



All should know this Santa. Can you guess the others in Name That Santa on page 13?



Santa, with his helper, fed a lot of hungry people. See who and where in Family Album on page 2.



Baseball in December? You bet! Check it out in Youth Sports on page 10.



Jon Wolz, exploring for dinosaur tracks, found them—and this toy, too. Read In Your Backyard on page 14.

Elrich Coming Back to Poolesville: He Wants to Hear from Us

By Rande Davis

Incoming County Executive Marc Elrich announced on November 26 that he would include the Western County and Poolesville in his listening tour. The meeting will be held at Poolesville High School on December 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Following the unprecedented county executive forum that was held at Poolesville Town Hall prior to the election, this listening tour to Poolesville is also the first of its kind by any county executive. It is encouraging that it is also being held so early in his administration. When plans for the tour were first announced, Poolesville was not included in the list of sites; Elrich was only visiting Germantown in the northern and western areas of the county. Clearly Poolesville and the Ag Reserve now have a higher profile with the county leaders, all of whom live down county.

As the Town of Poolesville noted in a press release about the upcoming



Jerry Klobukowski (second from right), new Town of Poolesville commission president, at December 3 meeting.

event, "This listening tour is a priority of Marc Elrich's transition into the office of Montgomery County Executive. The public forums allow residents to share their concerns and hopes for the future." In the forums that have occurred to date, upwards of 250 people have attended to ask questions and hear Elrich respond. A strong showing by the residents of the Upcounty will be very important if our needs are to be considered in the future.

At the town commissioners' meeting on December 3, Commissioner Val Dickerson noted Elrich's scheduled visit and called on all residents of Poolesville and those living in the surrounding areas to make it a personal priority to attend the meeting with Elrich.

At that commissioners' meeting, Town Manager Wade Yost updated

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BlackRock Center for the Arts: A True Gem for Upper Montgomery County

By Rande Davis

I need to confess something that may surprise many of our readers but may also be shared by many others as well. Until November 24, I had never been to the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown—not once. Having finally made my first visit, I can now say, with great regret, that I have missed out on more than I could have ever imagined.

What drew my interest was its selection of "An Irish Christmas in America" which was a thoroughly foot-stomping, heart-beating, keep-on-smiling performance that satisfied all of my Celtic DNA, which is better than sixty percent of my makeup. The show's singers, five musicians,

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The BlackRock Center for the Arts Theater offers high-quality entertainment in an intimate venue.

Family Album



Pictured are 110 years of Odd Fellow history. Forest Hough (left) has sixty years of service in the club, Dale Nestor has fifty.



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Town Government

Klobukowski Elected President of Town Commission; Dickerson Elected Vice President

By Link Hoewing

Jerry Klobukowski was elected president of the Town Commission for the next two years, and Valaree Dickerson was elected vice president at the first meeting of the new commission on November 19.

The first order of business at the meeting was the submission of a report by Andrea Stump, the chair of the Elections Board. She said that 1,813 votes had been cast, almost forty percent of voters. She said this is likely to be a record turnout in terms of the number of voters. Kerri Cook received 1,249 votes, Jim Brown received 1,024 votes, and Danny Embrey received 1,014 votes. As the two top recipients, Cook and Brown were elected to office.

After the report from the Elections Board, the two commissioners who won election were sworn in. Town Manager Wade Yost read the oath to Jim Brown and Kerri Cook who then officially took office. Commissioner Brown was reelected to a four-year term, and Commissioner Cook was elected for the first time, succeeding former commissioner, Chuck Stump.

The next order of business was the election of the president and vice president of the commission. Poolesville has a commission form of government with elections every two years. Five commissioners constitute the legislative body of the town. After each election, the five members of the commission elect a president and vice president to serve until the next election. The president serves as the chief executive officer of the executive branch of the government—essentially the paid staff of the town and the town manager. The president is also charged with ensuring that all laws and regulations of the town are effectively implemented, and he or she is tasked with ensuring that a budget is prepared each year for consideration by the commission.

In what was likely a surprise to many, the previous town president, Jim Brown, opened the meeting by declaring that the town “will have a new president,” effectively taking himself out of consideration. Dickerson then nominated Klobukowski to be the new president, and the nomination was seconded by Commissioner Martin Radigan. The nomination was approved unanimously.

After the new president took over the gavel, nominations were opened for vice president. Brown nominated Dickerson, and no other nominations were fielded. Dickerson was approved to be the new vice president by a vote of four to one with Cook voting against the nomination.

President Klobukowski offered some brief remarks to start his new term. He stressed the importance of collegiality and teamwork as the commission moves forward, even as issues and differences are debated. He also said that there were a number of key issues the commission had on its plate and that not giving up was going to be vital in ensuring success. He noted that commissioners were all part-time, unpaid volunteers and lauded the willingness of his fellows to take on the duties of representing the interests of the town’s citizens.

Klobukowski then assigned his fellow commissioners to be members of various town boards and commissions. Commissioners act as a “pipeline” of

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Celebrating 50 Years of Service

by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

WUMCO Wednesday at Bassett's

On Wednesday, December 12, all who dine at Bassett's in Poolesville will also be contributing to helping WUMCO. Bassett's will give us 10% of their income that day – dine in or carryout, lunch or dinner. Please join WUMCO at Bassett's on December 12.

Scouting for Food

Poolesville's fantastic Scouts collected food donations for WUMCO on Nov. 10 and delivered over three tons of food (6,475 pounds to be exact)! Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who participated and to all the Poolesville residents who donated so generously.

Poolesville Tree Lighting

WUMCO Help will have a table at the Holiday Tree Lighting on Friday, December 7 at Poolesville Town Hall. Also the OktoberFest basket auction will be held in town hall since OktoberFest was cancelled this year due to weather. The Town of Poolesville will be acknowledging WUMCO Help's 50th Anniversary Year at the tree lighting as well.

WUMCO Christmas Toys

Please donate new, unwrapped toys at Poolesville Town Hall and various places around town for kids under 12. We are also collecting gift cards for department stores (Kohls, Target, etc.) for our teen clients.

Grateful Thanks to our Volunteers

The WUMCO staff and board want to thank all our volunteers who work in the office and food pantry and who drive clients to doctors' and other appointments. Our paid staff work in the office only a combined 20 to 25 hours a week, so much of our work is done by volunteers.

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Questions?

Please write Adam DeBaugh at wumco2@gmail.com if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for this column.

Commentary

Thinking about Presidents

By John Clayton

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about presidents. No, I'm not going to talk about that particular president, the one who is on all of our minds. I have nothing new or refreshing to say about him.

Thinking about presidents in general (forgive me for that one) began when my wife bought me *Grant* by Ron Chernow, a biography of our eighteenth president, a seemingly unremarkable army officer who rose to lead all federal forces to victory in the Civil War, or the rebellion as he called it.

This is absolutely a great biography, and part of my astonishment was how little I knew about certain aspects of the nineteenth century leading up to the war and following the war through the appallingly violent early years of Reconstruction. I knew the broad strokes about Grant, that he was generally a failure in business, that he wrestled with alcoholism and smoked a lot of cigars, that many considered him more of a butcher than a military strategist, and that his presidency and indeed his life suffered from his reliance and trust in people with greedy ulterior motives.

Chernow filled in a lot of the gray in these areas for me. He writes very openly about Grant's alcoholism but credits him for keeping it under control so it was not a factor during critical tasks. Many rivals and even allies of Grant spread malicious and untrue stories about his drunkenness, some of which persisted for years. Chernow heavily credits a longtime friend and subordinate, Maj. John Rawlins, with helping Grant to resist. Chernow also questions the legend that Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was a military genius compared to Grant, and dismisses the canard that Grant was simply foolishly aggressive and only prevailed due to superior resources. You'll have to read the book to see how this and many other fascinating events pan out. I could go on forever.

The area in which my limited knowledge was most bombarded with cold reality is in the Reconstruction Era following the war. Yes, I knew there was the Klan, and the White Camellias, and all those other racist groups, and there was lynching and other murderous atrocities, but I was simply horrified by the scope of the true historical record. These events were as awful as any acts of terrorism

anywhere. Republicans, northerners, and, above all, African Americans were all targeted, and time after time, political meetings were attacked by armed men, many of them war veterans, the meeting halls set on fire, and people murdered as they tried to escape. Grant reacted strongly with military force to protect those under attack for his entire presidency, and was met with hostility from the pro-slavery Democrats and only tepid support from Republicans, some of whom just seemed to tire of the whole issue. Grant stood tall for the most part, and when he fell short, he admitted it.

My wife also bought me the *Personal Memoirs of Grant*, which I am reading now, and I just emerged from the Mexican War, and Grant, retired from the military, is helping to muster troops in Illinois and hoping for a colonelcy in a regiment as the war ramps up. I have read before that his memoirs are among the best of that genre, avoiding the puffery and score settling that dominate so many memoirs of generals and presidents. They are, as promised, written in a clear and entertaining voice, and I look forward to getting back to my reading every night. The writing of his memoir is a story in itself which Chernow relates in his introduction to his biography. I won't spoil it here.

The passing of George H. W. Bush also encouraged some reflection on presidents. I always liked and respected him, even though our political views were never in harmony. He had his flaws and made mistakes as great people do while performing jobs of such consequence, and he was sufficiently hard-nosed as a politician to make it to the presidency and other top jobs, but he overwhelmingly led a life of service and displayed positive character. Unlike Grant, he was born into a life of privilege, but it seemed to bring out good impulses. This is not always the case.

Speaking of presidents, I should mention the presidency of the Town of Poolesville commissioners. After winning reelection to the commission, incumbent president Jim Brown stepped aside, and Jerry Klobukowski was selected by his fellow commissioners. This was done peacefully, and, to the town's credit, no tanks rolled in the streets. I'm not a Poolesville resident and probably ninety-nine percent of what I know about Poolesville comes from Link Hoewing and Rande Davis, but I do know enough to say that any town that can choose from two people of this caliber for their top

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Rande(m) Thoughts

To Larry, Marc, And Michael: This One's for You Guys

By Rande Davis

Governor Larry Hogan, County Executive Marc Elrich, and Montgomery County Board of Education president Michael Durso are always inundated by voters asking for their needs be met. Our call for a new, multiuse school is just one of myriad requests made by constituents. It's true that our cause is necessary, just, and right, but that is not going to be enough if we are to succeed. We always hear about too many causes and too little money; yet our cause has a difference that not so much benefits us as much as it helps the county and the state. Let me explain.

The Fair Access for Western Montgomery County Committee has been making its case that the heart of the Ag Reserve deserves its fair share of services provided to citizens elsewhere. Top of that list is a remodeled high school, which we innovatively propose to be more than a high school but also a community services center

to finally bring many of the standard services to our revered but isolated area.

This proposal is a creative way to meet our educational needs not only through funds from the Board of Education but also to include revenue from other county, state, and federal entities. This is not just a way to solve our problem; it is the way to prepare for all of our future in education infrastructure.

All the schools built in recent decades and those now being planned will become outdated far sooner than their physical usefulness. The school construction of today is like the shopping mall and box store construction of the past. In retail, brick and mortar models wane while the internet flourishes. This is true in education as well. My granddaughter attends a university with fifteen thousand resident students and one hundred thousand studying online. Which one of those numbers do you believe to be most relevant for the future?

I submit that all high schools in the future (sooner than one might think) may need to become multiuse facilities as the need for student physical presence in the school radically drops off.

What will we do with too many brick and mortar schools? Close them

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The Odd Fellows Lodge Hosted Annual Christmas Dinner

Nearly 120 local residents were treated to a very special Christmas turkey and ham dinner hosted by the local Chapter of the Odd Fellows International. The local chapter is recognized nationally within its organization as one of the most active lodges in the nation. Founded internationally in the 1700s, the Poolesville Lodge 97 was founded in 1853. The members pledge to one another a promise to help each other whenever one is in need and to assist persons in need within the greater community. They gave three \$1,100 scholarships to graduating students at Poolesville High School as well as hosting two dinners especially for senior citizens. Their annual Christmas dinner got its beginning about twelve years ago. Their special mission has always been to assist widows, widowers, and orphans in need. The hearty meal and robust fellowship at their dinners bring great joy each year during the holidays.

Two senior members, Forest Hough and Dale Nestor, have been members for sixty years and fifty years, respectively. Steve Horvath was recently elected to the Noble Grand position, more recently held by Rich Norwood the past five years.

The highlight of the Christmas dinner beyond the meal itself is a friendly visit from Santa Claus, raffles, and musical entertainment. This year's entertainment featured the choir of Western Montgomery Methodist Church, especially the mellow tone of Rosemary Jordan who received an outstanding applause for her rendition of "Mary Did You Know."

Bliss Selected as PGC Finalist

Morgan Bliss, a 2018 graduate of Poolesville High School and a current student of McDaniel College, was recently selected one of thirteen students out of more than six thousand candidates as a finalist in Project Green Challenge (PGC) Class of 2018. PGC participants include diverse students from hundreds of schools around the globe.

PGC works to empower student-teachers while supporting them in their efforts to achieve tangible and impactful change regarding the environment. Through conscious living, informed consumption, and individual and collective action, PGC participants are challenged to envision and work toward a healthy, just, and thriving planet.

Participants are challenged to learn, research, and write, as well as create visuals, film, videos, and take tangible action to engage physically, mentally, emotionally, and communally toward better practices for living. Finalists were selected based on points accrued, depth and breadth of engagement, number of challenge wins, quality of work, and a final exam and video recap of their PGC journeys.

Decorating the Town Christmas Tree with Homemade Decorations

Every year, local girls in the Daisy, Brownie, and Girl Scouts make delightful handmade tree decorations to be placed on the town Christmas tree during the annual tree lighting ceremony on Whalen Commons. The girls, assisted by a

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Local girl scouts and parents placed homemade decorations on the town Christmas tree.

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BlackRock Center for the Arts: A True Gem for Upper Montgomery County

and Celtic dancer are currently on a twenty-eight-day national holiday tour ending in San Francisco. Some of the members of this band will return with another Irish group, Teada, on March 2 and then on March 15, the Celtic Angels, an all-female choral ensemble will take the BlackRock stage just before St. Patrick's Day.

Before returning to my original purpose for this article, which is to tell you about BlackRock, I want to first offer my personal reaction to the performance this past Saturday. All the performers were highly professional and talented, each in their own way, from the piano playing Irish step dancer, to a Dublin-trained but Detroit-raised piper, to an award-winning violinist, to a heavenly harpist. Among this highly-talented ensemble, there were two that truly stood out to me. The first was a young singer from Sligo County named Niamh Farrell, whose unique voice and passion were so hauntingly beautiful that I can only think of Karen Carpenter or Amy Grant in comparison for the smoky and alluring qualities of her voice. With a deep mellowness that draws you in right away, she can touch all emotions with a complete range reaching and sustaining the high notes flawlessly. I bought the group's CD just to make sure I get to hear her voice at least one more time. The other highlight was Seamus Begley, the senior member hailing from Kerry County. He is a member of one of Ireland's most musically-acclaimed families. He brought that very special Irish talent of humorous tale-telling with delightful improvisational insights, along with being honored with the hugely prestigious TG4 Traditional Irish Singer of the Year award. He is so authentic I kept reaching for a pint of ale that wasn't even there. My pub experience will have to await my first visit to the Emerald Isle.

BlackRock reflects the diversity of Germantown with a wide range of musical genres, including bluegrass, blues, eclectic, jazz, and comedy. For those with a penchant for talented male opera-style singers, BlackRock offers a lineup of tenors throughout the year, from the Irish Tenors, to the 3 Redneck Tenors, to the Sicilian Tenors, even a March performance of the Three Tenors Meet the Rat Pack.

In addition, this year, BlackRock has launched the Creative Consortium, a new initiative which is dedicated to nurturing the best of regional talent. Coming next is *Striking 12* which *The New York Times* described as "a cross between a rock concert and a holiday show for people who don't like holiday shows." Produced by Free Range Humans, *Striking 12* promises to be musical theater at its finest. "BlackRock is committed to presenting a lineup of high-quality productions and concerts our patrons will only see here," said BlackRock's Executive Director Alyona Ushe. "By nurturing our regional artists, we assure that this area becomes known for the incredible pool of unique talent we have in our own back yard."

Any visit to BlackRock for a musical performance or play includes the bonus of viewing the visual arts from local artists in the Kay Gallery on the main floor and the Terrace Gallery on the second floor.

Education is a large component of the public mission of the center, and it includes classes for beginners in ballet, violin, piano, watercolors, and improv, and classes in theater directing and technical support.

An arts venue for young and old, professional and amateur, BlackRock also hosts free summertime outdoor concerts.

BlackRock's design was inspired by Germantown's being at a crossroads in its history as a small town experiencing its current rapid growth. The building pays tribute to Germantown's history while remaining an integral part of Germantown's future.

As the new year winds down, BlackRock is offering its first ever New Year's Eve extravaganza: BlackRocking in New Year's Eve. The party features an all-night disco with casino gaming tickets. They offer \$1000 fun bucks, free drink, and champagne toast with an Italian buffet, finishing with sweet treat bites for dessert. Check out BlackRock for all its artistic offerings by visiting the website and be sure to get your New Year's Eve reservation in soon. This party looks like the birth of a tradition. Just think, you can be one of those, bragging in the future, saying, "Yeah, I went to the very first one."

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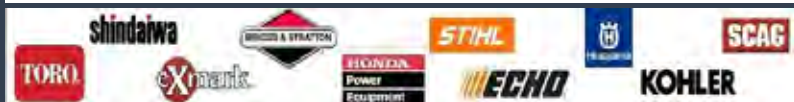
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team of parents, placed them on the tree on December 2, and the town parks crew assisted with its cherry picker later in the week.

St. Mary's Pavilion Hopping with the Spirit of Christmas

Had you stopped by St. Mary's pavilion in Barnesville the weekend before Thanksgiving this past November, you would have encountered a beehive of activity of good works. Not only were the Monocacy Lions, with the help of their high school affiliate, The Leo Club, busy packing Thanksgiving Dinner food baskets for WUMCO families, but congregants of St. Mary's were baking bread to raise money to aid the parish's mission in Haiti.



These students from the PHS Leo Club helped the Monocacy Lions pack Thanksgiving food baskets for are families in need.



Congregants of St. Mary's baked bread to raise money for their mission in Haiti.



Barnesville Cemetery Project: Kenny Sholes, Anne Allnut, Lisa Warffeli, and Glenn Wallace.

Restoring a Local Cemetery


On a gorgeous November day, Kenny Sholes, Anne Allnut, Glenn Wallace, and Lisa Warffeli began the restoration of the Barnesville Methodist and Episcopalian Church cemetery. The first step in this project was to clean up dead vegetation. After multiple lawn bags were filled, everyone worked on turning over stones which had lain face down for decades. As soon as everyone's backs were screaming, Glenn and Anne mapped the stones. Mapping the stones means meticulously laying out a grid system, then photographing the markers in place along with listing the names on the markers for each square in the grid.

The goal of this project is to restore this cemetery so that the stones can be read for research possibilities and so that the cemetery can be easily maintained. Restoration also lends respect and reverence for former residents of Montgomery County and at least one Union soldier who died on Sugarloaf Mountain during the Battle of Barnesville.

The next steps in the restoration project are to clean the markers, assign placement of any fallen markers, and align them to make lawn maintenance easier. A weed fabric and marble chip cover will be added to prevent native vegetation from covering the smaller stones. In the spring, a stone-cleaning seminar is planned to instruct attendees on how to properly clean the markers. Currently, the landowner is applying for a grant to assist with the costs of the restoration, but this project could use additional funding as well as volunteers. If you know of a historical society or group which would be interested in assisting with funding or volunteering with future restoration days, please email barnesvilleme@gmail.com.


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Pickleball: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

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

Mahjong: Thursday in Room 129: 10:00 a.m.

Toys for Tots and Toys for WUMCO

New, unwrapped toys can be deposited in many of the Toys for Tots boxes around town or at the Poolesville Baptist Church—WUMCO offices.

The Blue Hearth is open every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the weekend of December 21.

December 8, 15, and 22

Farm Sanctuary Open House and Holiday Gift Shop

Star Gazing Farm, an animal sanctuary in Boyds, will be holding a holiday gift shop and open farm. Gorgeous wool/alpaca woven rugs, handwoven baskets with animal themes, knitted hats, gloves, and scarves, ceramics, and more. Meet the goats, alpacas, horses, cows, and sheep; pet a donkey and hang out with a pig! Enjoy hot cider, biscuits, and a hot vegan lunch. All sales benefit the animals in our care, and help us keep our educational youth work programs running. Please leave your pets at home. For more information and directions, visit www.stargazingfarm.org. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 7

PHS Varsity Home Game

Wrestling. Rockville and Clarksburg. 4:00 p.m.

Annual Poolesville Holiday Lighting Festival

Visit with Santa Claus, Polar Express (by Calleva), train ride, food trucks, ice sculpture, vendors at Poolesville Town Hall, musical performances. Lighting of Town Christmas tree and park lights at Whalen Commons. Gingerbread decorating at the *Old Town Hall Bank Museum*. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

December 7 to 9

Countryside Artisan Holiday Tour

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

December 8

Annual UMCVFD Santa Breakfast

Full family breakfast, visit with Santa, Christmas movie, firetrucks, and model

railroad. 12 and up: \$9.00; 3 to 11: \$6.00; under 3: free. Instant photo with Santa: \$2.00. 8:00 a.m. to noon.

December 11

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' basketball. B-CC. 7:15 p.m.

County Executive Marc Elrich's Listening Tour

Poolesville High School All-Purpose Room/Cafeteria. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

December 12

PHS Varsity Home Game

Wrestling. Walter Johnson. 6:15 p.m.

Poolesville Planning Commission Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

December 15

Live Nativity

Experience the joy of the season through a live nativity scene presented by youth and adults of Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville. This is a wonderful and unique way to share the advent season outside of the sometimes-hectic times of Santa and all the presents. Live animals to see and pet, hot chocolate, and cookies. All are welcome. MUMC. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Free Homemade Donuts

Everyone is welcome to come by for free homemade donuts. Decorate your own donut and enjoy it with a cup of coffee or hot cocoa, or get a donut to go. *Living Word Bible Fellowship*, 16500 Whites Ferry Rd., Dawsonville (Rt. 107 at Rt. 28). 8:00 a.m. to noon.

December 18

PHS Varsity Home Games

Basketball. Quince Orchard. Girls at 3:45 p.m., boys at 5:30 p.m.

December 20

Family Storytime

Stories and crafts. Children of all ages. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 10:30 a.m.

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Youth Sports

Endless Summer of Baseball for Yarrington

By Jeff Stuart

With his long locks of hair showing under his cap, Tristan Yarrington seems to be giving a nod to New York Mets pitchers Noah "Thor" Syndergaard or Jacob Degrom, or maybe to Tim Lincecum, former Giants World Series ace—or maybe, he is just being Tristan, a ten-year-old who plays a lot of baseball, year-round.

Tristan just participated in the Top Gun Winter World Series on November 2 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. While his team, the Frederick Hustlers, did not win that tournament, they did knock out the number one seed, the Dirtbags Black 10U (D1) from Pinetops, North Carolina, 14-6. There were forty-two 10U travel teams in that tournament.

"I am the only baseball player from Montgomery County and the Agricultural Reserve to be selected to join the elite Frederick Hustlers," said Tristan. "They draw top players from various counties in both Maryland and West Virginia. I just joined the 10U Hustlers,

a newly-formed team, in the fall of 2018. I formerly played for the UMAC 10U Attack select travel team and have been with UMAC for the last four years. I also played one year of T-ball in Little League.

"I live in Comus, Maryland in the Agricultural Reserve. I go to Monocacy Elementary School which feeds into Poolesville High School and John Poole Middle School.

"I got interested in baseball from watching Major League Baseball. My current baseball hero is Francisco 'Mr. Smiles' Lindor of the Cleveland Indians. I play similar positions such as short stop, pitcher, and outfield." Does he dream of playing in the big leagues? "Yes," he says, "but my next goal is to one day play for the Poolesville Falcons High School varsity baseball team.

"My proudest moment was making a double play during a UMAC Father's Day Tournament a few years ago. My other personal highlight was pitching a perfect inning with nine pitches and three batters.

"The Top Gun Winter World Series in Rocky Mount, North Carolina in November with my new team, the Hustlers, was very exciting.

"My current coaches are Bill Raymond and Adam Beaver; both have played college baseball. Both

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Endless Summer of Baseball for Yarrington

are very nice, and I have learned a lot from them during my short time on the Hustlers. They have a lot of baseball experience.

"My teammates are the best baseball players that I have ever played the game with. They make me a better baseball player and challenge me.

"I hope to continue with the Hustlers next summer and win a few top-level tournaments."

Does he have any problems balancing school work and sports with travel and all?

"Yes, a little, I am busy all the time. I have to balance homework, music lessons, and baseball practice during the week and baseball games on the weekend."

A perfect or "immaculate" inning is when a pitcher strikes out all three batters with just nine pitches. Max Scherzer of the Nationals did it in the sixth inning of a game last season against the Tampa Rays on June 6 at Nationals Park.

"Tristan's perfect inning came during a regular season game for the UMAC 10U Giants this spring," said his father, Michael Yarrington. "For the last four



The Frederick Hustlers

years, Tristan played for both a regular season UMAC recreational team and a UMAC select travel team."

This fall Tristan also played for two teams, the UMAC Black Attack 10U Select and the Frederick Hustlers 10U Select. Their schedules aligned in such a manner that he could play for both.

In the spring and summer of 2019, Tristan will play with the Frederick Hustlers. Tentatively, there are eight tournaments and sixteen to eighteen league games, which should result in a forty-to-fifty-game spring season.

Possible tournaments could take Tristan from Maryland to Pennsylvania to Delaware.

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Elrich Coming Back to Poolesville: He Wants to Hear from Us

the commissioners on the status of the construction of a new Dunkin' Donuts and grocery store for the town. Regarding the grocery store, its representative, Gary Dobbs, reported that they are now in the very final stages of the architectural and design elements and, once that is completed, they will then start the advancement process by presenting their plans to the Planning Commission. Completion of the project is dependent on the length of that process that can often have unseen obstacles along the way.

Regarding Dunkin' Donuts, permits to break ground could be completed and approved by the end of January. At that time, weather will be a major factor in the progress of the shop.

The commissioners voted to approve requests from Kettler Forlines Homes for reductions on the bond level requirements imposed by the town. The bonds are established to ensure that non-town government funds are available should the developer not complete or fail to meet required tasks as part of the town's approval of the development. As specific tasks are completed, the developer routinely asks for reductions in the sizes of those bonds. Once a request is made, the town engineer reviews and studies the developer's request and makes a recommendation to the commissioners. In John Strong's report to the town, he acknowledged that he had completed the review and that he recommended positive action on the request. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve.

The commission also followed up on a proposal to the town last October by Roman Sandy of TeleGeo of Frederick for his company to expand high speed technology within the town that could also serve the needs of the rural areas surrounding the township.

At the December 3 meeting, Barnesville's Jim Snyder of Sugarloaf Network Systems, LLC offered his company's plan to address that prospect. A public/private sector partnership was suggested that would provide free WIFI within the commercial district and installation of technology on the water tower to be positioned to better serve the needs of rural residents. The proposal offered a security camera component that would help monitor some public security needs (e.g., town parks) and also bring internet security benefits to the many farmers in the area, especially with those needing to better monitor the needs of livestock. The commission will continue to consider these proposals after the first of the year.

Yost further noted that McDonald's has made requests to update the exterior of its restaurant. He added that the town will not repeat a problem from years ago when the process for that kind of change was not handled correctly with the town improperly granting permission. The plans for the exterior will be going before the Planning Commission in one of the upcoming meetings

Commissioner Jim Brown, chair of the Fair Access for Upper Montgomery County Committee, reported that the group is currently reformulating its structure to be more aligned with the town government. A foundation structure is expected to be continued in some manner so that funds from the private sector can still be sought down the road.

Commission President Jerry Klobukowski read a proclamation of appreciation to be awarded to WUMCO Help, Inc. at the Holiday Lighting Festival on December 7. Dickerson noted that volunteers from the general public are still needed for setup and help to manage this event, which is second only to Poolesville Day in its size and popularity.

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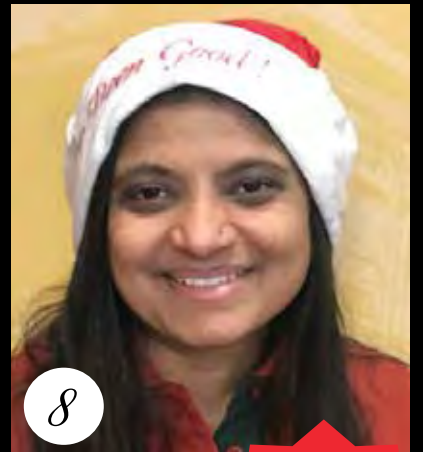
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Name That Santa

See Legend on page 26 for the answers!



In Your Own Backyard Doctor's Orders

By Jon Wolz

In my retirement, I spend a lot of time outdoors walking along the C&O Canal and along streams in Maryland. In 2011, I had a physical given by Dr. Hector Asuncion who told me at the time to "lose weight" and to "walk." Since then, I hear Dr. Asuncion's voice in my head encouraging me to walk. On November 8, 2018, I had my annual physical, and my weight is forty pounds less than it was in 2011.

In 2011, I was working at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland. I began walking the grounds and trails at Goddard. On my walks, I noticed rocks unlike those seen in the Poolesville area or in Silver Spring where I grew up. I subsequently learned the rocks at Goddard are siderites that contain iron carbonate. Siderites are also known as iron stones. In 2012, Ray Stanford, an amateur paleontologist and amateur paleo-ichnologist, was at Goddard and discovered on a rock on a hillside, a large nodosaur dinosaur footprint. A nodosaur was an armored dinosaur. A paleontologist studies fossils, and a paleoichnologist studies trace fossils left by animals including dinosaurs, mammals, reptiles, and birds. Usually traces fossils left by animals are those of their footprints or feces (coprolites). Dinosaur bones show where a dinosaur may have died, whereas fossilized footprints can determine how animals stood, walked, or ran. During the Cretaceous Period that occurred 145 to 66 million years ago, trace fossils were formed when animals walked across soft or wet mud or sand that hardened to retain impressions before sediments were deposited in the tracks. Some impressions did not have any deposits, whereas others received deposits that formed casts of the footprints.

In 2012, I met Ray and his wife Sheila and began taking Ray and a NASA Earth scientist, Compton Tucker, to the various locations at Goddard where I had seen these rocks. Eventually, some of my finds ended up in the display case at Goddard of dinosaur trace fossils. After meeting Ray, he invited me to see his "Stanford Museum" at his home where he displays his Cretaceous Period collection of animal tracks and coprolites. In 2013, Ray invited me to go "tracking" with him in a stream in Prince George's County. After being in the stream for fifteen minutes, I found a very large rock that had an interesting impression. I shouted excitedly for Ray who came and looked at the rock and said, "Jon, I think you found something!" I had found a rear footprint of an iguanodon, a plant-eating dinosaur. After that day, I was hooked on tracking. Ray Stanford became my mentor for my new hobby. The Cretaceous geological area in Maryland that I explore is known as the Patuxent Formation which is in the Atlantic coastal plain. The Patuxent Formation includes Maryland counties from eastern Montgomery and Prince George's all the way to Cecil.

In 2018, we experienced a tremendous amount of rain in Maryland. Often water levels in streams and rivers were too high for tracking. Our heavy rains caused more Cretaceous rocks to be exposed in Maryland waterways. On several of my adventures, Compton Tucker accompanied me. Sometimes my wife Patricia went with me and sat in our vehicle reading while I did my thing. This year, I have been very successful in finding dinosaur tracks, including theropod (meat eaters), iguanodons, pterosaur rear feet, and coprolites. Often, Ray and Sheila Stanford help me identify what I have found. Ray examined an unusually large and very heavy coprolite and determined that it was on top of dinosaur ribs. Another large rock had impressions that Ray quickly saw were made from a giant dinosaur toe including a toenail impression. On a hot and humid September day, walking in the woods at the bottom of a hill, I came across two concrete lion statues that had been tossed



*This is one dino-mite footprint.
Jon Wolz continues to find
them on his walks.*

down the hill. They took all of my strength to carry and roll up the hill. The two statues are in front of my house now. There are still several old dump sites deep in the woods in Maryland.

On one magnificent October day, a few days after the remnants of Hurricane Michael had passed, I decided to visit a stream I had not been to since June. Since June, there had been a lot of rain, causing a lot of stream erosion and exposing Cretaceous rocks and clay. As I approached the stream, I could see the water was clear but higher than normal. There were some small rapids in front of me formed by gray rocks introduced by the State of Maryland's attempt at stream erosion control. Often the rocks in these unnatural rapids "catch" Cretaceous rocks against them. As I scanned the gray rocks, I spotted a red rock. Upon pulling it from the water, I saw it had a three-toed theropod track on it. On the opposite side of the stream, several red stones had washed onto the ground and in the water. I found another rock with a theropod track and four rocks that were casts of iguanodon tracks. Two large iguanodon casts were about twenty inches across and each weighed about fifty pounds.

Tracking does have its hazards. During the warm months, I am on the lookout for snakes, and when I get home, I check for ticks. During the year, I have fallen down a steep bank landing in mud, and one time I slipped on algae-covered rocks into cold water. Fortunately, at the suggestion of my wife, I always keep a change of clothes and a towel in my truck.

I am grateful for the encouragement I received from Dr. Asuncion several years ago to walk. Little did I know his medical advice would open up a whole new world for me to the Maryland outdoors, a fun and exciting hobby, and to wonderful people I have met over the years who enjoy the outdoors.

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Thinking about Presidents

job should consider themselves fortunate. In a similar vein, and with a nod to GHWB, who went on to better things after being a vice president, kudos to Valaree Dickerson, as well.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to all who read and support the *Monocle*. We couldn't do it without you.

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**Green snake at the C&O Canal, taken this fall.
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By Jon Wolz

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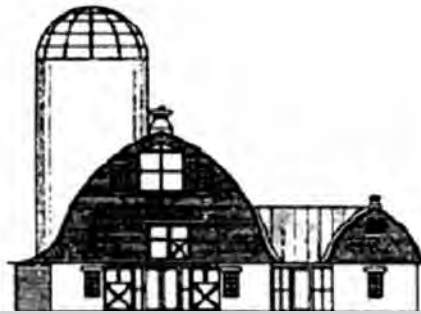
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down, bulldoze them, or could we find that our model of a multiuse school now can help guide us toward that future? Is it possible that the problem of school safety in this time of terror can be aided by a community service school that hosts a police substation? Can meeting the rapidly-growing need of services for an expanding senior citizen population be better met through a central community facility? Can the growing pressure on the limited number of hospitals be lowered by clinical services offered in a multi-use structure? Can the benefits of childhood health services be more efficiently met through clinical services for preschoolers and non-health insured youth via our model of school buildings for the future? In a rapidly-changing world, will the need for individuals to return for education grow or slow down? Beyond that, what about all the possibilities for new funding beyond the BOE? Can we adequately fund our educational programs only as we do today? Can expanding new educational programs in technology, those that are specific to an industry, or in agricultural sciences attract private sector funds beyond funds now available? Is a John Deere-sponsored football field or academic program so far out of the realm of possibilities?

One's imagination fires up just thinking of all the possibilities, and all these possibilities raise even more questions. Who runs the school? How do you separate school administration from facility administration? How are funds managed, coordinated, and spent? Is there really great potential for a private-public partnership for funding? We need to know these things if we are to meet our future pro-actively.

So much to wonder about; so many questions to consider; so much to learn. If these possibilities wait upon only an uncertain future, by the time we begin to explore them, it might be too late. Why not use Poolesville's need for a new school as a laboratory of innovation for consideration of a changing educational environment? Is our imagination too wild, our knowledge too limited? Albert Einstein would not think so.

To our leaders: Help us with our vision for a school of the future, and the county and state may benefit far beyond our basic needs. Perhaps, just perhaps, our need is your need: to experiment and to learn before the future overwhelms you.



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Hard Choices for the Months and Years Ahead

Two major recent studies have driven home the undeniable truth that if we don't make dramatic changes to the way we live, we will have climactic disturbances of biblical proportions. Two months ago, the United Nations released a report, and this past week, the U.S. government released a similar report, showing that climate change is occurring at a much more rapid pace than we expected. The Earth's temperature has already risen and will continue to rise if we don't make immediate changes on a global scale. The CO₂ in our atmosphere has doubled in our lifetime. Not only is it the reason why we are seeing poison ivy and other invasive vines with enormous leaves and massive growth—fast-growing vines thrive on a diet rich in carbon dioxide—but, much more alarming, we are seeing erratic weather patterns that will only increase as the temperature rises. Witness the devastation that endless rain wrought on our farms this year. Hurricanes, typhoons, drought (and fires), rising sea levels, and widespread flooding of coastal cities around the world will come. This will mean more societal disruption with enormous migrations of people desperate to find food and a safe place to live.

This is a crisis that truly needs an all-hands-on-deck approach, and we in Montgomery County—in the Ag Reserve, in particular—must make extraordinary changes if we are going to move that climate needle.

A first and fairly easy step would be to shutter the Dickerson incinerator. Right out of the block, that's 156,000 tons of CO₂ that we can stop putting into the air. To then put an absolute minimal amount of waste into a landfill, we need to compost all of our organics and food scraps.

We must recycle every bit of plastic, glass, metal, and paper that we possibly can.

Better yet, avoid buying as much plastic as you can. Reuse your food containers, utensils, and straws. Buy soap, detergent, and drinks in solid or powdered form. Liquids require bulky containers and fossil fuel to transport them all.

The hardest choices come with having to change our personal lifestyles. The single biggest driver producing greenhouse gases are the fossil fuels we burn in our cars and in our HVAC systems. Put solar panels on your roof or join a community solar or wind cooperative. Make your next car or truck an electric one and carpool whenever you can.

Our new county executive, Marc Elrich, has pledged to make cleaning up the environment a priority of his administration. He wants to extend bus service to all parts of the county, develop a bus rapid transit system and improve mass transit wherever possible, convert our fleet of buses to electric, make all new construction have solar panel capacity, and provide tax credits so that every building in Montgomery County has solar panels on it. To get enough power from renewable energy, we will need more solar panels than even 100% of our buildings can provide. Panels can also be added to parking lots, parking garages, and even road surfaces. They can be sited along the full length and breadth of powerline right of ways. There is much talk of also creating solar farms in the Ag Reserve. At some point, we may need to put solar panels in open space as well, but, for the moment, we need to keep that land in agriculture and tree cover. This provides an enormous carbon sink as well as a precious production of the oxygen that we need to breathe, and a readily available food supply if the global food supply chain is compromised. Plant all the trees you can, and let's find all the non-arable land and locations we can to put solar panels before we start covering this precious environmental resource that we have carefully protected for the past 30 years. Few other counties have this kind of carbon sequestration and food production capacity.

We now have leadership in the county that is serious about getting us to the 80% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2027 that last year's Climate Emergency Resolution passed by the County Council called for. For the sake of our children and grandchildren, let's all take a hard look at our lifestyles and do our part to help us get there.

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Youth Sports

Swim and Dive Team Leads PHS Into the Winter Sports Season

By Jeff Stuart

Last year, the boys' swim team won its seventh straight 3A/2A/1A state title, and the girls won their fourth consecutive title.

"I think we will continue our success," said senior captain Rachel Ryan who usually swims the 200-meter freestyle and 100-meter backstroke. "We lost some seniors last year, but we have a couple of freshmen that I think are capable of filling those spots, and we have some good swimmers returning. Now that we are back in Division II, I am looking to us reasserting our dominance. I think we will do really well and impress our competitors. Ryan placed first in the 200-meter freestyle at the state competition last year and also finished first as part of the 200-meter freestyle relay.

There are eighty swimmers—down from more than ninety—but few divers on the team. Senior captain Bryce Davis won the 3A/2A/1A Region diving competition last year and placed eighth in the state. "I came in my sophomore year, and I had actually dived for my previous school team. We didn't really have a coach or anybody to teach me how to dive, so I really took an interest in helping out people who didn't know how to dive because I had some previous experience. I really enjoy teaching people how to dive, helping them improve their skills, and seeing them improve every day. ... I dove while I was in middle school, but I stopped because I was in an accident, so I kind of had a fear of the boards. I didn't think I could dive again. ...I found you have to take your biggest fear and turn it into strength."

Is it interesting to watch swimming competitions? "Sure," said Rachel. "I think it is a misconception that swimming is a boring sport to watch, but it's actually one of the most exciting sports to watch, especially the close races. We are very entertaining to watch." Bryce agrees. "All you've got to do is get into your car and put a nice winter coat on because it is

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Swim team captains: Jisu Kim, Autumn Wang, Bryce Davis, and Rachel Ryan.

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Born in the Saddle

By Lisa Warffeli

Bert and Edna Lytle sold racehorses. One client was going through the barn one day, viewing the horses in the stalls and stopped at one. He yelled out, "Lady, do you know you have two kids in here?" One of those kids was Sandy Lytle. Sandy laughs as she remembers the story. She also laughs at trying to remember when she started riding. "Well, there's a picture of me at four jumping a horse in a show." From the time she was a toddler and sat in a basket on a donkey, Sandy has spent her life around horses, in competitions, and giving lessons. With her teaching, she gives her students not just the skills to become accomplished riders but also a true appreciation of these magnificent creatures.

Sandy learned her appreciation of horses from her parents. Edna was an accomplished rider and instructor despite having the use of only one arm. At five, she fell out of a car landing on her left arm. In 1935, medical diagnostics missed the damage to her radial nerve and Edna's arm failed to heal. Edna still went on to teach and to meet Bert who drove Edna and her friends to competitions.

In 1985, Sandy started giving lessons out of her parents' barn. She had grown up riding competitively and knew she wanted to become an instructor. At that time, the opportunities were in Florida, so Sandy headed south. She earned a living braiding horses' manes and then found riding jobs. For one employer who sold horses, Sandy exercised the horses, schooled them in jumping, and cleaned stalls and tack. For another, Sandy spent time schooling the horses. She also was a cable TV engineer for five years and for a "short stint" was a receptionist at a vet clinic.

From her parents' barn to today, Sandy has firmly but gently instructed students how to ride. With humor and patience, she brings high horsemanship standards into the ring. She encourages riders to start as early as possible—kids do not have the fear adults do. Kids also seem to take to riding more easily than adults. It is never too late to start, though, and as someone who took her first lesson at forty-five, I can tell you it is so worth it.

Learning to ride is not as easy as swinging up on top of a horse and just heading out. Remember learning to drive a car? Remember thinking about steering, adding the right amount of pressure to the gas pedal or the brake? Now imagine the car has a brain and a personality. You are heading toward an intersection and want to turn right. First, you want to ease off the gas, turn the wheel, and, suddenly, the car decides it is going to stop and eat the grass over there on the left.

I am lucky to have found Sandy. Finding the right instructor for you or your child is a crucial first step, so how do you find the right instructor? Sandy recommends looking for an instructor who follows the U.S. Eventing Association's (USEA) certification program. Simply being a good rider does not make one a good instructor. The USEA certified instructors learn the formation principles for safe and humane riding. The U.S. Equestrian Federation (USEF) has a video on what you should expect at your first lesson and resources for finding an instructor. Also, Equiery magazine has advertisements for instructors. I searched the internet and went to one riding school, but quickly learned it was not the right spot for me and then found Sandy through friends. Do not be discouraged if the first instructor is not the right fit for you or your child, keep looking.

Sandy also recommends letting your child and the instructor have their time together without you. Let the instructor work with your child. Let your child learn, don't interfere. Your child may look like he is struggling, but the struggle is good. Each struggle your child overcomes builds his confidence.



Sandy shared treats with JR after a lesson.

Confidence building is crucial. Riding can be a dangerous sport. A rider must have confidence, but she also must respect and communicate with her horse. Sandy knows the dangerous side of the sport. Having broken a collar bone and injured her back, she still gets in the saddle. Despite the injuries, she can't imagine a life without horses. She still enjoys trail rides, hound walking, and going out with the hunt.

She raises draft crosses now. She likes their personalities and finds them to be "easy keepers." She also has at least one horse that anyone can ride, Kipper. "I can put anyone on Kipper." Kipper has the patience of Job with us newbies, though he lets you know when he is done with work in the ring.

"Horses have taught me patience, perseverance, and kindness," Sandy says. She and I both agree that when you treat horses with respect and kindness, they will return it to you tenfold.

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Swim and Dive Team Leads PHS into the Winter Sports Season

a winter sport," said Bryce. "We are always competitive." The other captains are Jisu Kim and Autumn Wang.

"I think the largest thing to look for this year is our freshman class," said coach Jon Leong. "We graduated some key swimmers last year, but I think we have gained more than plenty to replace them, in addition to the returning swimmers. I am very curious to see how our freshman boys compete with some of the older boys within our team and our county. Our team is a bit smaller this year because of the assigned 5:00 a.m. practice time. Our goal, as always, is to have a successful post-season, to represent Poolesville at Metros, and to continue our dominance at the region and state levels. I think we are in a good position to do well and hopefully raise some more banners."

The swimmers face Sherwood at Montgomery College-Takoma Park on December 8 at noon, and Blake at the Kennedy Shriver Aquatic Center at 7:30 a.m. The Division II championships are at Martin Luther King Swim Center on February 2 at 7:30 a.m., and the Metros are scheduled for February 6 to 9 at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center in Boyds.

The girls' basketball team returns to the hardwood after going 27-0 and winning a state title last year. The goal is the same, but the road ahead is challenging.

"We return one starter (senior Alli Haddaway)," said coach Fred Swick, "and eight players from last year. We will have four seniors, six juniors, and a sophomore on the team. Players to watch: Haddaway at guard, sophomore forward Mackenzie Magaha, junior forward Makayla Lemarr, and senior guard Alexis Abrigo." Haddaway averaged five points per game last year and scored in double digits four times. The girls opened with a home game against Northwood on December 6; other home games are Wootton on December 8, Walter Johnson on December 14, and Whitman on December 20.

The boys' basketball team finished 10-15 last year. It opens up its home season against B-CC on December 11. The Falcons graduated nine seniors last year, so they, too, are in a rebuilding mode. Senior James Lang and juniors Nick Zehnle

and Colin Hammett return. Seniors Eric Palmer and Kenny Xu also return to provide senior leadership.

Freshman Jeremiah Oyer, sophomore Aaron Brown, and junior Eamon Murphy are in their first year of varsity play. The boys play Walter Johnson at home on December 14.

Last year, the PHS wrestling team finished with a dual meet record of 10-4.

"Michael Sofelkanik is an incoming freshman who placed eighth at the junior states for PAA last year," said coach Tim Tao, "along with freshman Kevin Fultz, who placed second at states for PAA. They look good. We also have Alex Carbonell (37-1), junior Colin Savage (33-5), who placed third at the 1A/2A states, state qualifier senior Xavier Kresslein (28-4), and region qualifiers senior Sam Hull (28-13) and senior Kieran Barney (23-8). Our newcomers plus our returning wrestlers should give us a strong team." Upcoming home matches are against Rockville and Clarksburg on December 7 and Walter Johnson on December 12. The fourth annual Dorsey Dual Wrestling Tournament is scheduled for January 11 and 12, 2019 with eleven teams participating, and nine matches guaranteed for each wrestler.

Fun Facts...

Lyndon Johnson and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-OR) ate pie at Betty's Watkins' Tastee Cupboard. Her pies were famous. No surprise! Today, Bassett's enjoys the original site of Tastee Cupboard.

Did you know? Mr. Money, former resident of the John Poole House, buried his severed finger in the back yard. No one knows where exactly.



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Remembrance

Joseph Wheeler Caw, Jr.

Joseph Wheeler Caw, Jr., 84, a long-time resident of Poolesville, joined his beloved wife, Sally Ann Wilson Caw, in Heaven on November 26, 2018.

Born on October 4, 1934 in Washington, D.C., Joe was the son of the late Joseph W. and Mary Rosina (Barnes) Caw.

A lifelong athlete, Joe was a member of the "Fab 5" basketball team at McKinley Tech High School and remained good friends with his teammates for the duration of his life. A multisport athlete, Joe was a member of both the Montgomery College Athletic Hall of Fame and the Fast-Pitch Softball Hall of Fame – D.C. Metro Area where he excelled as a pitcher.

After graduating from college, Joe married his college sweetheart, Sally, on July 30, 1955, in a ceremony at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Bethesda.

Joe enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving as part of the first radar-guided artillery regiment. His duties took him to Germany for a time, where he and Sally honeymooned.

After an honorable discharge, Joe and Sally made their home in Wheaton, welcoming three children, Joseph, Rosemarie, and James.

Joe was an accomplished carpenter, who never met something he couldn't fix, and owned Caw-Peele, an appliance repair store. After retiring from Home Depot, he spent his free time in his shop, working on cars, fixing anything that was broken, or building heirlooms like a cradle for his grandchildren.

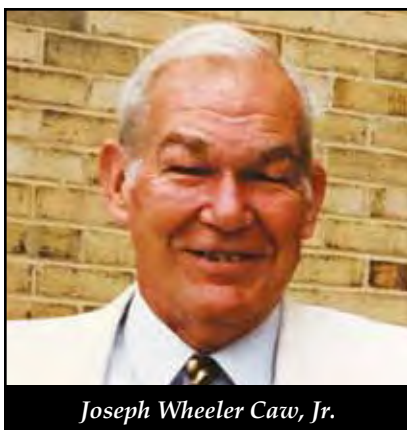
An enthusiastic Senators/Nationals and Redskins fan, Sundays were often spent in the kitchen, surrounded by food and family, watching the game. Joe also enjoyed spending time at the water and enjoyed boating and relaxing on the beach.

What Joe loved most, however, was spending time with his family. The Caw clan has grown to include children Joseph W. Caw, III, his wife Sheri, Rosemarie Reader, her husband Michael, and James Caw, and his partner Colleen.

PopPop, as many knew him, will be dearly missed by his grandchildren: Jessica, Jack, his wife Britney, Jill, her fiancé Tim, Mathew, his wife Kayla, Joseph, his wife Cheyenne, Joanne, her fiancée Cathryn, and Jake. PopPop was also a proud great-grandfather to four: Tripp, Elizabeth, Charlotte, and River.

Joe was preceded in death by three sisters: Elizabeth Peele, Gladys Ricker, and Rosemary Fling.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America, PO Box 542, Poolesville, MD 21837-0542 (bcciwla.org).



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Robert (Deedie) Deadrick

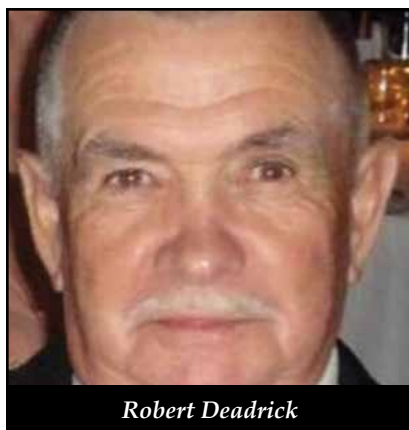
Robert R. (Deedie) Deadrick, 81, devoted and loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on November 27 at his home in Milton, Delaware.

Born December 24, 1936, in Barnesville, he was the son of the late Raymond and Juanita Deadrick.

Robert was a graduate of Poolesville High School where he excelled at baseball and basketball. Following high school, he served in the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne as a paratrooper. In 1958, he joined the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department and became a lifetime member. While a member, he participated in softball and various community activities. He was a hardworking provider for his family and had various jobs including many years at Poolesville Hardware. His greatest professional accomplishment was operating Poolesville Citgo Station. He loved the small town of Poolesville and was proud to be a long-time resident and business owner. His commitment to community service lives on in his children and grandchildren who include many teachers, a nurse, and a firefighter.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; children, Tammy Shoemaker (Harley), Kim Scott (David, Jr.), Pam Hetrick (Joe), Timothy, Regina Grubb, and Ray Grubb; grandchildren, Kristin, Kelli, Jimmy, Jesse, Kaitlyn, Kara, Joseph, and Jonathan; six great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his late wife, Louanna Deadrick; a brother, Joseph Deadrick, and a sister, Alta Mae Rippeon.



Robert Deadrick



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Past Crime: 1945

The naked body of a man found on the railroad tracks at Boyds was identified as a soldier from Michigan. Police said that someone on a passing train spotted the body and notified police at Rockville. The man was first buried at the county alms house but when the FBI identified his fingerprints, he was exhumed and buried at Arlington National Cemetery. Police were working on a theory that the man had been thrown off of a passing troop train.

Three Montgomery County youths were killed when their auto smashed into a steel utility pole in downtown Rockville. Police said that the car was traveling at a high rate of speed on Montgomery Avenue when the driver lost control. The driver, a twenty-year-old from Gaithersburg, was home on a thirty-day leave after fighting with General Patton's Third Army in Europe.

Police were seeking donations for the family of Officer Everest Moxley who had died in a traffic collision in Gaithersburg. He left a wife and six children, and the police chief said that the surviving family was nearly destitute. Since Moxley was hired as an emergency policeman during the war, he was not eligible for any insurance benefits even though he was a passenger in an on-duty police cruiser.

The body of a teenage girl was found on Georgia Avenue in the Aspen Hill area of the county. The coroner ruled that she had died of a fractured skull and, initially, the police treated the case as a homicide. The mystery was solved when a riderless horse was found in the vicinity and the girl's parents were found and said that she had gone horseback riding. It was determined that she fell off the horse.

A passing truckdriver was lauded as a hero after he spotted a large fire on the William French farm at Middlebrook. He drove up the farm lane and found that a tenant house was on fire and that children were trapped inside. He battled through the flames and rescued three kids but was unable to reach a three-month-old who perished.

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

January 4

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' basketball. Damascus. 7:15 p.m.

Would you like to announce something in **Things To Do**? Then let us know! Send it along to editor@monocacymonocle.com

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Things To Do

January 2

PHS Varsity Home Game

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January 3

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' basketball. Northwest. 7:15 p.m.

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sorts to each of the boards and commissions and help ensure that their fellow commissioners are up to date regarding the actions and discussions in these bodies. Radigan was asked to be the Planning Commission member for the commission. Dickerson was assigned to the Events Committee. Cook was asked to participate as a member of the Parks Board. Brown was designated to be the leader of the Fair Access Committee which has been pushing for a new high school and multiuse facility. All commissioners accepted their assignments without discussion.

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Patty Ann Bennett

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Patty Ann Bennett

A member of First Baptist Church of Rockville for twenty-five years and of Poolesville Baptist since 1984, Patty was devoted to sharing God's word with others through her words and actions. Generous of spirit, she always found time for a kind word or warm hug. Patty retired from Poolesville High School in 1992 and filled her days traveling the country in an Air Stream with Gene at the wheel. When she wasn't exploring the country, Patty was active in the Homemakers' Club and the Order of the Eastern Star, a founding member of the 2x4 square dancing club in Poolesville, and a line dancing instructor. She was a talented seamstress and an avid reader and was never without a quilt in process or a good book.

Patty is survived by her beloved husband Gene and her three cherished sons, Greg (Elsa), Brian (Heather), and Brad (Chrystal). Her four grandsons, granddaughter, and her three great-grandchildren brought so much joy to her life, and anyone coming to the house was treated to the latest photographs of "the babies." In addition to her family, Patty will be deeply missed by dear friends and her faithful canine companion, Angie the beagle.

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Holiday Season with Your Pets

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Well, 'tis the season for many humans to celebrate the arrival of Santa, or Harry Chanukah—or dance around the Festivus pole airing their grievances. During these times filled with family, friends, and new objects, your family pets can feel anything but in the Holiday Spirit.

Remember, you may love your friends and relatives: Uncle Hank, “Hey all dogs love me,” while he accidentally bangs them on the head with his cane; Aunt Ginger, “I don’t understand why your cat is hissing at me,” as she tries to pet your cat with her sweater covered in her intact male cat’s fur; your niece Sally, “Wow, Fluffy’s tail is really swishing fast. She must really love me because my dog’s tail wags fast when he is happy. I think I’ll hug Fluffy.”

Your pets, on the other paw, may not be as fond of your friends and relatives. Remember, your furry friends like to have consistent routines. It is hard enough for them to get you to remember what feeding time is and how often the litter box needs to be changed on normal days. When your friends and relatives descend on your home, any chance of routine can vanish.

We also tend to hide new humans in different rooms when they visit. Suddenly, your children are in the basement, and Grandma and Grandpa are in their rooms. Your pets have to navigate the new world order. Sometimes, this can cause issues with normal behavior for your pets.

We often ask our four-footed family members to change their sleeping patterns and locations during the holidays. This does not always work for your pet. They can get as grumpy as you do when they have to listen to War Movie blaring on the television until 4:00 a.m.

All the family members and friends love to bring gifts and special treats. These are strange new objects that your pets need to investigate, open, and often ingest while our attention is diverted as everyone is watching Rudolph fight the Abominable Snowman on television.

We know that you want to include your furry friends in the Holiday Fun, but sometimes it is better to let them have their own space where routine, quiet, and calm are the gifts you give them.

Nobody will be happy when Fluffy bites Sally’s hand. Everyone wonders where you went wrong when your cat pees on Aunt Ginger’s suitcase.

The family is disappointed as Uncle Hank goes crashing to the ground because your dog has grabbed his cane and run out the door with it in his mouth.

Give your pets the gift of calm, routine, and a chance to avoid the new humans in the house.



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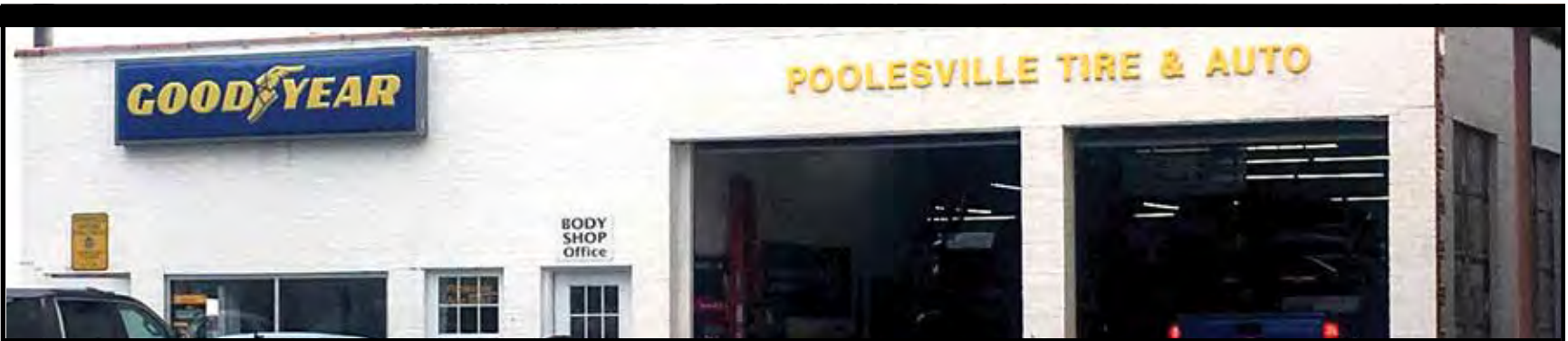
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