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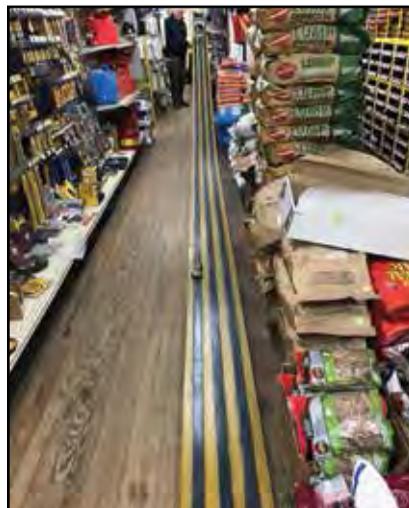
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Glenn Wallace instructed a team of volunteers who will help map over 300 African-American gravesites in Montgomery County. See more in Family Album on page 2.



John Speelman's inner Cub Scout demonstrated the Pinewood Derby track in his store. Find out why in Tidbits on page 5.



The Falcons' number one basketball scorer, Erin Green, with the Falcons' number one fan, Sam Hardwick. Read more on page 7.



Diners at the SCA Annual Potluck Dinner on February 11. See Local News on page 13.

## Truck-Train Collision Causes Delays By Jack Toomey

On February 5, at approximately 9:45 a.m., a CSX train collided with a tractor trailer truck at the CSX station at Point of Rocks. As a result, traffic on Route 28 was closed for almost two hours and rail traffic to Baltimore was halted.

The truck, carrying batteries, had made a routine delivery to the CSX office in the historic train station and then prepared to leave. It exited the parking area behind the station, started to cross the access road, and then was struck by a westbound train that had left Baltimore destined for Louisville. The front end of the large truck was heavily damaged, and pieces of the truck were scattered all over the tracks and the station platform. There was little or no damage to the train which did not derail. The driver of the truck complained of neck pain and was taken by ambulance to Frederick Memorial Hospital. It could not be learned whether the driver would be charged with a traffic offense.



Truck-and-train collision on February 5.

Police officers from three different agencies responded as well as at least fifteen pieces of fire equipment from Frederick and Loudoun Counties.

## Discovering Major Dinosaur Footprints By Jon Wolz

On January 31, 2018, NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center (Goddard) in Greenbelt, Maryland, announced the discovery of seventy dinosaur footprints from the Cretaceous era over 110 million years ago on a large ironstone slab containing dinosaurs, mammals, and flying reptiles. Nothing of this magnitude where so many footprints from different species were found walking over the same area had ever been found previously. Before this finding, tracks from only one species had been found on Cretaceous-era trackways. The slab is 8½ feet by 3¾ feet at its widest and weighs three tons.

I have been honored to be personally involved with this major finding from its first days. It all began by coincidence in June 2012 when Ray Stanford of College Park was dropping his wife Sheila off at Goddard after eating lunch

with her. He glanced over and noticed, about ninety feet away, an exposed rock on the side of a grassy hillside. Upon closer inspection, he realized he was looking at a large nodosaur dinosaur footprint. Ray is an amateur paleontologist and has an extensive collection of tracks he has found in Maryland. He has also made donations to the Smithsonian which are in the display, "Dinosaurs in Our Backyard."

When I retired from Goddard in 2014, I often walked on the trails around the Goddard Center. After a walk in September 2012, I stopped in the Goddard cafeteria and, by happenstance, recognized Ray Stanford, remembering him from many television appearances and in the news. After introducing myself to him, I mentioned to Ray the ironstone rocks I had seen on my own walks, and we went to review a few of the locations.



Dinosaur fossils found.

Since Goddard was about to construct a new building at these sites where the footprint was discovered, Goddard hired Dr. Stephen Godfrey, Curator of

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# Family Album

The Monocle regrets that pictures taken at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner at St Mary's and St. Peter's did not come out well enough to use. To the individuals in those pictures, we extend our apologies.



Will Pumphrey, Jeff Stempler, and Robert Nuens at the PACC annual meeting.



PACC President Gail Lee (right) presented retiring Vice President Eleanor Bateman with a special plaque of appreciation for her innovative leadership as an officer and board of directors member.



The 2018 PACC annual business meeting was held at St. Mary's Pavilion.



With the support of loyal fans and an enthusiastic cheerleading team, the girls' basketball team went on to an undefeated season.



Tom and Joy McCartin with St. Mary's Fr. Kevin O'Reilly at the PACC annual meeting.



Sandy Wright cheerfully displayed her copy of the Monocle. David Therriault, Joey Bettinger, and Joyce Breiner showed their envy at not having one.

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## Town Government

### Commissioners Hear from Two Candidates For Montgomery County Offices

By Link Hoewing

David Blair, an entrepreneur and former business owner running for the office of county executive, and Gabe Albornoz, the current director of Parks and Recreation for the county who is running for an at-large council seat, appeared before the Town of Poolesville commissioners at their February 20 regular meeting to discuss their agendas as candidates for office.

Blair said that while Montgomery County is a wonderful place in which to live—and he both grew up and raised his family here—he thinks the county “is slipping in its performance” on a number of key metrics. He focused on economic growth and said that, as an entrepreneur who built and sold a Fortune 500 company in the county, he found the county not welcoming to businesses and entrepreneurs. Blair said that traffic, taxes, and even the overall education system in the county need renewed focus and improvement. As a technology leader in business, he could point to simple things like the lack of advanced computer control systems for traffic lights as just one indicator of how much the county could improve its performance.

Gabe Albornoz said that he has been the Director for Parks and Recreation and has successfully built or renovated eleven recreation centers over the last few years. He pointed to the major improvements in Poolesville’s swimming pool and the effort to rename the pool in honor of Sarah Auer as examples of his concern and interest in Poolesville. He pushed for after-school programs for kids and innovated programs like ones that helps teach senior citizens how to use technology using students in high schools as mentors. He has found ways to move the bureaucracy and believes he can do the same as a councilmember.

Commission President Jim Brown praised both candidates for their commitment to the Poolesville area. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski pushed both candidates

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## Commentary

### Grassroots and Self-Interest

By John Clayton

Another day, another school shooting, and another mass shooting. That's thirty mass shootings for this calendar year in the U.S.A. for those of you scoring at home. Our elected leaders have danced around and made promises and carefully positioned themselves. Some of them will wait for the smoke to blow away and for everyone to move on to the next item in the news cycle—the next outrage—the next shooting. I've been watching footage of the president's meeting with parents while I finished this up. I recommend it.

High school students from Stoneman Douglas High School have tried to kick off a grassroots movement among students nationwide with, among other things, a #neveragain hashtag. Will this lead to sustainable activity that motivates our elected representatives? It is not impossible. There are such things as tipping points, when the messengers and their message become overwhelming.

People, organizations, and countries act in accordance with their self-interests. It appears we are nearing a moment when our collective self-interest compels us to do something to make mass gun violence less likely. We hear all the time that nothing we can do will eliminate the problem—which has become an argument for doing nothing. This is flawed logic that is easy to counter, but it is a ubiquitous argument that helps sustain the profits and political contributions of a very-well-entrenched industry.

This is a local problem and a national problem. We do not know where the next shooting will occur.

The underlying sources of The Problem are guns and our gun culture—unique to our country. It is not going to go away, it is part of us, and it is our most exceptional and incomprehensible quality. Other stable democracies share many of our virtues and failings, but none shares our level of violence. School security is a problem that must be solved, but it's not The Problem. I heard a congressman on the radio suggest that we shouldn't be so focused on gun policy, but on school security. It was a diversionary appeal; it was a block. To me, it is the difference between managing a problem and trying to solve a problem. He doesn't want to solve the problem, he wants to accept and live with the problem and just manage it better. Yes, we can maintain the status quo on gun laws and make our schools armed camps, which I assure you will feature hired guards, not educators. Then we can do the same to our malls, our theaters, our grocery stores, and I don't know what else. We accept enhanced security walking into airports and NFL games, so why not accept it everywhere else? Should Homeland Security really be our largest agency? Would the Founding Fathers approve? Does this support our sense of freedom?

We are a gun-owning and a gun-loving country. We like guns. We like to own them, we like to hunt, and we like to shoot targets. I like it, too; it's fun. We are not going to ban guns; it is our right to own them. We are not going to ban semi-automatic rifles, even if they are of a military design, like the AR-15 and its many brethren. It is unfeasible socially and politically, and it doesn't address The Problem, which is that the wrong people are getting their hands on AR-15s and other weapons, and on devices that make it easier to commit mass murder.

There are reasonable steps we can take. We should be able to come together and handle this. We are exceptional, but we can't wrap ourselves in the flag and turn away. It is time to act.

## Letter to the Editor

The recent Clarksburg High School incident, in which a student brought a handgun to school, may somehow be the result of the Parkland, Florida High School mass shooting. Maybe the CHS student was testing the system or maybe just trying to protect himself. As a Montgomery County resident with a son in public schools, this hits home! The day after the Parkland High School shooting, the MCPS superintendent sent a message to parents assuring us our children are safe. It was a textbook "trust me" message about access control and surveillance cameras.

My son attends a MCPS school, and I am a part-time substitute teacher who happens to be an emergency management professional. I see the world, and our schools, through the eyes of the bad guy, and what I see deeply concerns me. MCPS does have a plan in place. Our schools have teachers and administrators who are truly concerned about the safety of our children, but the system has many overlooked flaws. Access control is not as controlled as they think. Classroom doors don't always lock. Window covers are missing. These sound like minor issues, but, in fact, are critical actions that will save your child's life during an active shooter scenario.

Parkland HS students evacuated when the fire alarm sounded during a lockdown alert, this indicates the lack of effective training. MCPS has regular and routine fire drills. When is the last time you heard about a student dying in a school fire? More serious and deadly scenarios are not practiced enough. Maybe we don't want to scare our children with realistic training?

No amount of preparedness will ever stop a bad guy who wants to harm others, but there are best practices that make our children safer and reduce vulnerabilities inherent in public schools. Parents, ask the difficult questions and expect real solutions!

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## Tidbits

### Link Hoewing Recognized by PACC for Community Service

Poolesville's Link Hoewing was presented the PACC 2018 Community Service Award at the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce's (PACC) annual meeting. PACC Vice President Eleanor Bateman, in making the presentation, noted Hoewing's extensive service which includes being a Poolesville town commissioner for eight years (instrumental in developing the Economic Development Plan), a member of the Poolesville Planning Commission during the revision of its Master Plan, a zoning commissioner, and a member of the town's Park and Planning Commission which, during his tenure, succeeded in placing a major park in each quadrant of town. Additionally, he has been a member and leader of the Poolesville Day Committee, Rebuilding Together, Hands of Love Program, WUMCO, and he's been active for twenty-seven years in school PTAs serving either as president or vice president in the PTA of all three town schools.



*PACC Vice President Eleanor Bateman presented the 2018 Community Service Award to Link Hoewing. President Gail Lee earlier had presented Eleanor a special plaque recognizing her extraordinary service to PACC as Eleanor announced her retirement from the PACC Board.*

### Pittsburgh's TV Acton News Channel 4 Reported on an Airplane Crash Piloted by Poolesville's 79-Year-Old Dr. Csaba Magassy

Fortunately, the good doctor escaped with only a leg injury, although the plane did catch fire upon contact with the ground. The plastic surgeon based in Virginia had left the Montgomery County Airpark heading to Wheeling, West Virginia for a post-operative procedure for one of his patients. Magassy reported that he was flying at 8,000 feet during a snowstorm when his engine suddenly cut out. When he descended to 800 to 1000 feet below the snow clouds and between two mountain peaks, he lowered his gear and, choosing a path between two trees, sheared off the wings and came to a stop in a clearing. He jumped out just before the plane exploded. This was not his first great escape. The veteran air force pilot escaped Communist Hungary during the 1950s.

### Man, oh, Man, It's Time to Think Poolesville Day Again

It is official: Poolesville Day is slated for Saturday, September 15, 2018. The festivities will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a local parade and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. The day will include free carnival rides, exhibitors, food vendors, and activities for all ages. There will be multiple stages featuring live music and entertainment. The headliner band this year is the Reagan Years, the renowned eighties tribute band. The festival location will be along Fisher Avenue from Whalen Commons to historic downtown Poolesville. Go to the Poolesville Day website ([www.poolesvilleyday.com](http://www.poolesvilleyday.com)) for more information on how you can be a part of the festivities.

### Poolesville Hardware Gives a Helping Hand Again

Poolesville Hardware has its Cub Scout Pinewood Derby track in place and ready for scouts to come and have their cars weighed and tested. For thirty years, John Speelman has played an important role in helping local scouts prepare for

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## Focus on Business

### Healing Arts: The Hidden Benefits Of Back Walking

By Rande Davis

Poolesville Healing Arts opened in Poolesville earlier this year but has been an evolving venture for owner Andie Devynck. Located on the second floor of the historic Frederick Poole House, her facility has a large waiting room and a comfy, cozy treatment room in back, and she reports being delighted to have found this charming site in which to open her bodywork practice.

Andie's massage therapy experience began in 1995 during her last semester at the Baltimore School of Massage in the student clinic. On the weekends, she traveled to Berkeley Springs, West Virginia, to work at Coolfont, a resort in the hills above the town. Then In 1996, she became the director of massage services for the McLean Racquet and Health Club in McLean. From there, her career expanded by working through various major hotels like the Mayflower and the Ritz Carlton doing on-site and on-call work. She also enjoyed donating her time doing chair massage at health fairs and local wellness events at numerous businesses.

She has taught couples Swedish massage at special events and at the Open University in D.C. In 1998, she did continuing education training at the Omega Institute learning Thai Yoga Massage. "It was exhilarating, and it completely changed my practice, which had been focused on Swedish and especially deep tissue work, by enabling me to work with clients in loose clothes and give a 2.5-hour session of assisted yoga posture stretches (nicknamed 'lazy man's' yoga) with acupressure points mixed in."

It was also in 1998 that she began working at the Tenley Sport and Health Club, and travelling to clients' homes with her portable table and music. By 2000, she found herself wanting to go even deeper with clients, but given her slight five-foot-one, 105-pound frame, she wasn't able to do more than she was already doing with her upper body strength. "It was then I bought ropes and eyebolts from Home Depot and braided and strung the former from the latter, and began to walk on my Thai massage clients. It was sort of like tenderizing meat before cooking it. The walking seemed to both loosen up muscles and articulate vertebrae and other joints in a way that made the stretching that followed more effective. When 9/11 occurred and our professional organization asked for volunteers to work with first responders at the Pentagon, I took my body cushions and floor mat and went to Crystal City to help out. I walked on those big fire fighters and stretched them, and felt terrific that I could lend a hand to people who do work I couldn't do.

"Since I felt emboldened by the success of the work I was calling 'back walking,' I decided to Google the term to see what I came up with online. What I got was my website—and all the foot fetish porn websites. I panicked and went underground with the work for a few years, hoping not to draw any sort of unwanted attention. For the most part, the clients I had appreciated the work and continued to ask for it, but I didn't feel comfortable advertising back walking, given the results of my internet search." Then, in late 2003, she dared to Google back walking and massaging with one's feet again, and this time found Ashi. Ashi is short for Ashiatsu Oriental Bar Therapy. She took the beginning, intermediate, and advanced modules of the Ashi, and, she explained, "Again, my work was reformulated, this time creating sessions that began with the Ashi and then ended with the Thai, with some Swedish and classic deep tissue mixed in." To this day, that remains her most popular session.

After two decades in the massage business, she has a new calling: somatic psychology, also referred to as body psychotherapy. This "last big career love has been long in coming, and I am hoping it will carry me through all my working years as it is the pinnacle of success as I define it." Now, at the age of fifty-five, Andie has returned to the schoolroom to earn her master's in Clinical



*Andie Devynck developed back-walking massage technique even before she (and Google) knew its proper name.*

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## Youth Sports

### PHS Girls' Basketball: A Rare Undefeated Regular Season

By Jeff Stuart

In order to outdo the twenty-one wins they had last year, the Poolesville High School girls' basketball players felt they had to do something special. They did. On Senior Night, February 16, the Falcons ran out to a 21-4 first-quarter lead over Kennedy, posting a 64-30 win before a packed house. They finished the regular season undefeated at 22-0.

"We have had a fantastic season," said coach Fred Swick. "The credit goes to the girls who have put in hours, days, and years of preparation to achieve the success we have had. The way they have worked together and bought into team basketball has been fun to watch."



The 2018 Undefeated Falcon Basketball Team.

"I think the difference this year is that we all have been together for three or four years," said six-foot-three senior center Erin Green. "Kelliann and I have been on varsity all four years. Julia and Madeleine came our sophomore year. The four senior starters have been on the same AAU team for three years. We play year-round, so we really know how to play with each other. We are connected. We have been together for a long time. Kelliann, Madeleine, and I have played together since second grade. We know what each other's strengths and weaknesses are, and we can balance each other out."

"We have a good bench. Makayla Lemarr, a sophomore forward, has been able to step up whenever the starters are in foul trouble. Mackenzie Magaha, another freshman, has, too. They are both really good, and I think that next year they will make a big impact."

"Our toughest game this year was probably against Whitman. We won, but they held us to thirty-nine points. I had sixteen and Kelliann had fourteen, but we held them to twenty-five."

Erin scored a game-high twenty-one points in the fourth-ranked Falcons' 63-22 win over Rockville on January 31, moving her over the thousand-point mark for her career and joining Lindsay Poss (Class of 2012) and Jamie Morningstar (Class of 2005) as the only Poolesville girls to accomplish this. She averages 13.4 points a game, and her season high was twenty-four in the second game of the year at Wootton.

"I think that this year, we have definitely put a lot of pressure on and off the ball," said senior shooting guard Madeleine Thompson. "Our communication has been the best of all the years I have been here. We play hard. We have built a great chemistry... We know where each other is on the court. I can just lob it up and Erin will be there, or Kelliann will be there for that layup. We know what we are going to do. I am really looking forward to playing Middletown because they are undefeated, too. That will be great competition for us. I think we are on their radar as well."

Remarkably consistent, Madeleine scored a season-high fourteen points against Quince Orchard, Northwest, Damascus, and Rockville. She is third on the team in scoring with 9.7 points per game average, but she is far and away the team leader with forty-two three-pointers.

"The highlight of this year for me has been to see the seniors and the five starters step up," said six-foot-two senior forward Julia Hobbs. "Even if one of us isn't starting, they are on the bench cheering for us and being supportive. We have fresh people coming off the bench and contributing a lot, and I haven't seen that in previous seasons. Being undefeated makes it a lot more fun, but it humbles you, too, to think about where you were a couple years ago. I think the best game of the year for me was the Gaithersburg game because I did a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheets: you know, a good leading pass, grabbing a loose ball, an assist, or a steal; good

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

### February 24

#### Black History Program

Screening of film *Selma*. Prior to the viewing, there will be a virtual reality tour of Selma, its historic memorials, and historic information. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 3:00 p.m.

### February 26

#### Book Discussion

Enjoy and discuss: *On Homecoming and Belonging* by Sebastian Unger. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

### February 27

**MPSSAA PHS Girls' Basketball Game**  
Opponent TBD. 7:00 p.m.

### February 29

**PHS Shakespeare Club Performance**  
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### March 1

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### March 6

#### Poolesville Elementary School Kindergarten Information Night

Attendees will learn about the kindergarten program and how they can support their children in the months leading up to kindergarten. This session will precede the monthly PTA meeting.

The presentation will be facilitated by Poolesville Elementary School's kindergarten team, and time will be provided for questions and answers. For planning purposes, please contact the school principal, Mr. Doug Robbins, at [Douglas\\_M\\_Robbins@mcpsmd.org](mailto:Douglas_M_Robbins@mcpsmd.org).

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## School News

### Nature: The Missing Ingredient For a Fun and Healthy Summer

By Rande Davis

Many parents are becoming more concerned these days about the amount of time their children spend indoors or on electronic devices. During the summer, especially when parents are working, these games and devices often become electronic "babysitters." Yet growing research links tech overuse to depression, ADHD, obesity, a lack of social skills, poor sleep, vision and hearing problems, and more. Many children also don't get to enjoy the great outdoors or develop an appreciation for nature.

Meanwhile, children who attend Butler Camp in Darnestown during the summer enjoy fun, outdoor, tech-free experiences each day. Campers explore and play on a beautiful, twenty-two-acre campus which features its own pool, playground, ropes challenge course, horses and stables, and archery range.

Campers also enjoy hiking and creeking at Seneca Creek State Park which is adjacent to the campus. Older campers travel off campus for canoeing, caving, fishing, mountain biking, whitewater rafting, tubing, rock-climbing, and occasional overnight camping. Air-conditioned classrooms provide a "home base" for younger campers who also enjoy activities like soccer, art, storytelling, and making s'mores.

According to camp director Heather Pelkey, "The popularity of our day camp and large number of returning campers each summer can be attributed to the care given to each child by our experienced staff and to a well-planned schedule of varied fun and skill-building activities." One of the many skills campers develop is swimming. All campers enjoy daily swimming supervised by two certified lifeguards. Specially-trained camp counselors use a learn-to-swim program designed for the youngest campers.

Butler Camp also offers an equestrian camp for beginner through advanced riders, with certified riding instructors. A Junior Counselors program provides teen campers with valuable experience and SSL (Student Service Learning) hours. Most camp counselors are college age or older and many have worked at Butler Camp during previous summers. Bus transportation is available, along with drop-in before- and after-care, to make it easier for working parents to keep their children active and entertained.

An open house is being held on Saturday, March 24 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; however, according to Ms. Pelkey, "Camp sessions are starting to fill up, so to get the sessions you want, it's best to visit our website at [www.ButlerCamp.org](http://www.ButlerCamp.org) and register there, or call 301-977-6600." The website provides complete descriptions of programs for children ages 3½ to 16, session dates and costs, and much more. Butler Camp is located at 15951 Germantown Road.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Theft:** 17900 block of Bliss Drive, 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, 17000 block of Spates Hill Road.

**Solicitation for sex:** 24800 block of White's Ferry Road.

### Past Crime: 1924

Donald Walter of Washington went on trial at Rockville court concerning the death of a sixteen-year-old Rockville High School student. The student, Helen Adamson, was riding on the back of a motorcycle driven by Walter when it went out of control and crashed into a culvert on a road just outside of Rockville. Walter was acquitted of the charge, but, within a month, he was back in court after being charged with a litany of traffic charges including driving without a license, driving while drunk, and speeding.

Lawrence Burdette of Germantown was scheduled to go on trial for murder after being accused of pushing a friend down a railroad embankment near Boyds while they were returning from a party. The jury deliberated only thirty-five minutes before finding Burdette guilty of manslaughter. The defense had argued that Burdette's confession should have been repressed because police promises to him were unrealistic. They also argued that Burdette had acted in self defense.

Sheriff Plummer had a difficult decision to make. He had been called to a settlement near Rockville where he learned that George Day had taken a shot at William Cook whom Day had found with his wife. Plummer considered the totality of the circumstances and warned Cook to stay away from other men's wives and told Day not to use firearms.

Three Montgomery County policemen were accused of beating Littleton Poole who was charged in the rape of a fourteen-year-old girl at his house near Buck Lodge. Poole was said to have denied the charge and then the officers struck him with blackjacks to make him confess. He was lodged in the Rockville jail. The officers were quickly absolved of any guilt.

The council met with Chief Aud and decided that the county should be divided into eleven police beats based on election districts even though the newly-formed department had only six officers. It was also decreed that the headquarters be open twenty-four hours a day with Officer Gaither being in charge at night. In the meantime, officers arrested two Bethesda men and charged them with possessing intoxicating liquor in violation of the local option laws. In addition, a Washington man was arrested for operating his machine while under the influence of alcohol after crashing through a fence.

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### Healing Arts: The Hidden Benefits of Back Walking

Mental Health Counseling. "All psychology, and any applied practice of it, usually as some form of psychotherapy, fascinates me."

After moving to Poolesville in the summer of 2016, she joined the Center for Integrative Healthcare in Frederick in the spring of last year; however, since she was accepted into Antioch University's Clinical Mental Health Master's Program last fall, she moved her business closer to home. She opened Poolesville Healing Arts on January 2, right across the hallway from her husband, Didier's shop, Poolesville Fine Framing. "We love being in business so close to one another" — and she hopes that by the end of 2019, "I'll hang out a shingle as a body psychotherapist."

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## Yeas and Neighs

### Thoroughbreds: Poetry and Motion

By Andie Devynck

When winter gives you reason to trade your britches and boots for a spot on the couch with something to read, how about a slice of homegrown poetry to go along with that cup of tea? Local writer of literary ecology, Lisa Couturier, has lived for many years in the Ag Reserve translating the language of nature, animals, and the human relationship with them. Couturier's chapbook of poems, *Animals/Bodies*, won the 2015 New England Poetry Club Chapbook of the Year. The two poems below have been selected from that book—so find your lap blanket, settle into your quiet place, and let her images take you back in time and onto the track.



Lisa Couturier

Pauline,

remind me of the times  
you were not cleaning,  
cooking, or serving men.  
You broiled beef and peeled  
potatoes for dinner, Grandmother,  
baked cakes and cookies  
while window fans blasted  
us with Boston's summer.

Grandpa and his Irish gamblers  
arrived  
home from the racetrack  
to your dining room laced  
with linens from the old country.  
I remember revelry  
and the smell of vanilla frosting.  
I remember the men lauded  
the gluttony of racing  
horses to their deaths,  
and I heard them pounding

their fists like hooves on the table.  
I think I forgive them now  
for not knowing famine  
could lodge in their hearts  
and for devouring the lives of animals  
that never sated their hunger  
or won away their emptinesses.

More tea? I remember you asking.  
Potatoes? Cake?

**Julia's Racehorses**

It is possible horses  
ran in Julia's blood.  
That's what they say  
about the Irish.

It's possible dolphins  
broke through water  
at the side of her ship  
to hear her play  
her harmonica  
across the Atlantic.

If I'd known her then,  
I might have agreed  
her husband was cursed  
with the drink.

Meanwhile, I was born,  
and Julia became my  
great-grandmother who wore  
an amber pendant  
on a cheap, gold chain,  
and whose hair grew  
longer white each summer.  
She believed God guaranteed  
good women got rich on racehorses  
but grew poor on riches.

When she was old  
she made muffins  
with her bare hands—  
flung butter from her fingers,  
dipped her fists in flour—  
and in brogue accused me:  
Listen to yourself, child,  
stealin' after me ponies!

Her horses were already gone.  
It was her blood I wanted.  
The Irishness of her  
pale gauze skin,  
eyes of clover,  
worn floral dresses.  
Even the smell of storms,  
seeping into the wood  
of her wilting house.

It is possible horses  
run in my blood,  
though mine no longer  
run for money.

It's possible I rescue horses  
because my grandmother  
sat with me in her gray kitchen,  
eating muffins while she spoke  
to house mice darting out

from under the oven  
as she dropped crumbs for them,  
allowing them to skitter  
across our bare feet.

For those of you interested in knowing more about Couturier's work and background, her essay, "Dark Horse," about horse auctions and slaughter, won a 2012 Pushcart Prize, and she is cited in Best American Essays, 2004, 2006, and 2011. Her literary papers are archived with the Sowell Collection in Literature,

Community and the Natural World at Texas Tech University. Essays from her first book, *The Hopes of Snakes*, about wildlife in NYC and Washington, D.C., have been widely reprinted. She lives in Dickerson and has six horses—several of them rescues—from various disciplines. One is an injured off-the-track thoroughbred who, for a time, lived at Great and Small in Boyds. Lisa Couturier can be reached through her website, [www.lisacouturier.com](http://www.lisacouturier.com), and her Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lisa.couturier.54](http://www.facebook.com/lisa.couturier.54).

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### Discovering Major Dinosaur Footprints

Paleontology at the Calvert Museum in Solomons, Maryland, to remove the ironstone containing the footprint from the hillside. Upon removing the dirt from around the footprint, it was discovered that the footprint was on a large ironstone slab from the Patuxent Formation substrate. At this time, it was determined that there was also a baby nodosaur track next to the large nodosaur track. The slab was saved and stored.

In 2012, Dr. Compton Tucker, a renowned NASA Earth scientist from Goddard, was given the responsibility over the slab and, in December 2012, he arranged to have ground-penetrating radar go over the grassy hillside where the footprint had been discovered and the adjoining parking lot to see if there were any more ironstone slabs before construction began for the new building. At the time, the effort did not find any more ironstone slabs.

In 2015, it was determined the ironstone slab was too heavy to be displayed at Goddard. I suggested to Compton that the cast be moved to Ray's house so he could highlight the nodosaur track and any other tracks on the cast with sand. Together, we loaded the approximately-200-pound cast in the back of my pickup truck and transported it down Greenbelt Road to Ray's basement. Ray pointed bright lights at the slab at which time he immediately began seeing numerous footprints. He was so excited he could not sleep, and he stayed up for about a week closely studying the cast for tracks. Ray found mammal, theropod, pterosaur, sauropod, and crocodylian tracks. This was the first time mammal tracks were found together with dinosaur or pterosaur tracks. One of the mammal tracks was the largest Cretaceous era mammal track ever found. It is about four inches square or the size of raccoon prints. Most of the mammal tracks, however, were from small mammals the size of squirrels. Ray contacted the Smithsonian's Matt Carrano who is the curator of Dinosauria to come to his home to view and validate his discovery. Matt confirmed what Ray found and said that finding so many different animal tracks from the Cretaceous period in one spot had never occurred before.

Subsequent to Ray's discoveries, Matt contacted Dr. Martin Lockley, Professor Emeritus at the University of Colorado and a worldwide authority on fossil footprints, to help write a scientific paper on the tracks Ray had found. Eventually, in addition to Ray and Martin, other co-authors of the paper included Compton Tucker, Stephen Godfrey, and Sheila Stanford. While waiting for the paper to be completed and published, the cast was moved from Ray's basement to Goddard's Science Directorate in Building 33 where Rob Taminelli, a facility operations manager, mounted the cast onto a wall above a display case that contains Cretaceous period rocks of footprints and coprolites (dinosaur dung) found at Goddard and nearby Maryland by Ray, Compton, and me. My son Charles helped us recover a hundred-pound rock containing a sauropod track that is now on display in Building 33.

The paper was finally published in the journal *Scientific Reports* on January 31, 2018. The paper describes the find as providing a "rare glimpse of mammals and dinosaurs interacting." Martin Lockley calls this find "the Cretaceous equivalent of the Rosetta stone." At the unveiling ceremony, Chip Reid of CBS was there to interview Ray Stanford and Martin Lockley. After that interview, I took Martin Lockley to a stream to look at a trackway Compton and I had come across. That was certainly a thrill for me to go tracking with the world's top dinosaur trackers, Martin, Ray, and Compton.

On February 25, on "Fox Sunday Morning News" with Chris Wallace, Ray will be interviewed about these amazing discoveries in Maryland.

The future disposition of the three-ton track bearing rock has not yet been determined, but Goddard senior staff are with government officials and scientists to determine where the rock will be moved so it can be put on display for the public.

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### Tidbits

their entry into the national tournament. The Pinewood Derby invites scouts, with the help of parents, to build their own miniature racing cars from wood, usually from kits containing a block of pine, plastic wheels, and metal axles. With the popularity of the pinewood derby, other organizations have developed similar events, and a small industry has developed to provide tracks, timers, scales, trophies, ribbons, and other products. This year's event begins in early March, so scouts still have time to enter through their local pack. Similar Cub Scouting events include the raingutter regatta with boats and the space derby using rubber-band-powered rockets.

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**Local News**

**Sugarloaf Citizens' Association  
Potluck Dinner in the Dairy Barn**

By Andie Devynck

The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) held its annual potluck dinner on Sunday, February 11 in the Dairy Barn at Linden Farm on Martinsburg Road. The event was well attended, attracting close to one hundred new and old members, many of whom brought a dish reflecting the bounty of the Agricultural Reserve. While the gathering was primarily just for the fun of it, SCA president Lauren Greenberger addressed the crowd halfway through the evening, welcoming everyone and giving them an overview of some of SCA's current projects.

After thanking everyone for coming, Greenberger made a short speech recognizing all the volunteers who are working so hard on the projects, as well as the V.I.P.s present. Special surprise guests included Councilman Marc Elrich, his aide Debbie Spielberg, and SCA member Bill Conway, who is running for councilmember-at-large. Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski and Mildred Callear, the mayor of Barnesville, were also in attendance.

Greenberger focused on the current hot-button issues: the Montgomery County NOx Resolution, the Montgomery County Zero Waste Resolution, and a paper on transitioning from waste incineration towards zero waste in Montgomery County. She gave the attendees an overview of these projects, including the progress that has been made on the incinerator battle, negotiations SCA is having with the county over food scraps composting in Dickerson versus the incinerator, as well as the success SCA has had on fighting the bridge crossing.

While the crowd listened intently, it was clear that the evening was, for the most part, a gathering of friends over a good meal with much swapping of stories, catching up, and sharing of good cheer. For more information about SCA, its mission, and the 2018 calendar of events, call 301-349-4889 or email info@sugarloafcitizens.org.

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**Commissioners Hear from Two Candidates for Montgomery County Offices**

to support the idea of a multi-purpose facility to replace the current high school, an idea that seems to be gaining steam and was endorsed in concept by Superintendent Jack Smith when he appeared before the commissioners last month. Commissioner Valaree Dickerson decried the lack of services for seniors in the Poolesville area in particular and urged the two candidates to focus on the issue.

Following this dialog, the commissioners considered legislation to restructure and organize into one section of the town's code all of its many requirements related to storm water management. The town already has a series of rules focused on protecting water quality and reducing polluted runoff, but they are scattered and disorganized in the current code. The initiative is designed both to enhance these programs and satisfy requirements for the town's recertification as a Sustainable Maryland city. The revisions were approved unanimously by the five commissioners.

The commissioners next considered a proposal to replace the existing town sign at Whalen Commons with a new computer-controlled, LED display. The current sign uses ten-year-old technology which is based on a huge printer that can create colored signs that are then placed in the sign cabinet and backlit, so drivers and walkers along Fisher Avenue can see them. The new technology uses enhanced LED panels that can be programmed via computers in town hall and transmitted to the display instantly. The new technology can display images that move as well. The new technology will cost approximately \$26,000 and will be paid for by some of the impact fees developers have paid into town coffers as new houses are built. The proposal for the new sign was approved unanimously.

Finally, the commissioners considered a contract proposal to replace the aging walking path that circles Whalen Commons. The existing path is made of stamped asphalt and was painted a dark brown red to better blend in with the surroundings; it is cracking and failing in many segments. The new path will be placed in exactly the same location as the current one but will be made of stamped concrete. The concrete can be impregnated with pigment so it will not have to be painted. A competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued some months ago, and several companies bid for the project. The winner, based on price in part, was Priority Construction Company. Their winning bid was \$93,750, and the commissioners approved the contract proposal unanimously. It is expected that the new pathway will be completed by May 15.

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A lifelong Maryland resident, Dr. Spaar, is a graduate of the University of Maryland College Park and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. For the last 10 years, Dr. Spaar has been in general small animal practice with special interests in nutrition, preventive medicine, and internal medicine. She believes strongly in the human-animal bond and feels that preventive medicine and early disease detection can prolong the amount of time her clients can spend with their beloved pets.

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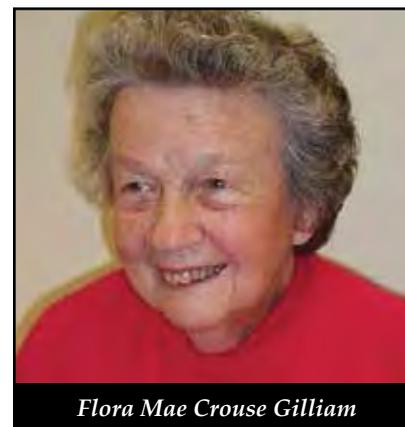
**Flora Mae Crouse Gilliam**

Mrs. Flora Mae Crouse Gilliam, 98, of Boyds, died on February 8 at her residence.

She was the wife of Rufus C. Gilliam, who predeceased her in September 2003. Born January 8, 1920, in Prathers Creek Township, Alleghany County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Crouse.

Surviving are: one daughter Mary Hurley and husband Gerard of Gaithersburg; two sons, James Gilliam and wife Linda, of Selbyville, Delaware, Randy Gilliam and wife Sandy of Frankford, Delaware; six grandchildren, Jeanine Hurley, Scott Gilliam, Diane Hurley Jordan and husband Ted, Todd Gilliam and wife Lauryn, Kate Gilliam Mills and husband James, and David Gilliam and wife Elyse; and seven great-grandchildren, Kyle and Jessica Jordan, Peyton Gilliam, Emma, Sarah, and Riley Mills, and Nolan Gilliam.

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### PHS Girls' Basketball: A Rare Undefeated Regular Season

defense; things that help seal a game. As a team, we had great communication. I think that was a great example of what we can do together as a team. Gaithersburg is a good team. We are looking forward to the heightened competition we are going to face in the playoffs. We have to get mentally prepared. When I joined the team with Erin, Madeleine, and Kelliann on it, I could tell they had great chemistry. It has been awesome to play together and to grow together."

Julia scored a season-high sixteen points at Clarksburg on February 13.

"This has definitely been a great season as a team and as friends. It has been really good," said senior forward Brooke Hamm. "Like Erin said, one of our best games was against Whitman because we had to come together to get through their defense. We trailed Damascus, 16-15, after one quarter. That was difficult

because they are our rivals, but we knew we could come back and beat them once we got our heads straight. I think that was the only time all year we trailed after one quarter. Kelliann and Madeleine and I played in PBA together in seventh and eighth grades. That's the Poolesville league. That helped us grow, and on the varsity these past seasons we have bonded even more."

Brooke leads the team in free throw percentage at seventy-five percent. She scored eight points in the win over Kennedy.

Senior guard, six-foot Kellian Lee, is second on the team in scoring at 12.5 points a game. Drawing a lot of attention from defenders, she has been to the free throw line seventy-eight times. She had a season-high twenty-nine points against Gaithersburg on February 9 and twenty-one against Clarksburg four days later.

Juniors are guards Sarah Mullikin, Alexis Abrigo, Alli Haddaway, and forward Kalie Terragno. Other sophomores are guard Logan Rohde and forward Mary Hobbs.

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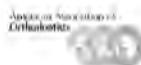
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Adapted by Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

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#### **Leptospirosis:**

- Leptospirosis is a transmissible disease that has spent too much time under the radar.
- Leptospirosis disease is one your animal can pass on to you, and with Leptospirosis, the results can be deadly.
- Leptospirosis is a bacterial spirochet disease spread through the urine of infected animals. Many smaller mammals, like mice, voles, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes can bring this disease right to your back door. They may urinate near a small puddle or area of water, infecting it. Then your pet comes along and wades or drinks from that water source.
- Pet owners can become infected through direct contact with urine from animals with leptospirosis or through water, soil, or food contaminated with their urine.
- Leptospirosis can penetrate directly through intact skin.
- Some of the symptoms include: fever, headache, blood in urine, kidney pain, muscle pain, chills, red eyes, and vomiting. The symptoms for humans are basically the same as for your pet, although your dog won't tell you of muscle aches. Look for a stiff gait and overall lower activity.
- There is a vaccination for leptospirosis that can protect your canine friends. If your pet becomes infected, there's also a course of treatment that, if caught in time, can be successful; however, death in untreated animals may occur—and, yes, the same for humans, too.
- Our area of the country has Leptospirosis in the wild populations, so vaccinating your dogs is a good idea.
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