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Father Vincent prepared a different kind of table at the church picnic. More pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Commissioner Val Dickerson made a new friend at the MML convention. Check out Tidbits on page 3.



This cover girl graced many publications at the turn of the twentieth century. Do you know the artist? Read Daytripper Plus on page 5.



Elena Victoria of PMSG with a recovering military hero at the recent outing. See more pictures of the great event on page 9.

Thief Active in Kentlands Stores

By Jack Toomey

Montgomery County detectives are investigating a string of thefts that have occurred at various stores in the Kentlands shopping area.

Police said that in each case, a woman left her purse unattended while shopping in grocery stores. The thief then removed wallets from the purses and left the store. The victims' credit cards were later used fraudulently. In one instance, the suspect used a stolen credit card at the Target store in Germantown.

The first two thefts happened at the Whole Foods store at 316 Kentlands Boulevard. A later crime happened nearby at the Safeway store at 12251 Darnestown Road.

Detectives were able to obtain a surveillance photo of the suspect. Investigators asked that if anyone recognizes the suspect, to call them at 240-773-5745 or call Crime Solvers of Montgomery County toll-free at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477). Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward of up to \$10,000 for information provided to them that leads to the

arrest and/or indictment of this suspect. Tipsters will remain anonymous.

The Montgomery County Police Department reminds residents to keep safe while shopping by following these tips:

- Carry a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Carry your closed purse as close to your body as possible.
- Do not become distracted by your shopping. Stay alert and be aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Park in well-lighted parking lots and park as close to the mall or store as possible.
- Lock your car doors and keep packages hidden in the trunk or under the seats of your vehicle.
- Do not carry large amounts of cash with you; pay with checks or credit cards when possible.
- Try to avoid carrying a large number of bags. Make trips back to your vehicle to store packages in the trunk as you continue to shop.



Suspect in pocketbook thefts in Kentlands. Police are seeking help in identifying him.

Man Drowns at Izaak Walton Pond

By Jack Toomey

A sixty-one-year-old Virginia man drowned Sunday morning at the Izaak Walton League property on West Willard Road.

Police spokesperson Rick Goodale told the *Monocle* that the man was training hunting dogs in the area of a pond on the 623-acre property. When the dogs returned to the clubhouse without him, members became alarmed and searched the area until his body was found in the pond.

Police identified him as Erik Ross Abraham, who lived in the 12900 block of Mellville Lane in Fairfax County.

The Maryland Medical Examiner's Office ruled the death as accidental by drowning.

Mr. Abraham was a retired U.S. Army lieutenant colonel.

A Remarkable Coincidence for Two PHS Boys in World War II

By Rande Davis

In a June 10 *Monocle* article, we wrote about a 1938 Poolesville High School graduate named Norman Davis Hershberger, a man who was recognized by a leader of the French Resistance in World War II for his courage and loyalty. The story resulted in a number of comments from readers but none as intriguing as the call from Ed Bodmer of Buckeystown. For those *Monocle* readers who did not get the chance to read that article, U.S. Army pilot Hershberger had to parachute from his plane over France when it ran out of fuel. He was immediately rescued by the French Resistance, who hid him in homes and barns and provided him with help in his attempt to escape France to reach Spain. He was



Charles Bodmer was one of Patton's liberator boys in World War II.

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Family Album

Bark in the Park at Whalen Commons...



Happiness for these young graduates of Little Learners Child Care is earning their first diplomas.



Deven Gaven talks to students in the Young Life program at Whalen Commons.



Sno-cone cups and puppies—does life get better than that?



Our Lady of the Presentation Picnic.



Winning dogs at the Bark in the Park.

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TidBits

The Monocle Scoops the New York Times

In the June 28, 2016 edition of the *New York Times*, Jan Hoffman, writing in the family section, reported on new treatments to deal with dogs being scared by loud thunder and fireworks. In so doing, she quoted our very own Dr. Peter Eeg. She wrote: "Veterinary behaviorists say that as years pass, dogs with noise aversion may associate one sensation with another: storm-phobic tremors can be set off merely by dark clouds—and thunderstorms are complicated beasts. 'There are significant pressure changes, frantic winds, massive electrical discharges, concussive sounds: Dogs can hear above and below our auditory range,'" said Dr. Peter H. Eeg, a veterinarian in Poolesville, Maryland, who has been reporting Sileo results in patients to Zoetis, the company that distributes the drug."

Of course, readers of the *Monocle* know that Dr. Eeg's writing on this subject had already appeared in the paper. Our new motto: All the News Fit to Print-First.

Making Friends in All the Right Places

Poolesville Commissioner Valaree Dickerson represented the town at the Maryland Municipality League's (MML) annual convention from June 26 to 29 in Ocean City. MML, an association of Maryland's towns and cities, hosts the event that includes seminars and workshops in an informal network setting along with an exhibit hall for vendors who provide services and products to local and county governments. Some of the workshops offered were youth and public service, cyber security, small town emergency preparedness, the next big things in local government, etc.

Dickerson reported to the *Monocle*, "It was another great week at the Maryland Municipal League conference. Every year, I walk away inspired. The focus this year, coincidentally, was Main Street revitalization presented by Jason Roberts, founder of Better Block."

Dickerson also got the chance to chat with Governor Hogan, the speaker at the main dinner event.

Certified Wildlife Habitat™ Program

As part of the Sustainable Poolesville program, the Town of Poolesville has registered with the National Wildlife Federation to become a Community Wildlife Habitat.

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The Community Wildlife Habitat certification project includes a long-term commitment to citizen education about providing habitat for wildlife and employing sustainable gardening practices. Poolesville's goal is to have at least fifty homes, businesses, places of worship, and other locations certified under the Certified Wildlife Habitat™ program. The town will receive points toward its community certification goal for each certified habitat.

For more information on becoming involved in Poolesville's efforts to become a certified Community Wildlife Habitat, please contact Donald Street at dmstreet51@gmail.com. To get started on your own gardening for wildlife adventure, visit NWF's website.

Rallying to Help West Virginia

Area citizens have rallied to send aid to our neighbors in West Virginia who are dealing with a shortage of household supplies. Parishioners at St. Peter's have gathered such items and will be sending them to St. James Episcopal Church in West Virginia. A more general drive has been organized with a storage vehicle parked at Whalen Commons to help residents in the White Sulphur Springs area in West Virginia.



This truck is scheduled to depart by July 20, so individuals who want to make a donation need to do so soon.

Suggested items: cleaning supplies, rubber gloves, boxes of rags, toiletries, diapers, pet food, bleach, empty five-gallon buckets with lids (needed to retrieve fresh water, they have no water and won't for weeks), bottled water, non-perishable foods.

PAA Football Threatened?

We hear that PAA Football is hurting for players and its very existence may be in jeopardy. Many kids love tackle football but they may not be able to play this year if more athletes do not sign up. Registration can be found on the PAA website, www.paafalcons.com.



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Focus on Business

Academic Management Group, LLC—A Life Of Significance

By Susan Petro

When one resides in a town with a highly-rated high school full of highly-successful students—many living in beautiful homes, driving nice cars, and nary a financial worry—one might wonder why a personal academic coach would even be necessary. After all, good grades, a high GPA, and perhaps a shelf full of trophies should be enough, shouldn't it?

Local resident and school counselor, Edward Reed, believes that the keys for children to get into the college of their dreams is much more than test scores and grades. "There is a lot of pressure on students on grades," Reed said, "but grades are like the doorbell, and there are lot of people ringing the doorbell trying to get in, but what opens the door is all these extra things, character, leadership, and service to the community."

Spanning a career of over twenty-five years, Reed, a father, husband, educator, counselor, entrepreneur, and community leader, overcame many of the same challenges and setbacks today's youth and adults face in a challenging environment. Reed, who calls himself a "reformed knucklehead" was once one of those kids who grew up in a nice suburban neighborhood, with parents who worked long hours, made sacrifices, and provided a nice lifestyle, so he took things for granted and wasn't as serious with his studies as he should have been.

It was at Bowie State that he met a mentor with whom he still keeps in touch today. Reed said, "I believe his task was to identify those knuckleheads that needed reformation and to transform them. He picked about twenty-five of us—what you would call at-risk students—to mentor."

"We set up a club at Bowie State called the good brothers organization. We began to get very serious about our studies and very serious about service to the community," said Reed, who became active with the SGA, was elected junior class vice president, and received proclamations from the state.

Reed went on to earn degrees in business, school counseling, and school administration. In 2011, Reed was nominated as Maryland Assistant Principal of the Year, and in 2014, he was nominated as Maryland School Counselor of the Year. Additionally, Reed earned his advanced post-master's degree in Counseling and Clinical Supervision from John Hopkins University.



Edward Reed,
Academic Management Group

Initially, Reed did not want to work in the school system as the pay was considerably lower than other occupations, but a particular encounter in Reed's life led him to question whether he was doing the right thing in his life. Reed met a homeless man who was HIV positive from receiving a blood transfusion. The man was just trying to make peace with his life before he passed away. "I wonder what this guy's life could have been like if he had mentors in his life like I had in mine," said Reed.

Suddenly, Reed began receiving signs that he needed to work with young people, he said. "I fought it and fought it and then it came to me that it was more important to live a life of significance than to make money." He didn't want to let money to be the focus of what he became. "When you are passionate, the other things fall in line with the right actions."

During Reed's years of teaching and counseling students, he came to realize that our school system is pretty good at teaching all the basic facts they need to know to earn good grades and even excel with enough effort. "I have a special affection for those kids I call the tier-two kids—the kids in the middle, those kids who aren't on anyone's list, the kid who just follows the rules, the nice kids, but also the kid who might fall through the cracks, the kids who have a 2.0 GPA," said Reed. "If you can help that kid, and enhance their skill set, even by just five percent, look at the increased world of opportunities."

It was through his years of counseling students that Reed had an epiphany: "I came to realize that not everyone needs a counselor, but everyone needs a coach, either academic or executive." Reed then went on to the next chapter in his long career of coaching, teaching, and empowering others to think beyond just their grades or current circumstances.

Reed created two vehicles to help his clients, both student and adults,

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Daytripper Plus

Making the Most of Long Weekends

By Rande Davis

We have long offered a great column by Ingeborg Westfall called Daytripper which provides interesting information about places within one or two hours of the Monocacy region that are, for the most part, family friendly and unique.

We are introducing a spinoff of that called Daytripper Plus, which will offer up intriguing places to visit and things to do that, while relatively close by, are, nevertheless world-class in their offerings but best enjoyed with at least a one-night stay.

The notion came by naturally since publishing a newspaper, even a bi-weekly one at that, does not lend itself to long-term vacations. The idea first germinated last year when we went to Annapolis for a long weekend, stayed in a top-notch hotel at the Naval Academy, and had a terrific experience enjoying the Annapolis harbor as if we were tourists visiting all the way from Europe or beyond. With the proximity of the nation's capital and historic cities, it is feasible to visit world-renowned attractions for a short visit at the five-star level without breaking the bank. These can easily be quarterly experiences instead of the usual one- or two-week vacation.

We may surprise you with our first such article by selecting Winchester, Virginia, an historical town not even two hours away. What caught our attention was the George Washington, a Wyndham Grand Hotel in downtown Winchester. Built in 1924, this classic historical hotel recently received thirty million dollars in renovations by Wyndham; they used their money wisely.

Entering the spacious lobby with its high-ceilinged, elegant, and upscale décor is to take a step into luxury. Its beckoning open patio back entrance, the piano bar with deep, dark mahogany woodwork, and full-sized wall mural invite you into its glorious history. You can imagine Bob Hope or Lucille Ball, patrons from the past, when they came to stay there. Thankfully, not everything from the past was preserved. George's Food and Spirits, the basement restaurant, is certainly an amazing upgrade from the 1960s when it was a Howard Johnson restaurant. Today, it is a highly-rated—but comfortably-priced—restaurant. The warm hotel pool was a definite step up from the typical hotel pool; Roman columns with goddess statues watch over swimmers and whirlpool relaxers. As far as the room, as a Wyndham Reward member, we got lucky with a free upgrade to a suite since they needed our standard room for a business conference at the time of our visit.

The price of the suite and hotel was about double what we would normally spend, but, remember, the whole idea of this vest-pocket vacation was to make going upscale doable.

In Winchester, history is everywhere. This early Colonial city changed sides over seventy times during the Civil War. The Old Court House Civil War Museum, just around the corner from the hotel and in the center of the Loudoun Street Pedestrian Mall (a closed-to-traffic five-block area of a wide variety of shops and restaurants), at one time held over 1500 southern prisoners in a space no bigger than a quarter the size of Poolesville's Whalen Commons. At the opposite end of this shopping area is George Washington's Office Museum, the office he rented in preparing the Brits and the Thirteen Colonies for their war with the French and Indians. Practically next door is the Cork Street Tavern, a remodeled but historical-themed pub we found perfect for lunch.



The Museum of the Shenandoah Valley offerings intriguing exhibits in and near its facility in Winchester.

As far as natural beauty, we have just two words: Shenandoah Valley. From its Skyline Drive above to its river- and rail-lined valley below, the natural beauty

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July 18

Pajama Storytime

Stories, rhymes, songs, and more for ages three to six with an adult. *Poolersville Library*. 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners' Meeting

Poolersville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

July 18 to 22

MUMC Vacation Bible School

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July 18 to 23

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July 19

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July 20

Poolersville Area Senior Center (PASC) Event

Tai chi. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Poolersville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

July 21

Senior Book Discussion Group

Enjoy and discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. 7:00 p.m.

July 22

Maryland Zoo presents:

"On the Wing"

The Zoomobile will visit for an interactive, educational presentation. Meet some of our fine-feathered friends and learn about their unique adaptations in this program about feathers and flight, featuring several Animal

Ambassadors. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library Montgomery County, Inc. A summertime program for children and families. 11:00 a.m.

July 27

PASC Event

Tai chi. 17750 W. Willard Road. 10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold. 1:00 p.m.

Poolersville Green Living Network

July Topic: Montgomery County Solar Co-op. Use collective buying power for your rooftop solar. *Poolersville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

Save the Date: July 30

St. Mary's 141st

Annual Chicken Dinner

Country store, white elephant, children's games, candy store, baked goods, cake wheel, and live music by Sookie Stomp. *St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville*. Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Local News

State Declines to Significantly Modify Local Intersection

By John Clayton

The State Highway Administration has decided not to recommend traffic lights or road redesign to enhance safety at the intersections of Maryland Route 107 (White's Ferry Road), Route 28 (Darnestown Road), and Sugarland Road. The SHA District Three Traffic Engineering staff performed the study pursuant to a Change.org petition and letter from Dawsonville (Boyds) resident Barbara Strother. She initiated the online petition earlier this year in order, she said, to represent the residents, commuters, and tourists who use those roads. A resident of the Boyds area since 2014 and a daily user of these roads since 2008, she says a high number of fatal and critical-injury traffic accidents have occurred at the site. She was also motivated by a February accident which cost the life of Mark Douglas Hutchinson who lived and worked on the 430-acre farm that straddles Route 28 and White's Ferry Road. The petition began with her signature, and she had hoped for one hundred signatures. To date the petition has 309 signatures, with many comments overwhelmingly in favor of the state doing something to improve the safety of that corridor. Many of the comments speak of friends and families affected by accidents in the vicinity.

Strother's petition requested that a study be performed and indicated the need for "changes...to the intersection design, new traffic management

strategies, or additional signage." The SHA responded with regret for "your community losing a member as a result of being hit at the aforementioned intersection," and confirmed that a safety study was performed at the intersections noted.

The study continued, "In our study... we considered numerous factors including traffic volumes, field observations, sight distances, and the most recently available three-year police reported crash data. Our peak-hour observations did not reveal any conflicts between motorists on MD 28 and motorists on MD 107. Queues and delay times were manageable, and motorists were able to make turns onto MD 28 and MD 107 without coming into conflict with other motorists. In addition, a review of the most recently available three-year crash history does not indicate a pattern of crashes at the intersection. For these reasons, we conclude that no changes to the intersection are necessary at this time.

"Our field observations revealed that sight distances are limited in the area. In response to this, we have requested that our maintenance forces install intersection warning signs for Sugarland Road along both directions of MD 28 and MD 107. In addition, we have requested that dashed white markings be painted along the edge of MD 107, through the intersection with Sugarland Road. This type of work normally takes sixty (60) to ninety (90) days to complete, weather and scheduling permitting."

Strother responded to the *Monocle*, "Their statement that there is not a pattern of accidents at these intersections is false. There have been three non-fatality accidents there since I started the petition on March 14. Read the comments,... and you can count

the numbers. Also, I have sat there three times waiting to get past fatality accidents just to get in my driveway.

I'm furious that they could make such a statement. The public outcry will be loud!"

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Academic Management Group, LLC—A Life Of Significance

to chart a course that helps them live a life of fulfillment and achieve their goals. Academic Management Group, LLC serves both secondary and college students and incorporates strategic planning, assessments, and coaching to help clients develop the skills they need to construct the lives they desire.

Additionally, Reed joined the John Maxwell Team where he serves as an independent certified coach, teacher, and speaker. Reed has traveled throughout the country and to other parts of the world to help individuals and organizations fulfill their goals.

To learn more about how Academic Management Group's mission, visit www.academicmanagementgroup.com. To learn more about the services Reed offers through the John Maxwell Group, visit www.johnmaxwellgroup.com/edwardreed.

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ultimately captured by the Germans, held in a Gestapo POW camp, tortured, but never gave up the names of his French heroes, and consequently, was recognized by the French for his heroism. His story in the *Monocle* ended by mentioning that Patton's 3rd Army ultimately liberated him.

It was this observation that caught the attention of Bodmer.

Ed and his wife, Nancy, have operated Bodmer's Stoves and Pottery for forty years in Buckeystown and both are fans of the *Monocle*. Since Ed is a former history teacher, he particularly enjoys reading the Mystery History and other similar articles in the newspaper. After reading the Hershberger story, some bells went off reminding him of a story told by his father. Now, as Paul Harvey used to say, here is the "rest of the story."

Ed recalled to us a time when he and his dad were casually reviewing an old publication from the Buckingham School for Boys which at one time was a little south of Buckeystown. That school had a strong benevolent reputation as an institution for orphaned boys or for those from financially-strapped families needing help. The school closed in 1957. The father told his son that as a lad, he and other Poolesville boys used to bicycle all the way to Buckeystown to play a baseball team from that school. As the two looked at the Buckingham publication, they reviewed a roster of the names of the boys from both teams. Charles looked at the list, pointed to the name Norman Davis Hershberger, and said to his son, "I liberated him." Flabbergasted and confused, young Ed asked, "What do you mean?" It was then that his father spoke about his World War II experience for the very first time.

Ed, with chills down his back and hair raised on his arms, heard for the first time from his father about how he was with Patton when they liberated many concentration camps and POW camps, a memory that was witness to such scorching human atrocity, the father had never spoken of it before. The only clue Ed had ever known about his dad's experience came when finding an old box of German Army medals and pictures of dead bodies. He had never asked his dad about his find as he knew it would be too painful.

Over time, his dad's response to queries about World War II only solicited a simple, non-descript comment, "Been there, done that." The father never even had interest in any of the WWII movies like *Saving Private Ryan* or *Band of Brothers*. "Not once before had he ever said he liberated a POW camp." Then all of a sudden, just like that, the simple statement, "I liberated him."

As the 3rd Army liberated American POWs, Charles Bodmer came face to face with Norman Davis Hershberger, an old baseball teammate, both from the Monocacy region in Maryland, standing there a half a world away from their home.

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July 16, 1891 Sheriff Fairall arrested John Voletti, the Italian who shot John Cook at Cabin John on Friday night. The arrest was not without incident. Voletti threatened to kill himself and then turned on the sheriff and threatened to kill him before he was taken into custody.

July 12, 1892 Addison Washington was arrested and taken before Judge Morgan. It seems that Washington and

William Humble, who was visiting Rockville from Georgetown, argued in the street. Washington produced a knife or razor and cut Humble about the face and throat. It was not known whether Humble would survive.

July 17, 1894 A young man named Magruder who lived near Beane had one of his feet taken off by an electric car owned by the Tennallytown and Rockville Railroad.

A barn owned by Mrs. Chandler burned to the ground. Among the contents were a vehicle and bales of hay. The loss was estimated at \$1000.

Burglars broke into the store owned by David Warfield. They used a chisel to pry open a rear window. Taken were cash and some shoes. It was believed that a gang operating out of Leesburg was responsible.

July 27, 1894 Sheriff Mullican received a telegram from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad detectives asking him to arrest members of General Kelly's Industrial Army. They had taken over a freight train at Brunswick and were bound for Gaithersburg where they got off. Mullican travelled to Gaithersburg where he heard arguments from both sides and reached the conclusion that no big infraction had occurred. When last heard of, Kelly's men were encamped near the fairgrounds in Rockville.

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Garden

A Mid-Summer Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

The past six months have tossed a mixed bag of weather conditions into the garden. The February blizzard delivered record levels of snow, but as is often the case with snow loads as opposed to ice, it caused relatively little damage to garden plants and shrubs. Unseasonably-warm temperatures in March pushed spring along early in the mid-Atlantic states. Snow drops, daffodils, and tulips started to peek out of the ground, but then the first week of April brought in below-freezing temperatures. We were hammered with rain in May, with one stretch of fourteen consecutive days of steady, chilling rain with alternating warm and cold fronts. All of these roller coaster weather forecasts tremendously affected many plants and shrubs.

Hydrangeas (*H.*) are tough plants, but they can be very weather sensitive. Recent *H. macrophylla* introductions are more likely to flower on new growth as well as year-old stems, promising flowers even after a tough winter. True to form, varieties such as 'Endless Summer' were looking very healthy in March with new leaves emerging every day; last year's flower buds were preparing to pop; then the freeze hit; the old buds were killed; and the new leaves slowed their growth. It is mid-July now and I have very few blooms. *H. paniculata* is considered the most cold-hardy since it blooms on new wood, but the winter cold was not the issue this year; it was the April freeze. 'Limelight' still has no flower buds, but is a late bloomer, appearing in August.

The spring-blooming bulbs were very slow to grow; their first blooms were very small and few. Then the rains came and they exploded with the biggest flowers I have ever seen.

Herbaceous perennials such as daylilies and hosta struggled at first, but they could be easily trimmed to remove damaged foliage.

The May rains brought spectacular growth to newly-emerging perennials; I have never seen such rapid growth. This was most evident in my lavender plants. Two-year-old 'Phenomenal' lived up to its name; I highly recommend it. It is used in Europe for municipal plantings due to its vigor. When I was recently in the gardens of Regent's Park in London, this variety of lavender was used in many locations in Queen Mary's Rose Garden. The most surprising survivors of this weather have been my Lavender (*L. angustifolia* (the true English lavender),

L. angustifolia 'Munstead,' 'Intermedia Grosso,' and 'Provence.' They are almost twenty years old, showing winter and old age woody stems. The rains gave them new life and vigor. They have tripled in size.

Perovskia (Russian Sage)—This aromatic woody plant with foliage covered with soft gray hairs can put in a commanding presence all by itself, but this year the rains tripled its growth rate. It is light and airy, so its tall and floppy stems are not overbearing. In London's Regent's Park, I did notice that they were staked with gardener's twine to keep them inbounds.

Coreopsis is always a reliable bloomer with the constitution of iron. 'Moonbeam' and 'Sienna Sunset' are two wonderful varieties. Cut stems back after the first flush to promote a repeat bloom.

Echinacea—Every year my coneflowers (*Echinacea*) get bigger and better. 'Cheyenne Spirit,' 'White Swan,' 'Pow-Wow Wild Berry,' and 'Solar Flare' are very good performers in our area. Keep them deadheaded to encourage more blooms.

The rains and heat encouraged the growth of powdery mildew in phlox this summer, even in the mildew-resistant variety 'David.' There is no cure for this; the best antidote is good air circulation around the plants. This fungal disease is marked by a white floury covering of the stems. It can appear overnight. Cut the affected stems down to the ground and leave just a few stems and hope that the new growth will get more air.

Roses! I have a love/hate relationship with them. I love them for their unsurpassed beauty, but I hate how difficult it is to grow them in our area, with or without harmful chemical sprays. Three years ago, I stopped chemical spraying for disease and pest control and I stopped growing roses. This spring I gave in and planted four David Austin roses. I spoke with David Austin, Jr. in Oxfordshire, United Kingdom about my problem. He suggested three varieties, 'Boscobel,' 'The Poet's Wife,' and 'Olivia Rose Austin,' that he felt could do well in our area. They were beautiful and healthy in May and June; come the first of July, they withered and died. I don't know if it was the heat or a fungal disease that killed them, but (again) I give up—or I'll just consider them an annual that blooms in May and June. My phoenix roses, my thirty-six-year-old Rugosas, outdid themselves this year and tripled in size and bloomed for six weeks.

These past six months have been the best of times and the worst of times for my garden, proving again the constantly-evolving state of a garden.



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Making the Most of Long Weekends

is astounding. I do not exaggerate when I say Ireland's green is not superior to the Valley's. The haunting appeal of "Oh, Shenandoah, I long to See You" is understood best when riding past its pastures and mountains.

The most popular time to visit Winchester is in the spring during its Annual Apple Blossom Festival, but we found the summertime a most cost-effective time. A trip to Luray Caverns was expected to be a quick morning call before heading back to Winchester, but there was just too much to see, and after actually walking the cavern's more-than-half-mile trail of incredible natural phenomena, we still wanted to visit the other quick-to-see but interesting other sites like the Car and Carriage Caravan Museum, its Toy Town Junction Museum, and the Luray Valley Farm Museum. We skipped the Garden Maze for fear we might not find our way out of it. We had a quick lunch at the café in the farmers' museum where a local wine was available.

Getting back to Winchester later than intended that day, we chose to simply rest until cocktail time and found the Half Note Lounge with happy hour specials that included very friendly staff. Our culinary tastes were in the direction of Italian so we ate at Violino Ristorante Italiano, just around the corner from the hotel. Its homemade pasta and fresh fish menu was a little on the pricy side, but it also came with a free special treat from the chef, a palate-cleansing fruit plate as a surprise.

The next morning we jaunted over to Stephens City early to hit some golf balls at a driving range. We passed up Appleland Sports Center's twelve-hole executive golf course in favor

of its miniature golf course. The golf shop pro, Dick Boxwell, was fun to chat with and an example of the kind of friendly repartee we found throughout our time in the Winchester area. We didn't make it there this time, but the Family Drive-In Movie Theatre in Stephens City, the only drive-in in our region, is celebrating its sixtieth anniversary.

A late breakfast of authentic bagels with sausage and eggs at Sclafani's New York Bagels and Bread was our first introduction to this tasty franchise. Talk about friendly. How many places invite you to write a personal note for prayerful support, fold it, and place it in a crack on the wall with another thousand or so more, each looking for a little special spiritual blessing?

A must-visit when in Winchester is Julian Wood Glass, Jr.'s Museum of the Shenandoah Valley which includes a two-story cultural museum of artifacts, art, furniture, crafts, miniatures, and history. A traveling art exhibit of Alphonse Mucha's work, the master of art nouveau, was a surprise, but the museum has permanent installations of great art and portraits, including works by Gilbert Stuart.

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We returned home after three days and two nights, rested and relaxed. One of the best parts of the trip was getting home so quickly. The travel was easy, and obviously inexpensive, with no travel weariness or jet lag for us. The old hotel theme went so well that looking for more of the same to write about in the future will be our goal.

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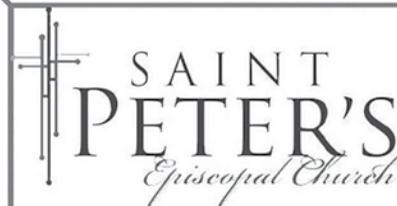
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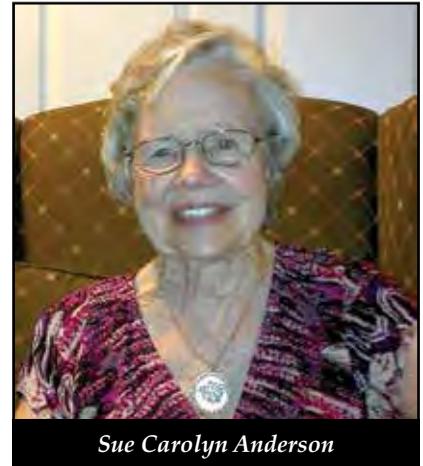
Remembrances

Sue Carolyn Anderson

Sue Carolyn (Smith) Anderson, 82, of Gaithersburg, went to heaven to be with her beloved husband William (Bill) P. Anderson on July 6, 2016. She was born on June 22, 1934 in Albemarle, North Carolina. Sue was the daughter of the late Lucille and John Wayne Smith.

Sue graduated from the Pfeiffer School of Business in North Carolina. After graduation, she married the love of her life, Bill, on June 19, 1954.

Sue worked for the Atomic Energy Commission in Germantown as a budget analyst until the birth of her third child. Then she managed the business records for her late husband, Bill, and his various business interests that included Executive Garden Apartments and Anderson Supply in Boyds. Sue was a member of the Gaithersburg Garden Club for many years where she had many dear friends. Her nickname was "Sweet Sue," and she lived up to that name. She was a peacemaker and would only use kind and gentle words with people. Sue was always happy and willing to help in any way.



Sue Carolyn Anderson

Sue is survived by one brother Tevis Smith and his wife Ellen of North Carolina; two daughters Pamela Spadin and her husband Ron, Mary Lu Jones and her husband Chris, and one son Otto Anderson and his wife Kristy; nine grandchildren, Emily Cuga and her husband Andrew, Marjory Jones, Logan Jones, Meredith Jones, Gavin Spadin and his wife Kathryn, Ava Anderson, Sophia Anderson, Farrah Anderson, and Kelly McConnell and her husband Will; and three great-grandchildren, Eva Cuga, Cedar Spadin, and Patrick McConnell.

Sue was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Smith of North Carolina.

Jane Roberts (Frier) Magee

Jane Roberts (Frier) Magee, 90, died peacefully on July 2, 2016 at Frederick Memorial Hospital surrounded by her family.

Jane was born January 13, 1926 in St. Louis, Missouri to Col. James Henly and Mary (Sturges) Frier. Jane's teenage years were spent in Mexico City, Mexico. The family returned to the United States where Jane worked at the Central Intelligence Agency and attended George Washington University. She married Thomas George Magee in 1947, settling in Bethesda, where they began raising a family.

After moving to a farm in Boyds, Jane began a career as a Special Education Assistant Teacher at Clarksburg Elementary School. Over the next twenty-three years, Jane dedicated herself to studying and improving methods of teaching. She was greatly respected by staff and beloved by her students and their families. Jane was known for her sweet temperament and love of conversation. Friends and family admired her positive attitude and inner glow. She was an avid reader and talented homemaker whose home was graced with lovingly-made hooked rugs, needlepoint pillows, slipcovers, and drapery.

Jane's greatest love was her family. She was devoted to her seven children who survive her: Henly Magee, Tricia (Bruce) Werts, Mary Lynn (Victor) Wulc, Carol (Robert) Mull, Joseph (Karen) Magee, Sarah (Joseph) Andrews, and Elizabeth (Thomas) Montebell; her nineteen grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. In addition, she leaves behind brothers James, John, and William Frier, sister Ann Schmidt, and many nieces and nephews. Her husband Tom preceded her in death in 2013, as well as her sisters Mary Filsinger, Sally Delano, Virginia Cockrill, and Lloyd St. Antoine.

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Luz "Lucy" M. Quiñones, 63, of Poolesville, died on June 29, 2016. She was the wife of Eduardo Quiñones.

Born on July 12, 1952 in Puerto Rico, she was the daughter of the late Herminio and Maria Robles.

Besides her husband, she leaves one son, Eduardo Quiñones, Jr.; her brothers and sisters, Gloria Maria Borrero, Ada Maria Borrero, Jose Adan Robles, Jose Fernando Robles, Jose Eli Robles, Maria Milagros Robles, Maria Del Carmen Robles, Maria Basilisa Robles, and Maria De Los Angeles Robles, and one grandchild, Cayley Reina Quiñones.

She was preceded in death by her son, Carlos J. Quiñones, and one brother, Jose Herminio Borrero.

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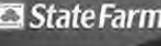
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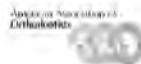
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Dogs and Their Understanding of Our Conversations with Them

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Plain and simple research has proven that dogs are able to hear voices in the same way that human beings do which allows them to pick up on acoustic (voice sounds) clues about our emotional state.

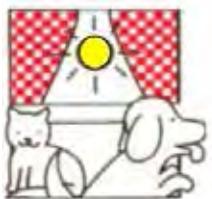
Published in the *Cell Journal of Current Biology*, researchers have discovered that dogs have a dedicated area in their brains for voices, just like people. This is likely an evolution-driven adaptation as the wolves that interacted with early man some 18,000 years ago needed to have an understanding of the voice/sound inflections. This allowed them to determine which groups of humans were friendly to wolves and which were hunting the wolves. As man and wolf's relationship matured into the human-canine bond, this adaptation became even more important to the expanded interactions

It is important to note that *Canis lupus lupus* (wolf) and *Canis lupus familiaris* (dog) have the exact same genetic coding. The sub-species identification and differentiation is therefore adaptive in origin.

The research team trained 11 dogs to lie motionless while fully awake in an fMRI brain scanner. This allowed the research team the ability to run the same neuroimaging experiment on the dogs and the human participants. Findings showed humans and dogs showed activity in the same location of the brain when verbal requests or commands were given. They also found that dogs responded more strongly to dogs, and humans to humans (except in the case of my wife and my dogs, nobody messes with her).

The lead researcher, Attila Andicus, indicated that dogs and humans share a similar social environment. This produced similar brain mechanisms to process social information. This provides strong evidence that dogs understand much more of our language and sentence structure than we gave them credit for up to this point. So watch what you are saying when you don't want your dog to know what is about to happen (like going to the veterinarian).

This goes a long way to explaining why humans and dogs have such a strong connection and how dogs are able to tune into the feelings of their owners so well and can navigate our social structure so easily.



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