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Monocacy Lions Pete Gallo and Gary Burdette prepared Christmas packages to deliver to those in need. Pictures of other events are in the Family Album on page 2.



Another invasive species you didn't know about? A Monocle scoop? Not quite. See the Garden on page 15.



These mentors to PHS students are probably smiling on the inside, for good reason, which you can read about it in School News on page 12.



Read about a tribute to people from our area who have served in the military, in Tidbits on page 8.

Town Solar Power Array Completed

By Rande Davis

The long-sought solar array for Poolesville is built and should be on line by the end of January. On December 30, just one day before government tax incentives were to expire, the power switch was turned on and the 1.1 megawatt station began soaking up energy from the sun and lowering the Town of Poolesville's electrical bill.

The energy supply from the array, located on 6.6 acres of land in front the town Wastewater Treatment Plant, will cover the electricity costs for Town Hall, the water treatment plant, and five pump stations. Information on the operation will ultimately be entered to a website, and the information and the site will become an educational



This partial view of the new solar panels in Poolesville is the front section of an array consisting of 3,762 panels located on two sections of property totaling 6.6 acres.

tool for students in the PHS Global Ecology Program.

The saga of the solar array began in February 2012 and went through many twists and turns, including having one intended partner in the project back out only to have UGI, a Pennsylvania energy firm, take its place along with Standard Solar, the company that actually built the conglomeration of energy panels.

Tony Clifford, the CEO of Standard Solar, commented, "This

solar installation is a major turning-point in the Town of Poolesville's energy history, and Standard Solar is thrilled to be a part of it. This system will produce over 1500 megawatt hours of clean, reliable energy annually—which has the same greenhouse gas emissions impact as taking over 230 passenger vehicles off the road. The residents of Poolesville can enjoy knowing that they have taken a major step in reducing the

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PHS Girls' Basketball Team On Path to Success

By Jeff Stuart

Persistent and patient on offense, the Falcon girls' basketball team, led by senior forward Rosie Barry and senior guard Whitney Carmack, ended the 2013 portion of their season with a perfect, 8-0, record. A momentary stumble resulting in a loss to Damascus 56-34 barely slowed them as they came back with a phenomenal win against Northwood, 70-16, on January 6.

At point guard, Carmack has forced the ball up court and has

been very methodical at breaking down opponents' defenses. In their home opener against B-CC, Poolesville broke out to an early lead. They led by only three at the half but exploded for twenty-five in the third quarter and won going away, 68-45. Whitney leads the team with an 18.9-points-a-game average, nineteen three-pointers, and thirty-six free throws made. She is a point guard this year after being a shooting guard last season. "It's definitely different," said Carmack. "Kelsey Carnahan ran the point last year, so I didn't have to do that anymore. Big change—I knew that I would have to be really focused." She had been a point guard her first two years. "I'd say Gaithersburg was our best game,"



PHS varsity basketball hoopsters Whitney Carmack and Rosie Barry.

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Family Album



The board of the Gathering Place Senior Center meets at the Poolesville Town Hall to plan programs.



The Comus Collar clan at the St. Peter's Community Dinner: David, Kevin, Robert, and Andrew.



Chili and soup night at St. Peter's Community Dinner. The next dinner will be at Memorial United Methodist on February 5.



Images Hair Salon closed December 14, and staff held a farewell event at the studio: Kim Hawkins, Haley Worthington, Renee Morningstar, and Amy Devine. Renee and Amy have moved to Profiles Hair Studio in Kentlands.

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Local History

Letters from Poolesville

By Jack Toomey

During the Civil War, tens of thousands of Union soldiers were stationed in and around Poolesville. They encamped here because of the proximity to the Potomac River which President Lincoln insisted on having guarded because of his fear of invasion by the Confederate Army. Because little fighting was done during the winter months, more soldiers tended to be here during the winter. It was a time for rest, resupply, and training. Most of the larger units camped just outside of town and established large camps between Poolesville and the Potomac River. Soldiers would come into town occasionally for a hot bath, a meal, and civilian companionship.

The most difficult thing a soldier had to face was homesickness. Mail delivery was surprisingly

dependable, so young men could stay connected with their families at home. Many letters that were mailed home were saved and have become part of museum collections.

From time to time, the *Monocle* will reproduce some of these letters written here in Poolesville and sent to loved ones back at home. Misspellings will be left intact, but punctuation has been inserted to facilitate reading.

Letter from Morris Harrington, of Olcott, New York, to his brother dated November 30, 1861.

Harrington enlisted in the army in August 1861, and a week later joined the New York 3rd Cavalry Regiment.

*Camp near Poolesville, MD.
Nov 30 1861*

Dear Brother,

I received your letter this morning. it found me well and I hope these few lines will find you all the same. I received a letter from George and Homer also a paper but I have received only one paper from

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Commentary

Setting the Tone

By John Clayton

Reading about the recent political kerfuffle in New Jersey over lane closures, I noticed that those who want to throw bricks at Gov. Chris Christie, in the absence of any hard data tying him directly to the debacle, have offered that the issue is one of culture. In short, if subordinates feel comfortable pursuing a certain line of behavior or action, one has to ask what sort of tone—moral, ethical, or operational—is being set by the leadership. This is a fair point, and it is all around us. Whether it is a fair point with regard to Governor Christie is not my concern, at least for this column. I admire and have high hopes for the man, believing him to be a fair and tough-minded conservative, willing to work with the other side.

In spite of that, I am compelled to say I would be amazed beyond belief if Christie was involved in something like this because it was so insanely stupid. If he would even ethically consider such an act, the risk-reward calculation is so far out of whack that it boggles the mind to think that he allowed it.

The idea of how leadership sets a tone that can affect behavior has some merit, at least some of the time. I used to work for a person who was deadly on this very point. One example was on employee benefits. We were a smallish company with a history of providing a good medical and retirement benefits package, and it was not easy to select the plan each year, let alone make everyone happy. Those of us in senior management were encouraged to educate our employees on their benefits. Then the boss would run an all-employee meeting which might involve 150 to 200 employees. All of us department heads silently hoped that the inevitable question the boss didn't like came from someone else's area, so as to avoid the post-meeting question, "Why would someone ask a question like that if you were doing your job educating your employees?" (Gosh, I don't

know. Maybe they wanted to hear it from you.) In any case, whenever some employee screwed up or verbalized a thoughtcrime on any topic, the boss came down on one of us with "What kind of operation are you running where someone would even think something like that was acceptable?" There is some merit to this, but I remain scarred by excessive exposure.

An editorial in the *Wall Street Journal* contrasted Christie's statements condemning the actions with Obama's response to the IRS scandal, which the *Journal* has found wanting, to put it mildly. Whether one buys that or not, I thought all along that if IRS lower-level employees thought a little politically-motivated attention to right-wing tea party-related groups was warranted, it probably reflected, if not direct orders, an atmosphere that might tolerate or even welcome such actions. I don't know how high up the command chain that might have gone, but tea party groups have been demonized at some pretty high levels. The military is wrestling quite publicly and controversially with sexual harassment and rape issues, and the issue of how the military culture contributes to the problem has been discussed openly and convincingly. Leadership tone and example matter—all the way to the top. People can rationalize all sorts of behavior with very little encouragement. On a lesser scale, if I'm in a store or a restaurant and get bad service or an attitude from an employee, it occurs to me that this might have a lot to do with how this person is managed, and how his or her supervisor is managed—all the way to the top. The standards the leaders set make a difference—ask any Washington Redskins fan.

As for Christie, I think he's getting a chance to do something early that most political leaders have to do sooner or later as they move up into the big leagues. The loyal, hardworking people that have stuck with you through thick and thin might not have the chops to play at the next level, and as painful as it may be, they have to be replaced. It may be fortunate for Christie, and possibly for all of us someday, that he suffers this lesson early.

Rande(m) Thoughts

Poolesville In 2019

By Rande Davis

The start of a new year is the time when things like predictions and diets come to mind. The need to lose about fifty pounds weighs heavily on my mind, but I will not be making any predictions on that topic; however, I have been thinking about the future lately and thought, Why limit myself to just one year? In fact, the real questions are: What will Poolesville look like not just next year but in, say, five years? How will it be different?

The commissioners have set a lot of goals and even hired a marketing company, Van Eperan and Company, to help reach those goals. The marketing company is in the process of developing a marketing slogan for the mission, so watch for a fun contest coming soon that will ask for your suggestions.

For regular readers of our town government report and the news in general, much of the

possibilities for the changes have come out in dribs and drabs. Not that I really know what a drib is except that it is thought to be smaller than dribble. As for the drab part, well I guess when news comes out bit-by-bit without fanfare, it comes across as rather drab.

Anyway, the pieces to our town's jigsaw puzzle of the future are all in place and, as with any puzzle, the whole picture won't emerge until all the pieces are put together. Listing the key words in the news are clues to our future. Some of them are: solar array, rezoning, streetscape, food hub, recreational facilities, grocery store, economic development consultant, marketing consultant, surveys, new parks, dog parks, repair high school, build new school, senior living, senior group, daytrip historical magnet, festivals, seminars, and more.

So what will our completed puzzle look like? I put on my rose-colored glasses and looked into the future. Here is an imaginary article filed by a reporter exploring Poolesville for the first time

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January 25: Come out to watch us brew beer as part of a national contest and enjoy some drink specials. We are one of only five bars in the county to be chosen to compete in a statewide home brewing competition sponsored by Widmer Brothers Brewing. National finals will be held in March.

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Letter to the Editor

**Making Sense of
"In Defense of Common Sense"**

By Kelly Burke, Poolesville Resident

Common Sense is in the eye of the beholder. In her commentary, "In Defense of Common Sense," Pamela Boe presumes to be the only beholder of that attribute when she suggests that the policy of swiping an ID to gain access to a school is excessive, unwarranted, and pointless.

There are plenty of parents, school employees, and security experts who believe making sure you know who is visiting the school—a facility where our children spend much of their day under the supervision of others—is quite sensible, especially in this era of greater risk.

Ms. Boe speaks of the hazards of a loss of freedom when it seems to me she is more miffed at being inconvenienced. What a burden to stand in line for a few minutes to register your ID in a school and cooperate.

School officials cannot know the intent of people who visit the school on a given day. While signing in would not appear on the surface to be much of a deterrent, in combination with other measures, it may be of value and certainly could help in directing an investigation should a warning, alert, or incident arise.

Children are not witnessing the implementation of some of these security measures in a vacuum. Hopefully, their parents and teachers are providing context about the balance required to exercise freedom but also to protect people from the real risks that confront us every day.

While a person with evil intent can subvert security systems, it is the schools' responsibility to do what it can to make it harder for criminals and to reduce risk. In this venomous time, they are the first to be criticized when incidents happen for not having appropriate measures, commonly recommended by security experts, in place.

What is most bothersome about Ms. Boe's commentary, however, is her demonizing school officials, suggesting that they somehow lack courage or strength of character in not changing such an onerous policy. That's just mean-spirited. I suggest that it's not only possible but probable that school officials genuinely care about our kids and consider the ID check, in combination with other measures, to be an appropriate precaution.

I don't presume to know what all readers think about this, but if something happened to a loved one of mine, who became a victim of a violent school incident, I would not be able to dismiss it or minimize it by saying, "Freedom comes with inherent risk. I guess this is just the price we have to pay."

There is a lot of fertile ground if you want to fight for freedom, but this one defies common sense.

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Things To Do

January 17

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Boys' basketball versus Quince Orchard. 7:00 p.m.

Special Open House at Hope Garden Ballet Studios

Join your friends and neighbors at a free event to watch the girls present some great ballet classic demonstrations. Partake of wine, cheese, and refreshments. 19710 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

January 18

AHOP Entertainment Night

DJ. 8:30 p.m.

January 21

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Boys' basketball versus Wheaton. 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Pour House Trivia Night, a family-friendly event for all ages. Sign up: 6:30 p.m., games start: 7:00 p.m.

January 22

The Gathering Place Organization is hosting a free seminar by local attorney Karen Alegi on end-of-life concerns such as wills, trusts, appointment of executor, probate, etc.

Poolesville Town Hall. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

AHOP Entertainment Night

Trivia Game Night. 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

January 23

Masterpieces & Vino Workshop

The Blue Hearth will once again be offering this very popular fun-shop special event. Join with others for an evening of painting your own masterpiece, wine, cheese, snacks, and joyous conversation. Located at 9964 Fisher Avenue. Cost: \$30.00 (includes all materials needed, wine, cheese, and snacks). Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Fun-shop: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Space limited to 20 guests, first come, first serve. Register at bluehearth.com/facebook or call Karen Wilson at 240-393-2499.

January 24

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Girls' basketball versus Blair. 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Open Mic Night Playoffs—DJ Valaree Dickerson will be hosting a battle of the open mic night bands. Each open mic night act from the last several weeks will return to the stage for one final performance. The crowd will vote on their favorite act. A cash prize and gift card will be awarded to the winner. 8:30 p.m.

January 25

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Wrestling versus Damascus and Rockville. 2:30 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Cugini's is one of only five bars in the county to be chosen to compete in a statewide home brewing competition sponsored by Widmer Brothers Brewing. Come out to watch them brew beer onsite and enjoy some drink specials. A final judging for the state will take place in March with the winner being flown to Oregon for the national competition. 8:30 p.m.

January 28

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Girls' basketball versus Whitman. 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Pour House Trivia Night, a family-friendly event for all ages. Sign up: 6:30 p.m., games start: 7:00 p.m.

January 29

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Wrestling versus Sherwood. 6:00 p.m.

AHOP Entertainment Night

Trivia Game Night. 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

January 31

PHS Home Varsity Sports

Boys' basketball versus Churchill. 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Come out and partake in some of the finest craft beer out there. Cugini's will feature St. Louis's Boulevard Brewing Company. Boulevard Brews will be heavily discounted all evening, plus customers will be getting a nice little gift. 8:30 p.m.

AHOP Entertainment Night

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Town Solar Power Array Completed

town's energy footprint and in helping to sustain Poolesville's environment for years to come."

Joyce Breiner, executive director of Poolesville Green, a local group advocating environmental issues, wants to congratulate the Town of Poolesville on the completion of the solar array. "This achievement places Poolesville as a true action leader within the county and state, and sets an example for others to follow. As a step in the right direction on many fronts, this array is part of the work needed toward assuring a better world for our children and our children's children. Bravo, Poolesville. You'll love watching the meter spin backwards."

An official grand opening will take place later this year once final adjustments on the panels have been made, the fencing of the property is complete, and reforestation to obscure the line of sight for the two homeowners most impacted by the operation has been finished.

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Town of Poolesville Town Government Report

By Rande Davis

Budding New Park in Poolesville

The Poolesville town property on Budd Road adjacent to the water pump station that was returned to the town following a lawsuit settlement last year will be come a multi-use sports practice field. While the commissioners came to a verbal consensus at the January 6 town meeting, a formal decision will be made later during the budgeting confirmation process. Town Manager Wade Yost reported that the field, which has some excessive water issues at one end of the property, is too small for a full soccer field. The new practice field, which will be designed to meet eighty-yard by fifty-yard dimensions and fenced in for safety reasons, will be used primarily by soccer teams of younger children and will not be designated for high-school-age use.

Can You Describe Poolesville in Three Words or Less?

If you can, Steve Simon, Vice President of Van Eperan and Company, wants to know. Mr. Simon presented a draft of his marketing firm's strategy to expand the profile of the town to residents in surrounding counties to showcase the community and its events so as to boost patronage of businesses in town and to expand economic development. One goal of their marketing strategy is to rebrand Poolesville as an exceptional town to live offering a unique quality of life option for small businesses (non-retail) to relocate to, and a convenient venue for a wide variety of entertaining and educational special events throughout the year. The process of branding often uses a slogan to get the key message to be made out in a simple and catchy way. A final decision on the slogan will be made through a community vote and/or contest.

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A MONOCACY MOMENT Lost in Time

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Tidbits

Poolesville Holiday Decoration Winners

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Townhouses	Barb Faith, 17425 Anita Court Courtney Chinn, 17599 Kohlhoss Road
Traditional	Doug and Christine Baker, 19717 Beall Street Richard and Lori Weyraugh, 17819 Cobb Street
Contemporary	Steve and Tammy Lightcap, 16938 Hillard Street Tim and Margaret Pike, 18200 McKernon Way
Business	Hearthside Garden and Antiques



The Town of Poolesville awarded its 2013 Holiday Lighting Contest winners at the December 6 town meeting. Pictured are Cathy Beliveau, Doug and Christine Baker, Steve Lightcap and his son, and George Virkus.

Looking for a Few Good People

Poolesville's Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 of the American Legion sponsors a wonderful tribute to those who have served our nation since September 11, 2001. The town graciously prints the tribute which is displayed in the vestibule of the town hall. The Daniel-Jeffers Post is certain that they are missing many names of people who have served since then and would greatly appreciate being provided their names and branch of service. If you know of anyone, email the information to rdavis@monocacymonocle.com.

Brendan McFall Honored

Senior captain Brendan McFall of St. Mary's College of Maryland, a former Poolesville High School two-time All-County honoree, became the first Seahawk men's basketball player to be honored by the Capital Athletic Conference this season with a CAC Player of the Week award.

The six-foot-five-inch forward earned his first career weekly award for the week ending January 12 after averaging 16 points, 5.5 rebounds, 3.5 assists, and 2.0 steals and shooting 57.1 percent from the floor and 53.3 percent from beyond the three-point arc. In a 97-54 league win over Frostburg State University, McFall tallied a game-best twenty-two points and matched his career-high of six three-pointers while also contributing four rebounds, three assists, and two steals.

McFall a 2010 graduate of PHS, currently ranks seventh in the CAC in three-point field goal percentage with .414 (29 of 70).



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Of course, Van Eperan's multi-faceted mission is much more than sloganeering and will be evaluated as successful when more nonresidents come to Poolesville for the weekend events, the desired message of life in Poolesville is well-established region-wide, and empty space and store fronts are filled with new businesses.

While Van Eperan's presentation was accepted in a positive way, Commissioner Brice Halbrook responded that the plan should develop more marketing tools to attract job-producing businesses to fill empty spaces in town. Halbrook emphasized that the targeted new businesses should not be limited to retailers but broader in scope and small firms whose primary benefit is to fill space and provide more jobs to Poolesville.

State of the Town a Goner?

Relax; it's not as bad as you may think. The town is fine but the format of the annual State of the Town report by town department directors and supervisors as well as committee chairs will be changed. As originally conceived, the State of the Town report was designed to provide the public an opportunity to hearing directly from those whose are responsible for town services and programs. It also gave those individuals a chance to express their needs for the subsequent year to all the commissioners together, at one time.

Since public attendance at the State of the Town meetings has been dismal and much of what the presenters did was redundant to their contributions during the budget process anyway, it was decided that the time spent for the formal meetings would be better used elsewhere.

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Poolesville In 2019

(hopefully in print [in the Monocle, of course] and not just online):

January 17, 2019

Does Small-Town America Have a Future?

You bet it does, if towns and villages across America learn from a little hamlet in Maryland. The story of Poolesville is the story of a town that faced a dwindling economic future with the loss of its supermarket, excessive open retail spaces, closing of additional businesses, and serious uncertainty about the future of its high school.

Yet, through a coordinated effort combining both public and private resources, today, the town has come through the days of concern to its new vibrant future. The most dramatic change is that the town grew from about 1700 homes to 2100, increasing the population from 5,000 to 6,300 without radically diminishing its rural nature. The new families raised the population of both the elementary and middle schools, staving off concern that the county school system might close one or both. In fact, the population shifts even had immediate impacts on the high school, causing the county to move faster than planned on some needed renovations.

Through coordinated redesign that included being sensitive to the environment, themed signage, and historical-looking streetlamps, the town emerged with its historical charm not only intact but much improved. By taking advantage of the town's "reverse commute" appeal, the

empty store fronts of 2013 were filled with service companies rather than just redundant retailers. Then other firms built new facilities focusing on the growing interest both commercially and personally for using local food supplies thereby raising the local employment opportunities with scores of new jobs that were not only starter jobs for the young but career positions as well.

For decades, the little town had sought ways to provide affordable housing options for older residents so that they were not being forced to move away in their golden years. The town now has a small senior living facility tucked away at the end of what used to be a soy/cornfield providing easy walking access to the stores and services in the town.

It's not just the physical changes but the social ones that have also altered a once-dying community. Poolesville has developed an attractive regional reputation for its festivals, the appeal of its annual Poolesville Day has grown each year, and more recently, for its spectacular Poolesville in the Civil War Weekend, a Williamsburg-like living history adventure that features costumed docents stationed in the historical homes and buildings in the town while recreating the important role of the town during the Civil War. Visitors from throughout the mid-Atlantic attend this special event.

From the bleak days of 2012, Poolesville transitioned from a town with an uncertain economic future to surely one of Maryland's gems for living, working, or simply visiting.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

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Vandalism: 18200 block of McKernon Way.

Theft: 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

Disorderly conduct: 17300 block of Chiswell Road.

Harassing phone calls: 16600 block of Barnesville Road.

Officers and deputies from the Montgomery County Police Holiday Season Task Force were assaulted early Sunday morning after they responded to an underage drinking party in Damascus. The Holiday Season Task Force is comprised of Montgomery County Sheriff's deputies, Montgomery County police officers, and Maryland-National Capital Park police officers.

On Saturday, January 4, at approximately 11:50pm, officers and deputies responded to a party in the 9400 block of Damascus Road in Damascus. Officers discovered several underage persons in possession of alcohol in the backyard. Officers also observed a keg at the bottom of an outside stairwell leading to the basement door and approximately thirty-five persons consuming alcohol inside the home who appeared to be under the age of twenty-one. Officers then spoke to the residents of the home who denied them access to the home.

As officers began to seize the keg and additional alcohol at the bottom of the outside stairwell, a subject exited the basement and attempted to grab several cases of beer. A struggle ensued, and one officer was pulled into the doorway as partygoers inside the residence slammed the door on the officer's arms. At one point, the door was pulled open and a second officer, who was assisting the first officer, was also assaulted by the homeowner. While taking these two suspects into custody, the officers and deputies were assaulted by two other residents of the home.

As the assault continued, the noise level from inside the house rose with several individuals banging on the glass, yelling profanities, and videotaping the incident. Four residents of the home were arrested and charged with various offenses. In addition to those arrested, officers charged twenty-two partygoers with alcohol-related offenses via civil citations.

The following four residents of the home were arrested and charged: George Magas, age 54, was charged with attempting to remove a firearm from the possession of a deputy sheriff; attempting to incite a riot; three counts of second degree assault; obstructing and hindering a police officer; and twenty-two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor; Cathy Magas, age 46, second degree assault; obstructing and hindering a police officer; twenty-two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor; Nicholas Magas, age 21, attempting to incite a riot; obstructing and hindering a police officer; twenty-two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor; Eric Magas, age 18, second degree assault; attempting to incite a riot; obstructing and hindering a police officer; twenty-two counts of furnishing alcohol to a minor; possession of fake identification to obtain alcohol; possessing more than one driver's license at any one time; knowingly and fraudulently obtaining license by misrepresentation; three counts of possessing a fictitious license.

This year's Holiday Season Task Force began the night before Thanksgiving and concluded on January 5. This multi-agency effort focuses on underage drinking and impaired driving. Final results from the task force are not yet available.

Past Crime

January 2, 1965 Hundreds of police officers and friends gathered at Arlington National Cemetery for the funeral of Det. William Jessie who had been killed while chasing a stolen car. A seventeen-year-old had stolen a car from the Gaithersburg area and headed north on Route 355. Lieutenant Jessie saw the car and chased it into Hyattstown. Other officers found Jessie's police car upside down and discovered that the lieutenant was fatally injured. The boy was

captured a few hours later. It was learned that he had a long history of car theft and traffic violations.

January 4, 1965 A motorist lost control of his car and plunged down an embankment onto the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad tracks near Kensington. Two officers were patrolling in the area and were told about the accident from a passerby. That notification launched an effort to stop trains in both directions so the man, who was trapped in his car, could be rescued. Some officers took to the railroad tracks at Gaithersburg and stopped eastbound trains while other officers stopped trains at Silver Spring. Despite the rescue effort, the man died a few hours later at a hospital.

January 12, 1965 A Montgomery County school bus loaded with students on the way to a field trip in downtown Washington was struck by a dump truck on 16th St. in the city. Four students and a teacher were seriously injured and taken to a hospital.

June 13, 1965 A Wheaton businessman was arrested after he was identified as the person who had been inserting slugs into

parking meters. Police said that two detectives were watching a lot in Wheaton when a collection agent found one hundred slugs and then realized who was responsible.

January 17, 1965 An exploding stove was blamed for the serious injuries suffered by a Martinsburg man. Police and fire officials said that Edward Warren lit his oil stove in the house on Trundle Road when it burst into flames. He led his wife and five children to safety before being treated for severe burns. The fire destroyed the house and two parked cars.

January 19, 1965 Vandals broke into Gaithersburg Junior High and stole hundreds of dollars from an office, broke into soft drink machines, and caused other vandalism. Officers and detectives followed footprints in the snow to an apartment building where they believed that the suspects lived.

January 20, 1965 Police arrested a Washington man after he shot another man during a dispute in the Sugar Hill community on River Road.

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Focus on Business

Breathing New Life Into Poolesville Homes

By Susan Petro



Eleanor Bateman of Redeemed Interiors

Many Poolesville shoppers know local resident, Eleanor Bateman, as the former proprietor of the Finders Keepers store along with her retail business partner, Jan Schultz. The two recently relocated their venture to the recently-opened Blue Hearth marketplace on Fisher Avenue. Eleanor's ventures don't stop with finding, creating, and selling vintage and repurposed home furnishings. Her business, Redeemed Interiors, includes the retail portion that she still shares with Schultz, a home redesign business, and a home-staging business.

Long before Mike Wolfe and Frank Fritz from the popular television series, American Pickers, popularized digging through barns to search for undiscovered treasures to resell, Eleanor was making weekend trips up and down the East Coast in search of her own treasures to redeem. Armed with flashlights and wearing old clothes, Eleanor and Jan searched through barns, warehouses, and other locations for vintage pieces of furniture and accessories that they could repair, refinish, or repurpose into new treasures.

Eleanor's love of design, repurposing furniture, and redecorating homes originally started as a hobby. She realized she had talent in these areas as more and more of her friends began requesting her guidance for their homes. When the opportunity to retire early from her job as a scientist for the National Institute of Standards and Technology came up back in 2002, Eleanor took a leap of faith and devoted more time to home design and home staging. She realized that with a daughter in college and a son headed there, she could

not afford to completely retire, so she began a consulting career in her original field while moving forward with her redesign business.

Eleanor originally named her business, When Pigs Fly Home Design, after a card she received from her daughter. The card showed a farmer looking up at flying pigs with a caption that read, "I never thought I'd see the day!" referring to Eleanor's decision to retire and pursue the home-redesign business as a new career. After partnering with Schultz and local resident Mary Sears, the retail venture Finders Keepers was born.

Eleanor describes her redesign business as a service to those who want a fresh perspective and design advice for their homes. Instead of sending her clients out to buy all new furniture, Eleanor loves to give advice on how to repurpose or reuse the furniture and accessories they currently have. Eleanor states that most of us simply have too much stuff and benefit from having neutral advice on what to keep and where to place what we already have.

Eleanor emphasizes that customers can really benefit from her home-redesign services if they want to remodel or redecorate and are considering a move in the next five or so years. She helps clients create a home that they will love and enjoy for themselves while at the same time being mindful of future buyers down the road. "You need to be able to live there and love it," Eleanor states, "but when homes go on the market, the key is to present the house so neutral that anybody could picture themselves in the home." A key goal is to help her clientele avoid making costly design errors that may deter future buyers.

Eleanor also works with several realtors, including local realtor, Gail Lee, staging properties for sale. Although Eleanor uses her redesign and decorating expertise for both redesign and staging, she differentiates the two, "Redesign is for you, and staging is for everybody else."

Eleanor receives such great pleasure from helping her clients, she sometimes feels she should pay them for the opportunity. Seeing their satisfaction and smiles after turning a dated interior into a new redesigned space is very rewarding.

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School News

PHS Students Win Hispanic Award and Scholarship

Poolesville High School seniors, Andre Guzman and Carolina Zarate, received a gold award and silver youth award, respectively, from the Hispanic Heritage Foundation. The Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards program offers educational grants to Hispanic high school seniors chosen by regional selection committees based on their academic achievement, leadership, community service, category focus, and an essay about the important role their heritage played in their success.

The Poolesville High School students were two of fifteen award recipients at the Washington, D.C. regional Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony this winter. As the gold medalist in the engineering and mathematics category, sponsored by ExxonMobil, Guzman was awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to support his plans to pursue degrees in computer



Vicente Lledo, ExxonMobil; Taylor Evans, Middletown High School; Carolina Zarate and Andre Guzman, Poolesville High School, at the Washington D.C. Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards.

science and electrical engineering. Silver award winner, Zarate, received a \$2,000 scholarship to pursue a degree in computer science.

PHS SMCS Student Research Convention Is Most Remarkable

By Rande Davis

Last December 17 and 19, the Science, Math, and Computer Science House (SMCS) at Poolesville High School held a two-day research convention that presented the results of the internship research done by fifty-four PHS students this past summer.

Mark Curran who is head of SMCS said, "This is the capstone event for the seniors in the program. It is the culmination

of all the interdisciplinary instruction and projects which tie our program together. The expertise they show through their presentations is the result of challenging the students with unique projects which tie the courses together. This starts in the ninth grade and follows them through the eleventh grade, as they prepare to find their internship opportunity. This process allows the students to become independent learners and creative problem solvers which sets them up for success as they enter the professional internship arena. Scientific writing and presentation skills are two of the integral components of this process."

The students participated in a wide variety of scientific research projects through the internships with various companies, colleges, and government institutes including National Institutes of Health, University of Maryland, Children's National Medical Center, Georgetown University, and National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Internships were in the fields of biology, science/engineering, computer science, environmental science, and bioinformatics (a field of study that develops and improves on methods for storing, retrieving, organizing, and analyzing biological data).

During the December symposium, each student was given fifteen minutes to present his/her work and to take questions from attendees about his/her project. As an example of the very high level of difficulty and challenge of the internships, as well as the intricate nature and quality of projects presented by the students, senior Ryan Wong spoke about his work with NIST of Gaithersburg. Wong worked closely with Dr. Fred Sharifi, a Poolesville resident and NIST project leader in NIST's energy research group. His internship project was entitled, "Synthesis and Characteristics of Large-Area Molybdenum Disulfide Thin Films as Field Effects Transistors for Viral Detection." His research work was to find ways to more effectively

and efficiently detect pathogens and viruses in fluids, especially the blood. His work will have many applications in various fields including biomedical and bioterrorism. Current methodology for detection of pathogens is considered to be complicated and too costly for many practical uses. Wong's new methodology attempts to find out what is medically wrong with a patient as quickly as possible which would have great usage in fighting terrorism as well as in more efficient patient care.

Dr. Sharifi complimented Ryan's work, "His work is getting a lot of... attention within government circles involving significant amounts of money from various groups in the United States. This is classified and cannot be discussed now, but if his work is successful, it would be revolutionary, and not just for security reasons but also for healthcare."

The SMCS magnet as an educational course of study strives to empower its students to build an extraordinary foundation in all subject areas, to better understand their interrelationships, and to participate in unique research opportunities. The presiding faculty are: Head of SCMS House Mark Curran, Mark Estep, Kevin Lee, Jack Stansbury, Zack Kingman, Chris Hanson, Jeff Flowers, Linda Loomis, Dr. Patricia Miller, and Dr. Teresa Stone.



Representing the fifty-four participants and organizers of the PHS SMCS Convention are Andrew Wang, Dr. Rachel Camara, Ryan Wong, Lisa Shimomoto, Dr. Fred Sharifi, and Cory Latham.



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Musings from Mama Boe

Coming Home

By Pam Boe

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Memories of the day must have been dogging him.

Stress, and suppressed high emotions, must have been banging around in his head and heart as he pulled his truck into driveway.

Re-runs of how the call unfolded must have been looping in his brain as he tiredly, and ever so slowly, walked to the house.

The picture of that child's face must have been haunting his thoughts when he put his keys down and walked into the room where we were.

Did he voice them? Did he share them? What did he do first?

He grabbed Critter, told him to get his new, handmade, homemade, paper boomerang and show him how it works. He followed the very enthusiastic Critter outside, soaking in my son's joy. He encouraged Critter, and applauded him, and loved him as Critter laughed, and ran around, and threw that thing for his audience again, and again, and again.

My Captain's face relaxed. He had taken a deep breath... and was home.

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Letters from Poolesville

you. when you send a paper write your name on it and send a County paper. I saw Blondon last Sunday and he was well but I do not know how soon I will see him again for we are out of Banks Division and in Stones. they are at Harristown and we are at Poolesville about 9 miles aparrrt and they are long ones in this Country . We left for Poolesville last thursday [Note: Possibly "tuesday"] and arrived their that night and pitched our tents in mud a foot deep. it made a soft bed to sleep. the next day we carried our tents into the woods and pitched them among the rocks. I did not have one feather for a pillow as the Irishman did that thought they were so hard to sleep on but we have plenty of blankets to keep us warm it being not very cold. it snowed just enough to say snow that is all. I expect it is cold up their is it not? we moved here for winter Quar- ters but the Major says he will not stay here so we expect to move again next week. where we do not know nor care iff we can only get away from Major Mi [Note: Unreadable. Could be Ming, Mif, Mis, Miq, Mig] our Majors name is Sens's [Note: Could be Seus's, Seris's]. he was in the battle of Bulls Run. he is firstrate. he knows

what it is. do you Know what Regt and what Co Baxter [Note: Barter, Raxter?] Charly and Henry Flint is? if you do write and let me know I received a letter from Oscar the other day. tell him the boys are all well and he must write again. I will answered it in a few days. tell them all to write. What did you have thanksgiving day? I had some roast pig and some oysters to eat and more to. I will send you some more money next pay day. that will be after New Years and tell Mary Ann that I will send her som for to get a dress for the boy. tell Sarah and her to write. Also tell Me ifs [Note: Looks like Old German "ss" followed by another "s"] Allen I would like to hear the facts ..in the case. tell all of the boys to write. iff we get in a place near a city I will have you send me some things to eat. write as soon as you receive this. we are a moving so often you can direct You letter to Morris Harrington Washington D.C. Co. H. Van Allens Calvary. save some of your [Note: Looks like "Jip corn"] for if I can get a furlough I will come home in the spring and see you all.

M Harrington

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PHS Girls' Basketball Team on Path to Success

Carmack said. "I think we played very well against them. We were competitive. They are very tall, and we knew that going into the game." The Falcons ended a long Trojan winning streak at home last year. This year they won again at Gaithersburg, a bit more easily, 53-40. Whitney had twenty-two points. "I am looking forward to the playoffs," she said, "and hopefully winning because everyone remembers last year when we lost in the regional final game."

"So far it's going really great. It's my last season. It's exciting," said Barry. "I think personally I can play a little better, but there is room for improvement throughout the season. I think our best game or best effort so far was at Blake, particularly in the last quarter or maybe the second half of the last quarter because we were losing the whole game and we stepped it up and came back and ended up winning by eight." The Falcons beat Blake (5-1), 54-46. Barry had a season-high eighteen points in the opener against B-CC. Rosie is averaging 9.1 points per game, and they seem to come at key times. Barry is a talented senior who draws a lot of defensive attention from opponents.

What has impressed Head Coach Fred Swick about his team so far? "Really just the balance that we have so far. I know that Whitney has scored a lot of points. She has taken a step forward. She is playing very well. We have also had three other girls that have hit double figures in multiple games, Rosie and Anna Murgia (junior guard) and Casey Harkins (sophomore guard). The tenth graders have done a nice job of adjusting to the varsity level of competition," he said. "I think we are passing the ball really well. I think we have taken care of the ball. We have had few turnovers, and we are playing solid defense. I think really the whole team is buying in to the team concept. One night someone is down a little bit or is in foul trouble, and somebody else picks up the scoring slack. That

sort of thing has been a key to our success so far. I think we are stronger physically this year. I think we are more aggressive. The last couple of years we were more of a finesse team, not big inside. We don't have great height but we are more physical."

There are challenges ahead. "We upgraded our schedule this year," said Swick. "We are playing eleven 4A teams. That's the most we have every played...We have got a good schedule, and I am looking forward to the challenge to see how we match up."

In their most recent games, the Falcons participated in the Holiday Tournament hosted by Oakland Mills High School in Howard County defeating Western Tech, 60-50, on December 27 and Oakland Mills, 49-30 on December 28. Murgia had twelve points against Tech. Sophomore forward Karyn Comfort had eight.

Other contributing scorers on the team are: sophomore Kristen Darragh, senior guard Marie Jankowski, junior forward Abbie Waters, sophomore forward Erin Sparrow, and junior forward Anna DeSoto.



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An Island Of Dreams

By Maureen O'Connell

In November, I visited the island of Madagascar, land of the legendary lemurs. Before I left, several people asked me why I was traveling halfway around the world to visit a country that is ranked as one of the poorest in the world. The answer to that question depends upon why one travels in the first place. To me, travel equates to more than sitting on a beautiful beach or touring world-class cities enjoying their art galleries, landmarks, and five-star restaurants. I enjoy such trips, but I also look forward to meeting new people and experiencing new cultures and ways of life very different from my own. Madagascar is often referred to as the Eighth Continent, existing as a world apart and outside of the commonly-considered path of evolution. Its uniqueness and diversity are reflected in the fact that it is home to five percent of the world's plants and animal species, with eighty percent of them endemic to Madagascar; they exist in no other place in the world. A major question concerning its origin is how it came to exist as a single, isolated land mass floating alone in the Indian Ocean. Researchers believe that 135 million years ago, following the breakup of the supercontinent Gondwana, the landmasses of Madagascar, Antarctica, and India separated from Africa and South America. Eighty-eight million years ago, Madagascar separated from the landmass of India. Madagascar is unusual not only for its endemic species, but also for the species that are conspicuously absent. Missing are many species of large mammals: antelopes, elephants, zebras, camels, giraffes, hyenas, lions, cheetahs, and rhinos that roam continental Africa today. One theory is that these species did not exist in Africa when Madagascar separated from that landmass. Think of that in relation to the timeline of the history of different species of animals.

Madagascar, fourth largest island in the world after Greenland,

New Guinea, and Borneo, is located in the Indian Ocean three hundred miles east of South Africa across the Mozambique Channel. From Barnesville, it takes about twenty-four to twenty-eight hours, give or take the speed of the wind, to reach its capital, Antananarivo. The population today is about twenty-two million, ninety percent of whom live on less than \$2 a day. At 228,000 square miles, it is about the size of Texas or France.

For herpetologists, paleoecologists, primatologists, and archeologists, Madagascar is a treasure trove of mysteries. Over the years, many writers have described it as "The Most Beautiful Enigma in the World" and "Island of Dreams." Just what is so special about this island? As I traveled for three weeks down unpaved, red dirt, potholed pathways (to call them roads would be misleading, as the majority of roads in Madagascar are unpaved), I gradually came to see the beauty and mystery of this island paradise and appreciate the people who live in this remote, extraordinary country. Madagascar is a destination for lovers of nature and the outdoors with the added attractions of lemurs, chameleons, baobab trees, rainforests, beaches, deserts, trekking, and diving.

The Malagasy (name for the people and the language of Madagascar) people are probably the most peaceful and laid-back people you may ever meet. A word you often hear is moramora, "take it easy" in Malagasy. Aggression and intolerance are not part of their national character. There is no one particular ethnic characteristic that defines the Malagasy. They are a mixture of an African, Malay, and Polynesian ethnic heritage. Madagascar was colonized by the French in the 1890s and granted independence in 1960. Today French is taught in the schools and is considered their second language after Malagasy. Over the years, these distinctions have been diluted in the cultural melting pot—but there are many differences in the country. There are eighteen tribes. Despite the poverty and disadvantages they face in their everyday life, they exude a feeling of pride to have been born on their island.

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An Island Of Dreams

For many visitors to Madagascar, lemurs are the biggest attraction and reason to visit. The island supports over fifty kinds of lemurs, from the tiny tree lemurs to the golden-crowned sifaka. I cannot compare them to any other creatures that I have ever seen. Lemurs are elusive, engaging but enigmatic, and full of character. The Malagasy believe that lemurs contain the souls of their ancestors. You can find

not always paradise for the Malagasy. They face low life expectancies, rapid population growth, poor health care, periodic famine and water shortages, hand-to-mouth living, decades of bad and corrupt government, exploitation of their vast natural resources by wealthy, foreign countries, and poor and expensive educational opportunities. Despite its beautiful, palm tree-fringed beaches, endemic wildlife, and unparalleled biodiversity, tourism is underdeveloped. It fluctuates, depending on the stability



A typical marketplace in Madagascar.

them in Roman mythology and the word lemur derives from the Latin lemures which means "ghosts" or "nocturnal spirits." Lemurs are prosimian, primates that evolved before monkeys and apes. The first thing you notice when you are lucky enough to spot them high up in the trees in the rainforest is their large, completely focused eyes. Once they spot you, they watch you with great curiosity and seriousness. I have never noticed this trait before in wild animals. They are arboreal, quite agile, and have bodies that are made for life in the trees. They leap from branch to branch with the grace of a ballet dancer. The ghostly-white Sifaka lemurs are the unparalleled stars in this exercise. All lemurs' hands are eerily human-like with a thumb and four slender fingers. They are very social and live in small troops or family groups. Babies stay with their mothers for about six months. You often see them high in the trees hanging from their mothers' stomachs or clinging to their backs.

Madagascar may be a wonderland of biological richness, but it is

of the government. Tourists must spend hours traveling over rutted, pot-holed dirt paths to get to their lodge destinations. The challenge for the Malagasy is to find that elusive but critical balance between economic growth and environmental conservation. It is hard to preach sustainable and good conservation practices to people who are starving. From the remarks of many Malagasy I spoke with, inertia and no hope in a better future are the country's biggest problems. The path to a better future for Madagascar lies with education and an environmentally-sustainable development of the island's many resources.

There is a Malagasy proverb that says: "Behave like the chameleon: Look forward and observe behind." This Most Beautiful Enigma in the World can be an Island of Dreams if the populace holds out hope for a peaceful, honest, and democratically-elected leader and government, but they cannot do this alone. The help of rich countries, tourists, scientists, and aid agencies are desperately needed.

Remembrance

Bill Euler, Popular Local Guitarist Passes Away

By Rande Davis

William Frank Patrick "Bill" Euler passed away on January 5 after a brief illness in Washington, D.C. at the age of 61.

Bill was well known and highly regarded for his musical talent and guitar-playing, having performed at various local venues in the area. He was generous in offering his services for free in support of many good causes.

A Dickerson resident, he learned to play the guitar at seven and never stopped, even when he had to "take a day job" to support his family. Bill told the Monocle in 2006 (original article now posted on monocleonline.com) that he credits his brother, John, with having taught him how to play guitar. Of John, Bill had said, "He's my hero."

Inspired by the Beatles, he spent much of his Walt Whitman High School days playing in garage bands. After school, he joined the navy and continued to play in many bands along the way. As he liked to put it, "My life has been one big band."

He followed this path until 1981 when he went into semi-retirement. His two sons were approaching their teenage years, and he believed they needed their father at home.

Bill came out of retirement to play with Brad Young and his band, Dead Man's Hand, named after the hand Wild Bill Hickok was holding when he was killed: two aces and two eights. This gig lasted four years before Dead Man's Hand played itself out and ultimately brought Bill to what he considers a crucial year in his life. That was when he met Boris Seckinger and joined the band Boris and the Bushpilots. Shortly afterward, Bill Frye joined the group. Bill said that during the audition, Bill Frye sang a song while playing the guitar, and then Euler joined in singing harmony—that was all it took. Bill recalled, "I know it sounds corny, but it was magic."

Eventually, Bill and Bill formed a new band called the Core and played together for many years. They were much more successful than the Bushpilots. They didn't do road trips like the Bushpilots had, but they had many more performances in and around the metro area: from Frederick County to the Eastern Shore.

Fate intervened in 2001 when Bill Frye was diagnosed with colon cancer. He endured chemotherapy, had an operation where a portion of his colon was removed, but he still rehearsed. On September 8, 2003, at 8:15 a.m., Bill Frye passed away. "He was the greatest man I ever met—the greatest singer, the greatest guitar player," Bill told the Monocle. Frye's passing was "devastating" to Euler.

Euler's musical career centered on playing blues, folk, and rock with such bands as The Blue Diamonds, Homespun, Crossbow, Boss Crow, Dead Man's Hand, Boris and the Bush Pilots, Frye and Euler, and The Core. More recently, he played with The Vi-Kings, but he considered fatherhood his highest calling.

He is survived by his sons Patrick Euler and Eric Euler,



daughter-in-law Lauren Euler, wife Phyllis, former wife Sharon Louise Ezell, brother John Euler and sisters Dianne Eva Pearson and Lois Ann Euler. He is also survived by his beloved grandsons Colin Patrick, Ryan Joseph, and Leif Johannes Euler; and his partner for the last three years, Mary Jean Cochran. A memorial service will be held at Bethesda United Methodist Church at 8300 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, on Saturday, January 18 at 3:00pm. A celebration of his life will follow at 4:30pm, at the Rock Creek Mansion, 5417 West Cedar Ln., Bethesda.

Alexander M. Lankler

Alexander "Sandy" Lankler died on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at his home in Jupiter, Florida. What made Sandy different was that he was a man of passions. He helped start restaurants, including Alexanders in Buckeystown. He started churches, was a founding member of Potomac Presbyterian Church, and he ran hotels. Near the end of his life, he and



Alexander "Sandy" Lankler

his wife Sara started the Renewal Coalition, a nonprofit organization that helps wounded veterans and their families make the transition from military to civilian life. Sandy was the rare mix of lawyer, lobbyist, philanthropist, and politician who took genuine pleasure in the twists and turns of life.

He was born on June 30, 1928 to Rev. Ralph Conover Lankler and Helen MacDonald Lankler. In 1944, at the age of sixteen, he founded and served as the first National President of the Younger Republican Clubs of America. In subsequent years, he was President of the Junior Republicans of New York State and the Junior Republicans of America.

In 1948, he graduated from Hamilton College and received his law degree with honors from Cornell Law School in 1951 and never looked back. Before he practiced law with private firms in New York and Washington, D.C., he served with distinction in the United States Coast Guard from 1951 to 1953. He served as assistant to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey. He was active in both the Treasury Department as well as the GSA. He was the deputy manager of Nelson A. Rockefeller's national campaign

for president. He served as chairman of the Republican State Committee in Maryland.

He was married at the time of his death to Dr. Sara Ashworth Lankler. He was married to Celeste Baldwin Skeen for forty-two years and to Anita Andreason for ten years before their deaths. He is survived by his daughters Melissa M. Lankler and Lesley L. Lankler Dangerfield (Dr. Paul Dangerfield); two granddaughters, Celeste M. Kelly and Stratton L. Dangerfield; brother Roderick C. Lankler and his wife Barbara; four nephews; ten great nieces and nephews; and his aunt Janet Bates.



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Cold Weather Pet Safety -Part III

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(Third in a Three-Part Series on Cold Weather Information for you and your pet)

You're probably already aware of the risks posed by **warm weather** and leaving pets in **hot cars**, but did you know that **cold weather** also poses serious threats to your pets' health?

Here are some tips to keep your pets safe during cold weather:

Collar and chip: Many pets become lost in winter because snow and ice can hide recognizable scents that might normally help your pet find his/her way back home. Make sure your pet has a well-fitting collar with up-to-date identification and contact information. A microchip is a more permanent means of identification, but it's critical that you keep the registration up to date.

Stay home: Hot cars are a known threat to pets, but cold cars also pose significant risk to your pet's health. You're already familiar with how a car can rapidly cool down in cold weather; it becomes like a refrigerator and can rapidly chill your pet. Pets that are young, old, ill, or thin are particularly susceptible to cold environments and should never be left in cold cars. Limit car travel to only that which is necessary, and don't leave your pet unattended in the vehicle.

Prevent poisoning: Clean up any antifreeze spills quickly, as even small amounts of antifreeze can be deadly. Make sure your pets don't have access to medication bottles, household chemicals, potentially toxic foods such as onions, garlic, xylitol (a sugar substitute), and chocolate. Large amounts of food, like getting into the leftovers, also can produce serious gastric upset.

Protect family: Odds are your pet will be spending more time inside during the winter, so it's a good time to make sure your house is properly pet-proofed. Use space heaters with caution around pets because they can burn or they can be knocked over, potentially starting a fire. Check your furnace before the cold weather sets in to make sure it's working efficiently, and install carbon monoxide detectors to keep your entire family safe from harm. If you have a pet bird, make sure its cage is away from drafts.

Avoid ice: When walking your dog, stay away from frozen ponds, lakes, and other water. You don't know if the ice will support your dog's weight, and if your dog breaks through the ice, it could be deadly. If this happens and you instinctively try to save your dog, both of your lives could be in jeopardy. Many knee, elbow, hip, and shoulder injuries occur on ice. This is especially true when friends, relatives, and neighbors bring their furry friends over to play during the holiday.

Too Cold For You: If it is too cold for you to go outside, then it is likely too cold for your pet. This is especially true for your older furry friends and your younger or smaller ones. Even with their natural fur coat, they can become hypothermic (low body temp) within 10 minutes of being outside in below-32-degree-temperature weather. Even a coat on your pet is no guarantee that they will be able to stay warm.

Prevent Ice: When treating your walkways for ice or a thin layer of snow, it is best to spread Calcium Carbonate-based salts. Regular Sodium Chloride-based salts can reach very high concentrations as they mix in the melting water. It can actually create a burn to the exposed areas of a pet skin, especially between the footpads.

DO NOT make Antifreeze in a spray solution to place on icy areas. This compound is highly toxic to you and your pets.



Stay Safe: If local officials are recommending that you avoid going outside or stay home due to inclement weather events, then it is a good idea to follow the recommendation for the whole family—always better safe than sorry. In cases where there is a very large snowfall event, it is a good idea to consider getting one or more sections of turf to place on the deck or porch. This gives your pet a place to do his business, at least for the short term. You can pick up the feces and wash away any urine to extend the life of the turf.



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