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*Shopping in Poolesville is like a Norman Rockwell painting. Find out why on page 7.*



*Santa arrived here to the shouts of joy and hugs of the children. More Holiday Lighting pictures on page 11.*



*JPMS actors Perrin Chalk and Remy Anderson are preparing for something special. Find out what on page 9.*



*Can you identify this person and the other Santas on page 13?*

## *Austin Kiplinger Passes Away*

By Maureen O'Connor

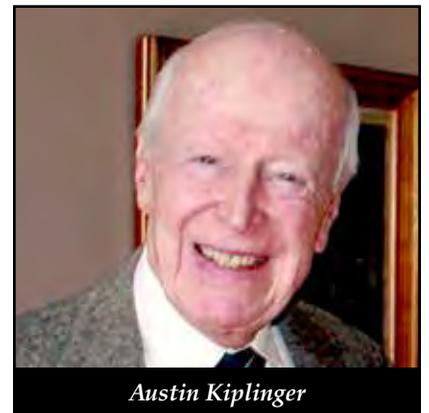
Austin Kiplinger, 97, died November 20, 2015 at Montgomery Hospice's Casey House in Rockville, Maryland after a brief illness. He was an internationally-respected and -recognized journalist and financial publisher. During his well-lived long life, Kip, as he was known to his friends, touched the lives of many people, and he will be deeply missed. For decades, he was a legendary leader and advocate for civic and cultural issues in Washington, D.C. and Montgomery County. He was the type of person who was at ease in a tuxedo at a White House dinner or sitting on a hay bale at a Seneca Valley Pony Club barbecue, dressed in jeans. He is best described as a Renaissance man and a true gentleman.

Born in Washington, D.C. on September 19, 1918, he spent his formative years in D.C. and Arlington, Virginia. He graduated from Western High School in 1935, going

on to Cornell University, where he graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1939. During World War II, he served in the navy as a pilot in the South Pacific.

His illustrious journalism career spanned decades. Starting out as a general-assignment reporter for the San Francisco *Chronicle* in 1940, he went on to working in Chicago for the Chicago Journal of Commerce and later as a Chicago anchorman for ABC and NBC TV affiliates, and a correspondent for their national news teams.

In the 1950s, Kip returned to Washington to work with his father W.M. Kiplinger at the Kiplinger Company that his father founded in 1920. After his father died in 1967, Kip became board chair of the parent publishing company, Kiplinger Washington Editors, Inc. In today's digital age, the ninety-five-year-old Kiplinger shop is an anomaly: It is a family-owned, mission-driven company dedicated to



*Austin Kiplinger*

personal finance and business forecasting, and it is surviving in this up-ended industry.

Throughout his life, Kip took civic leadership to new heights. He served on the boards of many institutions: his alma mater Cornell University, the

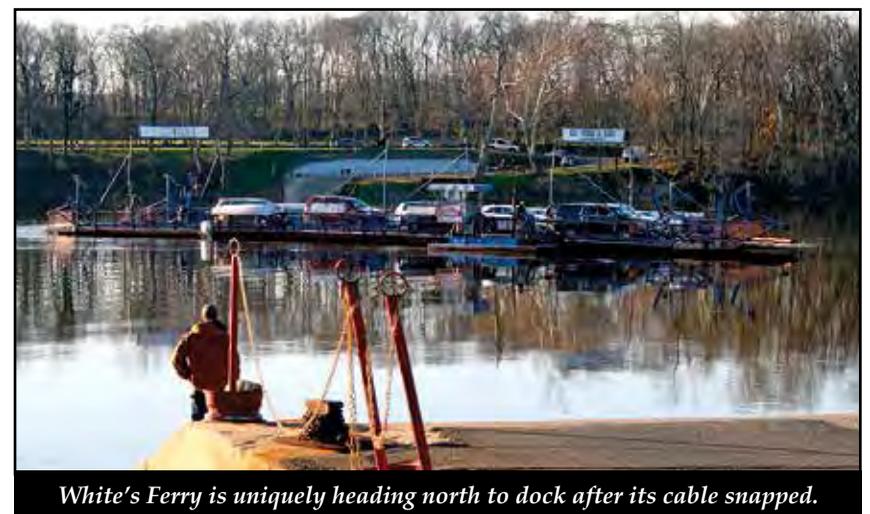
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## *White's Ferry Cable Snaps*

By Rande Davis

On December 4, the boat at White's Ferry became detached from its cable with a full load of cars and passengers on board. The captain of the boat, with the vessel still under power of the side engines, directed it toward the eastern shore. Despite news reports elsewhere that the ferry was "drifting," the vessel never lost its engine power, and the operator was able to direct the boat toward the eastern shore. Katherine Slover, who had been waiting in line to cross to Leesburg, worked her way south along the shore to a point where the captain was able to throw her a rope to tie around a tree to prevent the ferry from going any further south on the river. Ed Brown, the owner of White's Ferry, credited her "with being a big help."

As the passengers departed the vessel with the cars still on board, a twenty-foot workboat, which is fully capable of guiding the ferry, was dispatched to bring it back to the Maryland dock. The boat is always on a



*White's Ferry is uniquely heading north to dock after its cable snapped.*

trailer ready to launch in case it is needed for such instances.

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department dispatched a rescue boat and other emergency vehicles in case the passengers needed to be removed from the boat or if a more

serious problem developed. The ferry always has a man-overboard rescue capability if need be.

Had there not been an individual on shore to tie the boat to a tree, the

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# Family Album

As Santa checks her list, Abigail Brummitt looks happy and confident she has been a really good girl this year.



Derek Longbrake spoke about the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless at a recent Monocacy Lions meeting.



If you are going to celebrate the marines' 240th Anniversary, you need three essentials: beer, free pizza, and patriots. Thanks to the patriots at Cugini's, the marines had a great time.



Behind the wonderful success of the UMCVFD breakfasts are the talented short-order cooks and assistants like Christine Mulligan, Robert Hunter, Sue Moore, and Ross Meem.



The UMCVFD holiday breakfast was packed with happy families and full bellies.



Mighty delicious fresh apple butter was made this fall at Kingsbury's Orchard. You can still buy some at R. B. Savage & Sons Farm in Dickerson.



The Odd Fellows were very pleased with the turnout of more than one hundred attendees at their Christmas luncheon.

Santa made his visit to the annual Odd Fellows Lodge #97's Christmas luncheon.



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## Local News

### New Look for an Old Building in Old Town Center Coming

By Rande Davis

The building across the street from the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, which previously was home to Crafts-A-Plenty, has a new owner and soon will have a new look. The structure, which had become an eyesore, has already received a quick coat of paint and some Christmas wreaths. "I just wanted to do something simple for now to make it look a bit better for the town during the holiday season," said Jack Mandel, owner of Jack Mandel Masonry Design.

The building is called the Williams Store in Dots Elgin's book on Poolesville, and the property history is documented back to at least 1876 as the Hoskinson General Merchandise Store. The fire of 1923 was started in this building when the original structure was destroyed. Harry and William Williams built the present structure in 1927.

The building first caught Mandel's attention nearly ten years ago when he first began coming into Poolesville to attend meetings at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League and to bring his youngest daughter, Salli, here to pursue her equestrian interests.

He owns Jack Mandel Design (washingtonstonehouse.com) and resides in Cabin John with his wife, Tina. She is a reporter for German radio and is an accomplished Irish flutist who teaches Irish music at Glen Echo. Their older daughter, Ginger, is a freshman in college in North Carolina.

His family's history extends to New York and Long Island. His grandfather built a brick oven bakery underneath Amsterdam Avenue in Harlem in the 1930s.

His main interest in the building is as an investment, but his priority over this winter is to refurbish the four



Jack Mandel, the new owner of the iconic building across from the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, is prioritizing refurbishing its exterior by the end of the winter.

apartments in the building (one studio, one single-bedroom, and two two-bedroom apartments) and to renovate the exterior to recapture the town's old downtown look with the side facing the Fisher Avenue and Basset's restaurant getting the facelift first.

Mandel is wide open to tenant ideas and looks forward to working with the town officials to fill the space with a suitable and beneficial tenant. As to the retail space, which he estimates to be up to 2,000 square feet, he envisions many types of businesses there, perhaps a deli or a café. "Anything that would work well especially for the cyclists coming through town on weekends and a place for high school kids during the week days." There is a possibility of two retailers on the first floor as it has two separate entries. One entrance is in the front, and another on the side. Parking space would be to the rear of the store accessed from a driveway on the eastern side of the building.

He is confident that once the building is improved with needed interior repairs and an attractive exterior, the task of finding a suitable tenant on the ground floor will be much easier.



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December 17: **Seven Locks Brewing Release Party**: Come out and sample some fantastic beers from Maryland and Montgomery County's newest production brewery in Rockville. Representatives from the brewery will be present to answer questions, and five of their beers will be pouring all night at unbeatable prices.

December 18: **Maryland Brewery Tap Takeover & Ugly Sweater Holiday Party**: Come out and get in the Holiday Spirit as we will fill all twelve of our draught lines with the best Maryland beers you can find. Wear your ugly Holiday sweater for prizes and high fives. Representatives from all breweries will be present to answer questions, including Poolesville's own Eric Gleason, with gifts for the Holiday season.

December 24: **Closing Early** – Stay tuned for adjusted hours

December 25: **Closed** – Merry Christmas!

December 31: **Cuginis's Fabulous Fun New Year's Eve Party**

January 1: **Closed** – Happy New Year!

January 7: **Goose Island Tap Takeover** – Come out and sample some of the finest brews Goose Island has to offer. We will fill our draught lines with Chicago's finest suds, and we'll have some huge surprises on draught for the night.

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## School News

### School Food Drive Competition

By Anne Hundertmark

Every fall, the classes of Poolesville High School compete to see which class can donate the greatest number of cans in its annual food drive. Some classes get excited while others barely participate. To combat this, the 2015-2016 Student Government Association (SGA) decided to alter this competition, hoping to entice more participants.

This fall, the canned food drive was a competition between the four programs at Poolesville High School: Global Ecology, Humanities, Independent Studies, and Science, Math, and Computer Science (SMCS).

"The hope was that we would have greater participation, and house unity and camaraderie would support and encourage our efforts. We also were hopeful that the house-specific teachers would also encourage participation," Alexandra Hicks, SGA sponsor, mentioned. Hicks was a member of her high school's SGA and also served as president of her dorm in college.

By the end of the short amount of allotted time for bringing in donations, the winner was clear: The Humanities Program won the first House Competition at Poolesville High School, bringing in 1,535 donations of cans, pasta,

baby food, and so much more. They were followed by Independent Studies with 687 donations, Global Ecology with 326, and SMCS with 142.

Past years have resulted in teacher Jonathan Leong's classes winning every year except for one year when his class did not have the average number of students. That one year, teacher Daniel McKenna's class won. Currently, Leong is a Humanities sophomore teacher, and McKenna is the head of the Humanities House.

The current Humanities seniors were a part of the sophomore class with Leong that collected the greatest number of donated items in the history of the Poolesville High School canned food drive. Although they were driven towards another victory, they kept in mind the real reason behind the food drive. "I was so excited to find out we won the food drive," senior Katelyn Lanciano reflected. "It was such a big deal sophomore year for our class alone, but to have this year revolve around our house made the win extra special!"

"Mr. Leong and Mr. McKenna built up our excitement with their urge for another Humanities victory," senior Julia Haupt remarked, "however, each of their pep talks ended with a very real reminder of the necessity of the canned food drive: the number of people, even in Montgomery County, who don't know where their next meal is coming from. Their call for victory excited us, but their concluding reminder of sacrifice and humanity is what secured our efforts."



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December 12: Brian Jamison

December 18: The Colliders at 8:30 p.m.

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## Town Government Report

### New Well

### Dominates Discussion at Commissioners' Meeting

By Link Hoewing

Much of the December 7 Town of Poolesville commissioners' meeting was spent hearing about and discussing the quality and performance of proposed Well 14. The new well, drilled on property owned by the Jamisons and proposed as part of the public improvements to be made in building the sixty new homes that would complete the existing Westerly subdivision, is being tested before it can be formally transferred to the town.

Before the lengthy discussion regarding the proposed well, a public hearing was held regarding amendments to the town's charter related to the financial authority of the commissioners. The amendments were drafted some weeks ago, and the commissioners voted in November to put the amendments out for public comment.

Local citizen Bob Roit was the only person who testified about the amendments. He pointed to language in a section of the proposed amendments he felt could be interpreted as giving the town commissioners unlimited authority to raise taxes. Currently, if a tax rate is proposed by the commissioners that would generate revenues exceeding seven percent of then-current

revenues, citizens can file a petition to have a public referendum on the proposed tax rate. A section of the proposed amendments stipulates that the commissioners have "unlimited" authority regarding the obligations they may assume on behalf of the town and may impose any needed taxes to pay off such "unlimited" obligations. In effect, he argued, this would nullify the provisions in the charter that do not allow for a seven percent or greater annual increase in revenues as a result of newly-adopted tax rates.

Town attorney Jay Gullo agreed that this language might seem to have such an effect, but he said that when towns issue bonds or take on debt obligations, the owners of such debts expect to be paid regardless of how the town decides to meet its obligations. Banks and government institutions expect towns to be able to pledge to meet all obligations, and the language cited by Roit is designed to provide such reassurances; however, Gullo remarked that the town understands its obligations and responsibilities under the charter. It would still be governed under the constraints on tax rates that Roit had cited even with the new language.

The commissioners agreed, however, that the language Roit brought to their attention, at the very least, causes confusion and pledged to look at the issue further in an effort to clarify it.

The commissioners next turned to the subject of the proposed new Well 14. Kathy Mihm, representing the firm

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### Austin Kiplinger Passes Away

National Symphony Orchestra, Historical Society of Washington, Federal City Council, WETA, National Press Foundation, Tudor Place, and the Washington International Horse Show.

Kip and his wife Gogo lived at their beloved farm Montevideo in Seneca, Maryland for some fifty years. He loved the rural countryside and for decades he worked with local citizen and historic preservation groups to protect the area we now call the Agricultural Reserve. In 2011, he received from the Montgomery Countryside Alliance the Royce Hanson Award in recognition of his outstanding commitment toward the protection of this reserve. Kip and his son Knight have supported for many years the Historic Medley District, Inc., the Seneca Valley Pony Club, and the Potomac Hunt Club. The pony club, of which he was

a cofounder in 1961, has its home grounds at Montevideo. In the 1980s, the family farm also became the site for the Potomac Hunt steeplechase course.

Kip's wife of sixty-three years, Gogo Kiplinger, died in 2007, and his oldest son Todd died in 2008. He is survived by his son Knight and daughter-in-law Ann Miller Kiplinger of Washington, D.C.; daughter-in-law Dana Stifel Watkins Kiplinger of Washington, D.C.; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and his companion of eight years, Bonnie Barker Nicholson, of Bethesda, Maryland.

Contributions may be made in his memory to the Historical Society of Washington, 801 K St., Washington, D.C. 20001; the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, NY 14850; or the National Symphony Orchestra, Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C. 20566, or any other Montgomery County charity of your choice.



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Advent Confessions - Dec. 12 at 9:30 am  
Dec. 19 at 11:00 am

Anointing of the Sick - Dec. 13 at 9:30 am Mass

Looking Ahead

Christmas Eve  
4:30, 7:30, 10:30 pm Mass  
Christmas Day  
9 & 11 am Mass



*All are Welcome!*

## Things To Do

**December 11 and 12**

### Open House:

#### Melanie Kohn Ice Skating Rink

Free to skate, skates available for rent or purchase at a huge discount. Roast marshmallows. Warming room where parents can watch skaters on giant TV. 15110 Sugarland Road. Noon to 8:00 p.m.

**December 11, 12, and 13**

#### Countryside Artisans Tour

Shop for holiday gifts in a quaint, rural environment this festive season. Fourteen artisans will open their cottage studios to offer unique, handcrafted items. Choose from hand-blown glass, nature-inspired prints and paintings, hand-printed yarns, art to wear, stone sculpture, hand-crafted furniture, pottery, elegant jewelry, and locally-made wines. Watch the artists as they demonstrate their craft and take home one-of-a-kind true American-made products. Keep the artisan tradition alive! For complete information, visit [countrysideartisans.com](http://countrysideartisans.com). Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

### Bonus Shopping

#### Weekend at the Blue Hearth

An extra weekend of exciting gift ideas from the retailer voted #1 for home furnishing in Montgomery County. Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

**December 12**

#### Poolesville Library Preschool Storytime

Help prepare your children for school by developing early literacy skills. Join us for stories, songs, activities, and crafts. For children aged three to five years old. Poolesville Library. 10:30 a.m.

**December 17**

#### Poolesville Library Cuddle-Ups

Your child is never too young to come to the library. Delight and stimulate your baby with stories, songs, and activities. Engage with other families and help your baby develop listening and language skills. 0-24 months. 10:30 a.m.

**December 20**

#### Santa Rides through Poolesville!!

Santa Claus will join the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department in making his annual ride around town. To give the reindeer important rest time before the big night, watch for Santa riding high on top of one of the fire trucks instead. Listen for Christmas music as he approaches. Santa's helpers from the fire department will be passing out candy canes. Remember, Santa believes in safety first, so, parents, keep your children on the sidewalk. He will gladly accept cookies but only when the fire truck is in full stop. He starts his tour at 5:30 p.m.

**December 21**

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

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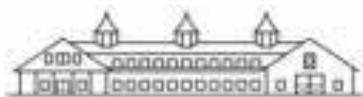
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## Local News

### Norman Rockwell's Shopping Mall

By Rande Davis

What kind of holiday shopper are you: a Black Friday warrior? an online counter insurgent? a Mall Mauler traditionalist? Do you shop based on lists sent to Santa or wish lists online? For many—if not most—readers, the bulk of your shopping is probably nearly complete, but the operative word here is “nearly.” At this point you are now down to the difficult-to-shop-for people on your list or struggling to find something really unique, really personal, something that shouts: Thoughtful. Additionally, you may still have some stocking stuffers to get or those simpler gifts for coworkers in time for the office party. Have you forgotten about those last-minute, surprise visitors bearing gifts, catching you trying desperately to come up with something quick to give in return and still look like you planned it?

The thought of one more trip to the mall leaves you looking like the model for Edvard Munch's *The Scream*, and the very idea of anymore mind-numbing internet hyper-excursions has you seeing a huge, blurry LED glow as you close your eyes at bedtime, overwhelming you with a nauseating sense of claustrophobic-like information overload.

What do you do? First, you need to take a breath, slow down, and look for a simpler, more personal, pleasant, and altogether more calming way to shop. Somewhere with friendly clerks and where every dollar spent is an investment in your life and community. You need to find Norman Rockwell's Mall. You need to shop local. Shopping local is like karma at Christmas time. It's not just the shop but the friendliness of the owner who is most likely your neighbor. As you shop here, you will see other friends and neighbors. Every visit is like a Norman Rockwell painting.

Why not help our businesses so they can help us throughout the rest of the year? Don't ever forget that every retailer in town, at some point or another in the year, supports our many civic groups from the Odd Fellows to WUMCO. They donate in various ways to our churches, PTA, and school groups, and they provide essential jobs—jobs that help support and strengthen local families or give our younger folks a place to start to learn responsibility and work ethics.

Within the town, or just a few minutes away, you have so many wonderful gift ideas available.

The Blue Hearth is open an extra weekend this month and it not only has a wide offering of gifts for the home, but it specializes in unique and stylistic options. They also often have special art photo shows and décor classes throughout the year, and no new retailer in town has embraced the community more enthusiastically than Karen Wilson. Her smile and friendly service are like a kind of special holiday cheer all year round. Next door is Crafts-A-Plenty run by the always-ready-to-listen Reva Hoewing. Reva's warm personality has been serving the community for over three decades. She has art supplies and special gifts and a fun selection of antiques. Her signature piece is the infamous Poolesville Cat's Meow collection of local historical buildings in our community. Is your Poolesville Cat's Meow collection incomplete or have you even begun to collect them? Don't let the holiday season go by without checking out Reva's time-honored traditional shop. Do you need a gift frame for a picture or painting? Mr. Brown's Potomac Frame Shop is just upstairs from Reva's store. He served the country as a marine. Go on up and look his shop over.

Just across the street is John Speelman with his legendary how-can-I-help service at Poolesville Hardware. He not only provides the essentials of home and car care every day, but can you imagine having to run down county in the middle of your next project? Browse his store for its preponderance of toys, peddled-cars, remote-control items, decorations, and more than enough tools to make any man happy.

Just behind the hardware store is Bob's Bike shop. Bob Malisch has your Christmas bike ready to go, and even if you don't need a bike, he has all the accessories any cycling enthusiast would ever want. Talk about friendly service! Really, is there a nicer guy in town? Nearby is All Things Equestrian where you may be surprised to see the wide selection available in clothing and things that are not just for your equestrian friends.

Next to Poolesville's Hardware is Maria Briançon's Glad-I-Yoga location, but she also has a delightful selection of handmade jewelry. For you guys that just cannot choose the right thing for the lady in your life, talk to Maria. She's so friendly, and our town's yoga expert also has some fun and one-of-a-kind items. She is ready to help you

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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Recent Crime

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**Liquor Law violation:** 21500 block of Beallsville Road.

**Disorderly conduct:** 20100 block of Fisher Avenue.

### Past Crime

**December 12, 1910** Henry Bradley, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Rockville, was walking in town when he was struck down and badly injured by an electric car (trolley car). Several passersby came to his assistance and, even though he was unconscious, loaded him onto a car bound for Washington. There he was delivered to the Emergency Hospital. Just before he was borne from the car to the waiting room, Bradley regained consciousness. It was reported that Bradley was not as seriously injured as feared although he was ordered to spend several days at the hospital.

**December 18, 1910** After eluding capture for several days, John Davis gave himself up to Deputy Whipp at the courthouse. Davis had been wanted after a bizarre series of events on the Boland farm near Darnestown. It was said that Davis, an employee of Mr. Boland, got drunk and promptly knocked down Amelia Synder after an exchange of words. Then Lutie Ashby tried to intervene and Davis struck her with a stool. Pal Wade ran toward the commotion and was also struck down. Someone summoned Deputy Whipp to the farm, and Davis managed to choke him before making his escape. Davis pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct but then was arrested in the courtroom for the assaults against the women and the deputy.

**December 22, 1910** On a petition of Mrs. Joseph Shipley of Germantown, the county ordered that her fourteen-

year-old daughter Effie be sent to the Female House of Refuge until she gained the age of eighteen. Mrs. Shipley alleged that Effie refused to attend school, associated with unsavory men twice her age, and used profane language about the house. She was transported there by deputies.

**December 25, 1910** Deputies Clements and Terrell reported to Sheriff Vielt that they were unable to make it to Poolesville to investigate a situation that had the town in an uproar. They said that due to heavy snowdrifts on the Darnestown Road, they were unable to reach Poolesville. The two deputies had managed to make it to a house with a telephone where the homeowner gave them lodging. They had been dispatched to Poolesville after several residents had reported a disturbance the night before. It was said that a man dressed in a red suit had been seen climbing on rooftops, shouting, and generally disturbing the peace. The deputies said that they would try to make the trip on the next day.

**December 27, 1910** Leonard Thomas, a nineteen-year-old boy from near Laytonsville, made a Christmas call at the home of Isaac Copeland where he found a group of people singing and drinking. Copeland and Thomas had had a disagreement some weeks before, but from all accounts, the bad feelings had been mended. While the group was belting out a song, Thomas came up behind Copeland, took out a pistol, said "I'll fix you," and fired a bullet into his head. During the excitement, Thomas walked out the door and disappeared. Three hours later, a neighbor found the body of Thomas in a cornfield with a gun clutched in his hand and with a bullet wound to the head. Justice of the Peace Brown convened an inquest over Thomas's body, and the group came to the conclusion that Thomas had murdered Copeland and then had taken his own life. A verdict of murder and suicide was declared.

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## Tidbits



Sam Hardwick is surrounded by family as they celebrate his winning the gold medal in bowling at the Maryland State Special Olympics.

### Hardwick Takes Home the Gold

**Late breaking news:** Poolsville's Sam Hardwick has won the gold medal in bowling at the Maryland State Special Olympics. Sam, even while being a person with muscular dystrophy, has participated as an athlete in a variety of sports with his keenest interest in bowling. The *Monocle* reported on his winning the region gold medal in its November 20 issue.

### Very Special Way to Thank Our Military Personnel

On Saturday, November 21, 2015, the Poolsville Military Support Group's annual fundraising efforts culminated in the presentation of donations to the Fisher House Foundation and Yellow Ribbon Fund. A brief ceremony was held at the memorial on Whalen Commons. Checks, each in the amount of \$5000, were presented to Brian Gawne, Vice President of Operations, Fisher House Foundation, and to Diane Shoemaker, Director, Lodging and Transportation, Yellow Ribbon Fund. The organizational committee members work very hard along with the help of many sponsors and other volunteers, and over the last ten years, they have raised nearly \$100,000, funds that go to help our heroes in a very personal and profound way.



Front: Tim Flynn, Mary Lou Hoffacker, Diane Shoemaker (Fisher House), Sherry Huff, and Carl Hobbs. Back: Cheryl Wright, Tom Wright, Brian Gawne, Paul Kelly, Don Hoffacker, Bubby Pullen. Not pictured but gracious enough to take the picture for the Monocle is Elena Victoria.

### You Won't Want to Miss this One

The John Poole Middle School Phantom Players will proudly be presenting *Crumpled Classics* on December 11 and 12 at the school's all purpose room at 7:00 p.m. Concessions will be available to help fund future shows. Tickets can be ordered online on the school page for \$5.00 general admission or at the door both nights for \$6.00. Tickets purchased at the door can be either cash or check (checks made out to JPMS). This is a really creative and unique performance and one sure to make you laugh as the students tell their own version of the classics.

### Talk of Creative Performances

The youth of Poolsville's Memorial United Methodist Church will once again bring their live nativity depicting the birth of Jesus on the front lawn of the church. This wonderful display will include live animals—a sure to delight everyone in the family, especially the youngsters. The church graciously will provide light refreshments inside the church. The program runs from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 19.

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### Remembering Your Last Football Game

Do you remember that last sporting event in which you played as a senior in high school? What it was like? How did you feel? Did you have a feeling of something slipping away? PHS senior Dylan Landis walked off the field of his final football game recently and, before reaching the bench, kneeled down and kissed the ground. His thoughts and emotions were sky high, but let him tell us in his own words what he was feeling and thinking

"To put into words how it felt to play one last game, after nine years of playing football on that field, can be hard to do. The atmosphere the night of November 6 was absolutely amazing. At the beginning of the game I told myself to soak everything in and to just enjoy every minute. I knew I would never play under those lights again. I remained focused on winning and reminding myself to just to play my very best—one last time. It wasn't until the end of the game that it really set in, that it was all really over. That 's when I hugged all of my brothers and thanked my coaches for all the support they gave me over the past four years at PHS. I will be forever grateful that I was able to experience it all."

Yes, Dylan, you are so right. That first step off the field was every bit like walking through one door, leaving something very special behind, beginning something else very new. From personal experience, we can attest that even fifty years from now, the feeling left from the experience—the sights, sounds, and even the smells—will be crystal clear to you.



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## School News

### Educating About The Environment

By Emma Whitehouse

Looking at him, Chris Rackens seems young—too young!—to have worked for three Congressmen, and much too young to be the executive director of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC).

On November 9, PHS Green hosted Chris Rackens, a graduate of the Poolesville High School Global Ecology Studies Program, to speak to the current Global Ecology Program. PHS Green, sponsored by the local nonprofit organization Poolesville Green, is a high school environmental club that promotes the sustainable use and conservation of environmental resources in and around Poolesville. The Global Ecology Studies Program, a group of about 250 students, is a high school magnet program that teaches young students about the environment. Chris Rackens is a 2005 graduate who has since gone on to do extraordinary things.

Since graduating, Chris attended Virginia Tech and graduated with a degree in political science with the goal of working on environmental policy with a focus on legal studies. Currently, he's the executive director of the House SEEC, a group of fifty-three members of Congress, dedicated to being advocates for new strong environmental policies, clean energy, and technology innovation, but Chris still remembers his roots, saying, "I'm a Poolesville native," and reminiscing about hiking Sugarloaf Mountain in his speech, an activity still enjoyed by students today, including PHS Green cofounder Michael Payne.

Speaking with confidence, Chris gave the Global students an overview of current environmental issues, or, as Chris said, "I want to talk to you about some hot topics, pun intended," (eliciting laughter from the crowd). Discussing topics ranging from the recently-rejected keystone pipeline to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, Chris stressed, "We need to invest in clean energy and what's feasible to develop, for the sake of our planet." All the while, he urged students to be informed, active, and involved in environmental and political issues. "Be active, be engaged, and be vocal."

After his speech, there was a brief Q&A, where students had the opportunity to ask Chris questions, such as: "What's the best energy to convert power plants to?" Chris replied that natural gas is displacing coal, but "solar, wind, tidal power, and geothermal have the most long-term gains at the end of the day." Other questions included, "Do you like your job?" Chris said, "I like my job very much," stating that he works with great people on a variety of subjects.

At the end of the speech, PHS Green cofounder Erika Blair presented Chris with an honorary PHS Green T-shirt. Chris accepted the shirt and joked, "I'll be wearing this under all of my suits!"

After the speech, Mr. Gardiner, a former teacher of Chris (and PHS Green sponsor), commented, "Our job is to make a difference, and Chris is living the dream—he's doing it." The overall message from this Poolesville graduate, with an undoubtedly long and successful political career ahead of him, was a call to action, a call to be informed, and a call to care about the environment.

## Youth Sports

### 2015 PHS Golf Team Goes Undefeated

By Jeff Stuart

In 2012, Rohit Mandavia was the only freshman among the five starters on the Poolesville High School golf team. As a sophomore, he was part of a team that captured the silver medal for the 2A/1A classification; it was the first time in school history that PHS earned a state championship medal in golf. That team was undefeated in the second-tier Kyle Division, finishing 18-0.

There were four seniors on that team. As a junior in 2014, Mandavia had to start over again with new teammates and a new coach, Michelle Hunsicker-Blair, so as a senior and 2015 co-captain, it was very rewarding for Rohit to be part of another undefeated team. This year's team went 16-0, winning the Kohut Division over second-place Blake. Mandavia was the 2015-2016 team MVP.

said Hunsicker-Blair. "He is a tremendous player who devoted much time and work to his game, maintaining his composure despite any obstacle, and embodying the values of dedication, determination, and teamwork. He was our most consistent performer."

Four members of the team were selected to the All-Kohut Division Team: Mandavia, Shah, Bacas, and senior Robert Wilbur. "All outstanding golfers," said the coach. "Shah, Wilbur, and senior Austin Grinkemeyer are also three-year golfers. Sophomore Dalton Webber had an excellent season, averaging forty-four strokes per nine holes.

"Sophie Zic was the only woman to earn a varsity letter this year. She is a great student athlete and had some excellent performances."

The lowest team score of the year, 216, came on September 16 in a match against Seneca Valley, Springbrook, and Watkins Mill. The lowest nine-hole scores of the year were a thirty-six by Mandavia and a thirty-seven by Wilbur. On September 29, the Falcons defeated second-place Blake, head to head, 232 to 239. Mandavia averaged



The 2015 PHS undefeated varsity golf team.

"Playing golf with my friends this year was a little bittersweet," said Mandavia. "We had to live it up and enjoy every moment because we knew they would be the last high school matches we'd ever play together."

"He was a four-year varsity letter recipient and unanimously selected by his teammates as MVP," said Hunsicker-Blair. "He is an outstanding player and young man, dedicated to athletics and academics (4.0 GPA)."

The 2016 Sportsmanship Award went to senior Vineet Shah, a three-year varsity letter recipient. "He is the most levelheaded player on the team," said the coach. "He elevates the game of anyone he plays alongside because of his calm disposition and encouragement of his teammates."

The 2016 Falcon Award went to Andrew Bacas. "He exceeded all expectations as a player and student,"

40.5 strokes. John Sartschev averaged 43, Zach Wakjer 44, Colin Jansen, 46, Bacas 46.75, Vinneet, 47.5, and Devin Rezamon, 49. Sophomore James Royal averaged 50 strokes, Frank Yang, 51, and Grinkemeyer, 51.25.

"I will be graduating seven seniors, promoting nine juniors, eight sophomores, and developing six freshmen," said Hunsicker-Blair. "The future is bright for PHS golf. We have depth in our ranks with a phenomenal group of young men and women. We will be moving to the Kyle (middle) Division as our players are improving rapidly. They deserve the move and will rise to the challenge. I have three great young players stepping up to serve as captains: Jack Ahrens, Tim McIntyre, and Frank Yang. They are excellent golfers and quality leaders."

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# Name That Santa

See Legend on page 15 for the answers!

## Local News

### Franchot, Maryland Comptroller, Visits Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot came to Poolesville on December 4 as part of his economic awareness initiative that seeks to enhance communication between his office and community governments and local, small businesses. While here, he met with town commissioners Jerry Klobukowski, Val Dickerson, and commission president Jim Brown, as well as town manager Wade Yost.

Mr. Franchot's objective was to learn about the community, its businesses, ways that his office or the state government might be of better service to the community, and to gain from local leaders and business owners ideas for economic growth that may be unique to the area that he can share with other towns and localities in the state.

After a meeting with the commissioners, Mr. Franchot was given a walking tour of Poolesville and visited the business owners of Zaglio's Bakery, Total Automotive and Diesel, Dollar General, the Blue Hearth, and MainSpring. He even stopped off at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum where he was given a brief history of Poolesville. Mr. Franchot's family history extends into Maryland history for many generations. He demonstrated a keen knowledge of and appreciation for history, as he impressed the group with his historical knowledge of the town.

Brown stated, "The town commissioners and town staff thoroughly enjoyed our visit with the comptroller. Not only did we share information on Maryland's new and welcome direction towards fiscal conservation,



Maryland Comptroller Peter Franchot's tour of Poolesville included visiting businesses: Jerry Klobukowski, Val Dickerson, Peter Franchot, Karen Wilson of the the Blue Hearth, Jim Brown, and Willie.

Mr. Franchot openly validated our economic development initiatives, which is gratifying to hear from someone at the highest levels of state government. With the comptroller clearly in favor of our direction, as well as recent successful meetings with our senator and delegates, the town is in a great position to keep moving forward with the people who count while always keeping a close eye towards maintaining our small town atmosphere. Special thanks to our marketing firm, Steve Simon at Van Eperen, and our great local entrepreneurs for arranging and coordinating the visit."

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**White's Ferry Cable Snaps**

operator would have been forced to maneuver the boat to hit the shore and weigh anchor. Being able to tie the boat to a tree made the process to bring the boat back to dock much quicker. There is an additional outboard engine attached to the ferry as backup in case the first engine fails.

The incident began at about 2:45 p.m., and the passengers and their cars were unloaded and on their way by 4:15 p.m. A new cable was in place and the ferry running again by about 7:00 p.m.

The cable, which was only ten months old, according to Mr. Brown, is believed to have been defective since there was no other reason for it to snap. A new backup cable was immediately put into operation.

A similar incident occurred a couple of years ago, but it was associated with debris. Brown has owned the ferry, which was first chartered in 1782, since 1946. There have been no injuries or deaths associated with the ferry in that time. Mr. Brown reminded readers that the ferry makes seventy-two crossings a day and is open every day except brief times of flooding or other weather conditions which cause it to close. Estimating that it runs at least 345 days a year, and has been under his ownership for sixty-nine years, he calculated that the ferry has made approximately 1,714,000 trips without the cable snapping.

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**2015 PHS Golf Team**

"PHS golf has one hundred percent Minds in Motion scholarship recipients. All twenty-two golfers have a 3.25 or higher GPA. I am very proud of this. As a coach, I stress three things: dedication to academics (student first, athlete second); commitment to your team and sport; and integrity. I am a very lucky and proud coach. I have excellent young men and women as well as fantastic parental support.

"Each member of the team sets individual goals. My goal is for the players to develop as outstanding men and women of good character and citizenship. I want them to enjoy the game of golf and build relationships with their teammates. They have exceeded my expectations."

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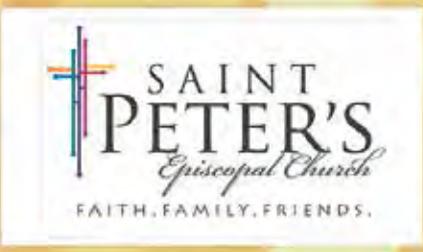
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The Santa on page 1 is the Comptroller of the State of Maryland Peter Franchot!



**Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Schedule**

<u>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH</u>	<u>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH</u>
<i>Festive Family Eucharist</i> (all ages welcome) music begins at 3:30 pm 4 pm	<i>Carols and Celebration</i> <i>of the Nativity of our Lord</i> 10 am
<i>Carols and Special Music</i> 10:30 pm	<u>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27TH</u>
<i>Eucharistic Celebration</i> <i>of the Nativity of our Lord</i> 11 pm	<i>Morning Prayer</i> 8 am
	<i>Lessons and Carols</i> 11 am

## Garden

### Roman Gardens

By Maureen O'Connell

Two weeks ago, I spent several days visiting one of my favorite cities in Europe: Rome. I had not been there for many years; it was time to return. Rome is like no other city. You can't escape its ancient history. I have been to Athens, but it does not hold the same feeling for me. In Rome, you can be in the busiest neighborhoods or the historic center sipping an espresso, lunching at a small, friendly osteria, or taking a stroll, and you might walk past the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter's Basilica, or the Trevi Fountain. Down many small, cobblestone streets, you discover grand basilicas and churches with their own stories and their own martyrs holding the most beautiful frescoes, paintings, and sculptures. You ask yourself, Are there enough Catholics in Rome to fill up these pews on Sundays? You can start with the most famous, St. Peter's Basilica, go on to the equally impressive edifices of Basilica St. Mary in Trastevere, Church of Santa Maria del Popolo, Church of the Trinita dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps, to Santa Maria Maggiore. The dome of Sant'Andrea Della Valle rules the Roman skyline along with the domes of the Pantheon and St. Peter's. The Pantheon is the final version of three structures dating from the first century BC to the first century AD to its present structure inaugurated in AD 125 by Emperor Hadrian.

Rome is a living, breathing museum. Walking the city's cobblestone streets past its omnipresent ruins, you are walking over and through centuries of history. You don't have to ride on a tour bus or follow a tour guide with her little raised umbrella. History is all around you, next to the gelato shop, the store selling Apple watches, or ateliers of haute couture designers. History is part of the fabric of Rome.

Cities are often ranked by their green space: a quantification of the land devoted to parks, an essential constituent of urban quality of life. Urbanization, an increase in a population in cities and towns, might offer economic advantages to many

people, but it also has many negative environmental impacts: air pollution, noise, and reduced space for recreation. Where do some of our world cities stand in regard to green space? To anybody who has ever walked the streets of New York City, it might come as a surprise that it weighs in at 14 percent, Paris at 9.4, Berlin at 14.4, Tokyo 3.44, Hong Kong 70 percent total, 40 percent protected, Rome 3 percent, and London with a whopping 38.4 percent. These figures can be misleading; when does density take over and come into play with green space percentages? Should tree-lined streets, landscaped squares, and piazzas count?

Rome's center of life is in the piazzas (and fountains). They are where people gather every day to talk with their neighbors, the shopkeepers, their priests; it is their place for their daily happy hour of an espresso, a gelato, or a glass of red wine. The fountains in these squares were originally purely functional, connected to natural springs or aqueducts to provide drinking water and water for bathing and washing. They were also used for decoration and to celebrate their builders. The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries were the Golden Age for fountains in Rome.

Some of the best known piazzas in Rome are: Piazza Navona with three magnificent fountains, the one in the center by Gian Lorenzo Bernini; Piazza di Spagna, at the bottom of the Spanish Steps; Piazza San Pietro; Piazza del Popolo, near the Villa Borghese; Piazza di Trevi with its well known fountain (I vividly remember celebrating my twenty-first birthday there many, many nights ago); Piazza del Campidoglio; and the Piazza Venezia.

Rome is Italy's capital and home to 2.8 million people in 496 square miles. Within this area of narrow streets and an ever-expanding metropolis, Villa Borghese and its gardens provide a glorious canopy of green. It is the largest public park in Rome and provides a refuge from its hectic streets, stretching from above the Piazza del Popolo to the top of Via Veneto. Covering about 226 acres, it features a lake, temples, a replica of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, fountains, statues, a zoo, a bio park, charming cafés, a carousel, puppet shows, and museums. While Villa Borghese and its gardens follow a formal design, much akin to French gardens, it is very much a garden for the people, unlike the French Tuileries and Luxembourg gardens with their *Pelouse Interdite* (keep off the grass) signs. Adults, children, and dogs are welcome to sit, run, play, or picnic on the grass. I don't know where the French Impressionist painter Edouard Manet's painting

"Le Dejeuner Sur l'Herbe" (Luncheon on the Grass) took place, certainly not in any Parisian park. The beautiful pine-girded oval square in the middle of the park, the Piazza di Siena, has hosted for eighty-two years the Rome International Horse Show. The area of the Villa Borghese

was originally a private vineyard, but it was redesigned and enlarged in 1605 for Pope Paul V's nephew, the Cardinal Scipione Borghese. Today it remains as one of Rome's crowning pleasures for Romans and its visitors.

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Just slightly out of town are even more shops to visit this December.

Do you like giving specialized food gift baskets? Visit RB Savage Farms on Mt. Ephraim Road in Dickerson. The Savages recently opened a retail store, and they have a great selection of locally-raised frozen meats including beef, lamb, chicken, and goat. You can get some hand-made goat soaps locally hand-crafted by Thistle Thicket Farms, and they also offer locally-made honeys, jellies, jams, and sauces. Tim Shorts's now-famous Pooleville Pickers Barbeque Sauce is available at this farm as well. Although Kingsbury's Orchard is closed, their delicious apple butter from this past fall is still available here.

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Presents of something new are nice, but something valued and traditional from the recently-opened Mrs. Brown's Attic in Barnesville has so many just-for-you, thoughtful types of antique gifts for you to choose.

There are no shops of higher quality or more unique offerings than the Claire Howard Studio with

her incredibly-beautiful paintings or David Therriault's Alden Farms gifts and sculptures. Both are part of the Countryside Artisans Gallery and Tour open throughout the region the weekend of December 11 to 13.

Do you have a young, aspiring ballerina or principal dancer or budding Bruce Lee in your life? Why not make their holidays the best ever by signing them up at Hope Garden Ballet or Kicks Karate?

Remember, even our chain stores like CVS, Tractor Supply, or Dollar General provide jobs and often really good deals. They are all loaded with Christmas decorations and stocking stuffer items, not to mention lots of cost-effective gifts for coworkers or clients. Yeah, you can use a catalog or go online, but will those print retailers sponsor an ad in the local school play program? Tractor Supply even gives space to the local 4-H kids to raise funds.

For small appliances and a variety of gifts, CVS has a large selection. Do you need to stuff some stockings? CVS can fill the biggest stockings you may have and they have gift cards as well.

Have you ever thought how much our restaurants help the community? They offer convenient, fun, and good dining; they're always ready to help our nonprofits; and they provide critical employment opportunities to local residents. Who doesn't love getting a gift certificate to a favorite place to eat?

Our area is blessed with many in-home businesses and craft persons. You can identify them at the Pooleville Area Chamber of Commerce website. Visit members by category.

What is our final localized gift suggestion by shopping local? Why, gift subscriptions to the Monocle, of course. Do you know former area residents who have since relocated? They'd love to get the Monocle. How about someone far, far away in the military or leaving soon for college? Don't you think news from home would be appreciated?

We think our point has been well made, and there is one more thing all these businesses do for the community which we like to think you'll really appreciate. Many of them advertise in the *Monocle* and, along with us, we know you are so appreciative of these businesses that make this community journal—this chronicle of your life—possible and could not resist the temptation to remind you of how they are here for you as well. From neighbor to neighbor and business to business, we as a community share so much. May all of us have a great 2016!

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### New Well Dominates Discussion At Commissioners' Meeting

S. S. Papadopoulos & Associates, Inc., a contractor for the town, made a presentation discussing the tests that had been done on drawdown (how much of an impact a new public well will have on the water levels of nearby wells) and water quality.

The well was first dug in 2001 and is located in the same portion of the town's aquifer—called the Horsepen Branch—as wells 2, 4, 6, 8, and 11. In the drawdown test, the well was operated for seventy-two hours continuously at a rate of thirty gallons per minute. This test was designed to mimic what might be expected during a typical ninety-day period of operation during normal (i.e., not excessively wet or drought) conditions. No significant impacts were found on any nearby wells, including a number of private ones. Although water levels did drop at the private wells that were monitored, the levels in the wells remained high enough to ensure that there would be no impacts on the performance of those wells.

Mihm did point out that during prolonged droughts, pumping the well at thirty gallons per minute could leave the well in very poor condition. Although she resisted using the word "dewatered" to discuss such a situation, she did say that continuous heavy pumping of Well 14 during droughts would have significant impacts on its performance. She said that it can be used during droughts but must be monitored closely.

Mihm next turned to the water quality tests that had been done on the proposed well. Both fecal coliform (a form of bacteria commonly found in rural areas where large animals are raised) and alpha radionuclides (forms of radio isotopes) were measured in the water but both at levels below the Maximum Contaminant Levels or MCLs set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

After the initial readings were done, more extensive tests were done on the alpha radionuclides to get a clearer picture of what was happening in the water. In these tests, it was confirmed once again that the levels of alpha radionuclides were below the MCL levels set by EPA. Radium 226 and Radium 228—forms of radioisotopes that are especially harmful—were not high. She was asked by Commissioner Klobukowski whether she would be comfortable using such a well for her own family, and she said she would be comfortable in doing so.

Mihm added that by mixing water from Well 4 (which is located close by) with that of Well 14, the levels of measurable alpha radionuclides could be lowered even further. She also said that droughts, which can tend to lower water levels, would have no effects on the levels of alpha radionuclides.

One local citizen, Rudy Gole, asked to comment on the report. The town, in his view, has been able to establish a robust water system and does not need the addition of Well 14. He questioned how much money the town would spend building the well house and piping needed to make the new well operational and asked whether "impact fees" levied on the new homes to be built in the planned development would cover the costs of the well. He also suggested it is not certain that the development will be built and this left a question as to whether the town would be left to shoulder the costs of the well rather than the supposed developer.

Town Manager Wade Yost replied that the impact fees from Stoney Springs and Brightwell Crossing more than covered the costs of building wells in those developments. Adding those extra funds to those to be paid by the developers of the proposed Westerly addition would be more than adequate to cover the costs of Well 14.

At this juncture, the commissioners were not required to make any decisions about the fate of Well 14.



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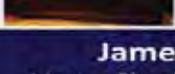
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## Remembrances

### Jaclynnette Broadhurst

By Rande Davis



Jaclynnette Porterfield Broadhurst

Jaclynnette Porterfield Broadhurst, 43, passed away on November 19 after a three-year courageous battle against breast cancer. She was the wife of Jace Broadhurst, pastor of Poolesville Baptist Church. The couple has three sons Kadin, 15, Rhyston, 14, and Davin, 10. Jac, as her close friends refer to her, met Jace while both attended Montrose Christian School. They were married in 1997.

She studied at Towson University and Brian College in Tennessee and has had a special ministry as a devoted, caring, and dedicated pastor's wife, homemaker, home-schoolteacher for the three boys, and missionary. Her youthful dreams to become a missionary were realized through a myriad of volunteer efforts by her both in the United States and abroad. She did mission work in Venezuela, Trinidad, China, and the Netherlands. The Broadhurst family spent an entire year in Kenya before they got married and again another year after that. On the home front, she taught SAT prep in the prisons, fought sex trafficking in D.C., cared for children through foster care, led the VBS for several years, sang in the choir, taught Sunday school, and, as they say, even more.

Just this past March, she rallied congregants of Poolesville Baptist Church, members of the community, and nearly two-dozen local businesses in a Stop the Hunger Drive, a program that packaged in Poolesville thousands of meals to be shipped to areas in the world lacking basic nutrition.

The large community center at the

Poolesville Baptist Church was overflowing with mourners joined together to reflect upon and celebrate the life of a woman who was described as adventurous, vivacious, and gracious. Based on the many personal stories shared about her, she was all that and more.

Long-time close friends, Jordan Zoerner, Kimberly Heard, and Ruth Kroeger, formally shared memories and reflections of their friendship with her during the ceremony. After the ceremony, dozens more shared about the Jaclynnette they knew. Jac could be the life of the party with a fun-loving sense of humor, a selfless soul, gentle in advice, quick to forgive with a legacy a million miles long as someone who opened her home as a refuge to others and exemplified the virtues of the proclamation to love others. Most of all, she loved her Lord, she loved her husband, and she loved her children.

A true sense of the woman can be gleaned in two passages: the first, a passage she entered in her Caring Bridge journal this past August 5, one month after the cancer, long-thought arrested, returned; the second, a favorite passage from C. S. Lewis's *The Last Battle*.

**August 5, 2015** *"My goal has been to follow the two most important commandments: Love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love others. Then I thought, How have I been living the past five weeks? It's been all about me. Running to the next doctor's appointment, finding out the next piece of bad news, making decisions of what to do next, beautiful friends reaching out to me, but a lot of focus around me. In the past, I have realized making life all about me, and my desires and wants never leads to happiness. Do I make life about myself and my desires? Of course, all the time—but it's that bike that I'm always falling off and getting back on. Dirt smudged all over my face, smiling at my Father, saying sorry. It's more fun when it's about You. Somehow we get farther down the road together when it's about others. Since last Friday, there is a subtle difference in my mind and attitude. It's all about loving Him and being purposeful with loving those around me. It's not about me. I've still cried since then, but He's got this. It was that same day I was able to go to Six Flags and make a few hours all about my kids. Well, maybe mostly about them. I smiled my way into getting Jace and Kimberly and the kids on that huge water soaker of a ride that left us with soggy clothing until we got home. Hilarious!"*

**The Last Battle, C. S. Lewis** *"And as He spoke, He no longer looked to them like a lion; but the things that began to happen after that were so great and beautiful that I cannot write them—and, for us, this was the end of all the stories, and we can most truly say that they all lived happily ever after; but for them it*

*was only the beginning of the real story. All their life in this world and all their adventures in Narnia had only been the cover and the title page: now at last they were*

*beginning Chapter One of the Great Story which no one on Earth has read: which goes on forever: in which every chapter is better than the one before."*

### George Korzeniewski

George Peter Ross Korzeniewski, 19, of Boyds, died on November 30, 2015. Born on August 16, 1996 in Rockville, Ross was the son of George and Kathleen Korzeniewski. Surviving are two sisters, Emily and Anna, and three brothers, Will, Ken, and Brent. Ross was preceded in death by one brother, Eric James.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Clarksburg Campus Life/Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 665, Clarksburg, MD 20871.



George Peter Ross Korzeniewski

### Melissa M. Lankler

On November 26, 2015, Melissa MacDonald Lankler died at Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. surrounded by her family. She was 61 years old. She was born on July 30, 1954 to Alexander and Celeste Lankler.

Missy enjoyed a childhood full of horses and tormenting her younger sister Lesley. Between weekends of foxhunting, she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Art History at Washington College. She went on to wear a number of professional hats (none of which involved Art History). She took photographs for the *Potomac Almanac* and worked for the Georgetown Medical School. Later, she created, developed,

and ran the Field of Dreams Therapeutic Riding Center for children with disabilities.

Missy greatly enjoyed the time she spent as a member of the Potomac Hunt Club, the Monocacy Garden Club, and Boyds Presbyterian Church, as well as the time she spent with her beloved friends and many, many animals. There is no time she loved more than the time she spent as the mother to her daughter, Celeste. She is survived by her daughter, as well as her sister and brother-in-law, Lesley and Paul Dangerfield, and their daughter, Stratton. A private family service will be held to honor her life. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

### Valerie Helfman

Valerie Rose Kilian Helfman, 48, of Dickerson, died on November 21, 2015 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville. She was the wife of Paul, and mother of Nicholas James Kilian. Born on May 1, 1967, in Papua New Guinea, Valerie was the daughter of Suzanne Elizabeth Kilian and the late Siegfried H. Kilian. She is also survived by her brothers and sisters, Marilyn Fogg, Harry, and Walter Kilian; and family of Natasha Heming of Australia; Virginia, Bessie, and Rosemarie Kilian of Virginia; and Siegfried Kilian, Jr. and Louisa Kilian, both of Australia.

In lieu of flowers, we would ask that you look at her business website about which she was very passionate: [www.lashkekeni.com](http://www.lashkekeni.com).



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# Keeping Your Pets Safe for the Holiday

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Keeping your furry family members safe during the holidays can be a difficult task. There are the ornaments, plants, presents, lights—oh, and who could forget the Christmas tree (if do you decide to put one up this year)? Let's take a look at some simple steps that will allow your pets to join in the holiday fun this year, while avoiding any trips to the animal emergency room.

## Christmas Tree Tips:

1. Place your Christmas tree in a corner, blocked off from your pet's wanting eyes. If this doesn't keep your dog or cat from attempting to jump onto the tree, you can place aluminum foil, a plastic drink bottle filled with knick knacks, or anything else that creates noise on the tree's bottom limbs to warn you of an impending tree disaster.
2. Tinsel can add a nice sparkling touch to the tree, but make sure you hang it up out of your pet's reach. Ingesting the tinsel can potentially [block their intestines](#), which is generally only remedied through surgical means.
3. Do not put lights on the tree's lower branches. Not only can your pet get tangled up in the lights, they are a [burning hazard](#). Additionally, your dog or cat may inadvertently get [shocked](#) by [biting](#) through the wire.
4. Ornaments need to be kept out of reach, too. In addition to being a choking and [intestinal blockage](#) hazard, shards from broken ornaments may injure paws, mouths, or other parts of your pet's body.
5. For those buying a live Christmas tree this year, keep the area free and clear of pine needles. While they may not seem dangerous, the needles can puncture your pet's intestines if ingested.

## Other Great Holiday Item Tips:

1. Did you know holly, mistletoe, and poinsettia plants are poisonous to dogs or cats? If you normally use these plants to decorate your home, they should be kept in an area your pet cannot reach.
2. Edible tree decorations—whether they be ornaments, or cranberry or popcorn strings—are like time bombs waiting to happen. These goodies are just too enticing, and your pet will surely tug at them, knocking down your wonderfully-decorated spruce.
3. Burning candles should be placed on high shelves or mantels, out of your pet's way—there's no telling where a wagging tail may end up. Homes with fireplaces should use screens to avoid accidental [burns](#).
4. To prevent any accidental [electrocutions](#), any exposed indoor or outdoor wires should be taped to the wall or the sides of the house.
5. When gift wrapping, be sure to keep your pet away. Wrapping paper, string, plastic, or cloth could cause [intestinal blockages](#). Scissors are another hazard, and they should be kept off floors or low tables.



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