chief Markoff attended to the colors for the day.



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**School Resource Officer Christopher Winkler**

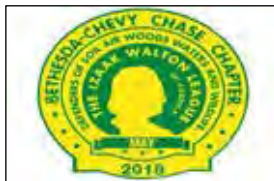
school is another top priority, but the overall incidences are low in Poolesville compared to other schools in the county. Today, school policies are geared more towards restorative justice rather than arrests whenever possible. The goal is to effect positive changes in the students' behavior rather than just suspend or arrest.

Over the summer, Winkler continues to serve the community in a variety of ways. He and a few other officers take part in a week-long summer police adventure camp for about thirty to thirty-five at-risk youth. The camp, which is currently based at Maryvale Elementary School in Rockville, takes kids to fun and educational activities such as the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, Camden Yards, Adventure Park USA, and other activities that they may not normally be able to attend.

When not working or volunteering for UMCVFD, Winkler has many outside interests. He is a member of the Society for Creative Anachronism which is an international, educational organization with over 30,000 members who are dedicated to research, reenactments, and re-creation of the arts and skills associated with seventeenth-century Europe. As part of his hobby, Winkler paints miniature figurines and does leather-tooling, calligraphy, metalwork, carpentry, and other activities that were popular during that era. "We do everything from full-contact sword fighting, brewing, making wines and beers, to fabric arts," said Winkler, who also enjoys gaming and reading in his spare time.

Officer Winkler loves being an integral member of the Poolesville High School community. Students, staff, and community members are always welcome to reach out to him while he is on duty with any questions or concerns.

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**COME JOIN US FOR THE FUN  
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For over a decade, Montgomery County has hosted an annual Heritage Days weekend to celebrate Montgomery County's rich history from the Stone Age through colonialism and into the new millennium. This will be the second year that the Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (B-CC IWLA) has joined Heritage Days with family-friendly activities that celebrate B-CC Chapter history, conservation efforts, and appreciation for our local ecology.

We will have programs for children of all ages and family activities including: wagon rides, hands-on experiences in fishing, archery, archaeology, bird studies, and several exhibits on our local wildlife and ecology.

Food (donations), drinks, and rest areas are available. We will be open to the public from 12pm-4pm on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24.

Directions to the chapter can be found below.  
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**Pardon My French: The Sport of TREC**

trekking guides experience on a daily basis. A course will have sixteen obstacles that are worth ten points apiece and can be designated to be performed in-hand or mounted. Examples of obstacles include: jumps, low branches, and banks, among others. Each obstacle is optional; riders are not eliminated for skipping obstacles.

**Levels and Scoring**

There are four levels of competition to accommodate riders and horses of varying skills. Level I is the beginner level while Level IV is the most challenging. In levels I and II, riders can ride individually or in groups of up to four. The course for Orienteering will be shorter, the Control of Paces straightforward, and obstacles in the Cross-Country phase will be simpler with jumps not to exceed twenty-four inches.

In Levels III and IV, riders ride individually. Routes in the Orienteering phase will be longer, more difficult, and will require advanced map-reading skills. The Control of the Paces may be curved or varied terrain. In the Cross-Country Obstacle phase, challenges may involve an unusual approach or exit, uneven terrain, faster time requirements, and obstacle heights up to 3'6". The horse and rider team with the most points at the end of the three phases wins. One of the bonuses of TREC is that teams aren't eliminated for being unable to perform parts of the competition; they are just given a lower score.

**How to Get Involved**

TREC has a huge following in Europe, and the TREC movement in the United States is gaining momentum. The International Equestrian Tourism Federation (FITE) is the official governing body of TREC and hosts a TREC World Championship every four years. Riders from all over the globe, including the United States, travel to compete. In 2012, the World Championships were held in Mafra, Portugal.

The United States National Equestrian Tourism Organization (USNETO) is recognized by FITE as the official governing body of TREC in the United States.

USNETO aims to promote safe trail riding and to improve horsemanship and navigational skills all while encouraging enjoyment of the countryside in an eco-friendly manner. As the sport grows, recognized instructors, some of whom are able to travel, are willing to teach clinics and help newcomers learn about TREC.

One last thought: if this challenging sport is held at night, would it be called STARTREC? Mon Dieu!

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**The Railroad That Wasn't**

that would take the cars to Poolesville, to Seneca, and on to Washington. Jordan said that the objective was to connect with the Old Dominion Railroad in Virginia.

Another meeting was held in Poolesville on November 2, and, this time, one hundred property owners who were not present at the first meeting gave their permission for building through their property. This time a route was finalized, and it was decided that after leaving Frederick, the line would run to Park Mills, to Dickerson, on to Poolesville, and then to Seneca and Washington.

By 1909, no construction had started, and the investors started to make inquiries. Mention of what happened to the glorious plans for the Gettysburg to Washington Railroad via Poolesville faded from the news. It is assumed that not enough capital was raised and that the plans were abandoned.

Where would the train station have been in Poolesville had things turned out differently? In the central business district at the corner of Routes 107 and 109? How long would the interurban have lasted? The Gettysburg to Frederick line lasted until the 1950s when the automobile became wildly popular and trolley travel was no longer needed.

Imagine that every history book that had been written about Poolesville included a chapter about the railroad that could carry passengers to Washington for the day and have them home by dinnertime? Would the Poolesville interurban have spurred development in the early twentieth century? What would our town have looked like?



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**Upcounty Prevention Network Sponsors June 11 Event on Vaping and Juuling at Town Hall**

The Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN), a local group of parents, healthcare professionals, police officers, students, and religious leaders founded three years ago, is sponsoring an event designed to educate the public about the vaping/juuling phenomenon: "Vaping and Juuling: What's the Deal?" It will be held on Monday, June 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Poolesville Town Hall.

Speaking at the event will be Jayme Derbyshire, a Montgomery County Police officer. She is the coordinator for the Chemical Test for Alcohol Unit for the county police. Her unit works directly with the Alcohol Initiative Section and, together, they work on issues that deal predominantly with impaired driving and drugs that impair.

According to Officer Derbyshire, teens cannot legally purchase vaping devices, e-cigs, or any electronic device or product (including e-juice) related to the ingestion of a tobacco product. The Maryland General Assembly also made possession of such devices or related products by minors (those under 18) illegal. Even so, it is clear that teens are obtaining the devices based on its growing popularity.

Office Derbyshire says parents are right to be concerned about the growing popularity of juuling. She noted, "Juuling and vaping is a serious problem due to the fact that it is not only e-juice that juveniles are placing within their devices. Minors are rigging their more sophisticated ENDS (Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems) to vape various drugs which includes marijuana concentrates. Marijuana concentrates have large amounts of THC within the product and have the ability to impair significantly." She goes on to point out that teens are very smart with technology and, given that these technologies are less telltale than cigarettes, they can hide what they are doing more easily.

At the event, Officer Derbyshire intends to explain how the technology works, why it is so dangerous, and what the community, families, and leaders can do to keep teens from adopting it and using it. "Vaping has taken off with more steam than many other current trends that we have seen amongst teens," she says. "The Surgeon General's Report of 2016 commented that there was a nine hundred

percent increase in vape usage amongst teens from 2011 to 2015. This large increase shows the rapid gain in popularity and, unfortunately, I would imagine that Montgomery County teens would tend to mimic this data set."

The public is invited to hear Officer Derbyshire on June 11 at Poolesville Town Hall and engage in a dialog about what can be done to curb and eventually stop this growing problem.

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**Tidbits**

**PHS Athletes of the Year**

The annual Athletes of the Year recognized by the Poolesville High School athletic department are Kellian Lee (basketball and track and field) and Connell Oberman (football, indoor track, and track and field).

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- **Support our seniors:** put a stop to increasing property taxes, launch our "Ask-A-Pharmacist" Plan to save on out-of-pocket prescription drug costs and put telemedicine in our senior centers for quick access to medical professionals.
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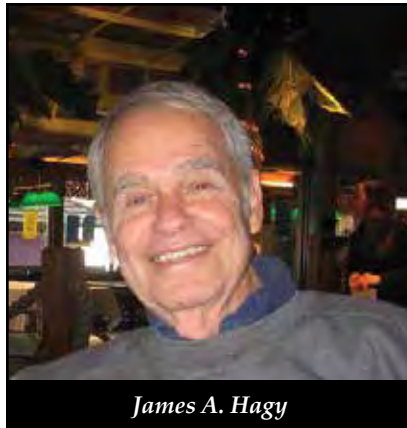
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## Remembrance

### James A. Hagy

James A. Hagy, (Jim) 86, forty-five-year resident of Poolesville, passed peacefully surrounded by family on May 30, 2018 at home. He was the loving husband to Sharon Hagy for fifty-one years. Born on April 21, 1932 in Landstreet, West Virginia, he was the son of the late Charles H. Hagy and Emma Z. Bingham.



James A. Hagy

After leaving high school early, Jim enlisted and served honorably in the navy during the Korean War, 1950 to 1954. He was an Aviation Machinist's Mate Third Class aboard the USS Lake Champlain aircraft carrier. He enjoyed that time of his life, making friends, getting to see and experience so many different places and cultures while proudly serving his country. He was always grateful to his older brother for steering him away from the army.

Since he left high school early to enlist, Jim began taking courses during his service to complete his high school equivalency, which he accomplished in 1955. From there he continued his education at the University of Maryland where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree. He later took courses at American University, earning a Master of Education degree. Though not really considering a teaching career at the time, he was offered a position to teach journalism at Montgomery Blair, and the salary was attractive, so there it began. He taught English and journalism at Blair until 1965 and then moved to Albert Einstein High School where he became the English resource teacher. He became involved with the American Federation of Teachers labor union while at Einstein, was the editor of the AFT newspaper, and many good times were enjoyed while working hard to represent teachers. Jim was also sponsor of the AEHS newspaper, the Nucleus, which won many awards during his time as sponsor. The Nucleus students were very special to him, and he kept in touch with many of them for some time after retiring. Jim retired from MCPS in 1985.

After retirement, Jim enjoyed life to the fullest. Always on the go, he enjoyed golf with friends, preferring to walk the course instead of riding in the cart, loved a good poker game, especially if he was winning, and loved betting on the horses (and again, winning), even working for some years as a para-mutual clerk at local race tracks. Mostly, he enjoyed the time together with family. With four daughters and their families in different states, there were many places to visit and explore while spending time with them. The Ocean City, Maryland vacations which brought everyone together most summers were the best. Sun, sand, surf, love, and laughter of family, enjoying every minute together was something everyone looked forward to. The time together there was never long enough but always cherished, and memories were made to last a lifetime.

He was the most loving, caring husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and we are all going to miss his contagious smile, his great (and mischievous) sense of humor, and his never-ending love for all of us. He was the foundation of his family, and we all loved him beyond words. He always said "travel light"—he did. We all will "keep on trucking" just for you. It's not "good-bye," but "see you later."

Surviving along with his wife are four children: Jennifer Turner (Scott) of Apline, Texas, Debby Moran (Steve) of Round Rock, Texas, Cindy Hagy of Hughesville, Pennsylvania, and Julie Thayer (Jeff) of Lake Oswego, Oregon; one brother, Rush Hagy of Alachua, Florida; brother-in-law Tom Myers of Port Saint Lucie, Florida; sisters-in-law Nancy Gibbs (Ronnie) of Montross, Virginia and Susan Hagy of Sun City Center, Florida; eleven grandchildren, Andrew, Steven, Brendan, Travis, Jordan, Jessie, Casey, Jill, Caden, Sami, and Nick; and four great-grandchildren, Gabby, Carly, Layla, and Wesley. James is also survived by numerous beloved nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

James was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Thomas Ames, Charles Hagy, and Richard Hagy; and four sisters, Anna Laura Baugh, Elizabeth McGlothlin, Dorles Hagy, and Leatrice Bender.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on June 23, 2018 at Hilton Funeral Home, 22111 Beallsville Road, Barnesville, MD 20838. This will be followed by a light lunch at the United Memorial Methodist Church in Poolesville.

James will be inurned at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

If desired, memorial donations may be made to: Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839; the American Heart Association; the Alzheimer's Association.

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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault:** 18100 block of Comus Road.

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**Theft:** 18900 block of Edwards Ferry Road, 14800 block of River Road.

### Past Crime: 1931

The Washington Police were asked to keep their eyes peeled for Maurice Stewart, a well-known criminal. It seems that Officer Roy Bodmer was investigating a nighttime burglary at a home in Germantown where a twelve-year-old girl gave a rather detailed description of the burglar after she was awakened by his footsteps. Her father also woke up and fired two shots at the suspect as he fled from the house. When Bodmer went back to talk to the girl, she admitted that there was more to the story. She said that not only did the man break into the house, but he also had raped her, and she was afraid to tell her parents. Bodmer developed Stewart as a suspect, and he was eventually found in D.C.

Wallace Redwine was strongly lectured at Circuit Court by Judge Woodward. Redwine had been arrested for a violation of the Prohibition laws while possessing a large quantity of liquor on the Conduit Road in Glen Echo. Judge Woodward fined Redwine \$200 and suspended a nine-month prison sentence. He said that he would send Redwine to prison if he got into the slightest bit of trouble—even speeding.

Circuit Court in Rockville provided an interesting morning for court watchers. It seems that a man arrived home at his house in Rockville and spotted three young men in his front yard. They all fled, but the homeowner was able to detain one. He was taken to Rockville headquarters and gave his

name as La Verne Francis Wheeler. Neither the arresting officer nor Judge Woodward believed him. In those days, it was common for people to not carry any identification. The case got the attention of Detective Volten of the Fingerprint Bureau who came into the courtroom and fingerprinted the man and proposed to send the prints to every sheriff and police chief in the southwest part of the country since the man claimed to be from San Antonio. Wheeler then helpfully mentioned that he had graduated from high school as a welder, was now a pilot, that his father owned a machine shop, that his late grandfather was the governor of Michigan, and that his father was the sheriff of a county in California.

The grand jury gave its annual report to Judge Peter who was overseeing the grand jury. Their report said that they were very impressed about the lack of serious crime in the county save for a robbery case where a pharmacy in Bethesda had been robbed, but the five suspects had been captured within twelve hours. The grand jury inspected the county alms house and found it to be clean and presentable. They said that there were thirteen white men, five black men, and five women in attendance. They also recommend that a new courthouse be built (it was done within a year) due to the overcrowding and insecure method of storing records.

Former States Attorney and prestigious attorney Albert Bouic was treated to some efficient police work. While Mr. Bouic was in court, Officer Merson was on patrol and saw Bouic's car being operated on the Rockville Pike. He gave chase and arrested the driver. Inside the car, Merson found burglar tools.

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*The Maryland State Flag was lowered in honor of Sgt. Eddison Hermond of the Maryland National Guard, who died during his heroic rescue effort during the devastating flood in Ellicott City.*



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### Initial Thinking about New Development on Willard Property Aired at Town Meeting

Earlier in the meeting, Pazit Aviv, the Montgomery County Village Coordinator, appeared to brief the commissioners about her work and how it might be useful to the town. "Villages" in this context are areas in the county where volunteers get together to coordinate services for seniors. The idea is to help make it possible for older people to be able to age in place or live in their existing homes and not be forced to leave or go to nursing homes just because they lack access to such things as readily-available and routine medical assistance.

Aviv said there are more than twenty such villages throughout Montgomery County. By far the largest number are in Bethesda, and none exist in the Upcounty, including Damascus. Part of the reason the concept has caught on so quickly is the rapid increase in the number of people who are over sixty-five in the county.

All the services offered by the villages are coordinated by or provided by volunteers. Services include transportation to doctors and social services appointments, social events, help with home repairs, and some limited in-home support such as meals, laundry, and pet care in some instances. Aviv said that she is trying to expand the number of villages and wanted to offer her services to help Poolesville and the surrounding area in any way she could.

Commissioner Valaree Dickerson noted that many of the services that Aviv said are part of the village concept are already being provided by volunteer groups in the Poolesville area such as the Western Upper Montgomery County Help Organization (WUMCO) or the Poolesville Senior Citizens' Association. She added that it would still be of interest to have more discussions with Aviv in order to see what else might be offered to residents of the Upcounty.

Two candidates for county office followed the presentation on villages. The first was Jae Hwang who is running for sheriff in Montgomery County. Sheriffs, unlike the head of the Montgomery County Police Department, are elected countywide. Until the latter part of the 1900s, they provided an array of police services. Today, they are largely the enforcement arm of the courts, transporting prisoners to and from jails and to court appointments.

Hwang is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County. He now lives in Boyds with his wife and family and said that he has a strong connection to

the Upcounty. He stressed that he will be a strong presence in the Poolesville area if elected to office.

Paul Geller, a candidate for an at-large seat in the county council, appeared to highlight his reasons for running for office. He explained that his roots are in the PTAs as he has been president of the Montgomery County Council of PTAs for several years. He has worked with PTAs

throughout Montgomery County and said he is very familiar with the problems Poolesville has had in getting its high school modernized. He has worked hard, in partnership with many, including Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, to get legislation passed that would establish a "lock box" to ensure that substantial portions of the revenue from casino gambling are devoted to schools.

In response to questions, Geller said his long involvement with PTAs, including Poolesville's, and his knowledge concerning the condition of the town's high school make him an ideal candidate for an at-large seat. He said he will be a major presence in the town if he is elected, and he pledged to support the town in its efforts to get a multi-purpose facility with a new high school built.



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### PACC Holds Forum for District 1 County Council Candidates

questions. The evening began with chamber president Gail Lee welcoming all the candidates and attendees on behalf of the chamber, emphasizing the importance of the council seat to the town and the chamber.

The opening and closing statements allowed each candidate to prioritize his or her message to voters. Another question asked each to also differentiate his/her candidacy from the others'. The evening began with republican Richard Banach. These responses are in the order in which the candidates spoke:

**Richard Banach (R):** The twenty-year-old college student listed his priorities as supporting and upgrading education in the county and promoting the need to redistrict a separate council seat made up only of Upcounty voters. He returned to the latter issue repeatedly throughout and, although coming from down-county himself, saw most of the problems faced by those in the Poolesville area as a result of lack of exclusive representation. He called himself a different kind of Republican, self-described as being right of center which he believes would provide a unique voice within the council made up of entirely progressive-left candidates. He was disturbed that the 8.7 percent increase in property tax did not get properly allocated as promised toward educational needs. He noted his youthful perspective as being his strength, and most relevant experience since being a recent Montgomery County Public Schools student, having the most current and direct knowledge of shortcomings in education. He emphasized upgrading curriculum to better meet the needs of all students, including those who might be heading toward trades; old, outdated computer systems used by teachers; and a need to change school hours to address issues of sleep deprivation as among things to improve education in the county. He argued against the current election financing system as having too much outside money in politics and also recommended going to four-weeks-only campaigns to minimize the influence and the impact of such money.

**Bill Cook:** A self-described businessman, he eschewed a resume review preferring to speak on issues and concerns most important to Poolesville. Noting his family ties to Poolesville, he blamed the failure of financial support for a new school on an explosion of growth as a resulting from too much influence in politics by developers. He noted he would give a unique view on the issues, offering ideas as a non-politician viewpoint, and was pleased to have attended a tour of the high school just prior to the opening of the forum.

**Peter Fosselmann** emphasized his experience in land use management and master plan developments as a five-term mayor of Kensington. He said that his changes helped businesses, specifically restaurants, and pointed to his success in managing the first new master plan for Kensington in thirty-five years, gaining zoning authority from the state to do so. He mentioned his past as a business owner of a successful fitness center and his role in the O'Malley administration as deputy secretary of state, focusing on issues of human trafficking and domestic violence. His early career as an infrastructure inspector for Gaithersburg was cited as useful in understanding some environmental issues. His priorities are balanced land use, the needs of an aging county population which includes having more senior centers and improving aging in place opportunities, and growing business. He promised not to support any county budget that does not provide financial improvement or assistance to Poolesville.

**Ana Sol Gutierrez** spoke of her sixteen years of public policy experience with the county board of education and Maryland House of Delegate state legislature. She emphasized her budget committee expertise and knowledge of understanding and managing large and complex budgets. A self-described "numbers person," she noted her background as a computer systems engineer, including an early career role in writing protocol while at NASA for the Hubble Project. She spoke of her role as a member of the county Board of Education in resolving population-shortage issues for Poolesville High School which during her tenure initiated the Global Ecology Studies Program at the school. Beyond working for school improvements, she spoke of her support for reliable transportation and climate change. She does not accept developer donations.

**Meredith Wellington:** She said that she is well-versed in town issues having many associates in the community and as a person who has visited the town nine times for various reasons. A labor attorney, she has been a county leader in women's issues, and her eight years on the MC Planning Board which focuses on land use issues, with an understanding of issues central to the county, and shares area concerns for the Ag Reserve and made mention that she has the endorsement from Royce Hansen and Caroline Taylor. She offers her priorities as being someone who is knowledgeable, a strong listener, and a person with experience on the county planning commission, an experience that

is central to understanding the needs of the county. She, too, does not take donations from developers

**Andrew Friedson** and **Regina Oldak** had statements on their behalf read prior to the start of the forum.

Each attending candidate addressed nine questions:

None supported a new bridge over the Potomac; each supported the notion of a new community-wide, multi-use facility for Poolesville High School for recreational services, police substation, health and human resources, and senior center.

All voiced their agreement with concerns of climate change; each specified various areas of experience supporting that position. Bill Cook called it an existential threat, while Banach reminded attendees of his opening statement that he is a "different kind of Republican" noting his support of climate change mitigation as being evidence of that.

All called for the eventual closure of the Dickerson incinerator.

On a question regarding privatizing the liquor control board: Fosselmann and Wellington voiced support for privatization. Gutierrez and Cook voiced continuation with goals of improving the service since they did not see where the lost \$30 million in county revenue would come from. Richard Banach got the only laugh of the evening when he said, "Well, I am just twenty years old."

The primary is on June 26.

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### Thomas Jefferson, Rest In Peace

month of June, I fondly remember Tom's time in the garden with me. Now, Tom, like many black Labs, did not like the heat and the sun; too hot for his thick black coat. He preferred a cold, dark, rainy or snowy night for relaxing on the grass. We called him "The Nighthawk." Other than the winter months, he would come to the garden with me in June, and only June. He and I both felt that June was the best month of the summer to enjoy the garden. It was not too hot, too buggy, or too humid; it was just right, a Goldilocks month. I will miss my *sous gardener* Tom. Spencer is learning to help in the garden, but his penchant for digging is not always appreciated by the Chief Gardener.

So today I shall walk through the garden, as I did for almost thirteen years with Tom, and see what is growing and doing well. Enjoy the beauty of nature and fruits of your hard labor now. For come July, the high temperatures and humidity arrive, along with the Japanese beetles and other pesky insects, plant diseases, and drought conditions. June is a safe month for flowering plants. These early bloomers do not have to struggle to survive; they enter the garden world with new energy, and they dance on the stage for about a month, putting on a spectacular show. It is prime time for peonies, Siberian iris, *Baptisia australis*, dianthus, snapdragons, *Alchemilla mollis*, foxglove, *Centaurea montana*, lavender, and my two (and only two) David Austin roses 'Olivia' — my Proven Winners.

Tom would have enjoyed our walk.

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### It's One of the Peak Times for Allergy and Skin Irritation.

Adapted by Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

According to a recently released 2018 State of Pet Health Report, which explores the science behind skin allergies in pets and sheds light on flea, environmental, and food allergies, the latter isn't to blame for itchy skin as often as some might believe.

According to the report, food allergies affect just 0.2 percent of dogs and 0.1 percent of cats, meaning other causes should be explored if food allergies are suspected; furthermore, flea allergies have risen over the past 10 years, including a 12 percent increase in dogs and a 67 percent increase in cats, and environmental allergies also are on an upward trend, with a more than 30 percent increase in dogs and 11 percent increase in cats over the last decade.

According to the study, cats are twice as likely as dogs to be found with fleas; however, fleas exist in all types of weather, on outdoor and indoor pets and in all 50 states all year long.

Ticks do not tend to produce a general allergic reaction, but the saliva and anticoagulant from the tick mouth parts can produce a significant local allergic and tissue-damaging effect.

While environmental allergens for pets vary by region and climate, many are found in a typical pet owner's home, including pollen, dander, molds, and cleaning solutions. Additionally, Wisdom Health research found additional evidence that links genetics to the development of environmental allergies in dogs. Some commonly-affected breeds include golden retrievers, Labrador retrievers, German shepherds, cocker spaniels, boxers, French bulldogs, and West Highland white terriers.

Thirty percent of food-allergic dogs and cats are found to have another allergic skin condition. Food allergic pets also more prone to skin infections; dogs are six times more likely to develop a secondary bacterial skin infection, whereas cats are fifteen times more likely to develop a secondary bacterial skin infection

The 2018 State of Pet Health Report captures medical data from the more than three million dogs and cats from corporately-owned veterinary practices in the United States.

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