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Alexis Jackson and Macy Burtea sure know how to whirl a hula hoop. More fun pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Who has a tree piercing the middle of their living room? The answer in Focus on Business, page 4.



Spencer Schmidt offered a flower to a guest at the Odd Fellows' annual summer luncheon. See Tidbits on page 6.



This young woman brings a whole new meaning to singing for your supper. Find out how in AgNews on page 7.

## Frank Jamison, Jr. Pulls Two Victims from Burning Wreck after Plane Crash

By Shawn J. Soper, Managing Editor, *The Dispatch*

The small plane that crashed on a West Ocean City golf course early Friday morning, injuring two occupants, came in low across the course, took a nose dive on the eighth hole fairway and burst into flames, according to a witness who was first on the scene and pulled the two victims from the wreck.

Frank Jamison, Jr. of Dickerson, Maryland was standing over a putt on the seventh green at Assateague Greens golf course off Route 611 around 9:15 a.m. when he saw a small plane heading toward the adjacent Ocean City Municipal Airport uncharacteristically low with its wings teetering. Seconds later, the twin-engine Beechcraft Debonair crashed on the eighth hole fairway, spun on its nose, and burst into flames.

"My wife dropped me off at the golf course around 8:00 a.m., and I think I was the first golfer out there this morning," Jamison said later on Friday. "I



This plane crashed on a golf course in Berlin, Maryland. Frank Jamison, Jr. came to the rescue of the couple in the cockpit.

Photo by John Whitley

heard and saw small planes coming and going all morning, and I was waiting to putt on the seventh green when I saw one flying really low over the golf course. Its wings were teetering like they sometimes do when they are waving to people, and it kept getting lower."

Jamison said the plane was not making any odd noises as if it was

having engine trouble. It soon became apparent it was going to go down on the golf course, according to Jamison. "It never sounded to me like the plane was losing power," he said. "I never heard it choking out or throttling back," said Jamison. "It kept getting lower and lower and I remember thinking, 'He's going to put it down in

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## On the Road to Gettysburg

By Rande Davis

On June 28, a ten-member contingent of Civil War Union soldier reenactors, with their long rifles over their shoulders, dressed in heavy woolen uniforms, and equipped accurately as Union Army soldiers, came through Poolesville on their way to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The group took a noon-time breather on the front lawn of the John Poole House.

Their ninety-mile trek, which began at White's Ferry, went to Edwards Ferry then through Poolesville to Clarksburg on its way to the historic battlefield. The march would last six days with a grueling thirty-four-mile forced march the last day, recreating the dramatic arrival of the Union Army's 6th Corps at Round Top, just in time to spare the Union Army a horrible defeat during the second day of the battle at Gettysburg.

The reenactors resting in Poolesville



Things sure have changed in Poolesville since the 15th New Jersey first marched through town 155 years ago.

represented the 15th New Jersey and were led by Joseph Brodonaro. They came from a wide range of locations including upstate New York, with one hailing from Canada. Doug Dobbs, whose ancestors were in the 15th New

Jersey, began the challenge of the march in 2003, and the historic march has been recreated every five years. The historic importance of their forced march is legendary.

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# Family Album



The rainbow of good fortune shone down on Montgomery Countryside Alliance's Field and Fiddle event.



Alexander, Mikala, and Rich Hullbig enjoyed Friday on the Commons.



MCP Officer Howard with Bernie and Kathy Mihm (right) at Red, White, and Brew. The fourth person is unidentified.



Chip Dunn made new friends at the Red, White, and Brew Festival.



Mark and Annette Maier listened to the Mindy Miller Band.



Members of American Legion Poolesville Post 247 obtained over \$300 in donations to Fisher House during the Red, White, and Brew event. Jerry Klobukowski, Fisher House rep, John Robinson, and daughter Vickie.

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## Town Government

### Commissioners Hear from Trash Contractor about Service Problems

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville Commissioners spent the bulk of their July 9 meeting hearing from executives from Bates Trucking and Trash Removal about problems that have plagued the company's trash collection service. Bates has the contract from the town to collect trash and recycling and, as reported in the *Monocle* previously, there have been numerous complaints from citizens in recent months about the quality of the services provided by the company.

Town Manager Wade Yost kicked off the session with an overview of what has occurred over the last few months regarding the performance of the Bates company in providing trash and recycling collection services. He began with saying that after Bates got the contract earlier this year, there were a "few bumps in the road," but since then, "things started to go downhill." Several streets have been missed, numerous citizens have complained about trash bins being left half full, and trash has even fallen off the trucks or out of bins and has been left on the streets.

The town, as per the provisions of its contract with Bates, had issued several fines to serve as spurs for Bates to improve service. Yost also called officials from the company into town hall for a meeting in May to go over problem areas and hear about promised improvements, but, despite some management changes in the company, there remained far too many citizen complaints.

Recently, the company brought in one of its most senior executives, Corey Walker, to be "on site" whenever the company's trucks are in town collecting trash or recycling. Walker has promised to be in close contact with Yost and with Deputy Clerk Maggie Leibrand concerning citizen complaints, responding quickly to emails, texts, and calls. As Yost pointed out, even if the company cannot immediately fix a problem, letting key town staff know about it can help ensure citizens are not kept in the dark as has often happened in the recent past.

Town Commission President Jim Brown made the bulk of the comments in pushing Bates officials for answers and pressing them to meet the commitments they have already made to improve service. While he appreciates the services they provide, he has been in "disbelief about how bad it was" earlier this summer. Bates is the single largest contractor for the town, and most of the other services the town provides to its citizens are managed by its own staff. Town-managed services have rarely been the subject of citizen complaints. Aside from trash service being important and necessary to citizens, the fact that it is the largest contractor and its trucks and staff are in Poolesville three times a week, "makes you very visible," Brown said.

Brown and other commissioners have received texts, emails, and calls complaining about the service, and Brown asked Yost recently, "How much longer do we have to put up with this?" In part, the high levels of citizen frustration in town led to the public session with Bates officials.

Bruce Bates, the CEO of the company, responded that he "knew we had problems, especially transitioning drivers" to new routes. He wanted the company's service to "be transparent," and he recognized that they are part of the town now. "We don't want people to even think about trash service." He said he was unhappy he had to explain how his company has "not been doing the job, but sometimes we must." He had sent in one of his most senior and respected executives, Walker, to be on site at all times when his company's trucks are operating in Poolesville. He ended by saying, "We are going to fix the problems."

Two residents appeared to offer brief observations. One said his trash, and those of his neighbors, was completely missed on one occasion, and he was not certain whether to leave the trash can out or not.

Bates officials recognized that they had not performed well. They noted, however, that since they had made management changes, complaints had dropped by fifty percent. Also, for approximately one half of the town, there were almost no complaints. Virtually all of the complaints were from the other half of town, and this was in large part due to high turnover in drivers covering that portion of Poolesville and their failure to learn their routes well. They were working on the problem, including the use of electronic technologies and color-coded maps for use by the drivers.

Commission President Brown ended the session by saying that it sounded like the company had put together a good strategy to correct the service

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## Rande(m) Thoughts The Real Heroes Within

By Rande Davis

Celebrating the Fourth of July is always a great time to remember and to honor our nation's heroes, especially those serving in the United States Armed Forces, but it also must include honoring the first responders to our everyday emergency situations like fires, medical emergencies, and, of course, the police who guard against threats to peace, order, and public safety from criminals.

The Monocle appropriately has two stories on its front page about real-life heroes: one hero from today and others from our past.

I think everyone wants to believe there is a hero living within themselves. For many of us, it starts at a young age when we first tie a bath towel around our necks, letting it flutter in the wind as a mystical cape that miraculously gives superpowers to the wearer. Imagining ourselves as heroes may be where heroism begins in many of us.

While most hope a hero resides within themselves, just a very few will ever find out for sure. Heroes are rare. Only one in a hundred choose to serve in our military. Almost by definition, then, they get hero status if for no other reason than for doing what another ninety-nine out of a hundred people did not.

Frank Jamison, Jr. of Dickerson found the hero in himself while eyeing a putt during a game of golf. When a burning plane crashed on the fairway near him, he ran to it and helped free the couple trapped in the cockpit, despite hearing that it was full of fuel. He did what his personal character compelled him to do.

The other story reminds us of other heroes from our past, perhaps our most forgotten. I met a dozen young

people giving these heroes from the Civil War their due tribute this past month. They were on a long march to Gettysburg. Dressed in authentic wool Union uniforms, they paused at the John Poole House at noon for food, drink, and a moment to shed their coats and shoes before resuming their ninety-mile hike to the site of the great battle that, although not ending the Civil War, did determine that the South was destined to lose its war.

As to those real-life heroes they were portraying, I think we may forget them more than any other of our American warriors except possibly for the Viet Nam vets. Modern research methodology continues to recalculate the number of Union forces dying in the Civil War. Once thought to be around 365,000, today's more sophisticated counts bring the number to above 400,000 dead, not to mention those wounded for the cause.

Here is an intriguing juxtaposition: For every slaveholder in America in the 1800s, more than one Union soldier died to free the slaves. While slavery is surely the greatest black mark in our history, it is right to remember that in a nation of twenty-eight million people in the mid-nineteenth century, only 1.4 percent of Americans owned slaves and it took another 1.4 percent to die to free them.

Sometimes when speaking of America's past, slavery, for many, seems to be the defining fact. While we are right to recall the shame of slavery, let us never forget, however, that it was also Americans, most of them very young with their whole lives ahead of them, who found the hero inside, dying to make men free. While slavery is our shame, these boys are our pride and glory. That is the America and Americans we celebrate on the fourth. Knowing that the Stars and Stripes was the battle flag for each and every one of them is why I fly it every day in my front yard, and it is in their name that I pledge my allegiance before that flag.

## Focus on Business Beallsville Treehouse Grand Opening

By Rande Davis

Many readers of the Monocle may recall the article we ran about the elaborate treehouse being built by the DIY Channel's Treehouse Guys. The project, undertaken for Beallsville's Joy and Tom McCartin, was finally finished last month in time for the couple's grand opening open house on June 24.

The treehouse, on the McCartins' Old Oaks Estate on Beallsville Road, was constructed in the rear of the property. The unique overnight facility bears the name Raegan's Dream Treehouse because their granddaughter, Raegan, dreamed of having a treehouse when she was a little girl.

It was in 2017 that the Treehouse Guy star, B'fer Roth came to Beallsville, found just the right tree, and designed the treehouse with input from Joy and Tom. It was quite a local project. Local contractor George Shepherd, electrician Dick Hanna, and wood supplier David Cahoon were involved in bringing the dream treehouse into reality.

Climbing the two-flight staircase brings the visitor to the quaint front doors of the treehouse which opens directly into a beautiful sitting room. Nearby is a fully-operational kitchen and half bath. Then up one more set of steps and you come to the bedroom, towering over the woods below, all with queen-sized bed, and picture windows toward the forest and facing the sky. The entire structure is pierced up the middle by a grand old oak.

The home, nestled amidst tall oaks, rises fourteen feet above ground level, has twenty-three windows of different shapes and positioned in different angles, and two sitting decks to enjoy the natural wonder all around. Raegan's Dream is a forest fantasy come true, perfect for a romantic getaway.



Raegan's Dream: The treehouse of twenty-three crazy windows.

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## Local News

### Surprise Tribute To Navy Vet

By Rande Davis

When Jim Hagy of Poolesville passed away on May 30 (see *Monocacy Monocle*, June 8: Remembrance-Hagy), his wife, Sharon, planned a memorial service on June 23. She contacted the Poolesville American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247, hoping that military honors could be arranged for the service. With the legion on hiatus for

the summer months, it appeared that arrangements could not be made in time.

That's when Post 247 Adjutant David Wilson jumped into action at the last minute and went to the funeral with his personal flag of honor in case one was not available, hoping things could be worked out. With the assistance of funeral director, Woody Hilton, the two came up with a very special surprise for the widow and family.

At a pause in the service, the playing of "Taps" began. David respectfully stepped forward with the triangle-folded flag

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American Legion adjutant, David Wilson, presented Mrs. Susan Hagy with a flag in appreciation for her husband's service to our country.

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## Tidbits

### Odd Fellows Keeping Up the Tradition

Congratulations to the Odd Fellows on hosting yet another wonderful summer meal for area widows, widowers, orphans, and other single seniors to bring a moment of community for all. The afternoon of fun, fellowship, and nourishment is a time-honored event hosted by this decades-old civic organization made up of concerned men and women from our area.



Many locals enjoyed the Odd Fellows' annual summer luncheon.

### First Annual PACC Golf Tournament Big Success

Congratulations to the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce for its first annual Golf Outing at Bretton Woods. The organization is appreciative of its



PACC golf tournament volunteers: Rhi Combs (M&T Bank), Gail Lee (Gail Lee Homes and PACC president), Ellie Bateman (Redeemed Interiors), Monica Molina (Magica Realty and PACC treasurer), and Mark Corbett (Edward Jones and PACC secretary).



The golfers on the winning team of the PACC golf tournament: Mike Velette, Michael Halloran, and Kingston Reif.

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### Better Than Stinky Fish

Local beekeeper Joe Lang wrote us the following note: "Thanks for publishing our local newspaper. I used the latest edition to make a newspaper combine on a couple lagging hives. One hive is without a queen. A couple sheets of the *Monocle* slows the bees from combining for a couple days while they get used to the queen hive's pheromones."

Actually, we think it works to slow them down because it is such a great read, even for these wonderful creatures of limited reading skills—or maybe they enjoy all the great photos.



An old Monocle helped a local beekeeper.

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### Commissioners Hear from Trash Contractor about Service Problems

deficiencies; however, if things don't get better, "the next meeting won't be so pleasant."

There was no new or old business on the agenda after the discussion with the Bates officials, but both Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski and President Jim Brown noted some disappointment with this year's fireworks display that the town supports substantially with a multi-thousand-dollar grant. Klobukowski attended this year's event and said that while the fireworks display itself was entertaining, he found the lack of food vendors a significant flaw. People had to wait in lines for extremely long periods of time just to purchase water, and vendors ran out of food, as well.

President Brown said he had been contacted by people who attended the event who said they were not impressed, and, in one case, a person said he was unlikely to return next year. He expressed appreciation for the work the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department does in putting on the fireworks display but felt the quality of the event had to improve. While the town does not manage the event, it is the key sponsor and its name is strongly connected to it. If changes, like actually paying for more vendors to show up for the event, are needed, Brown added, the town would push for that.

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## AgNews

### Dirty Dinners: Much More Than a Down-on-the-Farm Experience

By Rande Davis

If you have not attended one of Calleva's summer Dirty Dinners, it is an experience well worth trying.

Even though I thought I understood the event in advance, I didn't fully know what to expect prior to attending one for the first time this past June. To think of it simply as an outdoor dinner of locally-grown or -raised products only tells a small part of their story.

The Markoff family, most famous for its Haunted Forest and Calleva Outdoor camp, certainly lived up to its reputation as imaginative and fun loving. This is a social event where you interact with the hosts and guests throughout, so if you prefer dining solely in small groups of two to four, this event may be challenging. On the other hand, we delighted in the new friends we made that night, all with interesting life stories to share.

perature a bit high, but by 7:00 p.m., it cooled down to a comfortable level. As the natural light began to dim at dusk, the ambience transformed to a natural wonderland.

True to their creativity, the Markoffs substituted a cocktail hour for a mocktail hour of non-alcoholic drinks from farm fruit like the Calleva Berry Kombucha (fruit-sweetened, lightly-effervescent, fermented black or green tea drinks) or Berry French Soda (another sweet effervescent drink, typically served elsewhere with alcohol and an umbrella mixing straw).

The appetizers, dinner offerings, and dessert either came directly from the Calleva Farm or from other partners like Lewis Orchards, One Acre Farm, or Profish. The superb dinner wines for this evening came from Mt. Airy's Black Ankle Vineyard, one of Maryland's premier wineries, and one which we will cover in a future Day-tripper. The name of the vineyard comes from its farm on a legendary native American pathway called black ankle trail. Their charming sommelier for the evening was Kaitlyn Rollyson.

The appetizer was crab tater tots with chives and smoked trout, with pickled red onions and horseradish cream, followed by farm-fresh salad with honey vinaigrette. Upon first



*Newfound friends at a Dirty Dinner, sharing a good time, a table, and meal.*

The evening began with the hayride tour of the farm (with Alex Markoff's dry humor at its best), the zip line (be sure to dress summer casual for it), and the cornhole games. These activities served to help acquaint attendees with each other prior to dinner where everyone shared a table with ten to fifteen other diners. Like one group of guests that night from St. Peter's Church, many guests come in small groups of close friends or family.

The slight downer for the evening was that the first hour found the tem-

perusing the menu, I expected to have to choose from two entrées and was delighted to discover that both were being served: roast pork cutlets with sweet potato and black bean hash and pan-seared Chesapeake rockfish with carrot purée and goat cheese polenta.

The dessert was strawberry-rhubarb crisp with homemade vanilla ice cream. Oh my, talk of something to die for.

The gourmet fresh and local food aside, perhaps what turned out to be most unique and delightful was the

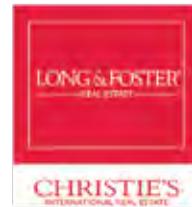
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## School News

### Sharon Black, PES Librarian Retires

By Kerri Cook

Sharon Black has staying power. She's not a short-timer. She likes to make her mark, and after twenty-five years of service as Poolesville Elementary School's librarian, she has done just that. Her official title is Media Specialist and, indeed, she has specialized in various media and learned to adapt to drastic changes both in technology and the educational field. This month, she is hanging up her card catalog, her e-books, her video camera, her pencil and paper, and she is retiring.

"I have the best job in the school. I have my hands on so many parts of what happens here," says Black—and a lot has happened there. In 1993, she saw the conversion from the card catalog to electronic files. She also saw the conversion of space in the school, adapting a television studio to become a computer lab. In 1996, there was a controversial \$65,000 donation from a foreign country that brought about a Mac lab and some unrest in the community. Black, along with Kathy Jankowski, also started the school newspaper, Tiger Tales, in 1991. She recounts preparing documents on 3x5 hard discs back then and was happy to connect the middle school to the program by offering SSL hours for the older students' help with the paper. Currently, Black is working on putting all of the issues she can into a complete collection, especially the student interviews of community members.

Another long-term project with which Black has been involved is the Book Club which connects with the PES book fair and the public library. She attributes much of the success of that project to the unparalleled parent involvement at the school. One big change that she notes she has seen in the book world is the advent of the graphic novel, a story with many comic book-like pictures. "The whole purpose of books is to draw a kid in, and that can be done with any kind of book. A good story is a good story."

Black has also been an educator in a world that has included recent violence in schools across the country. Black feels that families are disconnected, and kids are not finding the opportunities to connect with and talk to their family members as much these days. She has also witnessed much more pressure being put on children and educators, especially with the amount of testing now that happens over the course of a school year.

Black, who concentrated on library science in college, came to Montgomery County after first teaching in New Jersey. She and her husband moved to Germantown about thirty-five years ago, and Black has been at PES for the last twenty-five years. After a long and dignified career in education, Sharon Black is looking forward to quiet summers and time to care for parents in her hometown in New Jersey. She looks forward to traveling, spending time with her son in Baltimore, joining the gym, learning to play tennis. She also foresees volunteering at the school or the public library, too.

Black attended the recent fifth grade graduation ceremony and saw many parents who were at one time her students at PES. As a matter of fact, Black's replacement at PES, Clair Ketchum, is a former student of hers.

On being a good educator, Black's philosophy has been that every child can be successful. "They just need love, attention, and time. If we can be patient with our children, they will get there. I have loved seeing all the children as they come into the school each day. Kids feel very safe here—but it's not about the building, it's the people in it."



Librarian Sharon Black retired from PES.

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**Pulpit**

**New Pastor at Memorial United Methodist Church**

By Kirstin Lewis

Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church is excited to welcome Pastor Tim Dowell as its new Pastor. July 1, 2018 marked the beginning of Pastor Tim's appointment to Memorial. Pastor Tim introduced himself to the congregation through his message entitled, "Getting to Know You."

Pastor Tim is a Virginia native. He attended Loyola College of Baltimore, Maryland where he earned an engineering degree. He had a fourteen-year career as an engineer before answering his call into ministry. As an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church, Pastor Tim bases his ministry on the Great Commandment. In the twenty-second chapter of Matthew, Christ commands that we all "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...[and] love your neighbor as yourself."



*Pastor Tim, ready to preach.*

The greater community of Poolesville is invited to worship at Memorial on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Come welcome Pastor Tim and his family to Poolesville. There will be a potluck luncheon on Sunday, July 22 to formally welcome Pastor Tim and his family. Other upcoming events at Memorial include the August 1 Community Dinner (free and open to all) and Vacation Bible School, August 6 to 10 at from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Visit [www.pmumc.org](http://www.pmumc.org) for more information about events and activities at Memorial United Methodist Church.

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**Surprise Tribute to Navy Vet**

held horizontally at waist level, came to attention before Sharon, leaned forward, and solemnly presented the flag to her with these words: "On behalf of the President of the United States, the United States Navy, and a grateful nation, please accept this flag as a symbol of our appreciation for your loved one's honorable and faithful service."

Her reaction was immediate. "I was so shaken and appreciative. I didn't even turn around to the sound of 'Taps'. I honestly wasn't expecting anything at all, so I was totally surprised when David was there. I know my husband had to be beaming down and so proud, as we all are for his service to his country."

Sharon wrote a note to David, "I cannot thank you enough, David. It meant so much to our family. I had told them it wasn't able to be done, so it was a heart-warming surprise and honor when I saw you. My eighty-three-year-old brother-in-law was so happy as he is sure he won't be able to drive back up for the Arlington ceremony. It touched everyone there, and, yes, the Hiltons—Woody, Lisa, and Stephanie—were so wonderful as well in all aspects of the planned service."

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### July 13

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### Planning Commission

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

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**Fridays on the Commons: Wine Down in the Park**

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### Frank Jamison, Jr. Pulls Two Victims from Burning Wreck after Plane Crash

the pond behind the eighth green.' The plane overshot the pond and hit the eighth fairway, landed right on its nose, and did—not quite—a 360 before it burst into flames."

Jamison was just feet away and was first on the scene. He quickly attempted to get the two victims, a husband and wife from Berlin, out of the plane with it still engulfed in flames.

"I ran over, and the pilot was visibly injured and was kind of leaning forward with his head over the controls," he said. "The female passenger looked like she was in a daze but was conscious. There was a grounds crew member nearby, and he was calling 911. I tried to communicate with them, and they were both conscious, but the woman was a little frantic. The groundskeeper asked if I could get them out, and I told him, 'I'm sure as heck going to try.'"

Jamison said he was able to get the two victims out of the burning plane, but it wasn't easy.

"The woman couldn't get out at first, and I told her to just crawl out, and I helped her get away from the plane," he said. "The man was kind of hung up in there, but I was able to pull him out and get him away."

By that time, others on the golf course had arrived with fire extinguishers and were able to briefly quell the flames, but the fire continued to flare up.

"Each time it looked like the fire was out, the flames started flaring up again,"

Jamison added. "The woman kept saying, 'The plane is full of fuel, the plane is full of fuel.'"

Minutes later, help arrived in the form of a massive response from allied emergency services and law enforcement agencies.

"The cavalry showed up pretty quickly," he said. "There was the fire department, police, EMTs, I think even the park service was out there. They did a great job, but the ambulances were getting stuck because they had been watering the course all morning. It was a little chaotic."

According to Maryland State Police Communications, the occupants of the aircraft have been identified as Guerrino Mascelli and Mary Mascelli, both 60, of Berlin. Guerrino Mascelli was flown to Peninsula Regional Medical Center via MSP Aviation, while Mary Mascelli was transported by ambulance to the same hospital for treatment of her injuries.

Once the fire was extinguished, Ocean City Fire Department crews turned the scene over to the Maryland State Police and the Worcester County Sheriff's Office. No one on the ground was injured as a result of the crash. The investigation is ongoing, and the cause of the crash remains under investigation. More details will be provided as they become available.

As for Jamison, his early morning round of golf was cut short with no regrets.

"I just wanted to help, and I was lucky to be there," he said. "I was one over par and was having a good round. After all that, I had to take a walk on the beach just to decompress a little. The golf course gave me a raincheck."

Jamison added to the Monocle, "In 2015, I had a hole-in-one, which was, up to then, my greatest golfing experience. This beats that by far."

## Garden

### Kew: A Garden Of Superlatives

By Maureen O'Connell

In April, I visited the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens in Boothbay, Maine. It was founded in 1991 and encompasses 270 acres. It is one of 1,775 botanic gardens in 148 countries around the world. They all vary in size and scope, but they all share the same definition: a garden dedicated to the collection, cultivation, and display of a wide range of plants labelled with their botanical names. In a world ranking, the number one spot goes to Kew Royal Botanic Gardens, located in southwest London. It has been several years since I was there, so I decided that June was a good time to revisit to see what is new and yet still old.

Kew houses the "largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections in the world." It is London's largest UNESCO World Heritage site. There have been royal gardens at Kew since 1759, and the current botanic gardens were founded in 1840 by Princess Augusta, Princess of Wales and mother of King George III. Set in 326 acres of exceptional landscapes, it is home to the largest and most diverse

collection of living plants anywhere in the world. 'Superlatives' describe the more than one hundred world-class attractions to enjoy on a visit to Kew, from iconic buildings and glasshouses to inspirational art collections.

You could spend days at Kew and not fully see its many unique plant collections, exhibits, art collections, and research centers. Let me tell you about some of my favorite attractions at Kew.

The Herbarium is one of the largest in the world. Many plants were discovered and described for the first time by British botanists, and many of these specimens found their way to Kew. It is more than a collection of plants; it is a scientific storage house of knowledge. With over seven million preserved vascular plant specimens, it contains a wealth of information about plants that have been collected around the world over the past 170 years. These living specimens of species that are critically endangered or extinct are kept alive and flourishing; Kew can be seen as a true "Ark of Noah."

The Hive, originally created for the UK Pavilion at the 2015 Milan Expo, is a unique, multi-purpose sensory experience created to highlight the extraordinary life of bees, one of the world's most important pollinators. It is a feat of British engineering, standing seventeen meters tall and set in a wildflower meadow. This was not there the last



*The Temperate House.*

time I visited Kew. The Hive is an immersive sound and visual experience that exists nowhere else. The sounds that you hear and the lights that you see are triggered by bee activity in a huge beehive. The activity within the hive changes constantly, just as in a real beehive. The idea for the Hive was inspired by scientific research into the health of these extremely important pollinators. It is an unbelievable experience not to be missed.

The minute you enter the steamy interior of the Palm House, you know you have left the climate of London outside. In this iconic Victorian glasshouse, a rainforest climate has been created to support a unique collection of tropical plants from some of the most threatened environments on Earth, all under one roof. In this multi-layered habitat, which is built with no internal structure, you find canopy palms and other trees, climbers and epiphytes down to the shorter understory plants and dwarf palms. Many of these plants are endangered in the wild, some even extinct. Kew scientists focus their research on the cultivation,

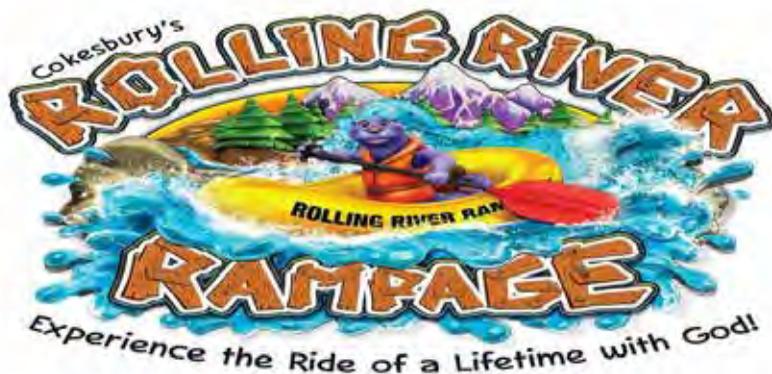
preservation, and their importance in the world of medicine.

Superlatives are everywhere in The Arboretum. It covers the majority of the Gardens and is a living library of trees with more than fourteen thousand botanical and ornamental collections. It includes around two thousand of the finest specimens native to the British Isles, as well as a large number of unusual species from across the world. Two of Kew's oldest trees are a locust tree or false acacia and a maidenhair or ginkgo, both planted in 1762 in the first botanic garden initiated at Kew by Princess Augusta.

When I was at Kew in the middle of June, it was a glorious time to visit the Great Broad Walk Borders. Stretching for 320 meters, the Borders are believed to be the longest double herbaceous borders in the world (another superlative). They were filled with summer flowers: allium, salvias, geraniums, *Agapanthus*, *Alstroemerias*, tulips, lavender, roses, *Pentstemons*, asters, and many, many more. I delighted to see flowers that I have growing in my

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## Youth Sports

### From Poole, England to Poolesville, Maryland: Noah Lucas Plays Rugby

By Jeff Stuart

When Noah Lucas moved to Poolesville at age fourteen from his native England, he had no idea if he would be able to play his sport of choice, rugby. Little did he know that Montgomery County is a hotbed of high school and youth rugby in the United States.

Noah started playing at the age of five for High Wycombe Rugby Union Football Club in England in 2006. His favorite moment was winning an away tournament in Poole, England (from which John Poole emigrated to establish Poolesville) just before moving to the U.S. in 2014. High Wycombe played the other finalist twice (once in the bracket stage and then in the final). Noah was the only player to score against them in either match.

Today, Noah Lucas is a rising senior at Poolesville High School who is competing for a position on the U.S. High School All-American Team. In the years between, he has competed for the Maryland Exiles, one of the top high school club teams in the mid-Atlantic region, as well as several select teams. Most recently, the six-foot, 175-lb center was selected as a junior to the Maryland All-State Team.



*Poolesville's Noah Lucas on the right with teammate Joseph Zarrelli who attends Sherwood.*

"He has outstanding offensive skills and is dangerous running in the open field," said Maryland Exiles Coach Dan Soso. "Noah is very elusive and physical with the ball in his hands. I am looking forward to seeing him play this summer to see what new wrinkles he can add to his game. He has been inspired by many players: James Haskell, Manu Tuilagi, Jonny May (all England) and Israel Folau (Australia). All have a combination of strength, agility, and speed.

"He's hoping to gain a sports scholarship to college where he wants to study sports science and psychology, and is working (and working out) at the local gym this summer to prepare."

The Maryland Exiles Youth Rugby are based in Rockville. "There are no other Poolesville kids participating in the program," said Soso; however, the program would be thrilled to have more kids from Poolesville come out to play given the toughness seen from Noah.

Though there is summer activity, the rugby season is basically in the spring. The Exiles play their home games at the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy (site of the old Peary HS) at 13300 Arctic Avenue in Rockville.

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## In Your Own Backyard

### The Mystery of the 'Haile Chisholm, Poolesville, MD' Milk Can

By Jon Wolz

My grandfather, Herbert Milstead, worked at Chestnut Farms Dairy from 1930 to 1955. This dairy, located at 26th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C., processed and bottled milk received from farms primarily in nearby Maryland counties. I have a photo of my grandfather from the 1930s bottling milk.

A few years ago, after I retired from NASA, I began collecting milk bottles from the Chestnut Farms Dairy as well as milk cans, milk crates, and porch boxes from that dairy. To find items to add to my collection, I attend auctions, and a few people I have met at auctions keep their eyes peeled on my behalf and contact me when they think they have come across something that may interest me for my collection. A contact of mine, Stuart Harrison, asked me if I would be interested in a milk can he obtained at a yard sale; the milk can was embellished with a brass plate on the lid, reading, "Haile Chisholm, Poolesville, MD." I bought the can from him and brought it home.



*Mystery of the milk can solved.*

One day, I visited the King Barn Dairy MOOseum in Boyds to see if I could learn something about the can. The MOOseum is a dairy heritage museum dedicated to interpreting the history of the dairy farms, families, and related entities of Montgomery County. At the MOOseum, I was greeted by board member, Bill Duvall. I told him about my grandfather and my collection as well as the Poolesville milk can. He showed me a large display featuring a map of Montgomery County that inventoried the Montgomery County dairy farms. We looked for the Haile Chisholm farm, but could not find it in the inventory. At one time, 410 dairy farms dotted the county; however, to my surprise, I learned there are now only four active farms including the Arti Jay Farm and the Savage Farm, both in Dickerson; the other two farms are in Damascus. The map showed that many of the other dairy farms had been replaced by housing developments. Previously, Poolesville had been home to about twenty-five dairy farms. I supposed Poolesville had once been a "cow town." There were once numerous dairy farms surrounding Poolesville in Dickerson, Beallsville, Barnesville, and Boyds. Owners of the farms included the last names of Smith, Fisher, Matthews, Upstead, Gray, Dorsett, Bliss, Perry, Carfratz, Griffith, Spates, Cregar, and Weitzer.

Following my visit, Bill Duvall and another volunteer, Richard Rowe, began to investigate to see what they could find out about Haile Chisholm. Bill and Richard researched old land records and old newspaper articles. They interviewed Dee Willard who answered questions about the Chisholm farm. Richard was able to confirm that this indeed had been a dairy farm. The Haile and Eleanor Chisholm (fifty percent owner) and W. Scott MacGill, III (fifty percent owner) dairy farm was located at 21820 Club Hollow Road and consisted of 535 acres. The Chisholms and Mr. MacGill bought the farm on June 26, 1942 from Laura White, Mary Lankford, and W. Fleming Lankford. The farm was sold December 15, 1978 to Margaret Beverly. The property is currently for sale. The dairy barn is still standing on the property; however, the property is no longer a dairy farm.

Since my initial visit to the MOOseum, I have learned a lot about dairy farms. I now notice dairy barns as I drive in Poolesville and in our county, their unique structures catch my eye. I have also become an auxiliary board member and volunteer at the MOOseum. The MOOseum has an informative website at [mooseum.org](http://mooseum.org) that includes upcoming events, farm history, and the MOOmap.



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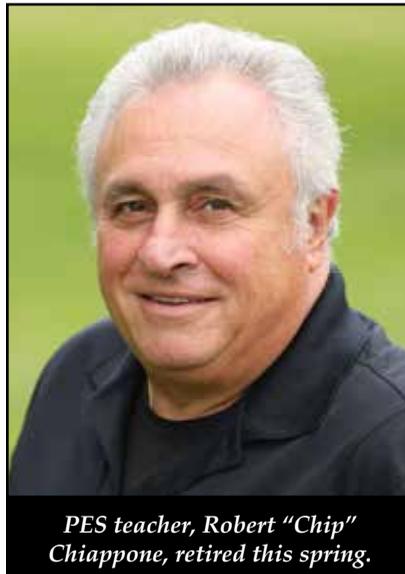
## School News

### PES's Chiappone Retires

By Kerri Cook

Fourth grade teacher, Robert ("Chip") Chiappone, was born in Brooklyn, raised in Queens, attended St. John's University, lived on Long Island, and moved to the Washington, D.C. area for a job in the telecom industry. He never imagined he would one day be retiring from the teaching profession—which is what he does this month. He has now been teaching for fourteen years—the last ten at Poolesville Elementary. He also never had his own children, but when he became disillusioned with his chosen career, friends would often say to him, "You love kids. Why don't you try teaching?" That is what he did.

He did not, however, take the traditional route of becoming a teacher. Chiappone first started as a substitute teacher, working in special education and for a Head Start program. He began as an instructional assistant and enrolled in Creative Initiatives in Teacher Education (CITE), a partnership between MCPS



*PES teacher, Robert "Chip" Chiappone, retired this spring.*

and the University of Maryland, where he received his master's degree.

He specifically took to the fourth grade year as he saw it as an age of independence and a time during which children had a great thirst for learning. "You can have some really intelligent discussions with fourth graders. You can also joke with them. One of my favorite jokes over the years is this math one: What did the acorn say when he grew up? Gee, I'm a tree." Chiappone, also a musician, plays guitar and sings

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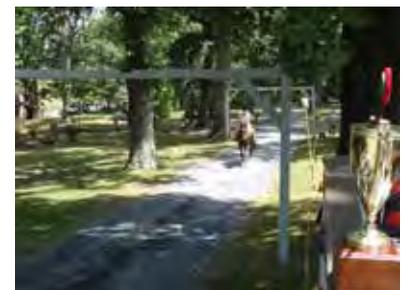
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## Remembrances

### Paul Joseph Bassett

Paul Joseph Bassett, 60, of Poolesville passed away suddenly on June 27, 2018.

He was born on April 3, 1958 to the late George Bassett and Erna Hofmann, and was raised in Aspen Hill. He was the loving husband of twenty-five years to Kathy Bassett.

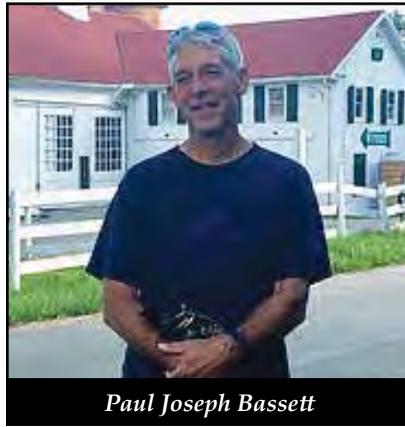
Along with his wife, he is survived by his two children, Melanie Sholes (Kenny) and Zane Bassett; two brothers, Richard Bassett and John Bassett; and two grandchildren, Sawyer and Maeve Sholes.

He was a man of unlimited talents and hobbies, some of which included: trains, antique cars, trucks and motors, economy engines, gardening, electrical work, carpentry, woodworking, welding, the Izaak Walton League of America, and the list could go on. Paul loved nothing more than the challenge of rebuilding or fixing something others would simply replace. He always said, "If man built it, man could take it apart."

Paul lived every day to its fullest and never wasted a minute. He adored his wife, Kathy, whom he still called his "sweetie," and they spent endless hours together improving their home and garden the way they always dreamed. He had an enormous amount of pride for his children, Zane and Melanie, and loved playing around like a kid with his grandchildren.

His perfect day would be a long day of yardwork with the neighbors, followed by sitting down at his pond, a cold drink in hand, chatting with his friends and family.

A Celebration of Life for Paul will be held on Friday, July 13, at 4:00 p.m., at the Izaak Walton League of America Conservation Farm, 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Paul Joseph Bassett

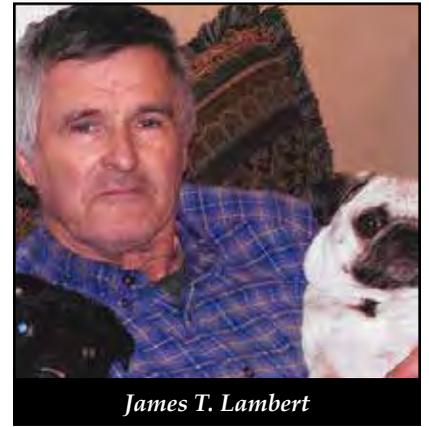
### James T. Lambert

James T. Lambert, 75, of Poolesville, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on June 21, 2018, after a courageous four-year battle with liver cancer. He was the husband of Mary Butler Lambert. Born on March 30, 1943, he was the son of the late James C. and Evelyn Cubitt Lambert.

He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970 and was a Purple Heart recipient. In his professional life, he was a carpenter and cherished the special bond he shared with his grandson, Austin, teaching him the tools of the trade. He found joy in working the land, always looking forward to the planting and harvesting seasons as part of the Oak Ridge Farm team. He found comfort in nature and solace in his garden swing. He was an outdoorsman who loved the mountains, cutting wood, and sharing backyard tales around a bonfire. His favorite pastime was long walks through town with his wife and faithful companions Olive, Virgil, and Stella, who are missing their Pug Papa.

In addition to his wife, he was adored and will be sadly missed by her children Cathy Bupp, Larry Neal, Jr., and Andrew Neal (Amy); and their grandchildren Lucas Stone (Natalie, and her daughter Genevieve), Austin Bupp, and Brenna Neal. He is also survived by four siblings, Rebecca (Beck) Patterson, Pat Zimmerman, Donald Lambert (Rhonda), and Darryl Lambert (Debbie); many beloved nieces and nephews; and ex-son-in-law Mike Bupp. He will also be fondly remembered by lifelong friend Mel Zimmerman and special friends Davey Scott and Dave Mowatt.

A Celebration of Life will be held on July 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Montgomery Hospice, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100 Rockville, MD 20850.



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**PES Chiappone Retires**

in an oldies rock band with his wife of forty-four years and a few other professionals in the area. "Teaching," he says, "is just another gig. You are part entertainer in the classroom."

The profession has challenged Chiappone, too. He recounts a story of showing slides about the original U.S. colonies in a social studies class, speaking about the father of the country, George Washington. A child in the back of the room raised his hand and asked, "If George Washington owned slaves, how can we call him the father of our country?" Chiappone names this as the moment he realized he wouldn't be able to answer all his students' questions.

He has also spent time attending rallies on school testing limits with the teachers' union. Says Chiappone,

"There is a lot of unnecessary work that goes into teaching with new curriculums all the time forcing you to create your own resources, and there is just too much emphasis on testing." He, like other teachers in his union, feel that this move towards more tests mirrors what is happening in the rest of the country today—namely less attention being given to the social and emotional aspect of our children.

"Teaching," he admits, "has been a real blessing for me. The worst day here at PES is better than the best day at a lot of other schools. That has to do with the caring community here. I will really miss my kids." Life after retirement for Chiappone will include exercising, playing with his band, traveling the country, getting more involved politically, and possibly subbing at the school he loves. "People have asked me, 'Do you have any kids?' I tell them, 'Yeah, I have ninety.'"

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## Remembrances

### Carmen Julia Jimenez

Carmen Julia Jimenez, 75, of Poolesville passed away on July 8, 2018.

She was born in Bogotá, Colombia on January 8, 1943 to Luis Alfonso Arambula Duran and Julia Maria Arambula Mendez. Carmen was the loving wife to Ernesto Jimenez.

Along with her husband, she is survived by their three daughters, Mimi Carin (Mike) of Damascus, Patty Jimenez of Poolesville, Sandra Cianci (Chris) of Germantown; and four grandchildren, John Jimenez, Anthony Cianci, Matthew Carin, and Dina Carin. She was preceded in death by one sister, Matilde Carrera.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 13 at Our Lady of the Presentation, 17220 Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville, 20837. Interment to follow at All Souls Cemetery, 11401 Brink Road, Germantown, 20876.



*Carmen Julia Jimenez*

### Karen Hoyt Willcox

Karen Hoyt Willcox, 57, of Frederick passed away on June 11, 2018.

She was born in Batavia, New York on June 8, 1961 to John A. Hoyt and Gertrude E. Mohnkern. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend.

Along with her husband Dana Willcox and mother Gertrude, she is survived by her two sons, John Austin Hoyt and Alanson David Hoyt Willcox; and three sisters, Peggy Hoyt, Anne Williams, Julie Hoyt Dorman.

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### Gijsberta "Bea" Johanna Koelewijn Strattner

Gijsberta "Bea" Johanna Koelewijn Strattner, of Barnesville, passed away suddenly on June 28. Bea was born on May 1, 1957 to Janse Johanna Jaarsma and Tijmen Koelewijn in Apeldoorn, Holland, and remained a proud daughter of the Netherlands all her life. She will be greatly missed by her son, Johannes; brother Tim; dogs Ruby and Max; and her many in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends, including her companion, John Shea. She was predeceased by her beloved husband, John J. Strattner.

Bea's life adventure took her to Morocco, Indonesia, and the United States. Her love of the cultures of other countries led her to work in fair-trade handicrafts import. She applied her training (BA, MA, Sociology, University of Maryland) and skills to a wide range of jobs spanning the chemistry profession, Early American genealogy, and literacy. Most recently, she combined employment with her love of gardening and puppies.

Bea was passionate about family, friends, and the world in which she lived. She educated herself continuously and argued her positions persuasively. She was active in her community; yoga classes in Barnesville are just one testament to her efforts. She created a home where family and friends enjoyed spending time. She loved the outdoors, from long walks with the dogs to hiking, ice skating, and kayaking. The sight of Bea walking the dogs rain or shine will be greatly missed in Barnesville.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, July 21 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, Upavim Community Development Foundation, or The Lieber Institute for Brain Development.



## Remembrances

### Dr. James C. Rhea

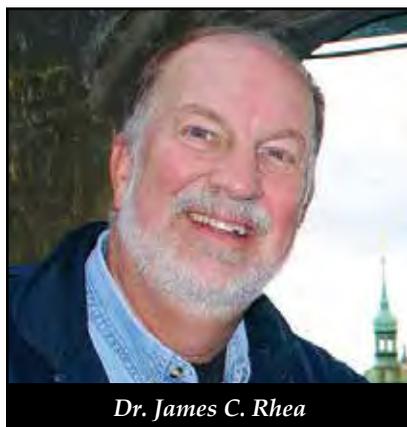
Dr. James C. Rhea, age 69, left this life to enter his eternal rest on June 23 surrounded by his family. He was the son of the late Harry Lee and Lillian Gaye Rhea.

Under his nom de plume, Dr. Carroll James, he was an author of the book series Tooth Is Stranger Than Fiction. He earned a BA in Biology from Gettysburg College and a Doctor of Medical Dentistry from Farleigh-Dickinson University.

During his forty-one years in private practice in Rockville and Boyds, he gave his time and talents around the globe, providing dental care for those less fortunate. He was the Assistant Scout Master for Troop 496 in Poolesville, training and leading boys to the Adirondacks, New York and Philmont, New Mexico. He was a deacon in his church, leading Men's Ministry, Couple's Ministry, and many Bible studies.

He is survived by his wife of thirty-seven years, Karen Rhea, and three children: Larisa (Alan) Gibbemyer of Westfield, New Jersey, James (Nicole) Rhea of Arlington, Virginia, and William (Maria) Rhea of San Antonio, Texas; as well as five grandchildren, Jakob, Erik, Kate, David, and Lily; and brother Thomas of Berkeley Springs, West Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network [www.pancan.org](http://www.pancan.org).



Dr. James C. Rhea

### Gail Mackey Miller

Gail Ellen (Mackey) Miller, aged 70, passed away on June 20 at Shady Grove Medical Center, surrounded by her husband and children. Gail was born in Philadelphia on March 31, 1948, the second child and only daughter of Walter and Hazel (Wilson) Mackey.

Gail developed treasured memories living overseas with her family as they served in the foreign service. She graduated from Northwood High School in Silver Spring, class of 1966.

Her educational path led her to Towson State College and a degree in psychology, class of 1970. During her first semester at Towson, Gail met Barry Miller, the man who would quickly become her closest companion and beloved husband. Her roommates became her dearest friends.

In 1977, Gail and Barry discovered the small-town charm of Poolesville, where they raised two children and actively participated in community life. Faithful to family legacy, Gail worked for the U.S. government for thirty years and built lifelong friendships along the way.

The Millers looked forward to the annual tradition of vacations to the Delmarva Coast with friends. Upon retirement, Gail and Barry made frequent visits to Ocean City where they enjoyed sharing OC amusements and treats with their children and grandchildren.

Gail is survived by her adoring husband and partner of fifty-two years, Barry; son Kevin (Amanda) and daughter Kristen Cumberledge (Chris); and the joys of her life, her grandchildren, Katie (13), Lauren (10), Megan (10), and Alyssa (8); as well as her nephews and cousins. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Walter Leo (Lee) Mackey.

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From Poole, England to Poolesville, Maryland: Noah Lucas Plays Rugby

"The summer is devoted to travel tournaments and all-star play," said Soso. "We are playing in a number of sevens tournaments, starting with the Cowpie Sevens Tournament in New Windsor on Saturday, June 30. Other tournaments are the Cheesesteak Sevens on July 7, the Splash Sevens on July 14, the Hurricane Sevens on July 21, and the Stud Cup Sevens on August 4." In the fall, players not involved in high school sports can play in a developmental set of travel tournaments.

### John Henry Repass, Sr.

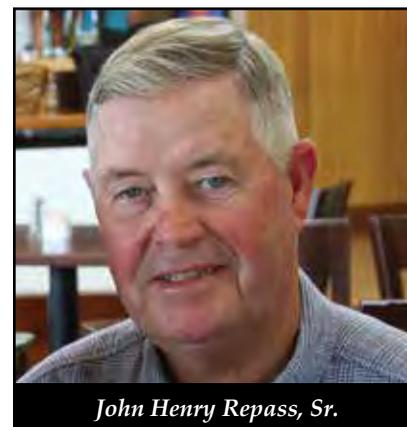
John Henry Repass, Sr. passed away July 9, surrounded by his family and his wife of sixty years, Carolyn Watts Repass.

Born July 19, 1937 in Burkes Garden, Virginia to John Robert Repass and Mary Virginia Atwell Repass, John was one of eleven children. The family moved to the Poolesville area in the early fifties where John met the love of his life, Carolyn, while attending Poolesville High School. John excelled as a student and athletically in track and field, baseball, and basketball. John continued his passion for sports as he continued playing baseball in the old Maryland State League then turning to softball, playing into his fifties for the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. John was a lifelong Redskins fan and attended their first Super Bowl victory in 1983 at the Rose Bowl. An avid sportsman, John loved hunting, fishing, and playing golf with his family. Golf became his favorite sport, and he still played regularly with his friends, the Walkers, at Holly Hills Country Club right up to age 79.

In a life dedicated to community service, John became a volunteer member of UMCVFD in 1959. In October 1966, John became the first career firefighter hired by the station, taking the rank of sergeant. Rising through the ranks over his twenty-nine-year career, John retired as Station Commander in June of 1994. John stayed on duty as a volunteer at UMCVFD on evenings and weekends throughout his career until rules prohibited "career personnel" from serving at the same station at which they had worked. Both John and Carolyn are Life Members of UMCVFD. Upon retirement from the fire service, John continued to serve his community through a variety of organizations. A member of the Monocacy Lions Club, John also served as a director of the Monocacy Cemetery and gave his time to WUMCO Help, Inc. and Hands of Love, always trying to help those less fortunate.

John is survived by his wife Carolyn; sons John H. Repass, Jr. (Matt) and wife Sharon of Berlin, Maryland and Ronald Shepherd Repass and wife Elizabeth of Poolesville, his daughter Tina Lynn Repass Barnsley and husband Tommy of Laytonsville; and his beloved grandchildren, Megan and Michele Repass, Zachary Petersen, and Madison Repass and Emily Sivert, Christine Scully, Laura Barnsley, and Victoria Barnsley; as well his great-grandchildren, Daniel, Mackenzie, and Sawyer Sivert. He is also survived by siblings, William R. Repass and wife Shirley, Joseph Edward Repass and wife Donna, Betty Repass Allnutt, Barbara Repass Manaia, Sylvia Repass Miller and husband George, and Gail Repass Pearson, along with numerous nieces and nephews. John was preceded in death by sisters, Frances Repass Hubble, Edith Repass Dove, Lettie Blanche Repass, and Virginia Irene Repass.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's memory to Rockville Nursing Home, 303 Adclare Rd, Rockville, MD 20850 or WUMCO Help, Inc., 21140 Beallsville Rd, Dickerson, MD 20842 or Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Dept., 19801 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD 20839.



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By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

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### Past Crime 1933

After a week-long investigation, Montgomery County Police and States Attorney Stedmon Prescott came to the conclusion that William Jett met his demise by passing out on the trolley tracks in Glen Echo and then was run over by a trolley car. Jett had been found with numerous injuries next to the tracks. It had been feared that he had been murdered by thugs who frequented that area; however, the investigation revealed that Jett had attended a party in a cottage near the trolley tracks and had become intoxicated. He was ordered to leave, and two women came forward to say that they had seen him stumbling up the incline that led to Stop 27.

Sergeant Earl Burdine was on duty at the desk of police headquarters when a man walked in and said that he needed to get something off of his chest. Mr. Fortenberry told Sergeant Burdine that he had stolen a quantity of hogs from a farm in Selby, North Carolina. He then stole a truck and drove the pigs to Danville, Virginia where he sold them. He lived the high life due to the proceeds of the hog sale until his money ran out in Rockville. Telegrams were exchanged between the chief at Selby and Burdine, and they decided to forgo the extradition process. Fortenberry agreed to turn himself in to the chief in Selby.

A delicatessen just over the D.C. line was robbed by three hold-up men. D.C. police placed a quick call to the Bethesda station, and Corporal Gaither and Officer Denell lay in wait on Connecticut Avenue in Maryland. Within minutes, they saw the getaway car, and the chase was on. The officers chased the car into Kensington where they were able to pull the car over after the officers fired shots at the wheels. Three out-of-town men with criminal records were arrested and later turned over to the D.C. police.

An interesting case filled the courtroom at Rockville. Three men had been charged with violating the Sunday Blue Laws, and several attorneys represented both sides of the case. The men had been hired by a Bethesda man to move some furniture from his office in D.C. to a house in Bethesda. A neighbor objected to the movement of furniture which was in violation of the Blue Laws (working on Sunday). In turn, the defendants' side pointed out that the warrants were served on a Sunday which was also against the law. It was announced that famous attorney Clarence Darrow was on the way to Rockville to help in representing the defendant.

Police, firemen, and private citizens were busy searching a large wooded area of Rockville for a seventeen-year-old Rockville boy who had disappeared from a farm where he was employed. Searchers had found no trace of the young man by nightfall on the second day. It was feared that suicide was a possibility due to the young man's illness.

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by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

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Poolesville mail carriers collected 1,447 pounds of food from residents for WUMCO Help on May 12 and delivered it all to the food pantry. Many thanks to all who donated food and to our mail carriers for their hard work!

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**On the Road to Gettysburg**

In late June of 1863, the Union Army was trying to find and fight Gen. Robert E. Lee's Confederate Army which was advancing into Pennsylvania. Unsure where Lee was, Union commander Gen. George Meade deployed his Army of the Potomac across northern Maryland to protect Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

Finally getting word of Lee's location near the approaches to Harrisburg, Meade sent his army north. The two armies collided on July 1 in Gettysburg, the center of an extensive network of roads, thus making it important militarily as a concentration point for both armies.

Fighting began with the initial advantage going to the Confederates. Meade called for all Union forces to converge on Gettysburg as quickly as possible; 6th Corps commander Gen. John Sedgwick was ordered to move his sixteen thousand soldiers to march immediately to Gettysburg. On the fifth day, the soldiers got an unscheduled but fortuitous break, being able to rest for nearly a whole day since Lee's location could not be determined. When word came of his location, the epic thirty-four-mile-long forced march (nonstop at rapid pace) was accomplished in just twenty-four hours and brought the 6th Corps to Gettysburg on the late afternoon of July 2. The 6th Corps arrived just in time; the Union Army was near its breaking point on the western slopes of Little Round Top.

By the second day of the battle, the Confederates had the Union Army on the ropes, already decimating the 3rd Corps, the 5th Corps, and a large chunk of the 2nd Corps, and victory seemed certain, when the 6th Corps, including the 15th New Jersey, arrived, startling the Confederates. Upon seeing the flags of the 6th Corps, the Confederates immediately realized fresh troops had arrived as re-enforcements, fully demoralizing soldiers of the South. Although the battle went on an additional day, ending with the famously-horrific Pickett's Charge, most historians note that the fate of the battle had already been decided on the second day with the timely arrival of the 6th Corps, including those of the 15th New Jersey.

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**Dirty Dinners: Much More Than a Down-on-the-Farm Experience**

relaxing venue of dining within Calleva's vegetable garden (which only became more beautiful as the sun set) along with the soft background music of acoustic guitar and singing by Izzie Markoff. We were the only guests from Poolesville at our table but getting to know the others, especially NBC Channel 4's Molly Millot and her brother (attending to check it out as a possible anniversary gift for their parents), was so much fun.



*Friends from St. Peter's and Poolesville shared a different kind of meal together.*

As noted, most of the guests attending come from outside of the Poolesville area which is exactly what the Markoffs hoped for as their goal is to showcase Calleva Farm and its local produce to help others link the Montgomery County Ag Reserve and nearby urban communities. It is by this experience of helping foodies connect with local growers and gain a better understanding about growing green that they expect to raise awareness of the value of the Upcounty and the importance of maintaining our natural environment.

Check out the full story on Calleva's website. While priced to be a once-per-summer experience, it was well worth the cost when everything is taken into consideration.

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**Kew: A Garden of Superlatives**

own Barnesville garden. Flowers are citizens of the world.

I have saved for last my favorite spot in Kew, the Temperate House, the largest Victorian glasshouse in the world. It is twice the size of the Palm House. The House was commissioned in 1859 by the director of Kew Gardens, Sir William Jackson Hooker (1785-1865). It was designed by the renowned architect, Decimus Burton

(1800-1881) and was opened to the public for the first time in 1863. It was an engineering marvel. It took a further thirty-six years to complete. The House is divided into seven regions from around the world. Within these sections, you will find over fifteen hundred plant species from four continents and sixteen islands. The temperate zones are where most of us live, build our cities, and grow our food. Our existence depends heavily upon what happens, or does not happen, in these

zones. As the world faces enormous global challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss, and food security, these important plant collections highlight Kew's role in safeguarding rare and threatened plants from extinction. Plants are not just beautiful; they help us and the world survive. This spring, Kew unveiled the stunning renovation (it took 1,731 days and 400 staff members and contractors to complete) of the Temperate House. With fifteen thousand new panes of glass and repair of its entire

framework, it is a newly resplendent home for some of the world's rarest plants.

Kew will continue pursuing its Scientific Vision. A simple but often overlooked truth is that all of our lives depend upon plants and fungi, and Kew passionately believes in its mission to document and understand global plant and fungal diversity and its uses, and to bring authoritative expertise to bear on the critical challenges facing humanity today.

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### Marijuana Intoxication in Dogs and Cats

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

Dogs and cats lounging on the sofa with goofy grins on their faces giggling at jokes that aren't funny—the idea of pets getting high on marijuana may seem comical, but it's no laughing matter, nor is it a new concept.

The traditional *Cannabis* plant has been around for centuries providing psychoactive resins that affect the brains of man and his four-footed companions. The term "marijuana" refers to the tobacco-like product made from dried *Cannabis* leaves. Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the most potent psychogenic portion.

Marijuana is not new, but it's still the most popular illicit drug in the United States. The legalization and decriminalization of the product, plus the availability of synthetic versions, has marijuana toxicity in pets on the rise.

#### How do pets become intoxicated?

Dogs and cats are poisoned by marijuana by inhaling second-hand smoke, eating marijuana-laced food, or scarfing down the stash directly. Most partaking pet owners protect their product, but curious pets may circumvent these precautions. When a pet finds a bag of marijuana on the coffee table or a batch of brownies on the kitchen counter, it's an investigation waiting to happen.

Accurately admitting when and how much marijuana was consumed or inhaled will help the veterinarian outline an effective treatment plan in a timely manner.

#### How does marijuana affect pets?

The drug enters the body via inhalation or ingestion and binds with specific neuroreceptors in the brain, altering normal neurotransmitter function. THC interacts with neurotransmitters such as norepinephrine, dopamine, serotonin, and acetylcholine. Both central nervous and peripheral nervous system effects are seen.

THC is very lipid-soluble which means that it is easily stored in the fatty tissue in the liver, brain, and kidneys before being eliminated from the body. The drug has to be metabolized and excreted for the effects to wear off.

#### How toxic is marijuana?

Luckily, marijuana intoxication is seldom fatal. The average marijuana cigarette contains about 150 mg of THC. The minimum lethal oral dose of THC for pets is fairly high; however, deaths have been noted after ingestion of foods containing highly-concentrated marijuana such as medical-grade THC. In fact, fatalities were very rare until the development of medical-grade products.

#### What are the signs of marijuana intoxication?

Pets become wobbly and uncoordinated. They may be hyperactive, disoriented, and very vocal. Their pupils dilate giving them a wild-eyed appearance, and they may drool excessively. In severe cases, tremors, seizures, and coma can result.

Physical signs include low or elevated heart rate and blood pressure. Lethargy, drop in body temperature, and respiratory depression occur. Fortunately, these side effects are usually short-lived, but they can still be dangerous and make the pet quite miserable.

#### How is intoxication diagnosed?

Usually, an accurate history and physical exam point to the diagnosis. There are tests to determine the level of THC in the urine, but the results take time, making them impractical. It is imperative that responsible pet owners provide accurate information regarding the pet's exposure.

#### How is intoxication treated?

Your veterinarian may induce vomiting to prevent further absorption of the toxin. Unfortunately, marijuana has an anti-vomiting effect which inhibits vomiting and reduces the ability to purge the body of the toxin. In life-threatening cases, the stomach may be pumped (gastric lavage). Activated charcoal may be administered every 6-8 hours to neutralize the toxin. Enemas are also used to reduce toxin absorption from the GI tract.

Providing supportive care in severe cases until the effects of the drug wear off is sometimes needed. Medications to regulate the pet's heart rate and respiration are used if needed. Since the pet may be lethargic with no desire to eat or drink, IV fluids can prevent dehydration and maintain organ function. Anti-anxiety medications can minimize agitation. To prevent self-trauma while the pet is disoriented and uncoordinated, he is confined to a safe, comfortable space. Noise is kept to a minimum to decrease sensory stimulation.

#### The Bottom Line

Keep your stash secure and don't include your pets in your recreational or medical use



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