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Is this cardinal, resting on a crystalline branch, yearning for spring? See more winter pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Edwards Ferry lockhouse this winter. Learn more about it in In Your Own Backyard on page 3.



These friendly ladies from the Barnesville Baptist Church volunteered for something really special. See Tidbits for details on page 4.



Winning threesome at 2019 Dorsey Duals. Details in Youth Sports on page 9.

Town Confirms Proposed Grocery Store Not Coming To Donovan Shopping Center

By Link Hoewing

Town Manager Wade Yost confirmed at the January 22 Town of Poolesville commissioners' meeting that Jason Kirsch, the investor and former owner of a grocery mart in Bethesda, had ended discussions with the Donovan Company about opening a grocery mart in Poolesville. Donovan is the owner of the shopping center where CVS, Tractor Supply, Cugini's, and other businesses currently operate.

Yost said that Gary Dobbs, the Donovan Company executive in charge of the project, indicated that the company has spent substantial funds to develop plans for building the new store facilities. The store would have been located in the open space between Tractor Supply and the daycare center. Dobbs also said the company had taken out a \$1 million loan to fund construction. He indicated that getting specific build-out requirements from the tenant was difficult and caused the delays.



Councilmen Abe Albornoz and Andrew Friedsen made an appearance at the commissioners' meeting.

According to Yost, Jason Kirsch, a principal in the group that would operate the new store, said that he has laid out significant funds for equipment for the store and that he had promised that the new store would be under roof by October 2018. A clause in the contract agreement between the two parties allowed him to get out of the agreement if specific milestones

were not being met. In the view of Kirsch, the delays have been continuous, and he took the out for his own protection.

While this spells the end of the project for a new grocery mart in the Donovan shopping center, Kirsch appears to want to continue looking

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Local Officer Patrols Upcounty Area Parks

By Susan Petro

Officer Kimberley Poulos became a police officer for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) just two years ago but spent many years working behind the scenes in law enforcement as a civilian. Poulos grew up in Guildford, England and moved to the United States in 2009 to attend Virginia Tech, where she received her undergraduate degree in Biology and Chemistry. Afterwards, Poulos went to Radford University where she received a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice.

In 2007, Poulos moved to Maryland to continue her studies at the University of Maryland, where she also began her career teaching criminology and criminal justice. Poulos then went to work in corporate fraud investigations

for a private company before joining the State of Maryland as a forensic chemist. Additionally, Poulos worked for both the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and a federal agency as an analyst.

Poulos moved to Beallsville in 2010, the same year she met her late husband, an eighteen-year veteran for MCPD. Poulos credits him for inspiring her for becoming a police officer. "I got to see how much he loved his job, and how he genuinely made a difference in the lives of others," said Poulos. One of the main reasons why Poulos decided to apply to MNCPPC to become an officer was her desire to have the opportunity to interact with and impact the community in a positive way.



Officer Kimberley Poulos serves our community with the Maryland National Capital Park Police.

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Family Album

Photos by Terri Pitts.



Winter Wonderland



In Your Own Backyard

Making the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Into a National Historical Park

By Jon Wolz

On January 8, 1971, Pres. Richard M. Nixon signed a bill that was passed by the 91st Congress on December 22, 1970 making the Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal a National Historical Park. The C&O Canal was begun with the turning of a shovel of dirt by Pres. John Quincy Adams on July 4, 1828. It was completed in 1850, extending 184.5 miles from Georgetown in Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Maryland. The original idea was to extend the canal all the way to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, but the Canal Company was competing with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and decided to stop the canal at Cumberland.

The canal boats carried a variety of products, including coal, bricks, stones, and agricultural goods to market in Georgetown. In 1889, after a tremendous flood, the Canal Company was put into receivership and was acquired by the B&O Railroad. In 1924, a damaging flood caused canal operations to permanently cease. In 1938, the canal was obtained by the U.S. Government from the B&O Railroad in exchange for a \$2 million loan. The canal was placed under the National Park Service. In 1950, the Bureau of Public Roads C&O Canal Report was submitted to Congress that proposed a twenty-four-foot-wide parkway with eight-foot shoulders on each side from Great Falls to Cumberland. Both the Washington Post and the Washington Star newspapers favored the parkway concept. In 1954, Associate Supreme Court Justice Douglas challenged the Post and Star newspapers to hike with him from Cumberland to Georgetown. Douglas said of the canal, "It is a refuge, a place of retreat, a long stretch of quiet and peace at the Capitol's back door—a wilderness area where man can be alone with his thoughts, a sanctuary where he can commune with God and nature, a place not yet marred by the roar of wheels and the sounds of horns." The Post and Star accepted his challenge. The eight-day Douglas Hike in March 1954 made opinion sway against building a parkway, and the idea was abandoned.



On the eve of enactment of the creation of the C&O Canal as a national historical park, from left to right, Eagle Scout Jon Wolz of Silver Spring, Cub Scout Charles Stover of Rockville, Congressmen (Senator Elect) J. Glenn Beall, Jr. and Gilbert Gude testified for the bill during the final hearings on it by the Senate Interior Subcommittee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Sixteen years passed before President Nixon signed the bill making the canal a National Historical Park. In 1970, Congressmen Gilbert Gude and J. Glenn Beall of Maryland co-sponsored a bill to make the C&O Canal into a National Historical Park. Congressman Gude contacted Mr. Charles Stover of Rockville to find a Boy Scout to testify before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Parks and Recreation of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs on his feelings for making the C&O Canal into a National Historical Park. Mr. Stover had recently helped plan

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Rande(m) Thoughts Is Public Secret An Oxymoron?

By Rande Davis

This is that time of year again—when we start thinking about goals. To me, goals are not exactly like aspirations. Aspirations are things we hope or pray for. Goals are things that require measurements, like gains/losses, wins-losses, etc. You know, number things. Aspiring is different. How so?

I aspire for success for a wide range of things like being wiser, kinder, more generous, most importantly, less of a curmudgeon. Now that I'm into my seventies, that last one is really coming home to roost. Perhaps you've noticed. Being an old curmudgeon is not something to aspire to. It's something to avoid and regret. It would have been nice to reach senior status with Sinatra-like assurance that regrets were few, but too few to mention. Sometimes I think regrets are one of life's hardest things to avoid. On the other hand, I would like to think that those regrets I do have, too many to mention, were at least great instructors in life. Regrettably, many times you can't redo regrets, so you live with them. What is your greatest regret? For me, it is easy and far too plentiful. Losing my temper. By the way, being angry and losing your temper are not the same. Anger can be good, it can help overcome fear—it can help you be brave when you need to be. Righteous indignation is a form of anger, too, but, then, that can be a good thing as well. On the other hand, losing it, losing control, especially of your temper, is never good. The only good thing about losing one's temper is really quite simple. It is this: I cannot think of one time in my life where I

lost my temper and didn't come to regret it. So there you have it. My one biggest regret in life is any time I lost my temper. For those on the receiving end, and who still stuck with me, God bless you. For those who walked away, thinking, "He'll regret that one day," you were right.

For better or worse, I will enter 2019 with the all the same aspirations that have made me who I am—but, for goals, that's another thing altogether. Goals are all about change, and this is the time of year we often make life's necessary adjustments.

I would like to think goals are better kept secret, that way when you screw up, no one notices. On the other hand, telling a few people adds pressure, and your chances of success increase. Can you imagine putting your goals in a newspaper? No one is that stupid, right? Well, maybe not. I find sometimes I can reach higher levels of stupidity. Here goes: I am going to lose fifty-five pounds (starting at 245), walk an average of one mile a day, reduce fried food to no more than one day a week (come on now, you are no more able to give up French fries than I am), and improve my strength (lifting things) and my walking rate by twenty percent. You know which App I need? The one that ties your current age with a health metric that converts it to a health-age. If they have one, I want to shoot for fifty! By the way, this App would only be for physical health. Mental health would not work—for obvious reasons.

How will I achieve my goals? By February 1, I will enroll at Poolesville's Anytime Fitness as there will be plenty of data to back me up or condemn me. A number of years ago, I tried this posture of risking public humiliation, only to be, well, humiliated. I will report back quarterly. My goal is to be an inspiration. Now, isn't that a worthy aspiration!

Tidbits

Nearly Two Hundred Years of Service

When you walk through the doors of the Friendly Thrift Shop next to the Blue Hearth on West Willard Road, you enter a space with nearly two centuries of community service. The building has served Poolesville as a town hall, a hospital, a church, a cemetery, even a movie house. Today, its grand calling has been met well as the Friendly Thrift Shop (FTS).

Thanks to volunteers from Calleva Outdoors a few years ago, the upstairs was rejuvenated so that FTS's important key role of providing low-cost clothes and household items to those in need could be expanded.

While WUMCO Help serves local people with food, transportation, medical concerns, and other needs, FTS provides clothing, shoes, and outerwear, along with a more limited selection of small household appliances, books, toys, and games. Of course, it a great place for those looking for a great bargain or that special vintage treasure.

Area churches have organized in providing the volunteer help needed

to keep the facilities open on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. as the preferred time to donate items, and then again on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You can also make donations at this time, too.

As you clear out your closets and attics, remember, your donations to FTS go first to persons living locally in need and eventually through another local group, Helping Ends, are delivered to areas of West Virginia where the items reach those persons in need.

Trip the Night Fantastic

On Saturday, February 9, the Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) will be hosting its fourth annual dinner and dance at the community center of the Poolesville Baptist Church. This fundraiser to benefit the organization is themed: Winter Wonderland Ball and Banquet. The evening starts with dinner and dessert, cash bar, and silent auction before a night of dancing. This semi-formal dance for those aged twenty-one and up costs \$75 per person. Tickets are available by calling 301-875-7701, emailing pvilleseniors@comcast.net, or visiting them on Facebook.

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Youth Sports

PHS Girls' Basketball Pushing To Find Its Own Identity

By Jeff Stuart

In the opening game of the season, a 58-30 win against visiting Northwood on December 6, it took the Poolesville girls' basketball team nearly half of the first quarter before senior guard Alli Haddaway scored the first basket of the season and senior forward Kalie Terragno followed with a three-pointer to cut an early Northwood lead to 6-5, but it didn't take nearly as long for the Falcons to establish a hard-charging identity. There is always a high energy level, even if it is not pretty at times.

"We try to push the ball and just keep going as fast as we can and try not to let them set up their defense," said Haddaway, the lone returning starter from last season. "We just keep it moving. We are a different team than last year. We lost four of our starters. We have been a little bit slower coming out. We have lost four games, but we are keeping it going and trying our best. Our best game was probably against Walter Johnson. That was a really close game. It went into overtime. We pushed ourselves really hard to come out with the win. In the rematch against Middletown over Christmas break, we were all a little bit nervous coming in because it was such a big game last year. We did our best. We lost by eight, but it was a good game for us, I think. We want to keep working hard and to come out faster at the beginning of the game and keep it up the whole game. We don't want to keep digging ourselves a hole early. It's fun to be a leader of this team this year and to tell people 'C'mon, we've got this!' and to keep everyone working hard for each other."



Alexis Abrigo, Kalie Terragno, Sarah Mullikin, and Alli Haddaway.

Haddaway scored eleven points against Northwood. Alli scored nineteen in the overtime win against Walter Johnson and eleven at Damascus.

"We just work harder to push each other and go out of our way to help each other out," said senior Sarah Mullikin. "If things aren't going our way, we calm each other down. I looked forward to the Middletown game to see how it turned out this year. They lost a lot of seniors. We lost a lot of seniors, but they still have

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Saylor Poffenbarger who scored fourteen points against us and had thirteen rebounds. (Poffenbarger opened the scoring with a three-pointer.) We played a pretty good game... Against Damascus, we started out very slow in the first half. In the second half, we came out and pushed harder, but we had dug ourselves too big a hole. We could have won... I think Alli Haddaway has really stepped up for us this year. Last year, we depended on Erin Green and Kelliann Lee to make plays. This year, we look to Alli. She is our leader, but we have to stick together. We don't have one player who can carry us. We have to work together as a team."

Sarah scored eight points at Damascus, nine against Northwest, and eight against Walter Johnson.

"I have been shooting a lot more this year," said Terragno, "and passing a lot more. I think our best game was against WJ because it was a close game, and we pulled it out at the end. The B-CC game was a close game. We played really well but couldn't pull out a win."

Kalie's season high was nine points in a 50-20 win over Wootton.

"It's a lot of fun trying to be a leader this year and trying to prove why you deserve more playing time," said senior Alexis Abrigo. "Even though we lost, I think we had a great game against Middletown. We gave it our all, no matter what. We lost, but that's okay. Everybody has to learn how to win. The B-CC game was a great matchup as well. They say it's five on five, but sometimes, like that game, it seems like seven on five. We should have won that game... We have to get back to that mentality of starting out on top. That way, we don't have to worry about fighting from behind. I know we can do it. I know we have it in us. We just have to find it."

Juniors are Makayla Lemarr, Mary Hobbs, Logan Rohde, Amada Reif, Mahi Ganatra, and Sami Kellogg. Forward Mackenzie Magaha is a sophomore.

"Our biggest problems so far have been turnovers and free throw shooting," said coach Fred Swick. "We get off to slow starts, and it seems like we always have to fight from behind.

Then we have periods where we make good passes and get easy shots. Offensively, I think our best game was against WJ. At B-CC, who ended our winning streak at twenty-nine games, we were tied with about thirty seconds to go. They made eighteen of twenty-three free throws. We made eleven of seventeen. That was the difference. We got down, 13-5, after one quarter at Middletown. We lost by eight. I told the girls that we played them even the last three quarters. That is something to build on. At Damascus, we were behind by seventeen at the half and came back to take the lead with about forty-five seconds to go. We lost, 51-48. Damascus is not bad. They played exceptionally well the first half. It seemed like that game, they took advantage of every mistake we made. In the second half, we focused a lot better. We didn't have the turnovers, and we played better defense. We play them again the last game of the season on February 22, at 6:00 p.m. We have been up and down, but it is hard to be disappointed with a 9-4 record. This is a good team. Last season is a hard act to follow."



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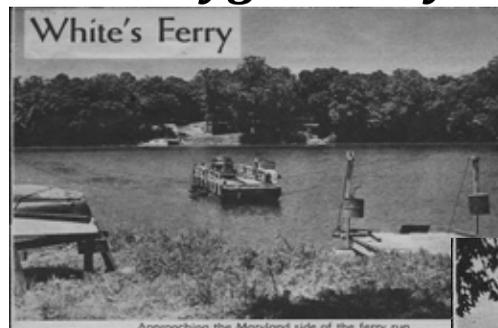
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Making the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal into a National Historical Park

and arrange the Montgomery County District Camp O'Ree at Fort Frederick, Maryland next to the canal in October 1970. At that Camp O'Ree, Congressman Gude spoke to the scouts about the need for making the canal into a National Historical Park. Subsequent to that campout, the House of Representatives passed a bill in support of Congressman Gude's vision for the canal. Charles Stover contacted Mr. Jack Alleman, Scoutmaster of Troop 246 of Silver Spring. Mr. Stover had met Jack Alleman at the Camp O'Ree that was attended by Troop 246 and through conversation, learned that several scouts from the troop had hiked the entire length of the C&O Canal. Jack Alleman selected Eagle Scout Jon Wolz for this honor to speak before the committee. At the time, Jon was a fifteen-year-old sophomore at Montgomery Blair High School in Silver Spring. In addition to Jon speaking, Life Scout Mark Stover from Troop 1072 was chosen to speak. Both scouts were asked to speak on the meaning of the C&O Canal and why it should be preserved as a National Historical Park.

On December 15, 1970, Jon rode with his parents, Charles and Shirley Wolz to the Capitol where they were met by Congressmen Gude and Beall who escorted them to the hearing room. Life Scout Mark Stover was also present and, after introductions from Congressman Gude to chairman Senator Alan Bible of Nevada, Jon spoke first. He said,

"Mr. Chairman, members of the committee, ladies and gentlemen, I appreciate the opportunity to tell you of the importance of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal to hundreds of thousands of people in the Potomac River valley. The C&O canal towpath is probably one of the safest and longest routes for hikers in this area. There is easy automobile access to the canal every few miles. Yet nowhere over the entire length does automobile traffic cross the towpath. As a Boy Scout in Troop 246 of Silver Spring, Maryland, I hiked and bicycled the entire length of the canal. This experience has given me many happy memories of scenic views and companionship with other boys in camping and hiking. There are many ruins of old lockhouses that make you wonder how life used to be along the canal. The locks that are still intact show how a canal worked to raise and lower the old barges. In addition to the locks, the Monocacy River aqueduct and the Paw Paw Tunnel are great engineering accomplishments in the construction of the canal. It was quite an experience to go through the three-thousand-foot Paw Paw Tunnel with flashlights. Campsites are available all along the canal, and in most places, there is safe drinking water. The canal closely follows the Potomac River and most of the campsites are between the canal and the river. This makes a very pleasant setting for a camp. In many places on the towpath, it seems that no one has ever been there before because there are no houses in sight. The scenery changes from mountains to rock cliffs to flatlands, and the river from rushing currents to calm backwaters. Many hours in camp have been spent watching the wildlife and learning to identify the birds and animals. Short side trips can be taken to the Great Falls of the Potomac, the historic town of Harper's Ferry, and the Antietam Battlefield. The canal is an excellent place to pass Scout requirements for advancement in rank. It is particularly good for hiking, since there are no automobiles, and canoeing. Many Scouts in my troop learned to canoe on the canal. The water is clear of rocks, no more than six feet deep, and has hardly any current. After we earned our canoeing merit badges on the canal, we took a fifty-mile canoe trip down the Shenandoah River. I hope the canal is kept for hiking and camping so that others may enjoy it as I have. I appreciate the opportunity which you have given me to tell you what the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal means to me."

After Jon spoke, Mark Stover told the subcommittee of the meaning of the C&O Canal to him as a Scout and citizen of the area. Cub Scout Charles Stover presented to each of the ten men of the subcommittee the C&O Canal Scout patches and medals awarded Scouts for hike the canal.

On December 22, 1970, the bill was passed by the Senate, and the bill was sent to President Nixon on December 23, 1970 for his signature.

Fun Fact...

Col. Elijah Viers White's family home is Stoney Castle in Poolesville. He bought Conrad's Ferry in 1866.



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Garden

The Legacy of David Austin

By Maureen O'Connell

David Austin, the greatest rose breeder of his generation, died on December 18 at his home in Albrighton, in Shropshire County, England. He was ninety-two. In his search for the ideal rose, he revolutionized the rose market by creating more than 240 new roses that broke the mold of the hybrid tea roses. Many of them have won the Award of Garden Merit from the Royal Horticultural Society and twenty-four Gold Medals from the Chelsea Flower Show.

Mr. Austin grew up on his family farm in Shropshire. He developed his lifelong love affair with the rose when his sister gave him, for his twenty-first birthday, a book by the renowned grower of old roses, A.E. Bunyan. He loved the scent of the old roses and the beauty of the hybrid teas, but neither was, in his mind, the ideal rose. He went on to spend six decades obsessively pursuing this goal. His answer was to combine two great rose traditions: to take the shape, scent, and character of old roses, such as gallicas, damasks, and albas, and join them with the array of colors of hybrid teas and floribundas to create a plant that would be free of disease and would flower repeatedly from early summer to the end of autumn. God created the rose, but David Austin perfected it. He is responsible for developing the first horticultural brand, the English Rose.



David Austin's English Rose, 'Heritage'.

He began the process of creating hybrids in the early 1950s. It is a slow process, as it takes about nine years to bring a new rose to market. By 1961, he came up with his first commercially available specimen: Rosa Constance Spry. As it only bloomed once a year, it was not a total success. His breakthrough came in 1983 when he introduced the yellow Graham Thomas and the pink Mary Rose. They displayed all the qualities for which he was striving and established English Roses as must-have plants for all self-respecting gardeners.

With a touch of whimsy and his love of literature and history, he gave his new roses names after Chaucer, Shakespeare, people in the world news, and his friends: Desdemona, Falstaff, Gentle Hermione, Charles Darwin, Gertrude Jekyll, James Galway, Heathcliff, and Jude the Obscure, to name a few. He used to say "that the easiest way to kill a rose was to give it a bad name." There are no bad names in his rose index.

Roses have been growing in gardens for hundreds of years. You could see them on fifth century North African tombstones, on coins from Rhodes, and in Dutch still-life paintings, but David Austin breathed new life into the rose. I have been looking through my rose photos from the last twenty-five years and almost all of them are David's English Roses. I grew Heritage, Mary Rose, Sharifa Asma, Winchester Cathedral, Glamis Castle, Queen Elizabeth, A Shropshire Lad, Tess of the d'Urbervilles, and many, many more. At one time, I had ninety-five rose bushes in my gardens. Several years ago, I visited David Austin's Nursery in Shropshire. I spoke with his son David about the difficulty of growing his and any other type of rose in my garden's climatic conditions, unless you sprayed them often with insecticides and fungicides. He suggested some that he thought

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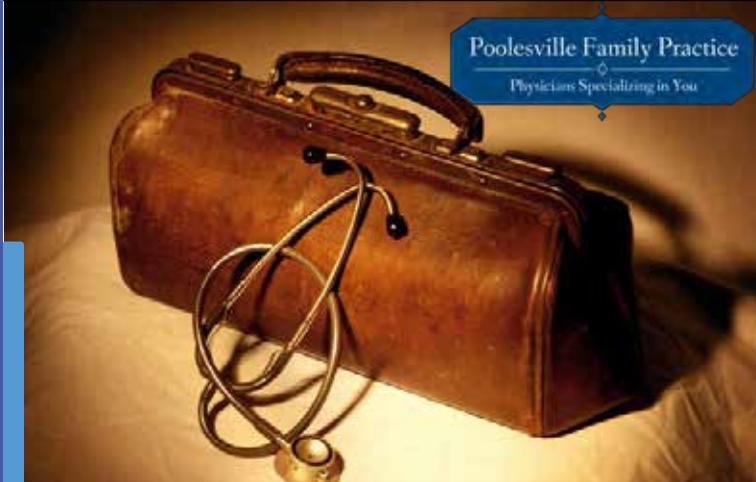


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Youth Sports

Middletown Wins Dorsey Duals; Carbonell Defeats Number One Seed in State

By Jeff Stuart

Middletown went 8-0 at Poolesville to win the fourth annual Dorsey Duals championship on Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12 at Poolesville. There were two mats in both the main and auxiliary gym and one in the cafeteria to accommodate the action. There were concession booths and a hospitality lounge. This has become a major event. The snow held off just long enough to allow the completion of the event. Middletown was runner-up to first place Damascus in the State Dual Meet Class 2A Championship last year.

The Knights' Noah Grossnickle, Zach Brady, and Kyle Malko each went 8-0 for the Knights. Landen Harbaugh (113 pounds) was named Most Outstanding Lightweight at the tournament.

Middletown defeated second-place Huntingtown and third-place Poolesville. Bullis, Woodson, North Stafford, Smithsburg, Century, and Richard Montgomery finished fourth through ninth, respectively. Huntingtown won the 3A State Dual Meet Championship last season.

At 182 pounds, Austin Brown of Bullis won the Outstanding Wrestler in the upper weights award. At 220 pounds, Joseph Bannister of Huntingtown with eight pins won the award for the most pins in the least amount of time.

At 126 pounds, Poolesville's Alex Carbonell defeated Shane Hovermale of Smithsburg on Saturday. Hovermale, the number-one-seeded wrestler in the state at 126, defeated Alex twice last year. Trailing, 4-3, and on the bottom with just eleven seconds to go in the final period, Carbonell needed a reversal or back points to win. He got two back points.

"We had a lot of individual successes," said Coach Tim Tao. "Xavier Kresslein finished 10-0 for the tournament while Alex Carbonell, Kevin Fultz, Colin Savage, and Sam Hull all finished 9-1. Kevin, Sam, and Alex all beat state-ranked opponents. Alex also achieved the 150-win mark during the tournament."

Coach Kevin Dorsey, for whom the tournament is named, has mentored hundreds of student-athletes as the wrestling coach at Poolesville since 2005, including now five wrestlers who accumulated one hundred or more wins in their careers. They all point to Kevin as being a positive influence in their lives and preparing them for life beyond high school and wrestling.

Kevin has volunteered numerous hours and services to help improve the athletic facilities at PHS, and he has done the same for many other organizations and individuals throughout the area.

Booster club president Jeff Oyer commented, "I don't think Kevin has a selfish bone in his body. Our community and students have benefited and continue to benefit greatly from his generosity and friendship. The coaches and athletic department would like to thank all the sponsors, wrestling parents, volunteers, and booster club officers that made this event such a success."

Anyone interested in making a contribution to assist Kevin and his wife Dawn in covering living and medical expenses related to ALS should please visit: www.ppfinc.org/recipients-page/kevin-dorsey.



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Girls' basketball. Magruder at 7:15 p.m.

January 28

PHS Varsity Home Game

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January 30

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' basketball. Rockville at 7:15 p.m.

January 31

PHS Varsity Home Game

Wrestling. Hereford and Winters Mills at 4:00 p.m. Senior Appreciation Night.

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PHS Varsity Home Games

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February 4

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

February 5

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' basketball. Damascus at 6:00 p.m.

February 6

Community Dinner

Featuring sloppy joes, mac and cheese, coleslaw, applesauce, and lots of homemade desserts. Free. Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

February 7

Family Storytime

A thirty-minute program designed to delight children of all ages and filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. Preschool and kindergarten, babies and toddlers. Maggie Nightingale Library. 10:30 a.m.

February 9

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The Legacy of David Austin

could survive, but the conclusion was that none could live without toxic, harmful sprays. I decided, eight years ago, that I could not spray anymore; eventually, I lost all of my roses. Barnesville is not England.

Three years ago, I gave roses one more try; I missed my roses. In 2014, Olivia Rose Austin was developed. It was named after the daughter of David Austin, Jr. The nursery described it as "All in all, this is probably the best rose we have ever bred." I planted two of them in a small garden with morning sun. For three years now, they have happily existed with five different herbs and four varieties of lavender. I never spray them, and they are beautiful.

David Austin, the Father of the English Rose, will be remembered as one of the greatest rosarians and rose breeders of all time. He said in his book, *The English Roses*, that he had one goal that was more important than any other: "... that we should strive to develop the rose's beauty in flower, growth, and leaf." Of fragrance, he wrote: "[It] may be said to be the other half of the beauty of the rose."



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Town Confirms Proposed Grocery Store Not Coming to Donovan Shopping Center

for ways to open a store in Poolesville. For example, he has reportedly been looking at space near the Anytime Fitness center but appears to be more interested in buying his own commercial land so he can construct his own building. Both Dobbs and Kirsch apparently say they are still interested in making something happen but not in partnership together.

Before the announcement about the store's status, Councilmembers Andrew Friedsen and Gabe Alborno appeared before the commissioners. Friedsen, just elected as the District 1 councilmember, which includes Poolesville, stated that he is strongly in support of the efforts being made to secure a new high school and multi-use facility. He noted, however, that the CIP proposed by the county executive has substantially cut funding for many projects and said that "you have been a victim to some degree of the overcrowding in other schools and a victim of your own success." He was referring to the high academic ratings of

Poolesville High School, but he went on to say that "you should not be penalized by having one of the best schools in Maryland and the nation" and encouraged town residents to "keep up your advocacy because you have made headway."

Councilmember Alborno is an at-large member but has a long history of working with Poolesville and citizens in the Upcounty on projects when he headed the county's recreation department, including the renaming of the swimming pool in honor of Sarah Auer. Alborno said that he knew that "in the past you have been frustrated with at-large members not coming out here" or knowing what is going on. He wanted to reassure citizens that "this will not be a problem with me." He pointed out how often he has been to Poolesville and how much work he has done in the past with the town. He has spent his career building alliances and working to get projects moving, and he is committed to doing so with regard to Poolesville and its needs.

Alborno "completely support[s] your efforts to renovate Poolesville and the very creative way you have looked at the issue," a reference to the proposal for a multiuse facility to include a new high school, community center, and health clinic. He has found that combining services under one roof improves services and reduces costs. He particularly pointed to the lack of healthcare services for many in Poolesville and said that, as the chair of the committee in the council that oversees the work of the Health and Human Services Department, he will schedule a hearing to examine the health issues in Poolesville later this year. He pointed to data that shows that, as of today, nine percent of residents in the Poolesville area are over sixty-five but within the next fifteen years, that will rise to twenty-three percent. This suggests that a nearby health clinic is an important matter for more and more Upcounty residents.

Maureen O'Connell, the executive director of the Historic Medley District (HMD) which works to protect historical sites in Poolesville and promote education about the town's history, appeared to request a grant of just over \$1,000. She explained that HMD had helped restore the Old Poolesville Bank Museum and had done work to keep the John Poole House from serious deterioration. In supporting the grant request, she added that HMD had been initiating a number of projects this year to help entice new members and to encourage new citizens to find out more about Poolesville's history, including the "Ghost Tour" in October.

The commissioners unanimously approved the grant request.

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**Local Officer Patrols
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"Whereas, agencies in big cities and heavily-populated urban areas are almost forced to police solely on a reactive, problem-oriented basis, Park Police officers have many opportunities to exercise a community policing model," said Poulos.

Poulos has approximately eighty parks in her beat which covers the northwestern part of Montgomery County, including up to the Frederick County line down to Shady Grove Road with the Potomac River to the west and Route 355 to the east. The area includes large region parks such as Black Hill and South Germantown Parks, to tinier tracts of land, and numerous historic properties like the Darby House, the Poole Store, and the Shiloh Church property—"All with great stories behind them," said Poulos.

"There is really no routine to my days," Poulos said, "but I do like to handle my directed patrols first in case things get busy later." The directed patrols include checking on various historic properties, vacant park houses, and other commission-owned houses that require special attention. Additionally, Poulos makes sure to attend any community events occurring in her beat during her workday. "Park Police

is a huge presence at local events such as National Night Out, Poolesville Day, and the Montgomery County Fair.

"In terms of patrolling parks," said Poulos, "I try to do something different every day." During daylight hours, Poulos may be walking various trails and looking for anything unusual or in need of attention. During the summer months, Poulos has more chances to interact with the park patrons and assist with permitted events.

Park Police officers, like our regular police departments, also conduct traffic enforcement on the roadways that pass through the parks. Additionally, NCPD officers work together with County Police and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officers to enforce fishing and hunting laws, as well as land use regulations within the parks.

Another aspect of being an officer for MNCPPC that Poulos enjoys is the ability to develop a career and carve out her own niche in the department. "Yes, we are all Park Police officers, but you can be a drug recognition expert, a search manager, a horse-mounted officer, an instructor, a taskforce officer working in conjunction with other agencies," said Poulos. "Some of us even try to spend as much time as we possibly can policing on a motorcycle."

When did Poulos realize that becoming a MNCPPC officer was the

right choice for her? On her very first day on the job, Poulos received a call about two escaped Angus cows wandering in the Woodstock Equestrian Park just north of Beallsville. First, she had to locate the owners which could be any one of a handful of surrounding farms, usually with gated entrances, making access and contacting the owners difficult. After the owners were found, Poulos and a handful of the owner's family members on their ATVs set about corralling the escapees and trying to convince them to return to their designated pasture—a scene full of comedic twists and turns. Once the cows were safely back home, Poulos reflected on her day and said, "Oh yeah, this is the job for me."

Of course, all calls aren't as

entertaining as her first call, and she occasionally encounters less pleasant tasks throughout her day, but what inspires Poulos the most is the combined commitment of MNCPPC's police officers and the MNCPPC to serve our diverse community.

When off-duty, Poulos enjoys riding her motorcycle, hiking with her dog, woodworking, and spending time at her home in the Agricultural Reserve. Although Poulos grew up overseas and even spent a few years studying in Russia, she said Beallsville is the place that always felt like home to her.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

The Alcohol Holiday Task Force, made up of officers from Montgomery County Police, Montgomery County Sheriffs Department, Rockville City, Gaithersburg City, and the Maryland State Police, has finished its work. The eight-week initiative that began on November 14, 2018 and ended on January 5, 2019 concentrated on those drivers who were driving under the influence of alcohol. They arrested 323 people for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. It should be noted that the totals did not include those made by the thousand other officers who were not part of the task force.

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Past Crime: 1947

Police Chief Orme announced that officers would be cracking down on juveniles using unauthorized swimming holes in the coming summer. Orme stressed that some of the places were remote and far from telephones that might be needed to call for help. He pointed out the lake at Rossdhu Castle as being particularly dangerous. He said that the water was deep and full of snakes. He also announced that officers would be required to salute senior officers upon the first meeting of the day.

A large manhunt failed to produce two burglars who had broken into a loan company in Takoma Park. They had been discovered loading a safe into their car at about 6:00 a.m. A chase ensued which led back and forth

between Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. Officer Preston Walter of Montgomery County hung out the window of his cruiser and fired several shots left-handed at the fleeing car. At one point, Officer Melvin Wheeler went to the Queens Chapel Airport and commandeered an airplane and aided in the search. In the end, the burglars got away.

An argument over the sale of a house near Redland led to a forty-four-year-old woman being shot and the co-owner of the house, Clyde McFarland, being charged with assault with intent to murder. Police said that the two had quarreled over the sale of the house when a shot was fired and the woman was critically injured. McFarland insisted that the woman had shot herself and had been despondent recently.

A benefit basketball game between the Montgomery County Police and the Gaithersburg Fire Department was arranged to help defray medical expenses for a thirteen-year-old Poolesville girl. She had been at her grandfather's farm which had a landing strip. As a plane was being started, she walked into the propeller which caused her to lose an eye. At about the same time, the Police Association voted to contribute \$25 to a student at Richard Montgomery High School whose hands were blown off after an explosion in the science lab of the school.

The county police commissioner announced that drivers' tests would thereafter be given at the Kensington Armory every Thursday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. He said that giving them at the county police stations was causing too much congestion.

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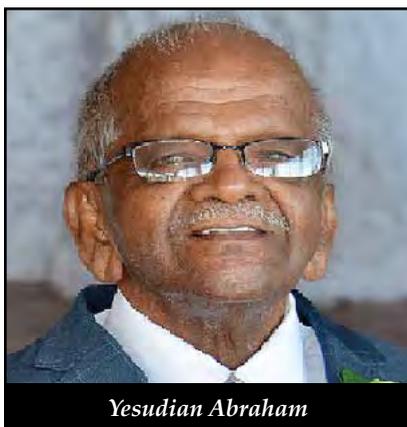
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Remembrances

Yesudian Abraham

Yesudian Abraham went to be with his Savior on January 13, 2019 at the age of 95. He was a loving father to Agnes, Jessie, Juliet, and Violet. Abraham was born on April 5, 1923 in Nuwara Eliya, Sri Lanka. He was the son of Gnamughuth and Iynese. He grew up with five siblings including Samuel (deceased), Mary (deceased), Jessie (deceased), Jebamoney, and Anbu (deceased). He may not have been Superman, but he was a prayer warrior. Abraham was a man of God, he relied on faith. His prayers were abundant, his love was endless, and his kindness was unwavering. He was true to his name, Abraham, a father to many. His young spirit empowered others, and his youthfulness was undeniable. He remained vibrant and inspired others to live life to the fullest.



Yesudian Abraham

Nancy Burdette Gallo

Nancy Burdette Gallo, 68, passed away on January 19 at her home in Boyds. She was the devoted wife of Peter Gallo.

Born in Frederick on January 11, 1951, she was the daughter of the late Lloyd W. Burdette and Helen C. Burdette. Nancy was a native of Dickerson and graduated from Poolesville High School in 1969. After graduation, Nancy began a long career as a federal government employee. She began her career as a personnel specialist at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and thirty-nine years later retired as an IT specialist at the Department of Agriculture.

Nancy was an active member of the Monocacy Lions Club, currently serving as secretary.

Nancy loved to travel. Over the years, Nancy and Peter travelled to Europe, Iceland, and throughout the United States. Nancy had a special fondness for animals, particularly her two Maine Coon cats, Angus and Duncan, and her newest addition, a Bernese Mountain dog named Rigi.

With Nancy, family always came first. She loved spending time with her family, especially with her nieces and nephews and their families. She was the first to volunteer to babysit her nieces and nephews, which often included a movie, shopping, a favorite restaurant, shows, zoos, or anything that she thought would interest or entertain children.

In addition to her husband, Nancy is also survived by her brothers, Gary Burdette and wife Janita, and Terry Burdette and wife Barbara; her uncle, J. Maurice "Bo" Carlisle, Jr., her aunt, Donna Carlisle; as well as numerous nieces, great-nieces, nephews, great-nephews, and cousins. She was predeceased by her niece Amy Burdette Riggs.

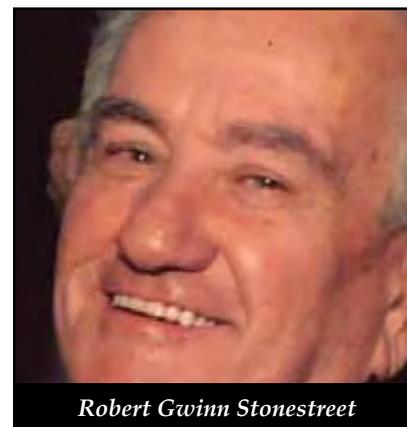
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to the Frederick Memorial Hospital James M. Stockman Cancer Institute, 1562 Oppossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21702.



Nancy Burdette Gallo

Robert Gwinn Stonestreet

Robert Gwinn Stonestreet, 82, was born on October 31, 1936 in Barnesville; he died January 13, 2019. He is survived by wife, Nancy, of Ocala, Florida; children, Robert, Michael, Benjamin, Susan, Sandra, Nick, Angela, Adam, David, and Amy; nineteen grandchildren; and twenty-one great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Zera Mae Montgomery and Joseph Harris Stonestreet, III; brothers, Joseph Harris



Robert Gwinn Stonestreet

Stonestreet, IV, Lovelace Puglisi, and sister, Virginia Mae Stonestreet Thompson. Born and raised in Barnesville, he worked thirty years for the Montgomery County Board of Liquor Control and, after retirement, spent winters in Florida and summers tending his garden in Barnesville. He loved hunting and fishing, history, and the Catholic Church; he was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Church in Barnesville.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Barnesville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville.



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Increasing our Knowledge of Dementia in Dogs and Cats

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Dementia in aging dogs and cats isn't uncommon. Many people do not realize the subtle changes and often discount it as, "They are just getting older."

Known clinically as canine or feline cognitive dysfunction syndrome (CCDS and FCDS), the progressive central neurologic decline has become more evident as our population of older dogs and cats increases due to improved care and nutrition.

Clinical studies, advances in brain mapping, MRIs and cognitive behavior evaluations have enhanced our understanding and identification of this syndrome in our canine and feline friends.

Multiple university studies have indicated that as much as 28 percent of dogs ages 11 to 12 and 68% of dogs ages 15 to 16 years showed one or more clinical manifestations of CCDS.

A 2010 Ohio State study suggested that 28% of felines ages 11 to 14 and 50% of felines ages 15 and older exhibit at least one clinical sign of FCDS.

The disease manifests itself in dogs in similar ways to Alzheimer's in humans: a shrinkage of the brain matter with larger spaces between gray and white matter. Dogs with CCDS begin to show signs of confusion, increased nervousness in regular situations, memory impairment, decline in normal voiding behavior, and changes to wake/sleep cycles. Dogs may begin to forget how to do a trick, stop greeting the owners, walk to a wrong door to go outside, walk into a room and go to a corner, or be unable to get out of a tight spot.

The disease manifests itself similarly in cats. Cats also tend to have increased sleep cycles and seem to be less interactive, seeking out-of-the-way locations or not seeking human contact.

If you begin to notice any of the following signs, consult your veterinarian. They will recommend testing for other disease that may produce similar signs but are not primarily related to the brain, the primary organ with disease: Disorientation- interaction changes, increased anxiety, sleep changes, house soiling, activity changes, common location changes, changes in eating habits, and decreased or absent play response.

CCDS and FCDS have currently no known cures. There are a number of foods, dietary, supplements, medications, and environmental enrichment (exercise, mental stimulation, new places and things) that can extend your furry friends' quality of life of up to two years. Talk with your veterinarian if you are concerned that CCDS or FCDS may be impacting your canine or feline companions' quality of life.

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