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All that's missing is the chain mail armor and a damsel in distress. See more photos in Family Album on page 2.



Athletic Director Regina Grubb shares thoughts on new season on page 4.



A mystery of the giant American flag. Who deposited it in the retired flag box at town hall? Find more details in Tidbits on page 5.



The future of Poolesville swimming looks promising. See why in Youth Sports on page 10.

## Town Commissioners Seek to Galvanize Elected Officials' And Candidate Support for PHS Rejuvenation Plan

By Link Hoewing

At its August 6 meeting, the Poolesville commissioners discussed a brief survey that is being distributed to citizens advocating the construction of a new multiuse facility/high school where PHS now sits. The commissioners urged as many citizens as possible to fill out the survey and expressed strong support for the effort to convince the county to modernize the high school and include facilities for medical services, seniors, a police substation, and even potentially an agricultural sciences room or agriculture extension service office. The survey is available on the home page of the town website. The effort has been gaining steam since January when Superintendent Jack Smith appeared before the commissioners and expressed interest in the idea.

The commissioners have appointed a task force to direct the initiative to gain support from county and state



Town task force to organize public and governmental support for funds for a multi-use building to house Poolesville High School: Jim Brown, Kevin Schramm, Rebecca Munster, Wade Yost, Brook Whitson, Jerry Klobukowski, and Link Hoewing. Not pictured: Kerri Cook.

elected officials, candidates for these positions, the Montgomery County Public School Board of Education, and to mobilize Poolesville Cluster residents in support of the concept. Members of the committee are: Commissioners Jim Brown and Jerry Klobukowski, town manager Wade

Yost, School Cluster representative Kevin Schramm, Kerri Cook, Rebecca Munster, Brook Whitson, and *Monocle* reporter Link Hoewing.

The commissioners also heard a report from Yost on the transfer agreement that is being negotiated with the  
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## Barnesville Fights Speeding Cars and Trucks

By John Clayton

Ask almost anyone who lives in Barnesville what the number one problem is, and you will likely receive the same answer: traffic speeding through the town's two main roads. After much lobbying and agitating by the town's mayor and town council, including a Traffic and Calming/Safety Committee, the state has agreed to place three-way stop signs at the intersections of Beallsville Road (Route 109) and Barnesville Road, and Barnesville Road and Old Hundred Road (also Route 109). Not every resident is happy about this solution.

The incorporated Town of Barnesville surrounds the crossroads of Barnesville Road and Maryland State Route 109, which comes from Beallsville as Beallsville Road and continues towards Comus as Old Hundred Road. Route 109 actually runs along



Afternoon rush hour traffic in Barnesville.

Barnesville Road for a brief period before turning north and completing the transition to Old Hundred Road. More than you wanted to know? Perhaps, but this short stretch of road

is state-owned, allowing the state to act.

For many years, concerned citizens such as local attorney and activist Jim  
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# Family Album



Everyone loves the White Elephant sale at St. Mary's, especially when just the right toy pops out in front of you!



HMD's first community picnic had a strong turnout. Attending here were Martin Radigan, Ellen Letourneau, Abby Radigan, Caitlin Robinson, Elisa Graf with daughter Eleanor, and Knight Kiplinger. We think Maisie was there, too, hiding behind Ellen.



Pat Hess enjoyed a lovely picnic with son Daniel and her grandson at HMD's community picnic.



After 143 years of doing a fabulous chicken dinner, we can report that St. Mary's really has the recipe down pat. Louise and Frank Austin, along with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Roit, wholeheartedly agreed.



This lady came from the District of Columbia to attend her first St. Mary's Chicken Dinner Festival. We caught her taking a short nap on one of the chairs up for sale.



The bean bag toss is always a favorite children's game at the annual St. Mary's festival.



# AgNews

## A Fun Tribute to Our Dairy Farming History

By Rande Davis

One of Montgomery County's great family farms will be honored at Boyd's King Barn Dairy MOOseum (KBDM) on Sunday afternoon, August 26. On that day, the descendants of the John Francis Windolph family will gather at the MOOseum to share their family story and the history of the farm. Most readers of the Monocle are very familiar with the farm as it is located at the corner of Route 107 and Route 28. Its stately stone farmhouse still dominates the landscape at this intersection, but its history remains distant, a proud tale of a time when dairy farming was, pardon the pun, king in the county.



John Francis Windolph family homestead on Route 28.

This special exhibit is part of the KBDM's ongoing program to archive the histories of dairy farms in Montgomery from a time when there were five hundred working farms in the county.

John Francis Windolph's father, John Windolph, who immigrated to the United States in 1898, bought this farm in 1930 from Joseph and Genevieve Young. The son was born in 1907, died in 1992, and is buried at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville.

The farm was 374.4 acres. John Francis and his wife Emma raised two children. They shipped milk on this farm for twenty-eight years, from 1930 to 1959, and were members of the Maryland & Virginia Milk Producers Cooperative Association. They also grew corn, wheat, oats, barley, and hay, as well as vegetables; had several beehives; raised poultry, beef cattle, geese, sheep, and hogs; and they even raised some racehorses.

Daughter Christina Windolph Williams recorded that, at one time, the farming compound included its own pumphouse, a blacksmith shop, a smokehouse, a machinery shed, a granary, a horse barn, a hog building, a corn bin, old slave quarters, and even a tavern. The tavern was established to help the family during times of financial difficulty, a tribute to the creative entrepreneurship of most successful farmers.

The dairy farm, made up mostly of grade Holsteins, used horses until well into the 1940s. Over the years, the farm transitioned from workhorses to tractors. In 1957, they transitioned from shipping milk in ten-gallon cans to a three-hundred-gallon stainless-steel bulk milk tank. They also transitioned from wheat threshing to harvesting by combines. Agricultural activities on the farm ended around the year 2000 when the farm was sold.

We prejudicially often think of farming and tractors to be something of interest to boys, but Christina Williams begs to differ by recalling her youth, "Growing up helping to feed, water, and pick eggs from chickens to taking care of the garden. At a very young age, I drove a truck and tractor as hay bales were picked up in the fields. I was barely big enough to reach the clutch and brake pedals. Every summer, I helped either putting hay or straw in bales on the elevator or stacking the bales in barn lofts." Now, that, by the way, is how to raise strong, independent women.

This event is the perfect Daytripper about life before the internet. It's for families seeking a fun but educational outing that is close by, full of many

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## Rande(m) Thoughts

### Mr. Candidate: Build This School!

By Rande Davis

Here is a very simple fact: If democracy means anything, we will get a revitalized and modern school facility. It may come as a thorough renovation or a completely new facility or some combination of both—but it will and must come, and a commitment needs to be made now. No school in the county has more concerned and caring parents. None can match pound for pound our energy or commitment and, surely, who can match our creativity? Merging a new school with local community needs is the way for the future—not simply here but, I believe, in many other places.

As is shown in our front page story, our town leaders have established a task force to muster the necessary funds from the county, state, and, yes, Montgomery County Public Schools to build/renovate Poolesville High School into a dynamic community life center fully equipped to meet not just our educational secondary school needs but also to create a unique facility that brings to our rural community the modern conveniences enjoyed by all other communities in the county. Just as importantly, the town government must be willing to put money on the table, too. Yes, we are small, but that is not a bad thing. In fact, it is our strength. Montgomery County is a greater county for having our “ruralness.” If diversity has any meaning, then cultural diversity from having a prosperous rural town within a city/suburban county is vital.

Every state and county candidate for office needs to be fully on board and supportive of our bold, new concept of a multi-purpose community educational facility meeting the needs of not just high school students but also the larger community. Our town government has put together a survey to which all candidates must respond. More highly-populated areas can afford a far-ranging social and cultural platform consisting of many different facilities and services. Those living in the Ag Reserve need to have those services, too, but we have to be more efficient: Joining those needs with a more modern high school makes perfect sense.

As mentioned many times before, even as recently as the last issue of the *Monocle*, we also need to start planning to bring a world-class Agriculture Science program to PHS. Adding this to our curriculum strengthens us as a school system and protects our educational future. How is it that a large city like Philadelphia can have a large, dynamic Ag Science program but not a county like Montgomery which has its proud and nationally-recognized Ag Reserve? The county needs Ag Science, and Poolesville is exactly the place in which to start one.

MCPS superintendent Dr. Jack Smith has already voiced his full support for the multiuse facility with funds coming from not just MCPS but other county agencies. Multi-use facility means all residents and taxpayers, young and senior, parents and non-parents, financially secure and those less so, benefit from its existence. Now is the time for elected members of the board of education, the county council, and state office holders to join Dr. Smith in his support and step up with their pledge of support as well.

By the way, Governor Hogan, we need to hear from you, too.

## School News

### Regina Grubb, New PHS Athletic Director, Is a Familiar Face

By Jeff Stuart

Familiarity with and loyalty and devotion to Poolesville High School put Regina Grubb in position to succeed as the new athletic director. A member of the 1992 PHS graduating class, she played field hockey, basketball, and softball at the varsity level for all four years of high school. She was a successful field hockey coach, winning a state championship in 2002 and several regional titles. She also coached JV girls' basketball and JV girls' softball. She served as assistant athletic director under both Ed Ross and Fred Swick.

Here are her answers to questions put to her in a recent interview:

#### As an athletic director, what do you believe is your best asset?

I am organized, positive, always ready for new challenges and learning, love sports and the town of Poolesville, and I work with people very well.

#### What are you looking for in a coach? Were Mr. Sickieri (football) and Ms. Fourcade (girls' volleyball) your hires?

When hiring a coach, I am looking for a person who is in it for the student-athletes. I want someone who is willing to work with all levels of athletes and do their best to get them to reach their potential. I want someone who is knowledgeable about the game and can break down parts and be able to teach their athletes. I want someone who is willing to learn and grow themselves and not be satisfied with what they already know. I want them to push their athletes every day but also have fun and create long-lasting memories for the students and teach them life lessons through their sport.

I was a part in the hiring of these two coaches and a few others for this coming year. We have an interview committee and work together as a group to get the best person to fill the positions.

#### What major challenges and problems do you face?

No challenges or problems at this time. Every day is different which has made it very interesting. I am learning many new things already with the job

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## Tidbits

### New Things for Poolesville Still Headed Our Way

We have had readers ask about the progress of the future Dunkin' Donuts store to be located in the Subway parking lot as well as the Chevy Chase Market scheduled to be built next to Tractor Supply. There is not much new to report, but town manager Wade Yost said that the town expects them both to be completed late in the year. Most of the details are in the hands of the county now undergoing review. If further delays are announced, we will let our readers know.

Don't worry, as you will see in the very next Tidbit, they did accept another worthy project, and all is fine now.

Who originally owned the flag is a mystery, but we would love to hear from that person(s) to find out its use. The exact size is not determined since to spread it out would require it to touch the ground, something proper flag etiquette does not allow.

This huge, proud flag must have had a proud history, and the owner was knowledgeable and respectful enough to place it in the cabinet, so it would get its proper retirement. The only problem now is how to properly burn such a large flag.

If you were the owner, please let us at the *Monocle* know who you are.



Local muralist Karen Kouneski has completed the murals of area iconic sites on the east exterior wall of Bassett's Restaurant.

### Fourth Panel at Bassett's Mural Now Complete

If you haven't ridden through town lately, you might not be aware that local muralist Karen Kouneski has completed her excellent painting of area iconic sites at Bassett's. Most have seen her work showing the sunflower fields, Sugarloaf Mountain, and White's Ferry. The final selection open to public suggestions was chosen: the Old Town Hall area show the historic bank and Steven's House with pictures of the Potomac Hunt Club riding by as it does during the parade on Poolesville Day.

### Long May She Wave

When Eagle Scout Chris Austin, with help from St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop's David Cahoon, built the beautiful cabinet to collect American flags for proper retirement that is placed in the vestibule of Poolesville Town Hall, he never expected what he found there last month. Jammed inside was a huge American flag estimated to be at least eighteen feet wide. That project was originally intended to an Eagle Scout project for Chris, but it was not accepted by the Eagle Scout review board as it would not meet the requirements of the program.

### Time to Get Down and Dance with the American Legion

The Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247 will once again have its Barn Dance on August 24 at the Calleva Barn. This is the group's key fundraiser for the entire year. Last year's dance was a rousing success with attendees praising the fun night of dancing, fellowship, and many, many door prizes thanks to so many wonderful commercial sponsors. There's no need to worry about your knowledge of barn (square) dancing, our caller takes you through it step by step. Come dressed for the day as there will be prizes for Best Western Dress, Fanciest Cowboy Boots (come on, Stump, you need to be here!), and recognition of the best Western-dressed couple. For more details, see Things to Do and the legion's ad this issue.

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## In Your Own Backyard

### Patowmack Canal Paddle Trip

By Jon Wolz

On a beautiful, Saturday, July 14, I participated in a C&O Canal Association-sponsored paddle trip led by Tony Laing. We departed from Seneca Creek at Riley's Lock. Fortunately, that day was at the end of the July dry spell, and the water level was down. There were seven kayaks and two canoes. Steve Horvath sat in the bow of my canoe, and I sat in the stern. My son Charles kayaked solo. This was Charles's and my first trip on this stretch of the Potomac River. Steve had done this trip five times. We departed the creek bank and paddled towards the Seneca Creek Aqueduct. As we approached the aqueduct, we could readily see the damage caused by the 1971 and 1972 floods as well as the efforts by the National Park Service to stabilize the historic C&O Canal structure. The aqueduct once had three sandstone arches, the stones for which were quarried at the nearby Seneca Quarry and were cut by the nearby Seneca Stonecutting Mill. Only two of the three arches remain as a result of the flooding. The aqueduct was completed in 1832. This aqueduct is also the only one of the eleven canal aqueducts that is a combination lift lock and aqueduct. Of the eleven aqueducts, two have been restored including the Monocacy and the Catoctin Aqueducts, and a third one, the Conococheague Aqueduct, is currently being restored. Hopefully, there will be an effort to restore the Seneca Creek Aqueduct.



*Paddling down the Patowmack Canal.*

As we paddled through an arch of the aqueduct, Steve yelled, "Watch your head!" He was correct, the arch had a low ceiling, and I had to lean to the side. Once beyond the aqueduct, we were now at the mouth of Seneca Creek and we entered the Potomac River. Tony shouted, "Head for the flagpole." A large United States flag beckoned to us from the Trump National Golf Club on the Virginia side of the Potomac. This part of the river resembles a lake. At canal milepost 22 at Violette's Lock, the second dam of the C&O Canal was built in the Potomac to supply water from Seneca down to Lock 5 where Dam No. 1 at Little Falls was used to water the rest of the canal in Washington, D.C. Dam No. 2 is connected to Inlet Lock No. 2 which allows water into the canal for seventeen miles down to Lock 5. Dam No. 2 forms the Seneca slack water that we paddled across. This slack water stretches upriver for five miles. When we got to the Virginia side of the Potomac above the old dam, we entered the Patowmack Canal which was one of five skirting canals built around rocky waters of the Potomac. George Washington wanted to make the Potomac River navigable as far north and west as the Ohio River. In 1785, the Patowmack Canal Company was formed with George Washington serving as its president until he became president of the United States. The stretch we paddled down is known as the Seneca Falls Canal and is about three quarters of a mile long. In 1828, the Patowmack Canal Company closed and turned over its operations to the C&O Canal Company that was formed in 1828.

As we turned to head downriver, we seemed to enter another world. The water moved swiftly at times, and we had to navigate around rocks, many of which were submerged. We also paddled through rapids and rock ledges.

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### Town Commissioners Seek to Galvanize Elected Officials' and Candidate Support for PHS Rejuvenation Plan

state regarding Fisher Avenue. Yost noted that the state included in the proposed transfer agreement a clause saying that the road should be transferred "as is." Yost said that he thought the town should go back to the state and include proposed improvements in the road—including the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of Fisher and Wootton Avenues—to see if they could get the state to agree to do them before the transfer is effected. The commissioners agreed with this approach.

Yost also presented the closeout report for the 2018 budget. At the end of each fiscal year, the town must do an accounting regarding its final financial position. This ensures that the books are clean for the next fiscal year and allows an audit to be conducted, assessing how funds were managed.

Yost pointed out that this year's budget was a little different. For example, the percentage of total town revenues represented by income taxes went down to thirty-six percent while the amount represented by property taxes came in at forty percent. The trend over recent years has been for the percentage of income taxes to keep pace with the percentage of property taxes.

Yost said the town took in around \$3.6 million including revenues from development fees and payments by companies renting space for cell transponders on the water tower. Total town spending came in six percent below budgeted levels due to a new (and less costly) trash collection contract and a mild winter with little snow (which means less overtime for employees who must plow streets). The town spent a total of nearly \$2.4 million in the last fiscal year.

The town tries to ensure that it accrues enough revenue from the fees it charges for water use to cover all water and sewer operations. In most years, it does not quite do that and a grant—sometimes fairly large—must be made from the general fund to cover the shortfall from water fees. This year, the total grant was very small—only about one percent of the total cost of water and sewer operations. Yost attributed this to keeping costs low and to last year's increases in water fee rates. He also said that much of the major spending needed to improve or add to the water and sewer systems has been completed, and all new homes are adding revenues to support operations.

The town ended the fiscal year with "unrestricted reserves," or what some call the "rainy day" fund that can support operations in instances of major revenue shortfalls or cost increases, at well over the required "17.5 percent of general fund revenues." The town was "sitting pretty" with regard to its financial condition. The commissioners unanimously approved the final closeout report.

Jeff Eck from the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) came to the meeting to present his department's assessment regarding the July 4 fireworks display. UMCVFD manages the fireworks display largely using funds from a major grant the town makes each year.

Eck said the goal of the event is to provide a "safe, family-oriented celebration and fireworks display." UMCVFD aims to offer a high-quality event for the entire community.

While the town provides the main support for the event, other town organizations, such as the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and businesses, such as Jamison Real Estate and Total Automotive, also contribute. Eck stressed that the event is not a fundraiser for UMCVFD, and the fire department acts solely as its "steward."

Eck estimated that about seven hundred or so cars parked in the fields around the event, translating to about 1,800 or so people attending the celebration.

Local Boy Scout Troop 496 directed parking during the event and did the cleanup afterwards. Eck was highly complimentary regarding how the Boy Scouts performed. He also complimented Montgomery County Police who managed the traffic into and out of the event.

Eck said that, this year, five vendors were at the event, including a kettle corn stand, Firehouse Subs, Kona Ice, Corned Beef King, and Ben and Jerry's.

In their questions, the commissioners praised the UMCVFD for the quality of the fireworks display and for how the traffic and parking were managed, but they did express concern that the reputation of the event could be undermined by the limited number of food vendors available and the long waits to obtain food and refreshments. They urged UMCVFD to do everything it can to increase the number of vendors and ensure that the long lines that occurred this year do not reoccur.

After the report from the UMCVFD, the commissioners considered the appointment of three local citizens to be new members of the Board of Elections. The three, Karen Anderson, Violeta Lotuaco, and Amy Beal, were approved unanimously. One more seat on the board remains open.



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

**August 10**

**Friday on the Commons: The Big Top**

Inflatables, DJ, farmers' market, petting zoo, food trucks, movie: *The Greatest Showman*. *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m., movie at 8:30 p.m.

**August 11**

**UMCVFD BBQ Pork/Beef Sandwich Sale**

Parking lot of the Beallsville Fire Hall. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or earlier if sold out.

**August 15**

**Poolesville Planning Commission Meeting**

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**August 16**

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**August 17**

**Friday on the Commons: Suds and Soul**

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food trucks including Smokin' Ray's, Rosie's Kitchen, and El Pollo. Concert: Gina's Soul Party and the Souled Out Horns. *Whalen Commons*. 7:30 p.m.

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### Barnesville Fights Speeding Cars and Trucks

Brown, who chairs the committee mentioned above, his wife Tina Thieme Brown, and others have worked with their mayors and councilmembers to try to get the county or the state to provide measures to combat what are believed to be primarily out-of-town drivers speeding through these two main roads, which are residential in nature and have a speed limit of thirty miles-per-hour. Over the years, there have been many accidents and near misses, and residents whose homes line these roads can offer anecdotal testimony to that effect; however, the evidence is not limited to anecdotes. Just recently there have been a number of accidents near the main intersections of Route 109 and Barnesville Road. An early-morning driver sped around a stopped school bus and just missed hitting a student. A pickup truck speeding through town at sixty-five miles-per-hour struck a light pole and almost ended up in a living room, as many Barnesville homes sit perilously close to the roadway. A resident mowing her lawn close to the road was struck and escaped serious injury. Unfortunately, a bicyclist struck in front of the town hall suffered serious injuries. Speeding was a factor in both incidents. Two guardrails have been hit by speeders as well, all in the last twelve months.

Another factor, supported by state and county data and observation, is an increase in large trucks using Barnesville Road as an alternative to Interstate 270, mainly at rush hour to avoid backups and also to avoid the weigh station.

The town has fought the worsening problem actively for about eight years. One approach was a speed trailer that flashed the speed at which vehicles were traveling, but it finally gave out after seven years. County speed cameras were set up along Barnesville Road and along Old Hundred Road at the town's request; they issued 6,646 speeding tickets in 2017 and the first three months of 2018, and, no, Barnesville does not get to keep the money. More recently, off-duty Montgomery County Police officers have set up traditional radar positions which have resulted in around six hundred speeding tickets since May 2017. According to the officers, who asked the drivers their destinations, ninety-nine percent were using Barnesville roads to avoid I-270. Whatever relief this may have offered, a consensus existed that it is not enough.

At the town's request, the state performed a six-month study of projected population growth in Frederick County in light of Barnesville's increased traffic, speeding tickets, and accidents. They proposed and are now planning to install stop signs at two state-controlled intersections: Barnesville Road and Beallsville Road (in front of Mrs. Brown's attic) and Barnesville Road and Old Hundred Road, in front of the Barnesville Town Hall. Some residents have objected to the plan, citing, among other concerns noise, traffic backups, and difficulty getting out of driveways at peak times, and the state, according to Jim Brown, has been considerate of their concerns, but the decision is entirely up to the state, based on traffic and pedestrian safety. The state, not the town, is ultimately liable for deaths on their roads. Following the results of their study, the state could have decided to do nothing, install stop signs, or even a stop light, which the town absolutely did not want.

The state held a question-and-answer session with town residents in June to discuss the plan and possible alternatives. Speed bumps have previously been ruled out due to Barnesville Road's designation as an arterial roadway, and also as a rustic road, neither of which allows speed bumps. Barnesville's rustic roads designation came about when the legendary Lib Tolbert, mayor at the time, got all of Barnesville's roads designated as rustic to make it harder to build new highways through the area that might support a new Potomac River crossing and new roads through the Agricultural Reserve.

Rumble strips were deemed too noisy. Limits on truck tonnage and a reduction in the speed limit from thirty to twenty-five miles-per-hour were turned down. The state and county have agreed to widen the yellow center line and white edging lines on Barnesville and Beallsville Roads to accentuate the feel of a residential road, as was done in Buckeystown.

The Town of Barnesville commissioners are still considering two new measures to inhibit speeding even with the new stop signs. The first is to get new flashing speed signs which are much smaller and more manageable (and solar powered) than the old one; the second is to write "Slow Down" on the pavement. Brown said the Traffic Calming/Safety Committee is recommending both items.

The signs are expected to be installed in the near future, as the state allowed Barnesville additional time for discussion and one more attempt at getting speed bumps approved. Brown said, "We have to do something, or someone is going to get killed."

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## Youth Sports

### Piranhas' 9-10 Boys Make Waves

By Jeff Stuart

This past June, during the Relay Carnival held at North Creek Pool in Montgomery Village, the Poolesville Piranhas Swim Team's 9-10-year-old boys' 100m medley relay team did more than place first; they shattered the Poolesville Piranhas' unofficial team record in this event by eleven seconds. Made up of the following swimmers: Adam Abzakh who swam the backstroke leg of the relay, Ethan Lee who swam the breaststroke leg of the relay, Liam Crandall who swam the butterfly leg of the relay, and William Rook who anchored the relay swimming the freestyle leg of the relay, the team earned a spot at the All-Star Relays with a time of 1:14.82.



*Swim champs: Adam Abzakh, William Rook, assistant coach Chloe Insalaco, Ethan Lee, and Ben Sproat.*

"The fastest relay team in each event for each division competes at the All-Star Relay meet which is held at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center," said Carla Rook, the mother of William and two other children who swim for Poolesville. "Since there are so many teams within MCSL (Montgomery County Swim League), they divide the relay meet into two sections. Our boys competed in Section II."

Liam was not able to compete in the All-Star Relays because he was out of town. "Luckily for the Piranhas, our 9-10 boys were very strong this year," said Rook, "so we replaced Liam with our next fastest swimmer, Ben Sproat." Sproat took over the freestyle leg of the event. Rook now swam the breaststroke, Lee swam the butterfly, and Abzakh stayed with the backstroke leg.

On Saturday, July 28, 2018, these boys became the All-Star Relay Champions at the Rockville pool—and they broke their own record by 3.53 seconds, swimming a faster time than the winning relay team in the same event in the Section I part of the meet. "Swimming in Montgomery County is like football in Texas," said Rook, "so their accomplishment is a big deal."

Adam, Ethan, and William went on to compete in Individual All Stars events where the top sixteen swimmers in the county in an age group and event compete. Two other Poolesville swimmers also joined them in the individual All Stars meet, Avery Ye, age 12, and Theodore Jagodits, age 18.

The Poolesville Piranhas are one of ninety teams that compete within MCSL each summer. There are approximately fifteen divisions made up of six teams each within MCSL.

"Our 9-10 boys are a force to be reckoned with," said coach Tracy Craemer. "They, as a whole, have been strong for the past few years. Their strength increased this year with the arrival of Ethan Lee, who moved here from northern California in the fall. They are a great group of boys, and it's been wonderful to see them have such success."

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**Regina Grubb, New PHS Athletic Director, Is a Familiar Face**

and look forward to learning more throughout my years here at PHS.

**What is your relationship to the Booster Club and how do you interact with them?**

Our booster club, in my opinion, is the best in the county. They have given so many hours to make PHS Athletics what it is from year to year. I cannot thank them enough for what they have done and continue to do for our athletic program. I have a very positive relationship with the

boosters. I talk to the board members usually on a daily basis about what we are going to do to keep improving our program.

**What experience do you have with fundraising?**

As a former coach for PHS for over fifteen years, I have been involved in all the fundraising events that we have had. I believe it is very important for our entire program to be involved in the fundraisers, so we can provide their teams with what they need to be successful. The fundraisers that are done along with the booster club supplement costs for our program throughout the year.

**How would you try to improve fan attendance?**

I am working with the coaches to get involved in the community teams and invite them to the games. I want to advertise more through multiple avenues to get more interest. I want to have a few youth nights for our teams to draw the young players and their parents to the games. During that time they will be recognized either at half-time or throughout the game and possibly do small game play at halftime.

**What are you looking forward to in the new fall season and throughout the next school year?**

I am looking forward to working with our coaches and watch how they make a positive impact on the lives of the young adults they are coaching. I am excited to watch the improvement throughout the year of our student-athletes and our coaches. I am most excited about being the athletic director at the school that I graduated from and the town that I grew up in. I want to continue the great traditions for years to come and work with the boosters and community to keep our athletic facilities one of the best in MCPS. Poolesville is a hidden gem and just a special place to live and work in.



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**Piranhas' 9-10 Boys Make Waves**

"The Piranhas have a long history of success with our relays. Back in 2005, the 8& under 100m medley girls' relay team, consisting of Stephanie Kasner, Lauren James, Whitney Carmack, and Haley Wilson, broke the county record with a time of 1:23.59. They held that record for eight years. It was finally broken in 2013.

"This year our boys 18& under 200 medley relay, made up of Jonathan

Ye, Sam Bodmer, Roger Yerger, and Theo Jagodits, broke the official MCSL team record with a time of 1:57.51 and were also slated to do very well in the All Stars. Unfortunately, none of the young men were available. Roger Yerger had departed for basic training at West Point, Jonathan Ye was participating in a leadership conference in China, Jagodits was competing in a triathlon, and Bodmer was out of town. We are so proud of all of our swimmers and love watching them compete."

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by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

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If you are moved to support this new project, please send your check to WUMCO Help, P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837; drop it off at the WUMCO office and food pantry in the Family Life Center of Poolesville Baptist Church (across from the high school); or go on our website to make a contribution at [www.wumcohelp.org](http://www.wumcohelp.org) and specify that your gift is for the LED Project. Help us make our service area even more green than even the huge amount of rain lately has done!

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## Remembrances

### Brian Richard Carnahan

Brian Richard Carnahan, 51, of Poolesville, passed away on July 24, 2018.

Born on August 4, 1966, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Richard and Louise Carnahan and the loving husband to Cathy Carnahan. He is survived by his daughter Kelsey Carnahan. Brian was preceded in death by his son, Dale Carnahan, and a brother, Eric Carnahan.

Brian led a remarkable life of community service, especially to youth and athletics. He was a lifelong member of the Poolesville community, attending Poolesville Elementary School and Poolesville Junior/Senior High School, Class of 1984. He was very active at Poolesville High School (PHS) where he excelled as an athlete, playing both football and baseball. He was an all-county selection his senior year in football and was the subject of a 1983 article in the *Gazette* newspaper about his superior season.

Brian remained in Poolesville after graduation and began coaching Poolesville basketball in 1995 for the Montgomery County Recreation Department League. He also coached in the then-newly-established Poolesville Basketball Association (PBA). Brian also coached baseball for several years before helping to found the Poolesville Athletic Association baseball league where he served as president. A man for all seasons, from 1999 to 2004, Brian was head coach of the PAA varsity football team where his teams excelled in a very competitive league. His wife Cathy was always by his side during this time both as an assistant coach, scorer, statistician, and fan.

The Carnahans were well recognized as strong supporters of Poolesville athletics and were seen at every home football and basketball game. For fifteen-plus years, Brian teamed up with Cathy, spending countless hours on the playing field and athletic arenas on behalf of the boys and girls of our community. Many of the young athletes have gone on to play in high school and college. Their son Dale grew up playing every sport for his dad and played baseball and football at PHS. Dale was tragically killed in an automobile accident in February 2009. Dale was an organ donor, and his heart saved the life a young girl who was terminally ill at the time.

Brian is also remembered as a master electrician. He often donated his services and expertise to a number of projects for the PHS Athletic Booster Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to PAA, Attn: Jim Brown, 19421 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837.

### Mary Ann Reid

Mary Ann Reid passed away Monday, July 30, 2018 in Holly Springs, North Carolina. Mary was born on July 13, 1929 to George and Sophie (Groholska) Halka in Kingston, Pennsylvania. She worked for the Department of Commerce. It was while attending a wedding in D.C. that she met Edwin Howard Reid, whom she married April 19, 1952. Mary and Howie were inseparable and now, once again, are joined together as her beloved husband predeceased her on May 31, 2018.

Mary is remembered as a woman of integrity, faith, and commitment, who loved her family and devoted her life to raising her eight children, in whom she took great pride. The hallmarks of her life, beside her children, were her devotion and love of her husband and the Catholic Church.

She is survived by her children, Marjorie Hallowell (Bruce) of Jefferson, Maine, Paul Reid (Susan) of Stafford, Virginia, Virginia Dixon (Lee) of Holly Springs, North Carolina, Ann Marie Minnigan (Thomas) of Setauket, New York, Thomas Reid (Karen) of Waldorf, Maryland, Gerard Reid (Karen) of Huntersville, North Carolina, Patricia Rodier (Paul) of Setauket, New York, and Edwin Reid (Stephanie) of Huntersville, North Carolina; twenty-four grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Helen Koslosky of Hershey, Pennsylvania and Ann Swetits (John) of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She is predeceased by her brother Fr. John Halka.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, 18230 Barnesville, MD, 20838 or St. Phillip and James Catholic Church, One Carow Place, St. James, NY 11780.



Brian Richard Carnahan

### Vivian Genevieve Neal

Vivian Neal of Dickerson passed away on July 28, just four months short of her hundredth birthday. She was born in Livingston, Montana and was the daughter of George and Pearl (Williams) Crabtree.

She was predeceased by her husband of seventy years, Cliff, in 2008; her son Dr. Jack (Bette) Neal of Seattle Washington in 2014; and her son Jeffry (Leighanne) Neal of Poolesville in 2000. She is survived by her son Jerry (Suzanne) Neal of Dickerson and

her daughter Dr. Janet (Brian) Maus of Clinton, Maryland; a sister, Veda Richardson of Albany, Oregon; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Vivian was married to Cliff in 1938 in Livingston, Montana and had their first two children, Jack and Janet, before moving to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania where their son Jeff was born. They moved from Harrisburg to a small farm in Silver Spring in 1953, and their son Jerry was born. They moved to Dickerson in 1971, began growing peaches and raising Arabian horses, and became active in the local community.

Vivian was a very active community servant as a member of the Barnesville Baptist Church, singing in its choir as well as participating in numerous church activities. She was involved in the Monocacy Garden Club, the Bridge Club, the Sugarloaf Riding Club, the Book Club, and the Rural Women's Republican Club. She also joined Cliff in many Monocacy Lions Club events. As part of these activities, she and Cliff entertained many friends and family at their farm.

Vivian was an avid reader and always had her Bible, the newspaper, and usually something from the Best Seller List right by her chair. Psalm 121 was one of her favorites. She loved to cook, and her cherry pie (from trees on their farm) was renowned in the neighborhood and with her family. She regularly exercised with her friends at the local fitness club well into her eighties. In 1983, she was instrumental in opening the family-owned and -operated Sugarloaf Pet Gardens located on the family farm in Dickerson.

She and Cliff travelled all over the world during their long marriage.

Vivian was blessed with a long life full of moments and achievements that brought her great joy and enriched her soul. She counted family among her greatest accomplishments and blessed each with loving kindness and care throughout her long life. She was a gentle, sweet soul well loved by all—but she had a backbone of steel! She is sorely missed and fondly remembered.

A memorial service will be held at the Barnesville Baptist Church on Saturday, August 18 at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Barnesville Baptist Church or Montgomery Hospice. Arrangements made by Hilton Funeral Home.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Vandalism:** 20100 block of Fisher Avenue.

**Burglary:** Poolesville High School, 19500 West Willard Road.

**Theft:** 17600 block of Cobb Avenue, 19700 block of Fisher Avenue.

### Past Crime: 1935

This year was a strange one when it concerned the police department. After the elections, it appeared that the Fusionists (a new political party) had swept all previous office holders out of office and planned to take over. Their pledge was that they would remove all county employees who were not members of the Fusionist Party. Sure enough, when the day came and the Fusionists took office, they removed sixteen out of thirty-five officers. Residents of Bethesda and Chevy Chase protested that a rookie department would not be able to protect the homes in affluent areas. Some of the officers were hired back in later years, but some of the best and most experienced officers declined and went elsewhere to work.

The rule that prohibited off-duty officers from drinking alcohol was rescinded after a meeting between the sergeants of the police force and the county commissioners. The controversy started when the commissioners banned officers from drinking at any time. Every officer but one signed a pledge to not drink. After the meeting, the rule was changed to say that

officers could not drink while in uniform or while on duty.

Police seemed to be one step behind Carl Unger of Pittsburgh who was reported going door to door in several parts of the county and identifying himself as a federal agent. He would always demand if the homeowner knew anything about the whereabouts of his girlfriend. Finally, Officer Poole caught up to Unger, had a conversation with him, and then arrested him and took him to the Rockville jail.

States Attorney Pugh and Police Chief Garrett announced a drive against gambling in the county. It was said that high stakes card games and gambling paraphernalia could be found just about anywhere in the county. Pugh gave shopkeepers a few days to remove slot machines, punch boards, and claw machines from their premises.

Two instances of criminals pulling guns on officers happened in the county. In the first case, Constable Davis was riding with experienced Officer Snyder when they pulled over Robert Green for zigzagging through traffic on Connecticut Avenue. When he was placed in the police car, he pulled a pistol and tried to shoot Snyder. Davis struck Green over the head and then knocked the gun from his hand. In the second incident, Elbert Rhodes pulled a gun on WSSC officer Vogel. Vogel and Rhodes scuffled until Officer McAuliffe responded and arrested Rhodes.

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### A Fun Tribute to Our Dairy Farming History

intriguing and unusual facts—how about its time as a POW camp, for instance?—something of equal interest to the young and the old.

The Windolph family members will be present at the MOOseum from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 26 at the authentic King Barn Dairy MOOseum located in the South Germantown Regional Park (18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds) near the center of the Soccerplex

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**Tidbits**

Pike and Valega, Watershed Café, Dogfish Alehouse, Cugini's, Barley and Hops, Oriental Gourmet, Morningside Welding, and the *Monocacy Monocle*.

**Three More Troop 496 Scouts Added to its List of Honor**

Troop 496, serving the Poolesville area, had three more scouts this past month who earned the coveted Eagle Scout award. Those scouts and their projects to qualify for this high honor were:

**Christian Austin:** He built three structures at the St. Peter's Episcopal playground: a sign frame to eventually inform visitors of the nursery program, a shade tarp to provide shade to children playing in the sandbox, and a net climber as a fun playground and exercise element.

**Darby Johnson** collected three hundred pairs of eyeglasses for optometry students from the Southern College of Optometry to take on overseas missions to underserved communities to provide them with eyecare and glasses.

**Christopher Falcone** made several improvements to the parking lot at Our Lady of the Presentation. The project included preparing the church parking lot for sealing and striping by cleaning out cracks and filling the cracks with crack filler. His project also reattached a drainage pipe and painted signs, concrete light bases, and site lighting fixtures, and a nearby drain was adjusted to help drainage and to reduce erosion.

Congratulations to these scouts of high achievement and to their deservedly proud parents.

**A Successful Summer of Rugby for the Maryland Exiles**

The Maryland Exiles Youth Rugby fielded multiple teams at the U7, U9, U11, and U13 levels. "It was the most successful season we have had numbers wise," stated program director, Steven Jacobs, "and the large numbers translated into outstanding results on the field."

Likewise, the high school teams experienced tremendous success. Boys'

coach Mark Cohen led his team to several victories during the summer developmental season. "I was impressed how quickly the new guys picked up the game," said Cohen, "and it was a big reason for our success in tournaments like Hurricane Sevens."

The high school girls' team coaches, Karl Heineman and Hugh Ferridge, were successful in dominating Eastern Regional Tournament in New Jersey.

All team programs are now looking ahead and recruiting more numbers going into the fall. "Each age grade team graduates players, and each team looks for new recruits to improve and strengthen the club," explained coaches, David King and Jason Maloni. "We're always looking for new players that want to be a part of the program."

Readers interested in having their children involved in Maryland Exiles Youth Rugby should visit the program's website at [www.highschoolrugby.com](http://www.highschoolrugby.com) or email [coach\\_soso@yahoo.com](mailto:coach_soso@yahoo.com).



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**Patowmack Canal Paddle Trip**

Steve and I were stuck twice on ledges. We used our paddles and did jerking motions with our bodies forward to move the canoe. One time we had to lean to the side going through a rapid as we rushed by a fallen tree. One kayaker caught her paddle on a tree branch, snapping her paddle in half. At another location, a kayaker rolled over but safely righted himself. Another paddler collected several empty beer cans left on a large rock.

We saw many species of birds: two bald eagles circling above us and many great blue herons either flying or standing on one of the many islands. Some of the great blue herons croaked as they flew by. We saw three great white egrets. I managed to get a photo of one flying. We saw green herons and numerous swallows. A couple of flocks of cormorants squawked at us from a couple of islands. Canada geese, mallards, and different black ducks flew parallel and low to the water. Black vultures circled as well. Charles said that a water moccasin

swam next to his kayak. I told him that water moccasins are not native to the Potomac and that it may have been a northern water snake.

After we exited the Patowmack Canal, we lunched on the Virginia side of the Potomac. As we lunched, a United States Park Police helicopter flew upriver and then made a turn heading back downriver. It flew very low where we were standing, and both pilots waved to our group. From this spot, we paddled back across the Potomac to the mouth of the Muddy Branch. We paddled upstream through

Culvert 30 of the C&O Canal just above Pennyfield Lock to a parking lot where we pulled our vessels out of the water. Before getting out of our canoe, a baby snapping turtle scampered in front of us across the mud. The Muddy Branch was full of silt and tree limbs. Tony expertly led us through this tricky part of the trip. The entire sortie lasted about three hours and was one of the most exciting and memorable experiences I have ever had.

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### Cats May Seem Finicky, but Eating a Little at a Time Is Normal

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

People often confuse a cat's normal behavior at the food bowl with being finicky.

Actually, it is quite normal for a cat to sashay in, take three or four bites of food, and walk away. That's not being finicky, that's being normal. Such a feeding of dry cat food adds up to about 30 calories and is plenty enough to gently fill a maybe-golf-ball-sized stomach in most cats.

Overweight cats are nearly five times more likely to develop diabetes mellitus, compared to optimal weight cats. Heavy cats are three times more likely to suffer lameness, and obese cats are seven times more likely to require veterinary care for lameness, caused by joint diseases such as arthritis or muscle injuries.

Obese cats are three times more likely to be presented to veterinarians for non-allergic skin conditions. Thoughts are: This is because fat cats can't reach all parts of their bodies to groom themselves properly. Finally, obese cats are twice as likely to die in middle age, which for cats is 6 to 12 years.

Another big mistake we make is feeding cats as if they are a cohabiting dog. Many cat owners also have dogs in the house, and many people feed them in the same places on the same time schedule.

Dogs are descendants of pack animals, and they don't mind rubbing shoulders with the pack during meal time. Any disagreements can be sorted out with a lip curl, a snarl, or maybe a body bump, but eat, they will.

Cats are solitary predators. They eat alone and prefer it that way to feel safe and secure. They also thrive on smaller portions served more frequently.

If forced to eat around a dog, a cat may do so but may be stressed by the routine and may develop a host of other issues. They may scarf and barf because they eat too fast and run to hide. They may get obese because they eat too much when the dog is otherwise preoccupied.

Ideally, both should be fed in separate areas, and, for cats, it should be in a place where they feel safe and where they can eat a little and return for more on their schedule, not yours and the dog's.

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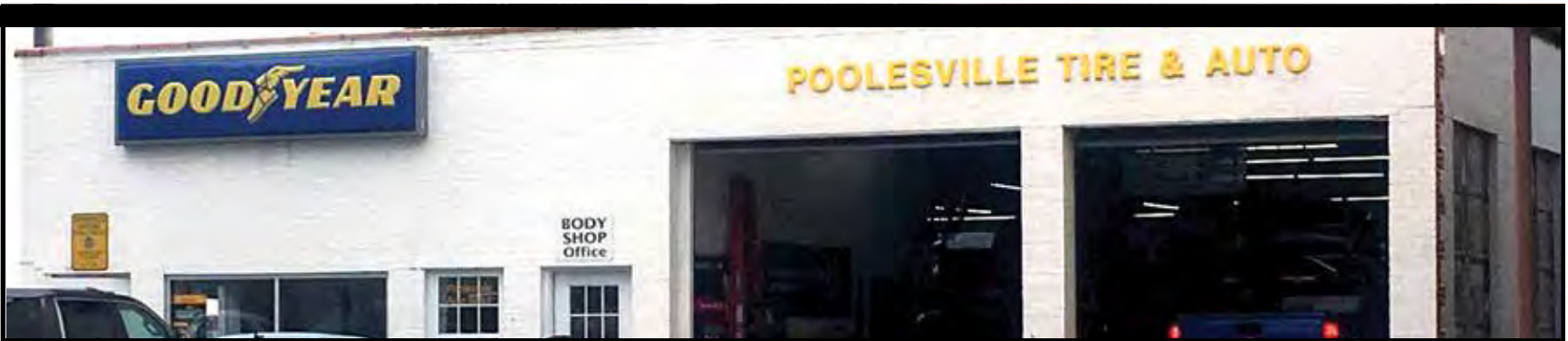
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