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Dollar General Opening Soon

By Rande Davis



Makayla DeWald, running, and Maisie Radigan, throwing, didn't quite get the idea for bocce ball. See more pictures in the Family Album on page 2.



World War II veteran William Wega, Sr. See more photos of the Poolesville Military Support Group on page 9.



Got a problem? Sometimes it helps to chew on it for a while. See Tidbits on page 10.



Holy smokes! What are these gents doing to that church? Find out in Mystery History on page 13.

As the final touches on the new Dollar General in Poolesville take shape, details about the opening were revealed by Mary Kathryn Colbert, the Communications Coordinator for the company and its 12,000 stores.

The grand opening is now scheduled for August 8, but "this could still change," Colbert said, "although usually when we are this close to the opening, the grand opening date is pretty accurate."

We reported to Colbert about the lack of a full-service grocery store in town and how far the public must travel to shop at supermarkets and asked if Dollar General would adjust its standard product line to reflect our shopping situation.

Dollar General typically sells quality name-brand and private-label merchandise such as health and



Dollar General hopes to officially open their doors soon.

beauty products, home cleaning supplies, house wares, stationery, seasonal items, and basic clothing. They also sell an assortment of packaged

foods, as well as some refrigerated foods like milk, eggs, and frozen food.

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Poolesville's Indians Coming Home

By Rande Davis

The Indians are coming home, and we don't mean the one-time mascot for Poolesville High School sports. We mean the real deal, as in Native Americans, in our case, the Piscataway Conoy Tribe that made the Monocacy area its home for a number of generations. They will be returning on July 25 as Sugarloaf Regional Trails (SRT) will host a special dedication ceremony at Monocacy Aqueduct for its Native American Heritage Trail by Piscataway Conoy Tribe. The area is reached from Route 28 just north of Dickerson on Mouth of Monocacy Road (if headed towards Frederick, turn left from Route 28).

Surprising to many, it is the Piscataway Conoy Tribe that is our true native ancestor. The oft-mentioned Seneca outside of some incursions never settled the area, and the only reason why the name Seneca is so widely used in this area is not due to their past occupation but because the Colonial British troops had a habit of calling all Native Americans Seneca rather than by their real tribal name.

Seneca Valley High School would be more appropriately called Piscataway Conoy Valley High School.

Typically, the Piscataway Conoy Tribe lived in permanent villages near waterways suitable for canoes, and relied on agriculture as opposed to foraging. They grew corn, a variety of beans, melons, pumpkins, squash, and tobacco. The men hunted bear, elk, deer, wolves, beavers, squirrels, and a variety of birds. They also fished and gathered oysters and clams. By 1600, incursions by the Susquehannock Tribe from the north almost entirely destroyed many of the Piscataway settlements above Great Falls on the Potomac River.

The festivities will run from noon to 4:00 p.m. and will include displays of artifacts from the Archeological Society of Maryland. Representatives of the tribe will speak of their history, culture, and other aspects of their past in this area.



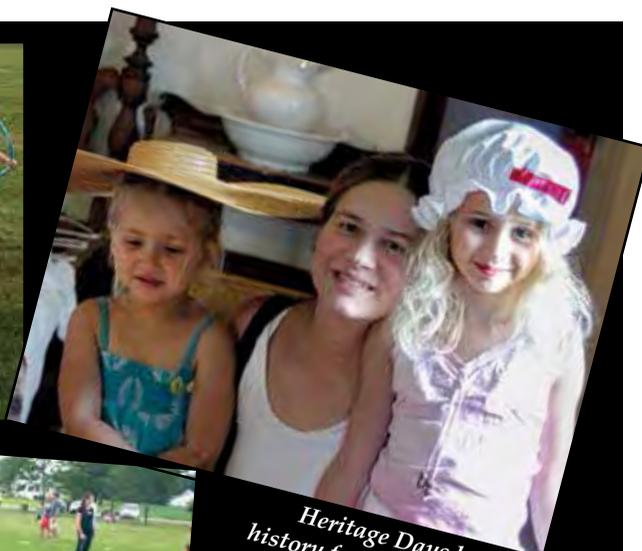
Meeting the Piscataway, a painting by William Woodward, depicts an early settler encounter with Piscataway near the Potomac.

At noon, SRT President Peg Coleman will welcome the visitors with the tribal spokesperson providing a brief history of the tribe's time in the area. The formal dedication of the trail will be at 12:40 p.m., and from 12:45 p.m. to 1:50 p.m., the Piscataway Conoy Tribal Dance and Drum group will perform its dance customs. A discussion and a question-and-answer forum will follow. An additional dance performance is scheduled for 3:00 p.m.

Family Album



Larry and Susan Ketron of Kingsbury Farms found the serene summer evening quite peachy.



Heritage Days brought history fans to Poolesville.



Jimmy Dutton and Zachary Widenofer stopped by for a funnel cake.



Settling in for movie night are Venus Murray, Maya Vines, and Tanae, Corine, and Ciara Torry.



Jimenez family came to picnic before the Yogi Bear movie.



Gavin Callahan demonstrates his mighty swing to Megan Smith.



Hula Hoops still popular for over fifty years.



Yogi Bear, smarter than the average bear, schedule his movie appearance during after family picnic night. Lookin' for those leftovers, Boo Boo.



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Major Grant Awarded To Poolesville's Hope In South Africa

Rotary International has awarded a grant of \$210,000 to Hope in South Africa (HISA), an organization based in Poolesville and begun by members of Poolesville's St. Peter's Church, to fund efforts to combat Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in South Africa's Northern Cape Province, Joel Tjornehoj, HISA President, announced today. "Fetal Alcohol Syndrome is one of the most widespread causes of developmental disabilities in the world. This grant will enable us to continue our efforts to combat FASD which is one hundred percent preventable and one hundred percent incurable," said Tjornehoj.

Hope in South Africa is a global partnership that empowers communities to enable every citizen to become healthy, responsible, contributing members of society and has long been involved in a wide variety of activities in and around Richmond, South Africa to bring health, education, support, and hope to the citizens there.

The primary objective of the grant, which was applied for by the Rotary Clubs of Frederick, Maryland

and Kimberley, South Africa, will be to develop a sports-based education and prevention curriculum that engages and teaches children between the ages of ten and eighteen about the dangers of FASD in South Africa's Northern Cape Province, where the largest FASD epidemic on the planet exists. When successfully implemented, the program for children in middle and high schools will establish a scalable and effective FASD education model that other communities in South Africa will be able to replicate.

The group will use the grant to train five Master Coaches and thirty coaches from Northern Cape communities (Kimberley, together with the smaller towns of Richmond and Colesberg) and to increase knowledge about FASD, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and nutrition among South African youth and their families by reaching 2,000 youth and 6,000 community members with critical information about FASD education and prevention.

Tjornehoj continued, "Rotary Clubs in South Africa and the USA, together with Grassroot Soccer and Hope in South Africa (HISA), are a proven team in delivering health education. We're excited about this new program and keenly grateful to Rotary International for its support."

For more information, visit www.hopeinsouthafrica.com.

House of Poolesville

Chinese & Japanese Restaurant - Dine in or Carry Out

Entertainment Schedule

July 17: Karaoke

July 18: Crackinbush - On the patio at 4:30 p.m.

July 24: DJ Slim Pickins

July 25: The Crimestoppers - On the patio at 4:30 p.m.

July 31: DJ Slim Pickins

August 1: Built for Comfort Band

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August 8: The Bobby Lewis Band

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Commentary

July Interlude

By John Clayton

With so many significant issues to think about, like Purple Line funding, county budget cuts, Donald Trump's inability to find a good chef for his hotel, and the arrival of local corn and tomatoes at farmers' markets, I thought it was time for a midsummer break to discuss something of true importance, the feel-good story (at least locally) of the 2015 Major League Baseball season: the resurrection of Danny Espinosa.

Danny Espinosa is an infielder, a shortstop originally, and an exceptional performer in the field. He is what the baseball insiders and people who want to sound like baseball insiders call a "plus fielder." He was also, early in his career, a good hitter as well, which is a rare bonus for a plus-fielding middle infielder (a shortstop or a second baseman). Even more notably, he has homerun-hitting power, or "pop," as people who like to sound like television announcers would say.

Since the Nationals already had an up-and-coming shortstop named Ian Desmond (more about him later), Espinosa has played second base for the Nats. He hit fairly well until a few years ago when, around the middle of the season, he seemed to lose his ability to make contact consistently and began striking out a lot more. He eventually played less as the Nats brought in other second basemen, and was even sent back to the minor leagues to try and re-discover his hitting ability. Espinosa is also a switch hitter, which means he can bat from either the right side or the left side of the plate, a decided advantage for a hitter. Famous switch hitters over baseball history have included Mickey Mantle, Eddie Murray, and Tom Tresh. Unfortunately for Espinosa, his hitting problems were more pronounced on his non-natural left side, and it got so bad that this year, in spring training before the season began, that the Nationals' management told him to abandon

hitting on the left and to become an exclusively right-handed batter.

At the same time, the Nats brought in another shortstop, Yunel Escobar, to play second base, and another backup second baseman, Dan Uggla, who also has a history of hitting homeruns but isn't much of a fielder. Espinosa appeared to be buried on the roster about as deeply as one can be buried, used primarily as a late-inning defensive replacement. Surprisingly, as the season started, he told Nationals' management that the right-handed-hitting only experiment wasn't working, and that he would resume operating as a switch hitter.

Then the most surprising thing of all happened: He started hitting, especially from the left side, homeruns and all. He muscled Uggla out of the rotation for second base; and Escobar, the shortstop who was brought in to play second base, ended up covering for an injured third baseman and hasn't played second base all year. At one point earlier in the season, while the Nationals were in a team-wide slump, Espinosa was practically the only bright spot (except for that Bryce Harper fellow), and he went from being an afterthought as a defensive replacement to a hitter that had to be in the lineup, no matter what. As injuries continued to bedevil the Nationals lineup, the manager seemingly would do anything to keep him in the lineup. He not only played second, but also shortstop, as the incumbent Desmond lost his hitting stroke just as Espinosa found his. He also played third base, which he had never played in the Major League, and first base, which he had never played anywhere, completing a perfect tour of the infield. When there was no room in the infield, he played left field for the first time ever. There were rumors he sold popcorn between innings, but these are unfounded.

So as the second half of what is hopefully an all-time winning season for the Nationals commences, here's to the resurgence of a player that the organization kept faith in until it paid off. I suspect his days in the sun will last longer than Donald Trump's.



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Things To Do

July 17

Fridays on the Commons: Hoedown in the Park

Special fundraiser for the Coach Kevin Dorsey family. Family fun includes dunk tank, kiss the pig, car smash, go to jail, pie/cake walk, farmers' market, 50/50 raffle, and live music by Brian Jamison and the Eclectic Journeymen. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

July 18

House of Poolesville Entertainment The Crackinbush Band. *On the patio.*

4:30 p.m.

July 19

Capitol Polo Club:

July Jubilee Tournament

Sponsored by Mixed Greens Market. Wear green and get in free. 14660 Hughes Road. 3:00 p.m.

July 20

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

July 24

House of Poolesville Entertainment DJ Slim Pickins

July 25

140th Annual

St. Mary's Chicken Dinner

Renowned chicken barbeque dinner (dine in or carry out), jousting tournament, country store, children's games, candy store, famous baked goods, cake wheel, snack bar, crafts, white elephant sale, and live musical entertainment by Sookie Stomp. Dine in: \$18.00 (8 years and under - free); carryout \$18.00. Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Rocket Launching

John Poole Middle School. 4:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

The Crimestoppers. *On the patio.* 4:30 p.m.

Sugarloaf Regional Trails Special Event

Return of the Piscataway Conoy Native American Tribes to ancestral land at the Mouth of the Monocacy at the Monocacy Aqueduct. Dedication of new Indian Trail, history presentation and artifacts, tribal ceremonial dancing. *See article on front page for details.* Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Preserve the Reserve Fundraiser: Field and Fiddle

Celebrate the beauty, bounty, and history of the Montgomery County Ag Reserve. Food and drinks, music and dancing (Smoke N' Mangoes band), artisan treats and produce from Tomatoes and Chocolates Farm. Games and bonfire. Raffle with prizes. Adults: \$10, Kids: \$5, and under six free. *Button Farm Living History Center.* Funds to benefit the Menare Foundation and Monocacy Countryside Alliance. 6:00 p.m.

July 26

Fourth Sunday at the MOOseum

The MOOseum will highlight the John Doody Farm in Damascus, Wyrndo Farm, as part of its Fourth Sunday Farm Family series. The MOOseum is at 18028 Central Park Circle, off Route 118 and Schaeffer Road, and surrounded by South Germantown Regional Park. More information is available at www.MOOseum.com/events. 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Capitol Polo Club:

2-Goal USPA Masters Cup

Sponsored by Gladiator Polo. 14460 Hughes Road. 3:00 p.m.

July 28

Board of Zoning Appeals Public Hearing

Special exception filed by Frank's Lawn Service to operate a landscape business on 16800 Budd Road. *Poolesville Town Hall.* 7:00 p.m.

Letter to The Editor

I completely agree with your comments ("A Tipping Point," June 26) about the confederate flag and all that goes with this whole episode. I am old enough to have gone to school in Montgomery County (Gaithersburg High School) in a segregated environment until 1956, when I was a sophomore. At that point, three black students came to GHS in my grade,

but we did follow the Supreme Court directive. As you probably know, the only part of the county where there was resistance was Poolesville. I made many trips to South Carolina, especially to Columbia, the capital, and I was always amazed to see the Stars and Bars flying there. So it is indeed time for this change. Gov. Nikki Haley has shown some courage in making this correct choice.

John McGraw
Bethesda

Editor's Note

Would you like to voice your opinion on an important issue? The *Monocle* welcomes responsible commentary on a wide range of topics, although Upcounty issues are a lot more likely to get printed. Articles for this page are subject to our discretion and may be edited. No anonymous articles will be considered.

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Dollar General Scheduled to Open

Colbert stated, "We are not necessarily a grocery store replacement. Instead, we consider our shopping trips to be 'fill-in trips' for grocery items between trips to the nearest grocery store. We hope to fill the needs of the residents of Poolesville by preventing them from having to drive so far for a forgotten item or an easily-replaced item between grocery store trips."

The structure of Poolesville's Dollar General is radically different than most of their stores: brick frontage was chosen to match the town hall as well as the other brick structures nearby, and the architecture prominently features a peaked-roof style reflecting not only the town hall and Poolesville Shopping Center (library location) but also the exterior design of Tractor Supply Co. Ms. Colbert explained, "We are sensitive to the needs of the community, and we strive to fit (the structure) into the character of the town. If a design issue is raised, our real estate team and development partners work with city officials to create a design that stays in line with the charm and character of the community we are serving."

What can our readers and residents expect when the doors open in August? "At Dollar General, we want to make shopping simple and affordable. We offer convenience like a drugstore with the low prices of a super center. Customers trust us for the brands and products they use in a small, easy-to-shop store. Our convenient locations are built in communities and neighborhoods so customers don't have to travel far to shop. The majority of Dollar General's products are priced below ten dollars, with approximately twenty-five percent of the products priced at one dollar or less."

An economic benefit of the Dollar General, beyond its new employment opportunity for local residents, is that it may bring more shoppers from outside of Poolesville who might also use the services of the other retailers and restaurants. As to the new employment, Colbert stated, "The store will employ six to ten employees with three full-time positions being store manager, assistant store manager, and a lead sales associate, and the rest of positions are part-time." Interested applicants should go to dollargeneral.com/careers to search for open positions in Poolesville.

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The Farm Life

By Ron Domingo,
Poolesville High School Class of 2015

I grew up in Midsayap, Cotabato in the wonderful country of the Philippines. It is a small town, yet to be hit by the great force of commercialization and industrialization. The people of the town vary, some are squatters with no permanent home while others live extravagantly in fortified estates. Despite their differences, however, all these people share one thing in common: farming. In Midsayap, it is almost impossible to find a person who neither owns a farm nor has ever worked on one. Outside the central hub of the small city center lies hectares upon hectares of rice, corn, mango, coffee, coconut, banana, vegetables and root crops. As people come and go, and as generations pass through, their farms remain to this day.

My family moved to the United States when I was six years old. We moved to Germantown, Maryland—a drastic change from our life in the Philippines. As I grew accustomed to life in the suburbs and in the developments of cities, I began to forget about the integral practice of farming. It was not until I got accepted into the Global Program at Poolesville High School that I remembered the lifestyle in which I grew up in and realized just how important farming really is.

The first time my parents and I visited Poolesville, we were very confused. Coming from a very developed area of Montgomery County, we had no idea a school, let alone a magnet school, could be in the middle of nowhere. We had no knowledge of the Ag Reserve at that time and only saw the fields of crops and questioned if we had taken the wrong turn. After about a month of going to school in Poolesville, I finally learned what the open fields and rows of crops were all about. I then went to my parents and told them that Poolesville is in the Ag Reserve and how farmers own acres of land to which the only purpose is farming. My father's immediate reply was

"Only acres?

We had hectares of land in the Philippines!" I was surprised by his reaction.

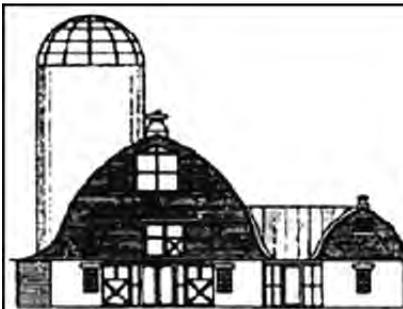
My father then noted that even in the Ag Reserve they are technologically miles ahead of the farming practices done in the Philippines. Up till that point I had almost forgotten about that aspect of our lives in the Philippines as I had gotten so used to life in the United States.

My experience in the Ag Reserve is important to me because it brings me back to my childhood in the Philippines. As I have visited farms and watched them harvest their crops, I remember my five year old self knee-deep in the mud and water of rice paddies trying to help my dad and the other farmers in our country. The Ag Reserve has shown me that even in midst of the hustle and bustle of Montgomery County, there lies a sanctuary of rural traditions that will remain forever engrained in our society. As I look at the Ag Reserve, I see the parallels that it has with the life people have in the Philippines. Farming is not merely a job, it is a practice filled with passion and commitment that creates a connection between a farmer and their crops that cannot be matched by the industrial farmers.

I hope that the Ag Reserve can maintain its hold against those whose only goal is to industrialize or commercialize. Within the Ag Reserve, therein lies a natural bounty that can only be reached through the preservation of traditional farming practices and I hope that those who are unaware can have the chance to see what the Ag Reserve has to offer. So as I have left the farming-centered life of the Philippines, and I as leave Poolesville and the Ag Reserve, it only makes sense that I never lose sight of where I came from, as I continue my life at Stanford University, otherwise known as "The Farm."



Award-winning
essayist Ron Domingo



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And the Winner of the SCA Creative Essay Contest is... RON DOMINGO!

In an effort to get Poolesville High School (PHS) students—nestled in the midst of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve—to reflect on the role of local agriculture and conservation efforts, SCA launched a creative essay contest. We worked closely with PHS educators, Allison Wilder, Tiffany Ayers, and Leigh Hegmann, to design the question, promote the contest, and build a panel of "citizen judges" located throughout the Ag Reserve. After reviewing the submissions, Ron Domingo's essay was selected. The judges were impressed with how well Ron captured the spirit of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve with his own personal story. In our minds, he managed to lessen the distance between Poolesville, Maryland and Midsayap, Cotabato—no small feat! Ron received the prize money: \$300.

Note: A special thanks to our panel of judges: Lee Langstaff, John Clayton, Peter Eeg, Anne Sturm, and Joyce Bailey. I would also like to extend my gratitude to Sugarloaf board members Ellen Gordon and Steve Findlay. We worked as a team to take this idea to reality.

We enjoyed reading all the entrants' creative essays and plan to turn it into an annual contest. Feel free to check out our website (sugarloafcitizens.org) to learn more about the contest and how to get involved in preserving the rural legacy of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. Enjoy the "summer read" by Ron Domingo on this page!

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Capitol Polo Club Ladies' Invitational

Three teams of determined female players battled it out for the title of champion of the first annual Capitol Polo Club Ladies' Invitational. ASAPSites.com and Miles & Stockbridge fielded rosters of players invited from the Maryland area, and Mountainview Polo team brought a team of players from West Virginia. Four former intercollegiate polo

nice run from Pam Patton. Nivedita Chauhan countered for ASAPSites.com to maintain the lead. The final score was 4-2 for ASAPSites.com

The results set up a true final between ASAPSites.com and Miles & Stockbridge. Miles & Stockbridge was clicking and got quick goals from Jessica Henwood and Schwartz, but Maureen Marsh of ASAPSites.com scored from the field to keep the orange team in the hunt. Mallets were flying and horses were running in the decisive final chukker. Bianchi scored what would prove to be the deciding goal on a penalty. ASAPSites.com finished out the match with one more



The Miles & Stockbridge team: Rachel McGuckian, Jenny Schwartz, Melanja Jones, Marisa Bianchi, and Jessica Henwood

alumnae were on the rosters, including Laura Goddard (Cornell), Marisa Bianchi (Cornell), Jenny Schwartz (Virginia Tech), and Melanja Jones (Colorado State University).

Each team played two chukkers against each other. Mountainview Polo and Miles & Stockbridge started the action. The Mountainview players primarily play arena, but did a fine job bringing the arena teamwork skills to the grass field. Led by Goddard, they won the first chukker, 2-1, but then Miles & Stockbridge went on a four-goal scoring spree behind the hot stick of Bianchi to win the match, 4-2.

Next Mountainview Polo took on the orange-clad ASAPSites.com team. This time ASAPSites.com jumped out to the early lead, but then Mountainview closed within one goal behind a

goal but could not quite close the gap, and Miles & Stockbridge took home the title.

All the players were rewarded with prizes from Tractor Supply and Edelheiss Wine. Edelheiss Wine also sponsored a wine-tasting event that was enjoyed by spectators and players alike.

"I had a great time playing with all the girls! It was awesome to have the support of all the people who came to cheer us on and help with the horses, as well as the special prizes from the sponsors," commented Schwartz, who played on the winning Miles & Stockbridge team.

Special thanks goes to Tractor Supply, Edelheiss Wine, and celebrity umpires Charlie Muldoon and Juan Carlos Gonzalez.

Focus on Business

The Mexican Corner Grill: A Fresh Start

By Susan Petro

Sometimes a new set of eyes is all one needs to turn an overlooked restaurant into a fresh dining experience full of tasty dishes for community residents. When Carolina "Lina" Castro first came to Poolesville at the bequest of her aunt, she set her sights on what needed to be done to turn a lackluster business into a vibrant restaurant. Castro and the rest of the team's vision for a new beginning was just what the Mexican Grill needed to become the thriving business it is now.

Castro's first thought was that there were a lot of residents in Poolesville, "We have to do something." She learned that Poolesville had a community social media page, and she started posting pictures of the daily lunch specials. She let members of the community know that the restaurant was not only open for business but eager to serve new dining alternatives.

"We do everything for our customers now," said Castro who added that the staff is constantly looking for new



Mexican Corner Grill's Carolina "Lina" Castro.

ways to meet the needs of the community. The food is cooked fresh for every shift starting in the morning by their long-time cook, Jessica Aragon. Castro attributes the Mexican Grill's success to the teamwork. "Without teamwork, nothing is possible," said Castro.

Lina's aunt, Nicolasa Concepcion Delgado, the owner of the Mexican Grill, started out with a single food truck twelve years ago. She sold tacos and burritos from her truck which was located at the Department of Motor Vehicle's main location in Gaithersburg. One day, a newspaper reporter stopped

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime

July 9, 1911 A letter was received at Rockville from the notorious horse thief and kidnapper Edward Hartlett. Broken in spirit by the manhunt for him, he informed Sheriff Vielt that he was in the vicinity of Big Cove Mountain in Virginia and that he intended to kill himself. Hartlett wrote that his clothes were in tatters, that he had nothing to eat, and that he was affected by the elements. Sheriff Vielt announced that he had no doubt that Hartlett would carry out his threat. In the letter he asked the sheriff to say goodbye to "Grace V. P. of Baltimore."

July 28, 1910 Armed with a search warrant that had been sworn to by Rev. Charles O. Rosensteel, pastor of St. John's Catholic Church at Forest Glen, sheriff deputies raided the store of Louis Schlossberg on the Seventh Street Pike. Father Rosensteel had been suspicious about the operations of the store and suspected that Schlossberg had been selling intoxicants. He based his suspicions on the clientele that frequented the store by a certain class. The deputies found twenty barrels of cider, wine, whiskey, and beer. They sampled each barrel to satisfy the requirement that the contents were, in fact, illegal. The officers seized the keys to the store and locked the contents in the basement for storage due to the quantity of the seizure.

July 29, 1910 In compliance with the law passed by the legislature, the county commissioners voted to purchase two fast motorcycles for the use of the sheriff and his deputies. It was understood that these mounted officers would begin patrolling certain thoroughfares out of Washington into

Montgomery County. The officers were directed to arrest any motorists whose automobiles did not display the proper Maryland license tags and those who exceeded the speed limit.

July 30, 1911 Charles Bardsley, age 21 and the son of a prominent Olney resident, reported to Sheriff Vielt that he had been kidnapped while driving on the Olney-Sandy Spring Road. He said that his captors took him to Richmond where he was forced to work for a week to support the kidnappers. He eventually was able to send a letter to his uncle revealing his whereabouts. He told a rather spectacular story about being waylaid on the road as he drove his team, being blindfolded and taken to Union Station, being held in an abandoned house, and eventually getting into a knife fight with one of his captors. He said that he was forced to work on a derrick and his wages were taken by the crooks.

As might have been expected, Bardsley eventually confessed that he had lied. He told Sheriff Vielt that he had met two men when returning from a picnic and had accompanied them to Washington, D.C. where they drank all night. Having lost all of his money, he was ashamed to tell his family and made up the kidnapping story. The young man's father agreed to pay all of the expenses incurred during the investigation.

July 31, 1911 A drama of sorts played out in the Rockville courthouse. It seemed that Washington motorists had decorated the lower county with signs warning motorists that deputies were out and about on motorcycles vigorously enforcing the speed laws. One of the few motorists who failed to see one of the signs was the unfortunate James Groves of Mount Ida, Virginia. Deputy Ramey saw him speeding down the Rockville Pike and took him to the courthouse. Deputy Ramey testified that Groves was traveling thirty miles an hour. He was found guilty and fined \$25; however, Groves told the judge that he did not have that much money. Judge Reading replied, "You have an honest face so I will accept an I.O.U. and expect you to return with the money." Groves thanked the judge and said that he would pay the fine as soon as he found his checkbook.

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Tidbits

Ivy Moats Need Lively Goats

When a resident complained that it was hard for his children to play around the pond because of the poison ivy growing all around it. Christina and Tim Nanof volunteered to bring out their goats to see if they could make a dent in the ivy. They packed their two children and three goats into their SUV on a recent Sunday morning and brought them to the park to see if the goats would make a dent in the ivy. The goats ate plenty of all types of weeds, including the ivy, but, ultimately, there was still plenty of ivy left at the end of the experiment. We suppose more goats are needed or at least some little lambs because mares eat oats and does eat oats, but little lambs eat ivy (a kid'd eat ivy, too, wouldn't you?).

Barnes Recognized as Outstanding Graduate

Poolesville's Julia Barnes has been recognized as an Outstanding Graduate by Western Washington University. Julia graduated in June with a Bachelor of Arts degree with a double major in Canadian-American Studies and French. During her time at Western, Barnes became fluent in French and developed an expertise on Québec and cross-border identity, studying abroad in Montréal during her junior year. She is also known as a natural leader among her peers. After graduation, Barnes plans to stay in the Pacific Northwest. Her parents, Don and Linda Barnes, met while attending Western.



Julia Barnes

Town's Solar Array Showcased



Commissioner Val Dickerson proudly presents the town's showcased solar array.

Poolesville received recognition at the recent Maryland Municipal League's (MML) annual convention for its demonstrated leadership in installing solar power to the town. Standard Solar, a full-service developer of solar electric systems, showcased the town's solar array at the event. MML represents 157 municipal governments throughout the state.

TOWN OF POOLESVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SPECIAL EXCEPTION 002-15

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on July 28, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of receiving evidence concerning Special Exception 002-15 submitted by Francis Lawn Service, Inc. for property located at 16800 Budd Road, Poolesville, Maryland. This special exception is to request approval to operate a landscape business consisting of lawn maintenance, landscape installation, tree services, and any related landscape work at off-site locations with vehicles, equipment, and supplies that are stored, parked, serviced, or loaded at the proposed business location. This application is made pursuant to the Poolesville Zoning Code, Appendix B, Section 10.D.3. to authorize a special exception from Section 3 "Use Chart" in the Poolesville Transition Two Plus Acres zone (P-TR2+). Copies of this application are available at Town Hall.

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School News

Recent PHS Grads Go Back to the Future With Senior Project

By Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz

Senior projects at Poolesville High School are well known as examples of thinking outside of the box—innovative, creative, and challenging, and often, just plain fun.

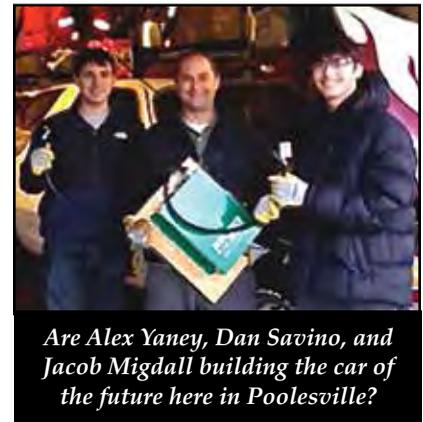
Looking back on more than eight months dedicated to his senior project, Alex Yaney, PHS Class of 2015, confirms it was one of the most rewarding experiences of his life.

Alex and classmate Jacob Migdall, graduates of PHS's Global Ecology House, accomplished a project with a *Back to the Future* feel: they fully converted a 1976 AMC Pacer with gasoline engine to a 2015 Pacer with an electric motor. The project was sponsored and primarily funded by PHS teacher Daniel Savino who sparked Alex and Jacob's interest about the project late in their junior year.

Their project aimed to answer two primary questions: one, could two seniors with limited car mechanic skills fully convert a gasoline-powered car to one with a fully electric motor?; and, two, would the car be cost effective?

Related questions concerned how long the project would take and if it was safe—given the team would be working with a high-voltage battery pack. The project also sought to compare costs by asking how the electric Pacer would compare cost wise with new and used electric car models currently on the market, and with new and used cars of comparable size with gas motors.

Overall, the project was fairly straightforward, with only a few obstacles at the start, according to Alex: Where to find parts and what type of car to use. Alex located a Pacer on Craigslist—complete with flames on the hood. John Wayland, an EV conversion pioneer, sold his used motor to the team; both



Are Alex Yaney, Dan Savino, and Jacob Migdall building the car of the future here in Poolesville?

John and Chip Gribben, a veteran EV enthusiast, offered guidance which was gratefully accepted by the team; and, there were the title challenges with the Maryland Department of Motor Vehicles that eventually were overcome.

The construction involved removing the original 90-horsepower engine, installing the 9-inch diameter DC motor, installing an adapter plate and a controller, building a battery housing, and installing forty-eight Calb lithium ion battery cells (3.2 volts per cell for a total of 153.6 volts) weighing 320 pounds.

The converted electric-powered Pacer cost about \$15,000 to build. It is fully capable of reaching highway speeds of seventy miles per hour, and its range capacity is about fifty miles before recharging is necessary.

Alex and Jacob concluded that their Pacer cost approximately what a used electric vehicle is worth and offers the same environmental benefits: no tail-pipe emissions, reduced noise, and chargeable through renewable energy sources. The team also found that their learning curve was steep, requiring a lot of research before they could dive into converting the car.

Alex wouldn't recommend their Back to the Future project to anyone but hobbyists. This hands-on successful senior project is one both graduates won't forget—and they get to visit it when they return home on breaks from college. The Pacer resides in Mr. Savino's garage where it was built. Look for it zipping around town and at Poolesville Day.




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Youth Sports

Dave Murray Takes The Reins as PHS Football Coach

By Jeff Stuart

Last February, Dave Murray, currently a science teacher at Gaithersburg Middle School, was named to succeed Will Gant as the head football coach at Poolesville High School. As he steps up from coaching the JV and prepares for his first season as varsity coach, he recently made himself available for an interview with the *Monocle*.

MM: Tell us about your experience as it relates to this position.

DM: I've been lucky to work at Poolesville as an assistant coach for four seasons. It is a small school with a very small staff, so we share a lot of the responsibilities with the head coach. I think that was great preparation for my current role as head coach. Also, former coach Will Gant always strived to promote and build his assistants into head coaches, so he was constantly teaching me things and giving me advice so I would be prepared once the time came for me to move up.

MM: How do you measure success?

DM: We measure success here at PHS through camaraderie, sportsmanship, and competing. We want to be competitive in everything we do including the classroom, weight room, practice field, and game field. We never want to just go through the motions. In addition to that, we pride ourselves on having a very close-knit team, and our team camaraderie is very important to our success. We also look at our sportsmanship as a measure of success. In winning and losing, we want to compete with class and respect our opponents, officials, and fans.

MM: What kind of offense and defense will you run?

DM: We currently run a pistol spread offense and a 4-3 defense; however, we frequently change our offense and defense to adapt to the skills of our athletes and the overall talent of the team.

MM: What former positions have you held in athletics?

DM: Prior to becoming head coach, I was the offensive coordinator for PHS for the 2013 and 2014 seasons. In 2012, I was the wide receivers coach for PHS. Prior to that, I coached for Winters Mill High School in Carroll County as an assistant football coach.

MM: How did you transition to head coach?

DM: Transitioning to head coach was



New PHS football head coach
Dave Murray

pretty seamless because we all knew it was coming, so Coach Gant and I were able to work together and make sure things went smoothly. His son is a varsity football player at Walkersville High School, and we always talk about priorities to our team and staff. It's always family, school, then football. He's a great role model because he's a dad first then a teacher and then a coach. I think that's important because football can be so consuming because it's a lot of work, but it helps to keep it all in perspective. He's continuing to serve as a role model for me, and he's someone I can count on which is important for a new head coach.

MM: What are your coaching goals?

DM: My coaching goals are to have a competitive first year in our new classification and shock some teams who may overlook us. In addition, I want to continue to send senior student athletes to college and hopefully playing football at the next level. One of my main goals is to continue to grow as a program and increase our numbers. We've always wanted more kids playing football and it's been a struggle, but we've had a great start to summer workouts with about fifty to sixty kids showing up.

MM: How important is a youth football program and how do you make connections with the local youth program?

DM: The youth program is essential to our success at the high school level. My assistant coach and defensive coordinator, Tyler Bierly, and I work hard with the youth program. We attend their meetings and do whatever we can to promote their program. We have a lot of different events that we work in cooperation with PAA, and it's already starting to pay off. The community knows who their high school coaches are, and the youth are excited to play football for us in years to come.

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Mystery History

Monocacy Cemetery Chapel: An Occasion To Remember

By Rande Davis

The history of most any cemetery is, nearly by definition, a grand mystery. When writing about the mysteries of the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville, the potential number of mysteries only starts with the nearly 5,600 souls resting in peace there.

Amazingly, in that small, quiet, serene setting lie nearly as many departed souls as those who live in Poolesville today. A special commemoration this past June 17 spurred us to uncover some of the mystery surrounding the Memorial Chapel, which can be clearly seen from Route 28, on the occasion of the centennial of its reconstruction.

How the chapel came to be rebuilt in 1915 is an intriguing story that includes one group of individuals with little concern for its sanctity and another individual who lovingly restored it to a new purpose and solemn dignity.

First, a little background: The earliest records show grants given for the cemetery to originate around 1700 and officially aligned with the Church of England.

As stated at the cornerstone dedication in 1915, "There are tombs in the original area surrounding the old chapel that date back to 1735 (and probably older ones not marked), thereby showing it to be one of the earliest places of worship. It was originally known as Eden Parish after Governor Eden, but for some cause changed to Monocacy District of All Saints. In 1742, during Rev. George Murdock's pastorate, all of the Parish of Great Seneca Run was made into All Saints Parish on the petition of its inhabitants. Some names are still recognizable today like Beall, Darnell, Chiswell, Talbot, Fletchall, Sprigg, and Dowden."

The first chapel was believed to have been built circa 1765, but there is a paucity of information of the early years. We do know that at a meeting held in early 1799, a request was sent to Rt. Rev. Bishop Claggett to recommend a clergyman for the parish. John Poole was appointed a lay reader pending the appointment of a rector. It is unclear which Poole was the appointee, John Poole, Sr. or John Poole, Jr., the latter being the owner of the 1793 trading post that stands behind the bank in the center of town. Later that year, in August, Rev. Thomas Scott accepted the first call to the church at a salary of eighty-five pounds per year.

It was a Protestant Episcopal Church, but its vestry decided to build a new church in Poolesville, which was met by

much opposition, thereby losing many members who belonged to the old chapel church. At the time, Rev. Lorenzo Russell was pastor in connection with Rockville, the county seat. The new church in Poolesville that was built in 1849 is St. Peter's Parish. Another local church, which was built in Barnesville in 1878, became Christ Church.

Services continued once a month on Sundays, but sadly, the fate of the original chapel was sealed as the Civil War came to the area in 1861. With the logistical needs of the Union troops weighing greater than their level of reverence for the consecrated chapel, the building was used for stalls for their horses and the vestry room was torn down, wood used for fuel, and the bricks used as miniature chimneys for their tents. Several compensatory claims were filed before Congress for financial restitution, but nothing ever came of it because the chapel was no longer owned by the Episcopal Church.

For nearly fifty years, the cemetery remained without a chapel. That changed when Mr. Fremont Jones attended the burial of a lady who passed



The centennial celebration for Monocacy Cemetery's Memorial Chapel included a newly-restored flagpole by Tom Conlon and Charles Elgin, Jr.

away in Baltimore and her remains were interred in the family lot in the cemetery. As reported at the cornerstone laying in 1915, "It was a most awful day, snowed, rained, and hailed, and weather intensely cold and no place for those who came to warm themselves, having to return in this chilled state to the train." Mr. Jones spoke of the event and hoped the time would come when a chapel would be rebuilt, ex-

pressing a wish to give a donation for that purpose. Soon thereafter he was called away to his eternal home, so his sister, Miss Priscilla Jones, wished to commemorate his expressed desire and gave a generous sum of a thousand dollars to this worthy object. At the laying of the cornerstone, a beautiful tribute that perpetuates the memory of herself and her brother was placed in an historical book, which, as stated at the time by Mary Poole Hays Jones, secretary of the E. V. White Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, "will be handed down, as year-by-year we see what it has meant to have this Chapel."

This article was prepared with gratitude for the help of the Monocacy Cemetery Project's Glenn Wallace Weitz.

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The Mexican Corner Grill: A Fresh Start

by and ordered some tacos from her truck, one of a handful of trucks that sold food items from that location.

The next day, the reporter returned to the stand and showed Delgado an article he had written about her. "Look what I did for you," he had said, as he showed her the article telling people to come to her truck for the best tacos in town.

Soon, more and more people started coming by, and Delgado's reputation for serving excellent food was cemented. She began to buy more and more food trucks to service new locations. All those trucks meant that Delgado needed a commercial kitchen in which to prepare all the food. She decided to open a restaurant in Poolesville since the town did not have a Mexican restaurant.

Although Delgado's intentions with the restaurant were good, she was busy running the trucks and had no experience in the restaurant business. Delgado sent Castro, who has restaurant experience, to see what needed to be done to turn the business around. Castro said that the Mexican Grill lacked organization. "The food was always good, that was never in question," said Castro, "but the service was lacking."

Local resident Arthur Brown decided to give the Mexican Grill another try after seeing pictures of the daily specials posted online and reading

the reviews of happy customers. When he had first visited the restaurant after moving to town a few years ago, he hadn't been overly impressed with his dining experience. Today, Brown and his family are regular customers—both eating in and ordering carryout. He raves about the delicious food, the employees, and the service. He loves the fact that the food is served fresh and tastes good. Brown's wife, Lucille, chimed in that the cooks are also happy to take custom requests such as adding more spinach or cheese to the papusas.

Soon, customers were not only coming to try the food, they were also eagerly recommending the restaurant to others. Some customers started asking for breakfast options, and the restaurant staff responded with a full breakfast menu.

Today, the restaurant is colorfully painted and tastefully decorated with authentic Mexican décor. A beautiful custom mural and paintings adorn the walls. The floors are tiled, and Latin music plays quietly in the background. The staff is enthusiastic and eager to please the customers. In the near future, Castro said they hope to add alcoholic beverages liked piña colodas and margaritas to the menu. They are working closely with county officials to try to obtain a liquor license.

If you haven't tried or stopped by the Mexican Grill lately, be sure to make plans to see what the buzz is all about and to try a delicious new dish. Poolesville residents no longer need to leave town for authentic Mexican food.

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Musings by Mama Boe

Organic Parenting

By Pamela Boe

I was at Harris Teeter today, sniffing watermelons to see if they were ripe. It's a waste of time, because I've never ever been able to discern the difference between a ripe watermelon, and a not-so-ripe watermelon, ut I've watched other, more knowledgeable-looking patrons doing this, and I don't want to seem ignorant at Harris Teeter. I've got enough venues in my life where I appear less-than-genius; I don't need to be adding my grocery store to that wide and varied list. So I sniff the watermelons with an air of someone who KNOWS how a sweet, ripe melon ought to smell uncut, and feel somehow superior.

There I was, nostril-deep in the produce section, nodding knowingly to my fellow fruit sniffers, when I saw a mom, about my age, with her young teenage daughter and husband taking organic produce, removing the stickers, and putting non-organic stickers on their food before putting them into plastic bags. And adding insult to injury, the mom was wearing a volunteer fire department shirt—but not from any fire station that is in Montgomery County, thank the good Lord above.

I stared at them hard, until they noticed me, and then I turned my stare into a full-on stink-eye, aimed precisely at the forehead of the mother. Incensed that she was stealing, committing fraud, and being a poopie-head in general, I was even more disgusted that she was teaching her daughter that this was acceptable. I seethed at that because she is setting her daughter up for failure in this world, as well as creating more of a problem in the

world for other people. She was giving her daughter no moral compass.

Her reaction? She turned away and moved on to the next aisle, with husband and daughter in tow. Her daughter looked back at me, and I shook my head at her, as if to say, "Oh No You Didn't!" and I am happy to say she looked chagrined.

I talked to myself the rest of the time I was in the store. I told the manager, who could do nothing since he had not seen it. I grumbled all the way home as I was driving. I felt my blood pressure rise high enough that when I got home and my Critter and Varmint and Critter's best friend, Richard, came to meet the car to help unload the groceries, all I could do was hug them and thank them so much for being good kids.

I begged them to not be a problem in this world, but as much as possible, be a part of the solution. I begged them to be good, and do right, and never be afraid of being hated for doing the right thing. I begged them to be True Blue, to be the kinds of people that, if someone said something bad about them, that no one would ever believe it.

Their response? "Mom, you're freaking us out."

Sigh.

I'm not afraid to freak my kids out, and appear about as dorky as a woman can appear, as long as the endgame is that my children would never commit fraud with organic tomatoes. And my hope, as petty as it might seem, is that those tomatoes leave the bitter taste of theft in that family's mouth tonight. As for me and mine, our tomatoes may be full of pesticides, carcinogens, and gene-mutating chemicals, but by golly, my conscience will be clear as I sprout extra limbs and die before I'm sixty.

Okay, maybe not clear, but mostly clear.

twenty-five to thirty kids on varsity and JV teams, respectively. I don't believe there are any 2A level schools left in Montgomery County now.

"During his tenure at Poolesville High School, Coach Murray's dedication as a teacher-coach has led to strong relationships with players, staff, and community members," said Poolesville Athletic Director Ed Ross. "He has demonstrated a comprehensive knowledge of football and an ability to effectively motivate student-athletes. His professionalism and integrity earn him the respect of everyone he meets."

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Dave Murray Takes the Reins as Poolesville Head Football Coach

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Remembrances

Elmer H. Frohlich, Jr.

By Rande Davis

The death of Poolesville's Elmer H. (Junie) Frohlich, Jr. due to the tragic car accident that occurred during the storm of June 23 at Darnestown and Cattail Roads, when his car hit a downed tree and power line, shook the entire community. His family and many friends in the community will miss this humble, quiet, and caring man who served the public in many ways throughout his life.

Elmer was married to his beloved wife Nancy for fifty-six years. They had two children, Betsy E. Frohlich and Ellen Frohlich Kirkpatrick (husband Tom). His three grandchildren Drew, Victoria, and Noel Kirkpatrick, and his sister Joyce Green of Deale, Maryland, survive him.

He began his lifetime of service by joining the United States Marine Corps. Always a faithful and proud marine throughout his life, his pride in that service was always displayed with humility. For Elmer, serving one's nation would not be considered extraordinary but something to be expected.

He was a talented union carpenter whose skill is represented in the home he built with his own hands in 1979 and the equally impressive barn he constructed later. At his memorial service, his nephew, Joseph Mohler, remembered him as a serious, no-nonsense person committed to the notion of doing things right and making sure to properly complete the task at hand. He also recalled his uncle's love of sports, especially youth sports, and spoke of the gratitude he had for Elmer's help in coaching football teams. Conrad Potemra echoed that sentiment in noting that in the development of Poolesville youth sports, Elmer could always be counted on to help with whatever he was asked to do.

Junie, as his family nicknamed him, was a huge animal lover. His daughter, Ellen, recalled that when she was younger and throughout her growing years, her dad brought home no less than six stray dogs that he found on his construction sites—all at different times, of course, but the joy and laughter of seeing another stray dog coming through the door reminded her so much of his giving and protective nature.



Elmer H. "Junie" Frohlich, Jr.

Elmer was a man of deep faith and served the St. Peter's parish by his commitment to attend church every Sunday. Typical of Elmer was that he always sat in the rear pew away from the aisle, finding comfort in the most humble seat in the sanctuary. From ushering at Sunday services to biannual rummage sales, the church could always count on him, and he also used his carpentry talents to help the church over the years.

There has been no stronger fan of high school sports than Elmer. It was very rare not to find him sitting in the stands during boys' or girls' basketball or volleyball games. One former player recollected on Facebook that she remembered him from ten years ago as someone who was always at her home games. She recalled that she came back to visit just a couple of years ago to watch a game and wondered if that same great fan still came to every game. Sure enough, when she arrived, she saw Elmer sitting in his customary bleacher spot.

The U.S. Marine honor guard was in attendance at the memorial service to present Nancy with an American flag in appreciation by a grateful nation for his service.

At the very end of the memorial service, the congregation rose to sing one robust verse of the "Marines' Hymn" in his honor.

Elmer Frohlich, a man of faith: faithful to his God, faithful to his family and friends, faithful to his church and community, faithful to his sports teams as a coach or a fan, and faithful to the marines. Semper fi, dear friend.

Blanche L. Rippeon

Dickerson's Blanche L. Rippeon, 77, died on June 28, 2015. Blanche was born on September 29, 1937 in Poolesville and was the daughter of the late John Ethan and Sarah Anna (Beall) Poole. Her former husband, James F. Rippeon and one brother, Raymond Poole, preceded Blanche in death. Her long service to her family, church, and community was monumental. For forty-two years, Blanche worked with great dedication at Poolesville Elementary School cafeteria and was also a devoted Sunday school teacher for fifty-two years at Memorial United Methodist Church where she was a lifelong member. Blanche contributed in many ways, including being a member of the Crafty Ladies and Gents, locally renowned for their dinners and other fundraising endeavors to support the church. Her volunteer service in the community also included time at the Friendly Thrift Store in Poolesville, and as a member of the Izaak Walton League.

Surviving Blanche are her two daughters, Brenda Kelbaugh and husband Cliff of Poolesville, Kathryn Schwartzbeck and husband Eddie of Woodbine, Maryland; one sister, Anne



Blanche L. Rippeon

Harvey of Taneytown, Maryland; five grandsons, Justin and wife Lindsey, Joshua, Jacob and wife Hannah, Jonathan, Jordan Schwartzbeck; and one great granddaughter, Ellie Grace. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Memorial United Methodist Church.

Editor's note: Our story on Blanche Rippeon's PES retirement, in our September 22, 2006 issue, can be viewed at www.monocacymonocle.com, via the Older Issues link.

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Vacationing with your pet Dr. Peter Eeg, DVM Poolesville Veterinary Clinic

If you can't bear to leave your four-legged family members at home, bring them along for a pet-friendly vacation. Here are a few tips for traveling with pets.

Flying with your pet is actually a lot easier than it sounds as most airlines are quite animal-friendly. However, each airline has its own set of regulations' find out about these before you book a flight to ensure you'll be in compliance with all regulations. Most airlines extend 2 options to furry friends--carry-on or checked. You may already have a favorite pet carrier, but check with the airline to be sure it meets specific regulations. Guidelines for pet carriers vary depending on how your cat or dog will be flying. Small pets may come aboard as carry-on luggage in a hard or soft carrier and must be stored under the seat for the duration of the flight. Larger pets that will be checked to travel in cargo must fly in a non-collapsible carrier with an ample supply of water. In most cases, the weight of the animal and the carrier must not exceed 100 pounds.

If you're looking to travel by train or bus, you're probably out of luck. Most national carriers do not permit animals, other than service pets, on board. That limits you to your car if you're hoping to hit the open road. Car travel is more convenient because you can set your own schedule and have your furry friend nearby for the duration of the trip. There are some safety tips to consider.

Don't let your dog or cat ride in your lap in the front seat. Let them find a comfortable and safe spot in a back seat or keep your pet in a carrier to prevent them from roaming around the car and distracting you while driving.

Talk to your vet before you embark on your trip to determine the best way to handle your dog or cat's anxiety on the road. If your pet gets anxious in the car, your vet may recommend sedatives to ease their nerves and reduce car sickness. Pets can get sick on the road just like human passengers, but negotiating the barf bag is a bit trickier.

Plan for plenty of pit stops along the way for fresh air and bathroom breaks. When it's time for you to hit the rest stop, leave the window open a crack for ventilation and avoid leaving your pet in the car unattended for an extended amount of time.

Extreme weather can be dangerous for animals.

As more travelers set off on adventures with their pets, the hotel industry has responded with many pet-friendly options. High-end hotel chains all have pet-friendly properties. Check with individual hotels or on websites that consolidate information on pet-friendly lodging, like petswelcome.com. Check with the hotel about pet policies before checking in, and be prepared to pay an additional fee to bed down with your pet at night.

Whether you're renting a beach house or a mountainside ski chalet, don't assume Fluffy is welcome without checking first. Some rentals have strict policies on pets, but many welcome animals for a fee. Websites like pettravel.com and HomeAway provide listings for animal-friendly rentals around the world.

Finally, prepare for medical emergencies before you encounter any. Before you leave for your trip, research emergency vet clinics at your destination in case you require an unexpected trip to the animal doctor.



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