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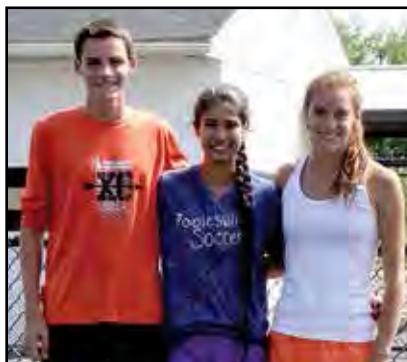
*Kim Baily with Sam Lewis enjoyed volunteering for Relay for Life. See more pictures on page 2.*



*Local student snags selfie with Kenny Chesney. Find out how in Tidbits on page 7.*



*Mrs. Elizabeth King took a break from teaching Spanish to sing a song at the PHS graduation ceremony. See School News on page 9.*



*Falcon track athletes Andrew Lent, Meyer Kaur, and Claire Beautz. Read about the team in Youth Sports on page 11.*

## Sinkhole? Pothole? Black Hole?

By Rande Davis

On the evening of Saturday, May 30, a Poolesville resident was at the Poolesville Center (the one with Kicks Karate) when she noticed a hole in the middle of the parking lot at the entrance. Upon further examination, she realized it was much more than just a run-of-the-mill pavement pock mark since the ten-inch hole seemed to have neither a bottom nor sides. Was this the beginning of a dreaded sinkhole?

Unsure what it was and concerned that it might present a dangerous situation, the person texted town commissioner Valaree Dickerson to report her finding. After receiving a picture from the witness, Dickerson contacted town manager Wade Yost, who immediately checked out the problem and then contacted the Montgomery County Police. With the prospect of a potential hazard, the police took precautionary action and taped off the entire parking lot.

As it turned out, the small cavity was, indeed, much more than a simple pothole as it turned out to be approximately twenty feet deep and four feet wide with a rigid wall structure. The ominous black hole in the parking lot was determined to be an abandoned well. While not as threatening as a sinkhole, it could have been quite harmful if vehicles had continued to pass over it, exposing the full well.

A residence did rest at the site years ago, and it appears that sometime after the installation of the town water system, the well was covered over by boards and then covered with dirt. Eventually, the boards rotted enough to create the small surface hole, exposing the danger before it became a trap for a vehicle or person.

Through much of the weekend, the businesses had to deal with the inconvenience of their customers having to park in the Poolesville Town Hall



*This small opening uncovered a large, cavernous space under a parking lot.*

parking lot across the street and, as a result, they experienced a marked drop in their usual weekend trade.

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## Boyd's Little Hero

By Rande Davis

Keaton Dorman from Boyds has been given a very special mission. He was selected to attend the Wounded Warrior Amputee Softball Team™ (WWAST) Kids' Camp in Mission Viejo, California, from June 8 to June 13. Kids' Camp is an annual WWAST event, moving to different locations around the country. To qualify to attend Kids' Camp, children must be between eight and twelve years old, with an amputation or missing limb, and must be physically capable of participating in daily softball clinics.

The WWAST is a team of active duty and veteran military with amputations or missing limbs who travel the country playing able-bodied softball teams.

The team's mission is to inspire and educate others while enhancing the health and welfare of wounded warrior amputees; its motto is: Life without a limb is limitless. "Our players are able to visibly demonstrate that," said Susan Rodio, the Founder



*Athlete Keaton Dorman was selected for a very special opportunity.*

of the WWAST Kids Camp. "We show them that even after a life-altering injury, it is still possible to follow your passions.

"Creating Kids' Camp just seemed like a natural fit to further our mission," said Rodio.

Keaton, an honor roll student at John Poole Middle School who will be entering seventh grade in the fall, was born without a left hand, which has made it difficult for him to participate in team sports such as softball or baseball. His mother wanted him to have the experience of being part of a team, and Keaton and the family were thrilled when he was selected since this is his last eligible year. Rodio said, "I think they thought Keaton was the perfect candidate to be in this amazing camp. Born extremely small and premature, Keaton has faced many challenges and continues to amaze us all. He has an eagerness to try anything, a terrific attitude and love of life, which will be a wonderful asset to the camp."

"What better group to inspire than these kids who face some of the same challenges as our players." As seen on HBO's Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel ("A League of Their Own"),

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# Family Album

# —Relay for Life 2015



Fundraising teams at the closing ceremonies for the 2015 Poolesville Relay for Life.



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Team Glenda's Gladiators. The brave Glenda is in pink in the center.



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# Town of Poolesville Town Government Report

By Link Hoewing

## Hearing on Revision of Traffic Control and Highway Safety Ordinance Draws No Comments

As reported earlier, the Town of Poolesville commissioners have been considering revisions and updates to Ordinance Number 203, the portions of the town's code that set out traffic safety, parking, and town ordinance compliance requirements. A draft of the proposed revisions was up for comment at the town meeting on June 1, but no one registered to comment that evening. As result, the revisions— which eliminate many outdated or redundant definitions and requirements, and adopt by reference the county's traffic safety policies making enforcement much more straightforward— will become a part of the town code.

In addition to the public hearing on the ordinance, the commissioners considered several items of old business. They first discussed the grant the town makes each year to support the post-prom party for high school students. The annual post-prom party was begun in 1996 by parents who were concerned about then-growing incidents of car accidents by students attending often-unsupervised parties at great distances from their homes. According to Mark Prebilib, who leads the post prom committee, tickets for the event were sold for two dollars and they sold out. Prebilib said that more kids this year took the bus from post-prom to PHS, and about forty more kids attended this year compared to last.

The grant from the town, in the amount of \$800, can be targeted by the commissioners to support specific activities at the post-prom party. The commissioners decided to commit the funds to support the transportation services that are hired each year to take teens to and from the event.

The commissioners next considered a proposed rental agreement for space on the water tower for the mobile telephone transponder equipment owned by T-Mobile. The negotiations with T-Mobile have taken a great deal of time, according to town attorney Jay Gullo. He said that the commissioners had set a target rental price of \$3500 a month. The company appeared to balk at that price and offered a number of alternatives. In the end, the town effectively came to an agreement that is close to the

\$3500 amount it had been seeking. In part, this was made possible because T-Mobile proposed a one-time payment of \$1000 to cover certain "engineering/technical costs" and then offered a slightly lower monthly payment than what the commissioners had been seeking. With the annual escalator clause in the rental contract and the one-time payment T-Mobile proposed, the town in effect realized its goal of obtaining \$3500 a month.

While the outcome satisfied both sides, Gullo remarked that by setting a firm target price, the negotiations were made more difficult and the town reduced its own flexibility to take advantage of changes in the market or technology in future negotiations. Not all commissioners agreed with Mr. Gullo's assessment. Commissioner Klobukowski felt that setting a firm target was a responsible position for the commissioners and suggested that companies in the mobile business generally understand that towns do set targets in their contract negotiations. The vote on the proposal was 4-1, with Commissioner Klobukowski dissenting.

The commissioners heard next from town engineer John Strong. He gave them an overview of the findings his firm had come up with regarding the drainage swale running between the backyards of some homes along Whitaker Road and Hempstone Avenue. He noted that the fall (the slope of the ground as it drops) of the swale is not very great along many sections. Except for a small portion of the land that is an "outfall" from the swale where the water is supposed to run down to the road from the backyards, most of the swale is on private property. The town can do little with the swale in those privately-held areas, but the part of the swale that is publicly owned is flat and can be sloped to help improve runoff. While it would not help all homes along the swale, it would help a few, and town manager Wade Yost said that the town could do the work on its own at virtually no additional cost. The commissioners agreed with Strong's recommendation and instructed the town manager to do the work.

Finally, Strong made a presentation regarding a proposal to construct a sidewalk on the west side of West Willard Road running from Fisher Avenue to near the Baptist Church since more and more children walk that stretch of the road. New construction would improve safety and would connect the sidewalk along Fisher Avenue with the sidewalk across from the school on West Willard Road in front of the Baptist Church.

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## Commentary

### Who Should Vote—and When?

By John Clayton

The question of how our society should determine who can vote in an election is back in the news. Do we allow registered voters to simply present themselves and vote, or do we require documentary evidence confirming their identity? Will the former lead to increased levels of voter fraud? Is the latter method necessary to combat current levels of fraud, real or imagined, or to keep fraud in its place before it ever happens? Should it be easier to register and vote, or more difficult? Should there be more time to vote, or less time to vote?

Before we go much further, we should acknowledge the interests of the players. The efforts in a number of states to require more restrictive registration requirements and to require personal identification to vote are driven by Republicans, highlighting our partisan divide, and it seldom has an effect on white, middle-class neighborhoods. The impact is predominantly on the poor, on minorities, and on immigrants—people who overwhelmingly vote Democratic. Whatever one's view of the propriety of this effort—whether we are preserving the integrity of the process or restricting access to an important franchise—self-interest, to paraphrase a line from *Arsenic and Old Lace*, does not run through this issue, it practically gallops.

Many people believe that everyone should vote, and we should remove barriers to voting and make the process as easy as possible, on the assumption that high participation conveys legitimacy on the result. Here at the *Monocle*, we have always implored people to vote in elections at every level, and especially in the Town of Poolesville. I think most people would agree that Poolesville would benefit from a more highly-engaged and

participatory electorate. If that is beneficial here, I would assume it would be beneficial everywhere; however, not everyone accepts the encouragement of disinterested voters as a necessary or even desirable goal. Some argue that the active voters are the only citizens that care enough to take the time to learn about the issues, the candidates, and the time and location of their polling places. They make the effort to register and stay registered wherever they go, and an informed electorate will deliver the most valid and legitimate result. People of this opinion may indeed value a high turnout, but only if it is populated by self-motivated voters who will climb every mountain and ford every stream to do so. What is to be gained by spending resources to deliver apathetic uncaring voters to the polls, voters who quite likely have not spent the time or the effort to discern the issues and the candidates?

For all the noise about this issue, policies across the country are a mixed bag, with thirty-two states having laws requiring voter identification in some form. According to the Brennan Center for Social Justice, which tracks such things, legislators “from both sides of the aisle” in 2014 introduced 340 bills in nineteen states to expand access to registration and voting, and twelve states plus the District of Columbia passed nineteen bills that were expansive. Also in 2014, “eighty-three restrictive bills were introduced in twenty-nine states, and two states have passed four restrictive bills.”

What taints voter identification and other restrictive laws for me is that I have yet to hear a credible justification for why it is necessary or of any significant problem that it is solving. The same answer always comes up: Preventing fraud, or even, in the words of New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, reducing the opportunities for fraud, a motivation he ascribed to Hillary Clinton whose comments kicked off the resumption of this debate. Evidence of any material levels of

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## Rande(m) Thoughts The Real First Day of Summer

By Rande Davis

This June 12 issue of the *Monocle* marks what should be the real first day of summer. Don't misunderstand me. I am fully aware of the summer solstice, and this year, the sun in the Northern Hemisphere will reach its highest point precisely at 12:38 p.m. on June 21. Despite what you have been taught, I contend that is not the real start of summer.

I also know that many warm-weather enthusiasts jump the gun and mark the start of summer as Memorial Day weekend. Although I agree that we can start wearing summer whites—belts, shoes, etc.—and our pastel seersucker suits after Memorial Day, it is not, nevertheless, the real start of summer. (Wait, help me out here. Is seersucker worn any more? Do we even wear suits anymore?)

In my opinion, summer really starts the minute the last day of classes ends in the public schools. On that basis, summer should start at about 3:30 p.m. on June 12. Only we had a

heavy winter and ended up with too many school days closed for snow or, as in one instance, the threat of snow; therefore, the kids must go back on Monday, June 15 for one more day or, to be more accurate, for one more half day. The argument is offered that if we don't, the county system will be cut funds from the state or the Fed, or both.

I suppose there is some form of logic, some reason, to extend the school year one more day (er, half day), and I suppose more than one person will explain it to me after reading this. Regardless, I know one thing for sure: The school day extension won't be any part of what could be called quality education. Educationally, I think that what we will end up with by having the students return on June 15 will be two last days of school (the original Friday, June 12, and the new half day of Monday, June 15); and last days of school, by my recollection, are never quality days of education. This decision to return on Monday somehow passes as smart decision-making in the modern educational system. How refreshing it would have been if, somewhere along the line, common sense could have overruled the system, and the real start of summer would have been on June 12.

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Participants must provide their own lunch, water bottles, and sunscreen. Starts June 22 and runs through August 7, Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Cost is only \$30.

### June 12

#### Annual PES PTA Summer Carnival

Family extravaganza of rides, multi-bounce and inflatable rides, and games. Food, crafters, and music! *Whalen Commons*. 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### June 13

#### Poolesville Military Support Group's Annual Outing for Wounded Soldiers

Ride to the River motorcycle escort begins at Tractor Supply parking lot at 10:30 a.m. Line the streets of Poolesville with a flag-waving crowd. Fishing, music, games, and picnic food for wounded warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and the Ft. Belvoir Transitions program. All are welcome to attend. Donations requested to pay for the event and raise funds for Fisher House and the Yellow Ribbon Fund, two organizations helping the troops and their families. *White's Ferry Pavilion*. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### House of Poolesville Entertainment

The Bobby Lewis Blues Band. *Patio*. 8:30 p.m.

### June 14

#### Capitol Polo Club—NYTS Youth Tournament. (See ad on page 9.)

### June 15

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

### June 17

#### Poolesville Area Senior Center Special Event

*Tai Chi, Whalen Commons*. 10:30 a.m.

### June 18

#### PASC Special Event

*Game Day, 17750 West Willard Road*, 1:00 p.m.

#### Cugini's Entertainment Night

Clown Shoes Tap Takeover with the Brian Jamison Band, 8:30 p.m.

### June 19

#### Friday on the Commons

Market, food, and artisan vendors open at 6:00 p.m. Evening theme, Bark in the Park: Family fun night with DJ, inflatables for kids, and prizes. Disc drive dog demo at 6:30 p.m., dog parade at 7:00 p.m., cutest dog contests at 7:30 p.m.; musical chairs for dogs at 8:30 p.m.

### June 20

#### House of Poolesville Entertainment Night

Mindy Miller. *Patio*. 4:30 p.m.

### June 21

#### Capitol Polo Club—Chicks With Sticks Ladies Tournament. (See ad on page 9.)

### June 22-26

#### Poolesville Presbyterian

#### Church Vacation Bible School

Walking with Jesus. Small, hands-on program. Info and registration at [poolpres.com](http://poolpres.com). 6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

### June 23

#### PASC Special Event

*Diabetes and You, Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

### June 24

#### PASC Special Event

*Zumba Gold, 17750 West Willard Road*. 1:00 p.m.

### June 26

#### Friday on the Commons

Market, food, and artisan vendors open at 6:00 p.m. Evening theme, Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and movie night: Featuring homerun derby, dizzy bat, pick up games, inflatables, prizes. Be sure to wear your favorite team's jersey. Movie *Sandlot* starts at 8:30 p.m.

### June 27

#### Odd Fellows Summer Picnic

Annual Odd Fellows Lodge #97 summer picnic for seniors, widows, widowers and orphans. Free meal and entertainment. *Memorial United Methodist Church*. 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment Night

The Colliders. *Patio*. 8:30 p.m.

### June 27 and 28

#### Montgomery County Heritage Days

Countywide auto tour of history with forty historical, educational, entertaining, and fun-filled sites for the whole family. Sites are open from noon to 4:00 p.m. each day. Plan a full weekend or just visit the local sites: the John Poole House, the Old Town Hall and Bank Museum, Seneca Schoolhouse, Sugarland Ethno Project's historic St. Paul Community Church, Edwards Ferry C&O Lockhouse, the Boyds Negro School, Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, White's Ferry, Hyattstown Mill Arts Project, and Warren Church and Historic site. Complete brochure available at [heritagemontgomery.org](http://heritagemontgomery.org).

## Local News

### Who Should Be Grand Marshal?

Every year, a grand marshal is selected to be a part of the Poolesville Day Parade. This position is far more than a pretty face or a popular name to headline the parade.

Indeed, the concept of a grand marshal to lead a parade has long roots. In Medieval times, grand marshals were high-level dignitaries who were chosen to lead a parade or celebration, often before major jousting events. In the military, marshals are the highest-ranking officers in a country, often outranking generals.

The essence of the grand marshal can be seen in both the positions of those who are selected to assume the title and the reverence attached to the role. They are people of great status in their societies whether military or civilian. They are often revered for the lives they have led or their extraordinary accomplishments. In short, they are seen as being the best possible reflection of the institution they represent, demonstrating to others just what that institution strives to be or how it wants to be seen.

This can all seem a little corny, but, it is an attempt to honor some of the most worthy individuals in our town who reflect who we are as a community. The grand marshal is a meaningful and important part of the Poolesville Day celebration.

Many notable individuals have served as Poolesville Day Grand Marshals over the years, including Maggie Nightingale, Roy Selby and Betty Jean Selby, Ray Hoewing, George Hillard, and Jim Brown.

The Poolesville Day Committee welcomes nominations for this important position. Entry forms are available on the committee website.

### PASC Gains County Grant

In a letter dated May 26 and received by the Town of Poolesville on June 3, county council president George Leventhal announced a \$20,000 grant to support the Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC).

The group, conceived and led by local citizens, has been developing an ongoing senior citizen activity program since 2012 to serve area persons over fifty years of age. Last year, after PASC learned they were too late with their application to be considered for a county grant, the town commissioners voted to temporarily fold the group into the town governmental structure and served as a stopgap until the county funding could be obtained.

PASC has been offering an array of community activities and services such as Tai chi, Zumba for seniors, bocce ball, game days, educational lectures, and field trips within the region and looks to further expand.

According to the county letter, the funds will be available within sixty to 120 days after July 1, 2015.

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#### Boyd's Little Hero

Kids' Camp, an all-inclusive softball camp, was created where the WWAST players serve as coaches and mentors.

With support and encouragement, especially from all of those

in this area, Keaton's courage and bravery will help raise awareness, and educate and inspire the public about the strength and resiliency of our wounded warriors and the Kids' Camp attendees.

More information on this worthy program can be found at [www.thewwast.org](http://www.thewwast.org).

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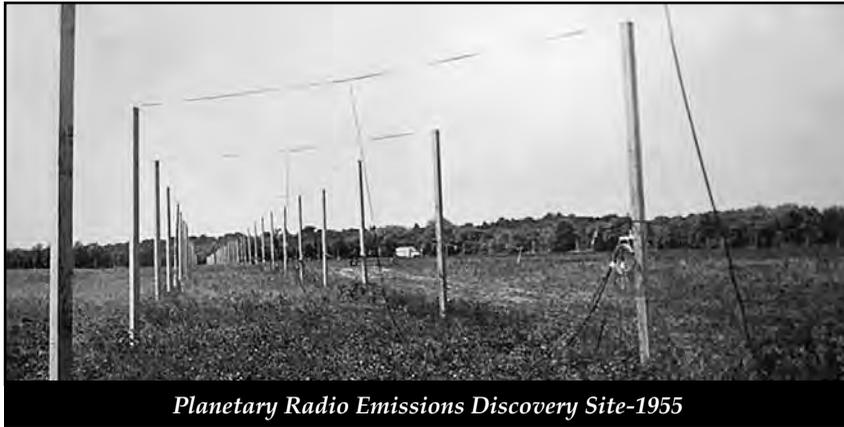
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## Mystery History

### Sounds from Outer Space: Are They Out There?

By Rande Davis

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 look like. Long before we have that question answered, though, what they sound like will be answered first. If and when that day comes, history will record that the genesis of such a magnificent discovery started in 1955, through a ninety-six-acre antenna array on a farm off of River Road just west of the Poolesville intersection at Partnership Road in Seneca, a site marked by a sign: "Planetary Radio Emissions Discovery Site."



Planetary Radio Emissions Discovery Site-1955

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, 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 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."

## Poolesville Presbyterian Church



"... a little church with a big heart."

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Summer is a great time to  
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### Connection Café

Wednesdays 2-6pm  
All Summer long  
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### Vacation Bible School

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## Tidbits

### John Poole Middle School Wins Grant for Wellness Challenge

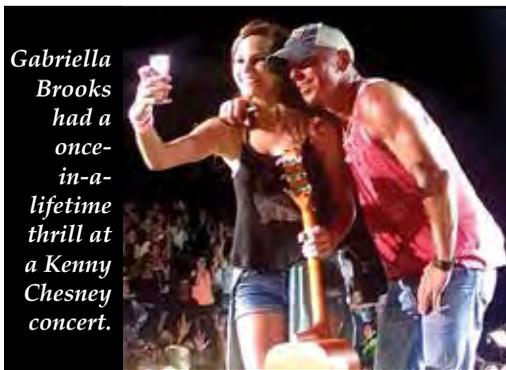
Congratulations to John Poole Middle School for finishing within the top ten schools in a countywide wellness challenge and for qualifying for a \$1,000 grant to promote wellness in the school and/or office.

Nearly 6,150 Montgomery County Public Schools employees made small lifestyle changes to accomplish big results in this year's "Well Aware" spring physical activity challenge. They competed for prizes and, more importantly, adopted or maintained healthy lifestyles. Each of the top ten schools averaged 88.5 minutes of physical activity per participant per day. This is an increase of 7.5 minutes over last fall.

### Poolesville Student Finds Herself on Stage with Music Star

When Gabriella Brooks was rewarded by her parents for maintaining honor roll grades throughout her middle school years with tickets to country music star Kenny Chesney's local concert little did she know how memorable a night it would be.

At the end of the night's performance, Chesney chose the eighth grader to bring up on the stage, gave her a big hug, took a selfie with her, and, gave her his guitar which he and opening act artists Jake Owen and Chase Rise had signed,—a once-in-a-lifetime experience to be sure.



*Gabriella Brooks had a once-in-a-lifetime thrill at a Kenny Chesney concert.*

### Congratulations Poolesville's Newest Gold Award Recipient!

The Girl Scout Gold Award, which represents the highest achievement in Girl Scouting, comparable to the Eagle in Boy Scouts, was recently awarded to Sophia Mense. Sophia's "Don't Drop the Top!" project, previously reported on in the *Monocle*, was a two-part multi-media project that combined art and science to educate people and to raise awareness of the harmful effects of discarded plastic bottle tops on marine wildlife and to promote the recycling of bottle tops.



*Douglas (Doug) Robbins, PES Principal, scout Sophia Mense, and Kelly Carroll, fourth grade teacher and sponsor of the environmental club that created the bottle top mural in the background.*

The first part of the project was an electronic media campaign, including an educational website ([dontdropthetop.weebly.com](http://dontdropthetop.weebly.com)) and a Facebook site ([facebook.com/dontdropthetop](http://facebook.com/dontdropthetop)) to highlight the problem of marine debris and to let people know how they can help.

The second part of the project was a large ocean-themed mosaic mural made out of thousands of individually-screwed-in recycled bottle tops that Mense and her team helped the students of Poolesville Elementary School design and assemble via a six-week-long after-school environmental club that she created. The bottle top collection drive for the mural yielded 40,000 tops—four times her 10,000-cap goal.

The mural was created by a group of twenty-four students from all three Poolesville schools. The finished six-foot-by-nine-foot mural is permanently on display on the front wall of the school's PES cafeteria.

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**Tidbits**

**For a Secure Future, Think Chickens**

In an effort to teach his children Seneca, Jack, and Nick some responsibility, Steve Feys helped them start an egg business to learn about both the care of animals and the business side of life. The kids sell eggs locally and raise several rare breeds. Feys reports it has been a nice journey thus far, and the children partake in the business each and every day.

They currently sell forty-five to fifty-five dozen eggs per week and they raise Bielefelders (Germany), Black Barnvelders (Holland), Blue Barnvelders (Holland), Swedish Flowers (Sweden), Blue, Splash and Wheaten Marans (France), and at times they have Easter and olive eggers (United States).

It must be working well, as each of the children, now eight, ten, and eleven, have made full contributions to their Roth IRAs. Guess one is never too young to start thinking about retirement.

**My Favorite Book or Character Contest**

The Poolesville Library Advisory Committee recently held its annual "My Favorite Book or Character" Multimedia contest, and awards were presented to the winners and runners-up on Saturday, May 30. Entries ranged from traditional posters to imaginative 3-D shadow boxes and poems. On hand to present certificates and gift cards to the talented elementary school pupils was Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski. Parker Hamilton, Director of the Montgomery County Library System, also attended the ceremony.



*Poolesville Library's annual "My Favorite Book or Character" contest participants. On hand to present awards were Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski and Parker Hamilton, Director of the Montgomery County Library System (far left).*

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**Sinkhole? Pothole? Black Hole?**

Regardless, they kept their positive attitude throughout with a sense of humor as witnessed by one store manager wondering whether

Jimmy Hoffa might be buried there. Once the full extent of the hole was determined, the area was more tightly cordoned off so that most of the parking lot could return to public use. The hole will be filled properly to prevent any future issues.

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## School News

### Pomp and Circumstance

By Dominique Agnew

They entered as a forging stream—black-robed and black-hatted, with glints of color in their tassels a-swinging—the Poolesville High School class of 2015. They pooled into their reserved seats at the Knott Arena at Mt. St. Mary’s University, turning into a sea of pulsing expectations, their past, a wave crashing on the shore; their future, the endless horizon in the distance. They are the “most outstanding class,” declared Principal Deena Levine, from the “number one school in Maryland.”

Elizabeth King, senior class sponsor, then brought forward her guitar to deliver her senior message musically, playing and singing Joni Mitchell’s “Circle Game,” the same song she had performed at her own high school graduation years ago.

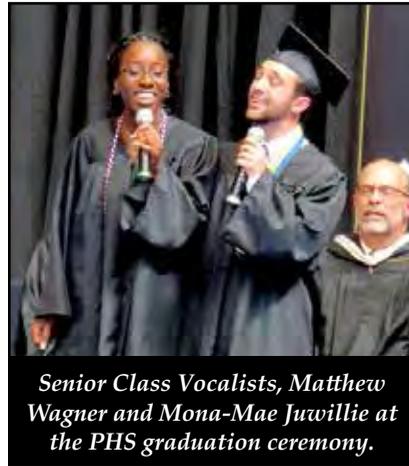
The seniors had chosen for commencement speaker Skip M. Etheridge, security team leader at PHS. Etheridge graduated from Howard University with a degree in Criminal Justice, served as a police officer, and is an avid D.C. sports fan—quite thrilled by the triple successes of the Wizards, the Caps, and the Nationals.

Etheridge began his commencement speech with: “The three words you want to hear, I’ll be brief.” He then recounted what his wife had told him as he had deliberated on what to say. Etheridge self-deprecatingly relayed, “She simply said, ‘Honey, whatever you do, don’t try to be too charming, witty, or intellectual. Just be yourself.’”

He mused to himself, aloud, that he couldn’t imagine what the seniors

had found in him to choose him as a noteworthy speaker. He, after all, wasn’t anyone as interesting as, say, Oprah Winfrey or Kevin Hart. He then went on to dispel the notion that Winfrey or Hart would have been better choices.

Etheridge knew all the kids by name, and knew all their endeavors. He had watched them win and lose at athletics, seen their performances on the stage, and knew of their exploits outside of the school grounds. He punctuated his reminiscences of specific deeds with “Oprah wouldn’t know that” or “Kevin Hart wouldn’t know that.” Etheridge was there for them; he gave shout-outs to many, many students with personal memories; and he lauded the “many outstanding students who touched me there [his heart].”

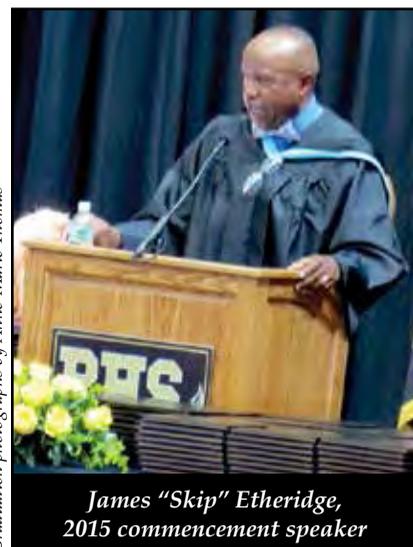


Senior Class Vocalists, Matthew Wagner and Mona-Mae Juwillie at the PHS graduation ceremony.

What seemed like a tough act to follow, Etheridge’s commencement speech was followed by another tough act to follow: the Senior Class Vocalists, Matthew Wagner and Mona-Mae Juwillie. Their duet of Bill Withers’s “Lean on Me” had the crowd clapping hands in time, on their feet, arms a-waving.

The senior class speaker, Evan Bowen, although he opened with much humor and had the crowd laughing aloud, turned serious as he extolled the virtues of the close-knit community of PHS and of Poolesville. He closed with a famous quote from Dr. Seuss: “You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You’re on your own, and you know what you know—and you are the one who’ll decide where to go.”

Then, with a walk across the stage for the presentation of diplomas and the obligatory Tassel Ceremony, the seniors were graduates—and they joined the ranks of decades of alumni of PHS, an ocean of people who have touched those around them in many ways, large and small.



James “Skip” Etheridge, 2015 commencement speaker

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# Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

## Current Crime

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**Disorderly conduct:** 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue.

**Drug complaint:** 19200 block of Hempstone Avenue.

## Past Crime

**June 12, 1919** Even though he had been wounded at Flanders, George Williams quivered and screamed out for mercy as Sheriff Aud laid the whip on his back in the jail yard at Rockville. Williams had been convicted of beating his wife. As he was led to the post, Williams remarked to Aud, "I know I did it, and now I got to pay." As the lash was being applied, Frances, his eighteen-year-old wife, was inside the courthouse making application for an order to keep her husband away from her. She stated that she had no intention of ever liv-

ing with him again. After the twenty lashes had been inflicted, Williams was examined by Dr. Pratt who declared that the wounds were not serious and would heal soon.

**June 13, 1888** Sheriff Miller of Montgomery County traveled to the Washington jail to view the prisoner that was arrested by Officer Burns of the D.C. Police. The man, identified as Horace Robinson, had been seen hanging around the 11th Street wharves for about a week, and it was thought that he had been trying to enlist on a vessel. Sheriff Miller said that Ms. Gloyd would be brought to the city the next day to view the

prisoner and determine if he was the one who had outraged her at her Montgomery County home.

**June 17, 1924** Mrs. William Dwyer went to the home of her parents near Glenmont to check on the house. While she was there, a man jumped out of a window and started running. She began to follow him, but he turned and brandished a pistol. Mrs. Dwyer called Police Chief Aud who sent Officer Burdine to the scene. While canvassing the area, Burdine found a man who could not give a good account for his being in the area. He

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## Youth Sports

### Relay Team Highlights Outdoor Track Effort

By Jeff Stuart

At a school noted for its distance runners, the post-season Poolesville High School track and field events held a few surprises in the shorter races. Sophomore Meyer Kaur was the highlight of the outdoor season with a first-place finish in the 100-meter dash at the 2A West Region at Oakdale High School on May 16. Another surprise came on May 23, when senior Allyson Convers led the Falcons in the state track competition, finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles at Morgan State University. The heartbreaker was that she very nearly took third place, finishing in 16.23 seconds, just one hundredth of a second behind the

Walter Johnson High School, the non-running performance was highlighted by senior Anna DeSoto who placed third in the shot put and fourth in the discus with a PR toss of 93'4".

"This season, I spent bringing down my times," said sophomore Andrew Lent. "I was hopeful this spring as I had good cross country and indoor seasons. I spent most of my time working on my mile, trying to improve there. The idea was that if I could bring down my mile time, I could also bring down my times in the two-mile, which is what I qualified for at the states." Self-improvement was Lent's goal, something he achieved by running his personal best in the 1600-meter and 3200-meter.

Senior Claire Beautz noted that she had struggled at times this season, but was pleased she qualified for the states in the 4x400, the 4x800, the mile, and the two-mile. In the region, she posted her best times for the mile, in 5.26, and for the two-mile, in 11.49. Beautz was



Falcon track athletes Sayaka Vaules, Juanita Jaramillo, Rachel Kitchen, Fiona Whitefield, Andrew Lent, Denise Larson, Claire Beautz, Meher Kaur, Maria Phelps, and Allyson Convers.

third place runner. She finished sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, setting a personal best. Not just a sprinter, Allyson competed in the long jump (finishing in seventh place), the discus, and the high jump.

Commenting on her athleticism, Coach Mike Trumbull said, "Allyson only ran two years and not four. She is a great athlete, and it would have been nice to see what she could have done with four years under her belt instead of just two."

"I think it was a good season for me," said Kaur. "I didn't qualify for the states last year, so this year I tried really hard to make sure to bring down my times." Kaur competed in the 100-meter and 200-meter races and ran a new PR of 12.39 at the region meet to finish first and to qualify for the state competition. He also ran a PR in the 200-meter at the region championship where his time of 25.8 put him in fourth place.

At the Montgomery County Championship earlier in the year on May 6 at

also part of the 4x400 team, with Sayaka Vaules, Rachel Kitchen, Sachi Howson. Together, they set a new school record at the region while finishing third in 4:04.75. They finished fourth in the state with freshman Juanita Jaramillo stepping in to replace Howson. Beautz, an elite distance runner, had an outstanding career at PHS, claiming first place in the 2A West Region in the 3200 and second in the state as a sophomore.

Sachi Howson, a sophomore, set a PR in the 400-meter in the region and took first at the Montgomery County B Championship with a PR in the 200.

Senior Denise Larson ran a PR in the 1600-meter race at the region championship in 5:30.72. Other strong performances were made by junior Fiona Whitefield, who ran a PR in the 800-meter at the region meet, and senior Matthew Psaltakis setting a PR in both the 800-meter and 1600-meter at the county meet.

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## Garden

### In Praise of Annuals

By Maureen O'Connell

Some garden snobs look aghast at growing annuals, common plants they say, in perennial borders. Yes, one man's flower may be another man's weed, but annuals deserve an honored and reliable place in all flower gardens. Marigolds, petunias, and zinnias can rival the rose in beauty.

Many perennials bloom for about three to four weeks. You can extend the bloom time in a perennial garden by carefully selecting a succession of bloom times; however, there can be gap times when there is foliage and no blooming flowers. Annuals are the perfect candidates for summer-long blooms. They also offer characteristics that you do not find in perennials: color, shape, hardiness, and disease resistance. Annuals may be Flowers for One Season, but they can put on quite a show for the entire summer.

The number and variety of annual plants offered in catalogues and local garden centers can be overwhelming. Which ones are the best for our Monocacy area? Last week, I visited many of the garden stores in our area, and I studied the catalogues. Here are my suggestions of some reliable and interesting annuals that do well in our area.

**Annuals for Sun.** The largest number fall into this category. Calibrachoa Superbells 'Cherry Star' is a compact plant that offers vibrant blooms all season long. Its salmon pink color doesn't fade even in the heat of summer. There is a new impatiens on the market: Impatiens Sunpatiens 'Spreading Shell Pink.' In the past couple of years, a disease hit the general impatiens group and there were few available in the marketplace. This new variety promises to be true to its name, tolerating humidity, rain, and heat as well as sun. It does appreciate, though, a little afternoon shade. In my book, lantana gets the gold star for superior performance in our area. This mounding annual is deer resistant, heat and drought tolerant, has scented foliage, and attracts butterflies and hummingbirds. What more can you ask for? Two of my favorites are 'Landmark Rose Sunrise' and 'Landmark Citrus.' Verbena is an old trooper in the garden. It comes in many forms and colors and is unaffected by the intense heat of our summers which leaves lesser plants gasping and wilting. A new variety this year is 'EnduraScape

Blue.' Summer gardens need zinnias. They come in a riot of colors, some a little bit too hot, but they are good, low-maintenance plants. The varieties 'Profusion' and 'Zahara' are fuss-free with remarkable disease resistance. 'Profusion Orange' and 'Zahara Double Cherry' are my favorites.

**Annuals for Shade.** The numbers in this category are smaller. The gold standard of begonias belongs to Blackmore & Langdon from England. At the Chelsea Flower Show in London, their display holds center court. These tuberous begonias offer luminous colors, exquisite shapes, and a long season of bloom. In our area, they do better with afternoon shade. They are a bit pricey at \$40 to \$100 each, but they are worth it. One of my favorites is 'Olivia.' I have a love/hate relationship with fuchsias. Hummingbirds love them; their colors are gorgeous; but they cannot stand up to our summer heat, unless you water them at least twice a day. Fuchsia 'Windchimes Upright/White/White' is new to me this year; it promises to tolerate our summer heat better than most fuchsias. We shall see. Impatiens hawkeri 'Harmony Snow New Guinea Impatiens' is also new to me this year. It promises to be very heat-tolerant and adapts well to hot, dry gardens. They will bloom right up to the first hard frost.

**Annuals for Pollinators.** Don't forget to plant annuals for the birds and insects that perform such an important function in our world. Even the smallest garden can provide a steady supply of blooms throughout the summer and early fall. Here are some of the best for this purpose: ageratum, cleome (watch out: it can self sow and become invasive), lantana, rudbeckia, verbena, zinnias, fuchsia, and heliotrope.

By the time you read this article, end of May, our gardens will be entering June, the best month in the garden. The temperatures will start to creep up quickly, but there will still be some relatively cool mornings and evenings, and enough rainfall to avoid a parched earth. Enjoy it now. July with its high temperatures, possible drought, and arrival of the dreaded Japanese beetles, will soon be here.

## Musings by Mama Boe

### Bloody Pulp

By Pamela Boe

For the last decade the big fad in beer has been the microbrew. I'm not a beer drinker (blech), but I do find myself intrigued by the notion of a bottle of Dogfish Head "120 Minute IPA" that costs get this \$11.00. Eleven stinking dollars for ONE bottle of beer. My Captain patiently explained to me the brewing process, and that it is the time and ingredients invested in the brewing of that one bottle that makes it so valuable, yet I confess it seems pretty silly to me.

But I'm a person who likes cheap coffee that isn't in a cup size described in French, so what the heck do I know?

There is one aspect of this whole beer world thing that I do admire, though: The naming process. It's marketing genius, really. What man wouldn't be proud bottoming out a glass of "aging Bi\*\*\* IPA" from Flying Dog Brewery? Undoubtedly, a man can feel manlier drinking that, suggests the subliminal message. The naming ranges from totally crass, crude and socially unacceptable, to hilarious.

Here are some of the PG examples, and no, I'm *not* making these up: Purple Monkey Dishwasher, Polygamy Porter (From Utah, obviously), Hoptimus Prime, Sheep Shagger Scotch Ale, Chicken Brown Cow, Donner Party Porter, Why Can't IBU, Admiral Ackbeer, Total Eclipse of the Hop, Double On Tundra, War Mullet, Soft Pour Corn, Tactical Nuclear Penguin, Old Leghumper, Sharktupus, Oatie Wan Kenobie, Donkey Punch, Choosey Mother Peanut butter Porter, and of course, my favorite, Moose Drool Brown Ale.

A firefighter/paramedic here in Montgomery County, named Keith Hipsley, whom I had the honor of being trained by years ago, brews beer on his days off. Flying Dog Brewery had a brewing recipe contest, and he won it, and they now bottle his recipe and sell it under their label. They named

it, get this: "Dirty Little Freak." It is a beer that has tones of caramel, chocolate, and coconut, supposedly, but between you and me, it still smells like, well, *beer*. I guess my olfactory system is plebeian. In other words, I have an indifferent snout.

Don't judge.

My Captain and his friend, Rob Dutcher, brewed beers on their days off, too. They named their partnership *One-Eyed Dog*, and their only two brews were "Train Wreck" and "Old Ball and Chain." "Train Wreck" was named because it failed horribly during the brewing process, and "Old Ball and Chain" they brewed on the occasion of My Captain's and my wedding. I won't tell you how THAT brew turned out!

I got to thinking that if fruit and vegetable juice manufacturers would put nearly as much creativity into the way they market their wares, kids would drink more of it. If, instead of "V8," the juice was named "Bloody Pulp Veggie," or instead of just "Orange Juice," it were something like, "Orange You Thirsty?" kids might be more inclined to choose them over pop. They could sell "Gawd-Awful Grapefruit" and "Roto-Rooter Prune Juice." They could hawk "Sourpuss Pineapple" and "Dare You to Drink This Nasty Stuff Clamato." "Night Vision of An Army Ranger Carrot Juice" would sell with Army brats, you know it would. "Bully's Nightmare" spinach juice would even sell to every kid victimized on the playground, I betcha. (Spinach Juice? Go with it, I'm on a roll.)

I'm telling you, these juice companies are missing the boat. I've got million dollar ideas, and one of these days, I'm going to cash in on them.

In the meantime, though, I'll just sit back as my husband downs his glass of "Leggy Blonde" and wonder if I should be concerned about any subliminal messages. Personally, I would be more comfortable if he were consuming an ale named "Swarthy Middle Aged Mama," but something tells me that Flying Dog or Dogfish breweries wouldn't find that label cool enough.

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**Police Blotter**

arrested the man, who was from South Carolina and had a revolver tucked into his pants.

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**June 23, 1924** Sheriff Clay Plummer announced that he was going to begin an investigation into the conduct of certain men on the golf course at Chevy Chase Club. It had been alleged that Sen. Joseph Robinson and Dr. James Mitchell had engaged in a heated altercation that may or may not have involved fisticuffs. Plummer said that he was awaiting an opportunity to interview both participants.

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## Day Tripper

### Historic Heurich House: Preserved by Salamander?

By Ingeborg Westfall

I certainly didn't know that salamanders are resistant to fire, but so Greek legend said and so Christian Heurich believed, and for that reason, he had a metal one put on his mansion's roof in the hopes of warding off a much-feared fire—but I'm starting in the middle. The title might better be "The Brewmaster's Castle" because that's the nickname of the mansion topped by the salamander.

The brewmaster was Christian Heurich, a German immigrant who arrived in America with \$200 in his pocket and later founded the Old Heurich Brewing Company, locating it near Dupont Circle. When fire destroyed that complex, Heurich moved the brewery to the site of what is now the Kennedy Center. It was the biggest brewery in D.C.'s history, at its height producing two hundred thousand barrels a year. At one time, Heurich was D.C.'s largest employer, with approximately two hundred employees on the payroll, surpassed only by the Federal Government. By all accounts, he was a generous, philanthropic man, an honorable businessman, and a good employer. He ran the brewery until he died in 1945 at the age of 102. The last of his beer was sold in early 1956.

The passenger ship he was on as he prepared to journey to America was quarantined for seven weeks, during which time three hundred passengers died from cholera. Having heard of a cholera epidemic in Vienna in 1855, Heurich avoided sickness by drinking beer instead of water. This and other obscure and interesting tidbits are some of what you'll find if you visit Heurich's former residence, now the Heurich House Museum in Dupont Circle, considered a hidden gem in D.C.

The Heurich House was built between 1892 and 1894, using locally-sourced materials as much as possible. Its four floors contain thirty-one rooms, not least the beer room or bierstube, reportedly Heurich's favorite room for informal entertaining. The room contains a collection of German beer steins and ornately-carved wooden chairs. The walls are adorned with sayings, including, "Never let yourself be pained by thirst; there is many a keg left in the cellar."



*Heurich House, home to one of the great brewers of the early 1900s.*

The mansion incorporated the most modern innovations of its day (full indoor plumbing, circulating hot water heat, a central vacuum system, venting skylight systems, and combination electric and gas lighting fixtures). Built out of reinforced steel and concrete, it is completely fireproof. In fact, it was the first fireproof residence in D.C. It boasts fifteen fireplaces, yet not a one has ever been used. Heurich is said to have used the curving onyx, brass, and marble stairway every day. One can mull whether his longevity was due in part to the quality of his beer or to the cardio benefits of walking all those stairs. The stairway brings to mind one caution: There is no elevator for visitors.

The family donated the mansion to the Historical Society of Washington D.C., and in 2003, the Heurich House Foundation purchased it. Today, on the third Thursday of each month, the museum partners with a local craft brewery for house tours and beer tastings. In addition, each December, the museum invites the public to enjoy its traditional Christmas market in the mansion's garden.

The Heurich House Museum, still with its original interior and featuring intricately-carved wooden furniture and a Tiffany chandelier, is open for guided tours Thursday through Saturday by reservation only; the suggested donation is \$5. The mansion is also available for private tours and event rentals. Avid photographers are disappointed that photography is allowed only outside or in the foyer; nevertheless, for its glimpse into D.C.'s history and its snapshot of late Victorian-era living, Heurich House Museum is well worth a visit. More information can be found at its website: [www.heurichhouse.org](http://www.heurichhouse.org).

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### Relay Team Highlights Outdoor Track Effort

In looking back on the season, Coach Trumbull reflected, "We had a very successful season. The team was the largest it has ever been in the eight years I have been coaching,

and we were competitive in most of the events throughout the season. Our kids worked really hard, and it showed with their performance at the end of the season. We are graduating some really great track and field athletes this year, but we have a young, hardworking crew ready to step up next year."

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### Town Government Report

Mr. Strong said the town initially contacted about thirty contractors to see if there was interest in building the sidewalk. In the end, only two contractors actually submitted bids: HMF Contractors and Prince Construction. HMF's final bid of \$147,000 was substantially lower than the proposal from Prince Construction, and Mr. Strong noted that the timeline for the construction is relatively tight since the sidewalk must be completed before school starts back up in the fall.

The commissioners all supported building the sidewalk, but the issue was how to fund the project. Enough

money was already in the budget, Mr. Yost pointed out, to cover all but about \$57,000, and he offered two alternatives: One was to use unrestricted funds in the budget that are in part set aside for emergencies and shortfalls; the other was to use revenues from the speed cameras that was originally intended to be used to help purchase LED lights along town streets. Since the town was going to receive a grant of approximately \$30,000 from the state for LED lights, Yost recommended using the speed camera money instead of the unrestricted funds account. The commissioners agreed with Mr. Yost's recommendation and voted both to approve the contract with HMF and to use the speed camera money to support the sidewalk project.

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### Who Should Vote—and When?

in-person voter fraud has been elusive. There is anecdotal evidence of offenses here and there, but it never adds up to a huge problem. The documented level of malfeasance certainly doesn't justify voter identification laws, or curtailment of expansive initiatives such as early voting and same-day registration and voting. Why are people working so hard to solve a problem they can't quantify?

That's why it made perfect sense for Clinton to call out Republican presidential hopefuls associated with restricting voter access. It's kind of a gimme issue for her because there's

really no defense except to claim preventing fraud, which is increasingly revealed to be more a matter of partisan fealty than documented fact. For someone who has been criticized for not saying anything substantial about the pending international trade deal, or how she would improve the economy, or how she would deal with Wall Street, or how she would do pretty much anything, it was a low-risk way for her to tweak her potential rivals and throw red meat to her base with lines like "fear-mongering about a phantom epidemic of voter fraud" and "America's right to vote." I guess it's over now and everyone will move on; I wonder if anyone's mind was changed.

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## Remembrances

### Joseph Ambrose

By Jack Toomey

Joseph Christopher Ambrose, 69, formerly of Poolesville, died on May 29 at his retirement home in Estero, Florida.

Ambrose was a longtime resident of Montgomery County. A graduate of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School and the University of Maryland, he became a U.S. Marine and served one year in Vietnam. Upon his return, Joe joined the Montgomery County Police Department and served with distinction for twenty-six years, rising to the rank of sergeant in that time.

In 1983, Ambrose was selected as Knights of Columbus Police Officer of the Year for his actions in arresting a man who had broken into the house of a deaf couple, tied them up, and stolen valuables.

Ambrose and his wife Trudi moved to Poolesville in 1974 where they raised two sons. He was active in the youth swimming program, UMAC, and often visited Poolesville Elementary School on Career Day to address the children about pedestrian safety and other police-related matters. Joe and his wife were part of a group that tried to convince the Archdiocese of Washington to open a Catholic school in the Upcounty.

In 1993, he was promoted to detective and served in the Fugitive Unit until his retirement from the department. In retirement, he worked as a District Court bailiff.

In 2013, Joe and Trudi moved to Estero, Florida where he took up swimming and bicycling.

Joe is survived by his wife of forty-five years, Trudi; two brothers, Michael and Thomas; sons, Sean and Brendan; and four grandchildren, Madeline Claire, Mary Margaret, Olivia Faith, and Cormac Joseph. He was preceded in death by his brother Harold Ambrose and his sister Mary Summers.

Services were held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville on June 5. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the National Brain Tumor Society-Defeat GBM Research Collaborative ([braintumor.org](http://braintumor.org)).



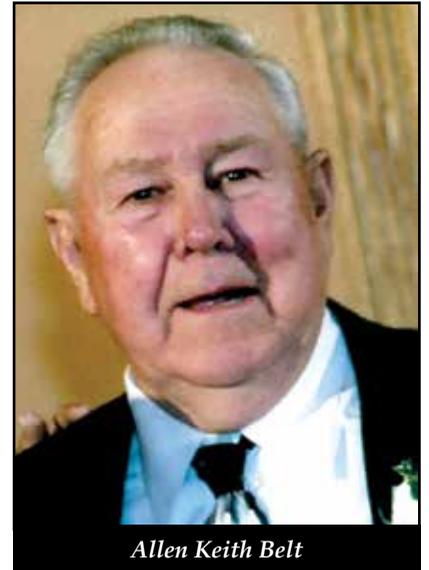
Joseph Christopher Ambrose

### Allen Keith Belt

Allen Keith Belt of Barnesville died peacefully at Shady Grove Hospital on May 26, 2015 at the age of 86. Born on February 22, 1929 in Middleburg, Virginia, he was the son of the late Benjamin Belt and Moselle R. Polen. Allen was the loving husband of Marian M. Belt.

Allen was a well-known Montgomery County farmer with a wise business sense and a generous heart. He remained involved in his surrounding community and made a variety of contributions throughout his years. He will be remembered as the owner of Beallsville Valley Farm and Mountain View Farm.

In addition to his wife, he leaves behind three daughters, Brenda Belt, Debra Belt Benson and husband Michael, and Sandy Ward and husband Donn; seven grandchildren, Kelly Haga, Rick Kimmel, Joseph Kimmel, Jamie Krute, Andrew Benson, Janet O'Meara, and Jennifer Buehler; and eight great-grandchildren. Allen was preceded in death by one son, Benjamin Belt, and one sister, Petena Knott.



Allen Keith Belt

### Edward O. Downs, III

Edward O. Downs, 54, of Dickerson, died on May 22, 2015. He was the husband of Marquita Downs. Born on August 28, 1960 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Guelda (Miller) Downs and the late Edward O. Downs, Jr. Mr. Downs owned and operated Downs Excavating, Inc. since 1999.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are: one daughter, Crystal Y. Neal of Frederick; three sons, Michael E. Downs of Frederick, Edward L. Downs of Brunswick, Josef E. Downs of Dickerson; three sisters, Jean Schriker of Frederick, Patty Downs of Dickerson, and Marilyn Vivian of Jefferson; three brothers, Carl Downs of Union Bridge, Maryland, and Christopher Miller and Rean Miller, Jr., both of Boyds; and eight grandchildren.



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Offer expires 12/31/2014. Must present coupon to get this offer. Most vehicles. No other discounts apply. Will be deducted from participating retailer's price at the time of purchase. Up to 5 gallons of conventional oil for standard oil change. Premium oil change includes oil filter and includes up to 5 gallons of synthetic blend or full synthetic oil plus a tire rotation. Conventional filter and oil change. For other vehicle models see store associate. Offer for shop orders, up to 7% or \$25 maximum, may be added. Excludes POOLESVILLE TIRE & AUTO only. See store for complete details. Special offer conditions apply. - in Maryland for any vehicle. \$4 - \$20. Add \$100 for disposal fee. No additional charge for shop orders. \$10 - no fluid disposal or additional charge for shop orders. Cash value 1/30c.

**Windshield Wiper Blades**

**\$500 OFF**  
Regular Price

2 WINDSHIELD WIPER BLADES INSTALLED

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AT THIS LOCATION:

**TIME & SERVICE**

**POOLESVILLE TIRE & AUTO**

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2. Additional Terms and Conditions: Get up to an \$80 Rebate on a qualifying purchase of a set of four select Goodyear or Dunlop tires or double your rebate up to \$160 when the purchase is made on the Goodyear Credit Card. Subject to credit approval. Mail-In Rebate paid in the form of a Goodyear Visa Prepaid Card. Goodyear is not affiliated with Visa. Mail-In Rebate offers available only at authorized participating Goodyear Retailers. Offers valid only for U.S. residents with mailing addresses in the U.S. or U.S. territories. Mail-In Rebate offers valid only on purchases between 10/01/14 - 12/31/14. One Goodyear Visa Prepaid Card per qualifying purchase. Prepaid Cards are issued by Citibank, N.A. pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. and managed by CRI Prepaid Services. Prepaid Cards will not have cash access and can be used everywhere Visa debit cards are accepted. Base portion of rebate offered by Goodyear and doubled portion of rebate offered by Citibank, N.A. Rebate form must be postmarked no later than 01/31/15. Allow 6 to 8 weeks for Prepaid Card delivery. Get a \$40 Prepaid Card (\$20 if purchase is made on the Goodyear Credit Card) when you purchase a set of four of the following tires: Assurance Fuel Max, Assurance Fuel Max, Ultra Grip Winter, Wrangler DuraTrac, Wrangler SR-A, Grandtrek SJ5, Graspic DS-3, Rover H/T, Winter Maxx. Get a \$60 Prepaid Card (\$120 if purchase is made on the Goodyear Credit Card) when you purchase a set of four of the following tires: Assurance TripleTred All-Season, Assurance TripleTred All-Season, Eagle F1 Asymmetric All-Season, Eagle Sport All-Season, Eagle Ultra Grip GW-3, Eagle Ultra Grip GW-3 RCF, Ultra Grip 8 Performance, Ultra Grip Ice WRT, Ultra Grip SUV R10F, Ultra Grip - SUV 4x4, Wrangler MTAR with Revlon®, DSX DSST, SP Winter Sport 3D, SP Winter Sport 3D RCF, SP Winter Sport 4D, SP Winter Sport 4D RCF. Get an \$80 Prepaid Card (\$160 if purchase is made on the Goodyear Credit Card) when you purchase a set of four of the following tires: Assurance ComfortTred Touring, Ultra Grip Ice, Wrangler All-Terrain Adventure with Kevlar®. Additional terms and conditions apply. Ask participating Retailer for complete details and rebate form. **FREE MOUNTING - FREE ROTATION** every 6,000 miles, with tire purchase. See Retailer for complete details. **RAIN CHECK** - If we sell out of your size we will issue you a rain check, assuring future delivery at the advertised price. ©2014 The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. All rights reserved.

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