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It's not only people who like petting zoos, beagles do, too. See more in Family Album on page 2.



Jousting is a great tradition at St. Mary's annual summer event. See more pictures in Family Album on page 2.



The 2019 Grand Marshal of Poolesville Day has been selected! Find out who on page 3.



PHS has a new volleyball coach. Learn about her in Tidbits on page 4.

Town Manager Wade Yost Resigns after 25 Years of Service

By Link Hoewing

Town Manager Wade Yost, who has served as Poolesville's Town Manager for seventeen years, announced at the August 5 commissioners' meeting that he is resigning his position. Yost was first employed by the town in 1994 as the town's Director of Public Works and moved up to become Town Manager in 2002. Yost's resignation will be effective as of October 5.

In making his announcement, Yost said, "Life is fleeting, so I have decided to relocate, so I can enjoy watching my grandchildren grow up. I have worked for the Town of Poolesville for nearly twenty-five years, and although those were some of the best years of my life, I am looking forward to the next chapter." He and his wife have purchased a home in Virginia Beach, and it is close to his children and nine grandchildren. Yost thanked Poolesville—its government and its

residents—for allowing him to serve them and for giving him such a great opportunity.

The commissioners all reacted with words of praise for Yost's service. Commissioner Valaree Dickerson said, "Poolesville has no idea how much they will miss you." Commission president Jerry Klobukowski said that he has met "few government officials in my many years of government service of your caliber" and thanked Yost for helping provide guidance and educating him on town matters. Commissioner Jim Brown said that he agreed with all of the accolades but would save his remembrances and stories for a farewell party that is planned.

Before Yost's announcement, the commissioners heard several presentations and acted on several business items. Local Girl Scout and PHS Junior Jessica Mense appeared to ask for a



Town Manager Wade Yost.

grant of \$735 from the town to support her Gold Award project, equivalent to

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McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area: The Rest of the Story

By Rande Davis

The sunflower fields at the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area have become a region favorite as a day trip within the metro-Washington area. Their spectacular color and grandeur draw thousands every year, yet, long after the field may no longer offer those flowers in the field, the farmland will be forever remembered for something even more amazing, something one might even say is heavenly.

Who among us has not looked up at the stars and wondered if there is life outside of Earth and, if so, what that life might resemble. Long before we have that question answered, though, what the possible alien life will sound like will be answered first. If and when that day actually comes, history will record that the genesis of such a

magnificent celestial discovery started in 1955 right here in Poolesville through a ninety-six-acre antenna array on that farmland off of River Road just west of the intersection of Partnership Road in Seneca, a site marked by a sign: "Planetary Radio Emissions Discovery Site."

As stated in a report by scientists from NASA's Radio JOVE Project, "On April 6, 1955, at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society, Bernard Burke and Kenneth Franklin of the Carnegie Institution of Washington announced their discovery of strong, sporadic radio emissions from the planet Jupiter. This discovery, made at an observatory near Seneca, Maryland,

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There is much more to this sunflower field than meets the eye.

Photo by Terri Pitts.

Family Album



After 144 years, by our calculations, we figure that St. Mary's has flipped over 175,00 chickens!



As part of their celebration, members of the West Montgomery County UMC sold a terrific spread of homemade meals and desserts.



The Men's Choir from the West Montgomery County UMC church.



Enjoying a great day of rousing Gospel music!



These revelers enjoyed the traditional St. Mary's barbequed chicken dinner on July 27.



Sometimes the ring toss requires an extra special stretch.



The smiles and friendliness of the St. Mary's volunteers made the event very special.



After a full day of great food, watching Maryland's state sport (jousting), Elephant Sale shopping, great music, and games, a bench in the shade looks real good.

Local News

Gwendora Reese: The 2019 Poolesville Day Grand Marshal

By Rande Davis and Skip Etheridge

The 2019 Poolesville Day Committee has announced its Grand Marshal to lead this year's parade on September 21.

Gwendora Reese, a direct descendent of Sugarland, one of the African American communities that surround Poolesville, which was originated and owned by freed slaves, was chosen for her years of service to preserving the important history of those proud and industrious people.

Ms. Reese's great-grandfather, Phillip Johnson, was one of the original members of the Sugarland community which is located off of Sugarland Road. He had been a former slave who had shared many firsthand accounts of slave life with her while she was still a child. Although very few Sugarland descendants reside in the Poolesville community today, Ms. Reese felt a need to honor the memory of him, the community, and their many impressive achievements. Consequently, in 1995, Ms. Reese established the Sugarland Ethno-History Project and began the painstaking process of documenting the history of the freed slaves in the community and their historical impact on the Town of Poolesville.

Even though most of the original residents were uneducated and unable to read or write, Ms. Reese has been able to scribe their oral history from decedents as well as from documents maintained by St. Paul's Community Church. In 1996, the church officially became a National Historic site.

To date, Reese and supporters of the project have collected more than a thousand artifacts and documents. When the National Museum of African American History and Culture opened in 2015, pictures from the Sugarland community were selected to represent slave and post-slavery life.

The museum highlights Sugarland, which was founded in 1871, as one of the

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Rande(m) Thoughts Reflecting on Two of Our Best

By Rande Davis

Much is often made of just how wonderful it is to live in Poolesville. This observation is often about its size (small), Ag Reserve surroundings (serene), and great schools from elementary to high school (smart). The full measure of a town or city, for that matter, can be measured from many different angles, but there really is only one ingredient, one metric that supersedes all others in determining a great place to live: the people.

In this issue of the Monocle, we recognize two people who are simply the best. One is leaving us, the other staying because, well, for one reason, her family has pretty much been here since the beginning of the town.

The first is Poolesville Town Manager Wade Yost who has just announced his decision to step down after twenty-five years. Before Wade took the reins, the Poolesville government could have been most accurately described as leadership in crisis, not for any really important reasons like terrible decisions or corruption. The problem was primarily due to infighting among the commissioners about controversial issues concerning water, growth, and the Saudi Arabians hoping to build an academy here, just to name a few. All this acrimony was fueled by an acerbic weekly journal that decided that the best way to bring the news was through relentlessly slanted and negative opinion about the commissioners—and most everything else.

Fortunately, even with all this division, the commissioners, as they usually did, found a way to make an excellent decision to fill the opening for town manager by selecting a reliable town employee, someone who had proven himself right from the start

through his work ethic, knowledge, and leadership skills. Even then, though, the commissioners didn't see eye to eye—some wanted an applicant more degreed in public administration for the position of town manager, others recognized Wade's potential—fortunately, the majority got it right.

As the town government reporter for the Monocle for better than eleven years, I observed as Wade built a committed team of highly-dedicated and motivated town employees who operate with the enviable efficiency often seen in the military. In fact, I have at times thought that the way in which Wade carries himself resembles the bearing of a company commander with the assistance of his "master sergeant," Preston King. His hallmark of leadership style is as a positive person, calm, fair, open, honest, thorough, and, most importantly, highly professional and competent.

While the commissioners make the decisions, it is the town manager and the employees who make it all happen right. The many accolades about our town operations can be attributed directly to one person, Wade Yost. Congratulations on twenty-five years of superior service. The whole town salutes you, sir. Carry on.

The other most remarkable person is Gwen Reese, who serves the area through her dedication as president of the Sugarland Ethno-History Project. She grew up hearing stories about her great-grandfather, who was a slave in Poolesville, but who joined with others to build a proud and successful community centered on family and faith. Even with a long family history of experiences of hardship and challenge, she is a bright shining light of caring gentleness, with a positive perspective. When she reflects and talks about her life and the Sugarland community; her pride, love, and devotion warms the heart of all who hear her story. She represents so well the spirit of her proud ancestors. She will be our grand marshal for Poolesville Day, and there is no one better citizen to represent our town.

Tidbits

Monocacy Elementary School Bobcats Class of 2032

A good time was had by all at Elgin Park on August 3, 2019 where rising kindergarteners and their families had the chance to meet each other and MES's new kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Reiter, the principal, Miss Alban, and an all-new PTA board consisting of Anne Marie Hickey, president, Julie and Dave Ritter, vice presidents, Allie Szalay-Brooks, secretary, and Devorah Gallardo, treasurer. Thanks to the PTA for hosting this event. The children played on the playground and enjoyed light refreshments as they got

acquainted with each other in hopes of minimizing first-day-of-school jitters come September 3. Poolesville residents are lucky to have the choice between two outstanding elementary schools with busing available to both. For those assigned to Poolesville Elementary School who wish to attend Monocacy Elementary School, visit www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org for information on how to be granted an automatic Change of School Assignment (COSA).

August Special Events

Attention Poolesville area foodies and party fans: Our local restaurants have a lot for you this month. Bassett's has its Kids Eat Free All summer program

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The PHS Class of 2032 gathers for their first time together.

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Tidbits

from Sunday at 4:00 p.m. to close on Wednesdays. For every adult entrée, a kid eats free off of the kids' menu. Over at Cugini's, there will be a special tour to Full Tilt Brewery in Baltimore on August 24 as the restaurant and the brewery get ready to release a new beer: Funkle. It's a bus trip tour of the brewery, including your first beer free and commemorative T-shirt for \$60. For those who love the outdoor music/patio scene, House of Poolesville has a great lineup through August starting at 4:30 p.m.: Bobby Lewis on August 10, the debut of Dirty Soul on August 17, and the return of the popular group Semi-Hollow on August 24. On Wednesday starting at 6:00 p.m., they will have a horseshoe challenge outside. Get your friends together for this one. Mexican Grill has not only begun what you have been dying for—free delivery of carryout—but they are also offering special discounts and free items. Finally, if you get screaming for ice cream, Bruster's has a \$1 off coupon in this issue of the Monocle. Their hours can be found on their Facebook page for their location at 19831 Fisher Avenue. For details, check out their ad in this issue.

New PHS Girls' Volleyball Coach Named

Michele Naughton has been named the new varsity coach at Poolesville High School.

Michele is a 1999 graduate of Poolesville from the Global Ecology Program and played on the girls' and coed volleyball teams while at Poolesville. She has been coaching volleyball part-time for the past fourteen years and has coached at all levels, from

beginning high school students through experienced Division-II student-athletes. In addition to helping develop practice plans, she also has experience recruiting as well as presenting mental skills workshops to athletes.

She obtained her master's degree in Sports Psychology in order to gain skills to be able to train players' minds as well as their physical volleyball skills.

"During my time at Boston University, I was able to work with students to help them overcome the obstacles that were in their way of doing their best academically. Some of these obstacles were based around committing to a major that may not have aligned with the student's passion, others were based around time management skills, and others were mental obstacles. In addition to meeting with students to discuss time management and study skills, I was also a co-supervisor of one of the largest peer tutoring programs in the country. In this role, I mentored 120 tutors tutoring in 100- and 200-level courses, providing over 6,000 hours of tutoring for over 500 undergraduate students annually. I also interviewed, hired, and trained thirty to forty new tutors each semester in conjunction with the assistant director for Tutoring Services.

HMD Meets and Greets

On August 4, the president and board of directors of the Historic Medley District were pleased to host the Poolesville commissioners for a wine and cheese party at the refurbished and redecorated John Poole House. Maureen O'Connell expressed her appreciation for the support of the town to the commissioners able to attend, Jerry Klobukowski, president; Valaree Dickerson, vice president; and Martin Radigan.



Historic Medley District, Inc. hosted the commissioners of Poolesville at a reception celebrating the grand reopening of the John Poole House.



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the Eagle Scout award in Boy Scouts. Mense is planning to build a story walk, a series of plaques that make a series of interconnected points on a topic. In her case, the story will be about protecting the environment. The commissioners reacted positively and will vote later on the request.

During the Open Forum, local resident George Coakley appeared to request that the town consider converting a tennis court into a pickle ball court. Pickle ball is already played several times a week in the Baptist Church gym, but many would like to do so outdoors. Coakley mentioned that there seemed to be fewer people playing tennis than pickle ball. The commissioners referred the matter to the Parks Board.

After Coakley spoke, local resident Heather Dice appeared to urge the commissioners to revise the town's laws to allow poultry to be raised and kept in local homes. She noted the value of fresh eggs, said that chickens help reduce insect populations, and pointed out that many people enjoy raising poultry. She also said that chickens are relatively quiet. The matter was referred to the Planning Commission for review.

Town Manager Wade Yost gave a formal presentation on the closeout of the FY 19 budget. The commissioners must approve the final budget numbers in order to ensure that the books can be audited. Yost said that last fiscal year's budget of just under \$4 million was essentially on target in terms of overall expenditures and revenues. Last fiscal year, property taxes as a percentage of overall revenues came in lower, which is unusual, but that was solely because of the large amount of impact fees collected from the new Westerly Grove development. Also, the town ended the year with a positive balance of almost \$340,000. The commissioners voted unanimously (Commissioner Kerri Cook was absent) to accept the final closeout report.

President Klobukowski said that he and Yost had met with a representative for the 2020 Census which is now gearing up. She urged the town to set up a "complete count committee" to help assure that all residents in the Poolesville area are counted. Each person counted means an approximate \$2,000 in federal funding for the area. Klobukowski said he has reached out to area ministers and leaders of local organizations to set up such a committee.

Jane Lehrman, the PTSA cluster coordinator for the Poolesville area schools, appeared to give a report on her recent activities. The county's Board of Education will hold its cluster meeting for Poolesville at the high school in May of 2020. She also had met with Board of Education District 1 member Judy Docca to talk about Poolesville High School. Docca is very supportive of rebuilding PHS and of the co-located community center/senior center and wellness center/clinic being promoted by the Fair Access Committee. Docca did express reservations about whether the co-located facilities project might affect the timing of rebuilding of the school according to Lehrman; however, Commissioner Klobukowski said that the issue had been discussed by the Fair Access Committee with both the school system and county departments, and he was confident the county could work to coordinate both projects successfully.

The commissioners also gave final approval to Ordinance 212, a new set of regulations that will govern the deployment of small 5G wireless towers in town. Concern has been growing that these towers will need to be deployed in large numbers, could be unsightly in neighborhoods, and might emit high levels of unseen radiation. The new rules will require companies deploying the technology to pay for rights-of-way, certify their networks meet federal rules regarding emissions, and require recertification of emissions levels whenever major upgrades or modifications to the networks are made. The vote to pass the new law was unanimous.

Commissioner Dickerson said that a special "Dinner under the Stars" on Whalen Commons would be held on September 14 to help raise funds to support the Historic Medley District. The dinner will include a five-course meal, drinks, and music. The cost is \$125 per person and may be purchased on their website. The organizers hope to raise \$3,000 for Historic Medley District, Inc., the guardians of the John Poole House, the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, and the Seneca Schoolhouse.

Dickerson also noted that, at the last Poolesville Day Committee, security was a significant topic of discussion. Given recent events, she thought it prudent to think about security and any additional actions that might be wise to consider. Officer Tara Bonds from the Montgomery County Police added that citizen vigilance and awareness is vital. Getting to a safe place and immediately contacting the authorities with any information are also critical.

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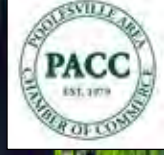
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Gwendora Reese: The 2019 Poolesville Day Grand Marshal

first African American communities established by freed slaves after the Civil War. Ms. Reese spearheaded efforts to have these exhibits included and was invited to the opening ceremony. She has worked closely with the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and has been the recipient of several awards for her tireless work in keeping alive the stories which would not have been told of these early Americans.

Reese and the Sugarland community are also included in a March 2015 *Washington Post* pictorial on the 150th Anniversary of the Civil War. The *Post* article chronicles the stories of several members of the Sugarland community during the war.

Gwen was also highlighted in an article in the *Monocacy Monocle* in June 2016 as one of the first recipients of the Historic Medley District's Whisper Award. This award identifies and honors persons who have demonstrated personal dedication to safeguarding the knowledge and appreciation for the heritage of Poolesville and the Upcounty. The name of the award comes from an observation that recorded history can be like a whispered message lost in the night or like a whisper in the ear from generation to generation. Honorees were chosen for their personal dedication and contribution to ensuring that local history is preserved for the many generations to follow.

The tiny St. Paul's Church, which now serves as a museum for the Sugarland Ethno-History Project, is a living history of the lives of freed slaves. These farmers, carpenters, and blacksmiths, along with other African American communities, Jerusalem, Martinsburg, Big Woods, Jones Lane, and Mt. Ephraim, breathed life into the economy and commerce of the Town of Poolesville. In nominating her, Skip Etheridge stated: "Ms. Reese is a true unsung hero not only in the African American community, but as an American patriot who has opened the doors to our rich history in Poolesville."

Ms. Reese told the *Monocle* that she was shocked and humbled to learn of the selection. "I wasn't even sure at first I should accept, but as I thought about it, I decided to accept on behalf of my ancestors, Sugarland, and all the African

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Youth Sports

Big Comeback Lifts UMAC 10U Attack to Hanover Sandlot Title

By Jeff Stuart

"We were the number one seed, so we had a bye in the first round," said Coach Ryan Beebe. "We defeated the Mercersburg Youth Baseball Thunder, 12-2, in the semifinal. We played real well getting to the championship game." UMAC (Upper Montgomery Athletic Club) was the home team in the final, playing the host, the Hanover Rampage.



Front Row: Marcus Guyton, Grady Garraffa, Alex Ross, Grayson Kristek, Shane Beebe. Second Row: Matty Gormley, Jr., Carson Jones, Hunter Sullivan, Anderson Yaen, Max Lee (behind Yaen), Sean Apgar, Colton Dewing. Back Row: Brad Guyton, Ryan Beebe, Matt Lee.

Being down, 8-0, going into the bottom of the third inning in the championship game of the Hanover Sandlot Series tourney in Hanover, Pennsylvania on Sunday, July 14 was not where Coach Beebe and his UMAC 10U Attack team wanted to be. That all changed in a hurry. "They had a real good pitcher on the mound at the start of the game," said Beebe. "We got down, but we scored ten runs in the bottom of the third. That inning started with several long at bats that resulted in walks and a hit by pitch. With men on base, singles by Marcus Guyton, Matty Gormley, Jr., and a two-out single by Shane Beebe tied the game

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August 9

American Legion, Poolesville Post 247's Annual Picnic

All vets and their families are invited to this picnic at the *Calleva Farm at 19120 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson*. There will be pony rides and hay wagon tours of the farm for the kids. Hot dogs, hamburgers, sides, and water provided free. This is a BYOB event. All members and area vets are welcome. 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

August 10

UMCVFD Pit BBQ

Fundraiser featuring pulled pork or beef sandwiches, baked beans, and coleslaw, eat in or carry out. *Beallsville Firehall*. 11:00 a.m. until sold out.

August 18

Barnesville Summer Movie Matinee: *Incredibles 2*

Popcorn, pizza, and soft drinks. *Barnesville Town Hall*; parking at Baptist Church. 3:30 p.m.

August 19

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

August 19, 20, 21

Meet the Principal

New PHS principal Mr. Carothers will be hosting times to meet with the community. Specific times and location were not determined by press time; check the town website or PHS website for details.

August 23

Friday on the Commons

Join in the fun on Whalen Commons for the town's last summer park event. Think all things '80s! Roller skating, PacMan, Hackey Sack, etc. Bring your big hair and watch the movie *Goonies* on the big screen at 8:30 p.m.

Aug 24

Cugini's Special Event

Join Cugini's as they take over Full Tilt Brewing for their Funkle release party. Full lineup of beers will be available, food truck options as well as can sales of their new favorite beer: Funkle! Cost is \$60 per person and includes: transportation to and from the brewery, your first beer at the brewery, a one-of-a-kind T-shirt, as well as all gratuities. Attendees will leave Cugini's parking lot promptly at 11:00 a.m. and will return as close to 4:00 p.m. as possible. First come, first serve; contact Danny for reservations or come to Cugini's Monday through Friday after 5:00 p.m. \$60 cash and shirt size confirm your seat.

August 25

Save the Date: Summer BBQ

The Hosanna Worship Center will be hosting an end-of-summer barbeque and fellowship event (rain or shine) on Whalen Commons. This Praise in the Park event is open to everyone. From 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Barnesville Harvest Block Party

Enjoy the end of the summer with your friends and neighbors. Bring your extra produce and favorite recipes to swap with your neighbors. Brief gardening and preserving demonstration. Bruster's will be selling ice cream. *Barnesville Town Hall*; parking at Baptist Church. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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August 17



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Big Comeback Lifts UMAC 10U Attack to Hanover Sandlot Title

at 8-8. Another hit by Max Lee brought Shane home to score the go-ahead run. We were aggressive on the bases and forced them to make some tough throws.

"Overall, we had a successful summer season. We had twelve players on the team who all played in our rec program. They all worked real hard in the spring and through the summer. We practice for two hours twice a week, but they all do a lot of work outside of practice, and it showed. We started off by winning the B bracket of the Annapolis Open Tournament in March.

"By winning in Hanover, we closed our season out on a positive note. We had a good showing in the state tournament in La Plata. We were 2-2 and just outside the playoff bracket. We finished the summer with fifteen wins and only seven losses against tough competition and an overall tournament record for the spring and summer of 23-10. I am absolutely proud of these guys."

"I play first base and outfield, but I can also substitute as a pitcher," said Sean Apgar. "At the start of that last game, we were mentally low. We had played a game before, and we faced a tough pitcher. They got some nice hits early, but we took our coach's advice: No matter what, up or down, ten runs or zero runs, we had to still be hustling and making our best effort until the end of the game. We took that seriously, and we just took over. My personal highlight was some of the catches I made at first base that meant a lot to the team. In the semifinal, there was a really tough throw made from the shortstop who was really deep in the hole. It hit the glove and slipped out, but I scooped it up and showed the ump, and he was out. We shut them out from there and won the game."

"I play first, second, and the outfield," said Grady Garraffa. "I pitched a little bit on Saturday and played first and the outfield on Sunday. My personal highlight wasn't in the last game, but our team was down, and we weren't scoring a lot of runs. I got a clutch double, so I was really excited about that. I have been playing in different places since I was five. I have moved a lot."

"I play shortstop and catcher," said Shane Beebe. "My personal highlight was in the championship game. I got the go ahead run and everybody was really excited. Then we won the championship."

"I was impressed that our team kept our confidence and we were able to come from behind and win the championship," said Marcus Guyton. One of his favorite moments was when he, Matty (Gormley), and Colton (Dewing) made three triples in a row during the rally. "My biggest highlight was winning the Hanover championship but also having a great last season for Coach Drew Woolery."

This was Coach Woolery's last season with this team. The kids have played for him for a few years. Drew started the spring season as head coach and then gave way to Ryan for the summer season.

Rounding out the UMAC 10U team are Alex Ross, Grayson Kristek, Carson Jones, Hunter Sullivan, Anderson Yaen, Max Lee, Colton Dewing, and coaches, Brad Guyton and Matt Lee.

UMAC 10U also participated in the Ripken Aberdeen Experience in May and were runners up in the Howard Cup Tournament in Woodbine and Schifflett Memorial Tournament in Clarksburg in June.

Elsewhere in UMAC, the 8U Black team took home the State Championship in the B Division this summer and the 8U Red team was runner up at states in the A Division.

The 9/10U Orioles and 11U Red Sox also won the rec program spring playoffs.

UMAC hosted its annual School's Out Tournaments for 8U, 9U, and 10U travel teams this summer and upgraded its facilities at Boyds, including new mounds, walkways, bases, etc.

Fall rec registration is now open and focused on preparing players for spring ball at their next age level. Contact umacboyds@gmail.com for more information. UMAC sponsors teams from T-ball through 18U.

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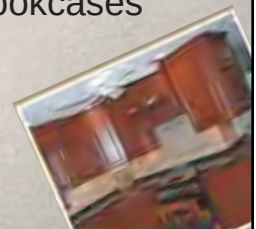
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Remembrance

Thomas M. Ambrose

Thomas M. Ambrose, 74, of Poolesville died peacefully on August 4 at Casey House Hospice in Rockville.

Born on March 23, 1945, he was the son of the late Harold and Mary (Doherty) Ambrose. He was the husband of the late Sharon A (Slade) Ambrose. Tom served his country in the United States Army.

He is survived by his daughter Molly Ambrose of Colorado; brother Michael of Minnesota; grandson Winston Mattingly; and sister-in-law Trudi Ambrose. He was preceded in death by one sister, Lindy Sommers, and two brothers, Joseph and Harold. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Montgomery Hospice Casey House.





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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

No crime was reported by the Montgomery County Police.

Past Crime: 1961

A Montgomery County officer vigilance led to the capture of two career criminals who had just robbed the payroll clerk at the National Institutes of Health construction site. Police said that the officer observed a car drift through a stop sign near the Bethesda Post Office. The car was occupied by three men, and the officer thought that something was peculiar. He followed the car back to the NIH grounds where one of the men got out and exclaimed that he had been robbed. The other two men began firing at the officer who managed to defend himself. Eventually, more help arrived, and the two holdup men were arrested. Police said that the foreman of the job had been robbed of the entire payroll containing \$7,800. Police also said that the men were professional holdup artists who were wanted in other counties.

An eleven-year-old Bethesda boy died due to the loss of blood after he

accidentally stumbled through a sliding glass door at the home of a neighbor. Police said that he and other boy were playing when the eleven-year-old crashed through the glass, cutting open a major artery on his arm. The Bethesda Rescue Squad was called, and nearly the whole complement of men turned out. They tried every medical procedure that they knew of as they carried him to a waiting ambulance. County police, for the first time in their history, stopped all traffic between the house on Fairfax Drive to Suburban Hospital to allow the ambulance to get through. Unfortunately, the boy had lost too much blood and died at the hospital.

Montgomery County's first K-9 dog reported for duty. Knight, a twenty-month-old German Shepherd, was trained at the D.C. police K-9 academy with his handler, Officer Cornelius Devreis. During his training, Knight located a gun that had been dropped by a robbery suspect and later a purse that had been stolen from a woman. On his first day on the job in Montgomery County, he took part in the search for an elderly man who had wandered away from his home.

Police, acting under the direction of the States Attorney, went to a Drug

Fair store at 13780 Georgia Avenue and purchased a copy of the controversial novel, *Tropic of Cancer*. They took the book to the station and then obtained arrest warrants for the four employees who were working at the store. They were charged with "selling a lewd and indecent book." Chief McAuliffe pointed out that the books were hidden under the counter, indicating that the employees knew that the books were lewd and

should not have been on display to the public.

A Howard County woman, the mother of five children, was killed when her car struck a tree on Bucklodge Road. Police said that it appeared that the woman was returning home after visiting friends.

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

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McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area: The Rest of the Story

was widely reported in the popular press and among the scientific community. Several institutions began Jupiter-radio-observing programs across a wide portion of the radio spectrum." Radio Jove is a nonprofit group by NASA specifically founded to educate the general public about radio astronomy.

Rachel A. Weintraub of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center told the story of the discovery in an article in 2005, "Fifty years ago, scientists Bernard Burke and Kenneth Franklin first mistook radio signals from Jupiter for a Maryland farmhand driving home after a late date.

"It was an easy mistake to make back in 1955 as they set out to map the northern sky using a radio astronomy array. Before that fateful night, astronomers had never picked up radio signals from any other planet besides Earth.

"Testing the array and moving in a [southerly] direction, the two detected bursts of interference. After analyzing the data, they realized that the interference occurred about four minutes earlier each night over several months. Comparing this with other celestial objects moving across the sky, they realized that they had actually been listening to Jupiter."

So what do radio waves from Jupiter sound like? They actually produce a wide range of bursts with different sounds. The most common, called L-bursts, sound like ocean waves breaking up on a beach. The shorter bursts, known as S-bursts, last a few thousandths to a few hundredths of a second and sound more like popcorn popping or like a handful of pebbles thrown onto a tin roof.

"Radio astronomers had been studying the sun and the Milky Way galaxy. This discovery opened a whole new class of objects to study. Suddenly, we realized we could start to learn about planets, too. By studying Jupiter and its magnetic fields, we also made discoveries about the Earth and Earth's environment," said Dr. Jim Thieman, also of the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

As is so often the case in many discoveries, the role of chance played a big part. "Our identification of Jupiter as a radio source is not based directly on reasoning, but more on luck," Franklin, a scientist at the Carnegie Institution of Washington, later recounted.

In 1958, Franklin more aptly put the experience into perspective. "There is no more thrilling experience for a man than to be able to state that he has learned something no other person in the world has ever known before him," Franklin said. "I have been lucky enough to be included in such an event."

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What's Up with that Cough from Your Pet?

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Coughing is a natural event for yourself and your pets. There are many reasons for a cough to develop. Coughs that are short-lived and do not last for extended periods of time are usually not a harbinger of sinister disease.

Coughs that become progressively worse over a period of time (days, weeks, months) are an alert that brings with it more concern. These types of coughs can be due to a number of events. Please see your veterinarian should your pet begin to have chronic or protracted coughing events.

Here are some broad considerations for where coughs come from.

1. **The occasional cough:** These coughs are likely due to environmental components such as dust, smoke, or aerosol agents. These coughs are usually self-limiting and should be monitored for how frequently they recur and what is causing them in the first place.
2. **The acute cough:** Coughs that begin and increase in frequency over a short period of time (one to seven days) should get a consideration to be seen by your veterinarian. In these cases, they can be due to an infection to the upper and/or lower airway. Your veterinarian can take a radiograph to isolate the area causing the problem. Cultures can be taken to determine the infectious agent. Then you can formulate a plan with them to resolve the condition and thus the cough.
3. **The intense cough:** These types of coughs occur rapidly and can quickly make your pet very uncomfortable, reducing food/water intake and causing loss of sleep for them and yourself. This type of cough can also be infectious related. They can also be due to aspiration of food or water, a foreign body caught in the back of the throat, or a sudden worsening of an unknown condition. This can be an emergency event and you may consider taking your pet to an emergency facility should it be after your veterinarian's regular office hours. This type of cough should be evaluated quickly to help your pet's quality of life and correct the condition.
4. **Slow progressive cough:** These types of coughs are usually associated with a longer-term developing problem with the upper and/or lower airway. The problem can be due to heart changes (congestive heart disease) that are causing more fluid to accumulate in and around the lungs, causing an increase cough duration and length. There can also be undiagnosed metabolic disease (renal failure, liver failure, etc.) that can change blood pressures and also increase fluid in the lungs and abdomen. Cancer that has moved from its primary location to the lungs (metastasis) can also be a reason for a progressive long-term cough. In most cases, diagnostic radiographs and bloodwork can be done at your veterinarian's office that will give you a better understanding of the condition and what can be done to improve the cough and your pet's wellbeing.

There are many reasons for coughing, most are self-limiting, and others can be treated quickly.



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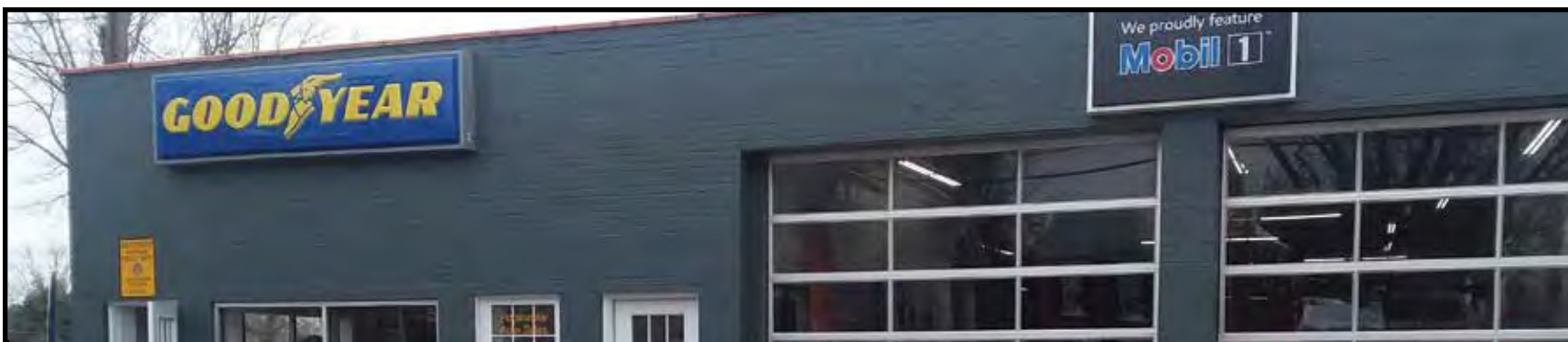
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