



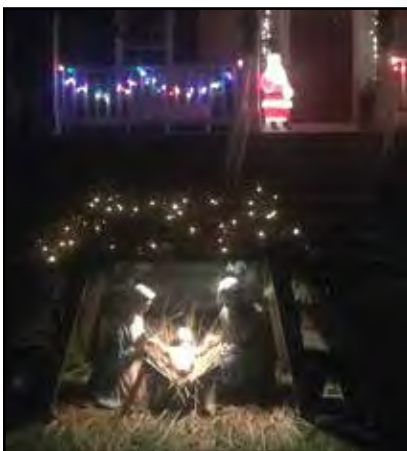
As the Nativity in the center of Barnesville goes away, the one in Poolesville comes alive. See more pictures in Family Album on page 2.



This mystery Santa is one every Marylander should know. See more Santas on page 13.



One of many highlights among the Holiday Lights: a traditional Nativity scene. See more Christmas decorations on page 14.



Deck the Halls with boughs of holly, and lights, and crèches, and snowy things. More on page 15.



Family Album



Monocacy Elementary School's Annual PTA Holiday Shop was a huge success!



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Our cover picture is a recreation of one of Norman Rockwell's famous paintings which was originally on the cover of the cherished *Saturday Evening Post* (the little girl in the picture is holding a copy of that *Post* cover in her lap). Norman Rockwell's art always touched everyone's heart by bringing forth a sense of shared humanity that seems to soften the harsher lines that can sometimes separate us. We thank the grandchildren of

Shirley Smith, Alexis Bennett, and Connor Bishop, and, of course, Santa Claus for making the picture possible.

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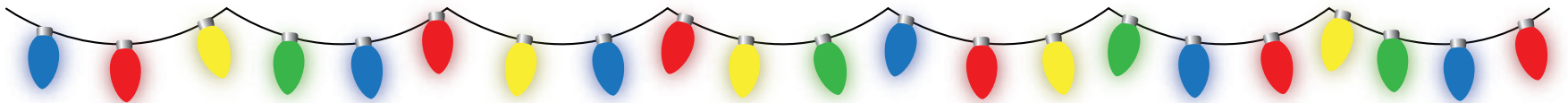


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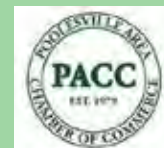
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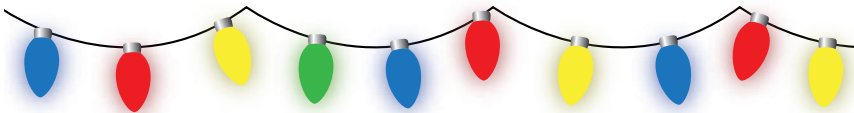
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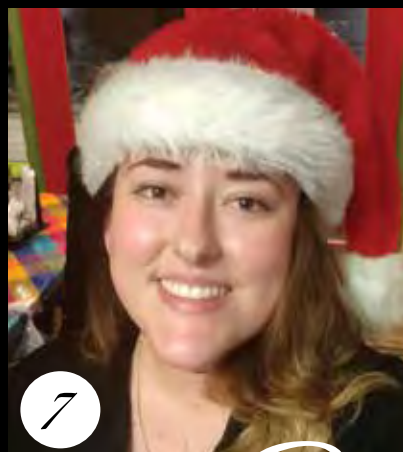
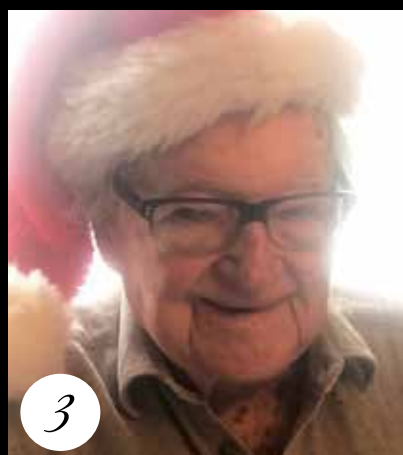
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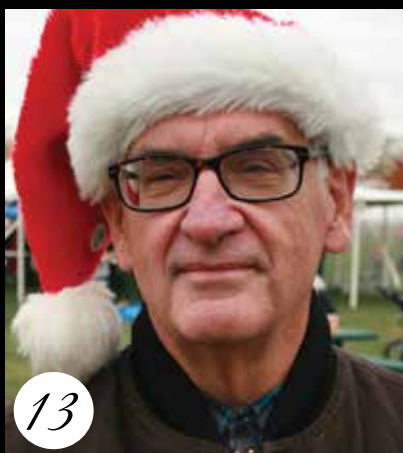


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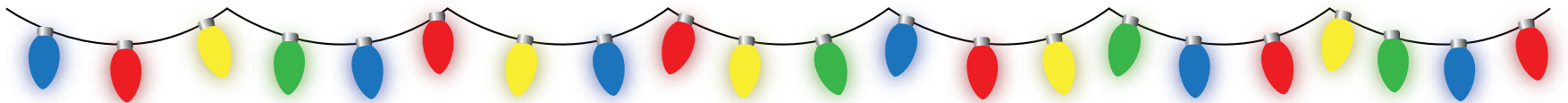
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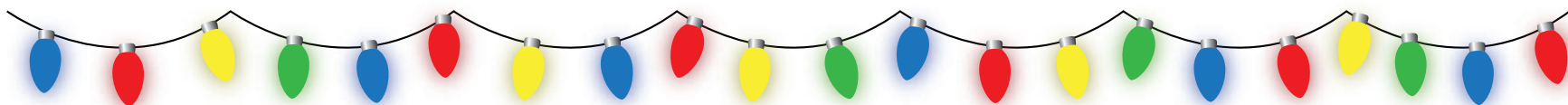
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Holiday Season with Your Pets

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.

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