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AHOP's Jessica and Chen with football fans. See more local Super Bowl celebrations in Family Album on page 2.



Collect Cat's Meow? Better hurry before they're all gone. Find out more in Tidbits on page 5.



PHS History students received recognition in Annapolis. Find out who and why in School News on page 7.



This girl is here to serve you. Find out how in AgNews on page 16.

Crafts-A-Plenty to Close after 42 Years

By Rande Davis

In 1976, after working in education as a Title I aide for reading and first grade assistant, Reva Hoewing and PES first grade teacher Barbara Choate decided to open Crafts-A-Plenty. The two women shared a love for arts and crafts, while Reva had a personal passion for ceramics and sewing. They opened their supply shop with cards, and over the years and various locations, their inventory took some twists and turns, to include vintage décor items, antiques, and collectibles.

Reva's first location was in the Hoskinson house next to St. Peter's Church on the second floor. She had a short time at the Old Town Hall on West Willard Road that now hosts the Friendly Thrift Shop, followed by her favorite location, the Williams building next to Anytime Fitness. More recently, she has operated out of the Frederick Poole House, next to Bassett's Restaurant.

For many years, Reva served the community through the shop as a craft center for youth and adults two times a week. She offered craft classes, including ceramics, silk flower making, stitching, macramé, and painting projects of various kinds for many years at her craft shops for Boy and Girl Scout troops, school class groups, church groups, and individuals.

Even today, past craft students and scouts recall the ceramics and Christmas items she helped them make as kids so very many years ago. Often, they proudly proclaim that they still have them.

She and her husband, Ray, have lived in Poolesville on and off for almost sixty years. The couple are the parents of five, grandparents of twelve, and great-grandparents of twenty-four. They are members of Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church,

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Reva Hoewing is preparing to retire after forty-two years of retailing. The commissioners honored her with a certificate of achievement.

Growing Up in Sugarland: A First-Hand Perspective

By Rande Davis

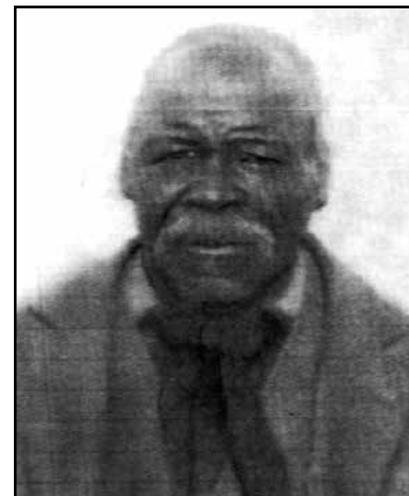
Sugarland Forest, a historical Poolesville community of freed slaves, has had its history exceptionally well-documented through the extensive work of the Sugarland Ethno-History Project through the leadership of Gwen Reese and Patricia Johnson. This dynamic community had its own store, school, and post office. The very heart of the community was its church, St. Paul's Church on Sugarland Road. More than a place of worship, St. Paul's served as a quasi-government being Sugarland's civic authority, often serving as a courtroom when disputes or other legal issues emerged. It was the core of the people's life, where they were baptized after being born at home, having been delivered by local mid-wife Netti Johnson. The

church is where they gathered to celebrate and mourn, where they married and were buried. The community's strength was its families, its faith, its value of hard work, and its entrepreneurialism. Its demise was a result of its success, as succeeding generations grew being well-loved, well-educated, and strongly encouraged to expand their horizons beyond the little settlement. Today, descendants hold onto its proud history and heritage, many remembering the greatness and goodness of life and living in such a place.

Here are a few oral reflections from a former slave and original residents of Sugarland.

Philipp Johnson, a former slave, who was married to Rachel, a native American:

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Poolesville's Philip Johnson, an original resident of Sugarland Forest and a former slave.

Family Album



Ram fans Sam Hopkins and Dave Beauchamp.



Jerry Klobukowski (right) shared the Super Bowl fun with the patrons of Cugini's.



Super Bowl fans at Bassett's: Doug and Nancy Crosswhite, Mike Micioni, Joel King, and Gretchen Ryan.



The "James Gang" at Cugini's showed their hand when they cheered when Brady threw an interception.



AHOP's Michaela Szayla (center) and Lisa Selby (right) with Super Bowl and chili fans.



Michelle Van Dyke, Ralph and Mary Pollen, and Nadine Burns enjoying the Super Bowl at House of Poolesville.



AHOP fans: Jeff Eck, Terry Davidson, Jocelyn Harris, Leigh Platt, Bob Stottlemeyer, and Candace Eck. Terry won the Super Bowl chili cookoff.

Town Government

More Support for Multiuse Facility for Poolesville

By Link Hoewing

Two newly-elected at-large county councilmembers, Will Jawando and Evan Glass, expressed support for the multiuse facility for which the Fair Access for Western Montgomery County Coalition has been advocating at the Town of Poolesville Commissioners' February 4 meeting. The commission also celebrated the four-decades-long success of the local retail store Crafts-A-Plenty which proprietor Reva Hoewing recently announced would close its doors on February 28.

As its first order of business, commission president Jerry Klobukowski read from a proclamation that Crafts-A-Plenty is the "longest running retail establishment under the same owner in the Town of Poolesville." The proclamation continued by praising Mrs. Hoewing for "not only creat[ing] a successful business but [making] her shop into a place where all feel welcome and many frequently come not only to purchase needed items but also to get friendly advice, support, and a sympathetic ear."

The two county councilmembers appeared next to offer comments and take questions. Klobukowski set the stage by illuminating the effort the town and the Fair Access Coalition had been making to secure a commitment to building a multiuse facility along with a "new, not simply modernized-in-various-places, high school."



Councilmen Evan Glass and Will Jawando attended the February 4 commissioners' meeting.

Speaking first, Evan Glass said that he has been out to Poolesville frequently, attending the breakfast that was held before Poolesville Day last year for public officials and the listening session that County Executive Marc Elrich held at Poolesville High School last December. He is on the Health and Human Services Committee and had just heard a presentation about a zip code health outcomes report for Montgomery County that was released last November. He recognizes that "the area around here is a healthcare desert." Glass went on to commend the commissioners and the Fair Access Coalition for "educating us on healthcare." He also praised the concept of a multiuse facility and noted how innovative and appropriate the concept is for the needs of Western Montgomery County.

Will Jawando also heard the same presentation about healthcare outcomes by zip codes in Montgomery County recently. He said that while he is an at-large member and represents the entire county, he lives in Colesville in the eastern part of the county. Both the Poolesville area and the part of the county where he lives have "a lot of reds," the designation in the report for areas that have health outcomes on various metrics that register at the lowest levels compared to the rest of the county. The report's findings "are not lost on me" and went on to say that he is "very much in favor of making a co-located facility" a reality in Poolesville. He concluded by saying that he and the other at-large members "represent the whole county" including, importantly, Poolesville and the surrounding areas.

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Rande(m) Thoughts No Super(market) For You!

By Rande Davis

Just like Seinfeld's Soup Nazi shouting "no soup for you," the news about not getting a grocery seemed harsh, unexpected, and very disappointing, and, just like George Costanza, one is left bewildered, thinking, "No, please, no, what do you want me to do?"

Unfortunately, groveling never worked for George, and it won't work for us. I applaud Jim Brown for working so hard and so long on the possibility, and although it almost worked, who can really be surprised by the decision of brothers, Jason and Kevin Kirsch, the owners of Chevy Chase Supermarket that had begun plans to open in Poolesville? There is some talk still of a pop-up store next to Anytime Fitness—or maybe even of the Kirsches buying property and building something, but I suspect that remains a very long shot as well.

The most unique line of products a new grocery store could offer us that we don't already have is fresh meats, vegetables, and fruits, or prepared foods of meals with sides. Much of the "inner-aisle" product lines that a supermarket offers is now already available at CVS or Dollar General.

While the town and surrounding area may claim up to twelve thousand people as potential customers, the problem is that the farther away from Poolesville that you go, the more convenient Giant, Shoppers, and Safeway become to the non-Poolesville customer. As it is, Barnesville folks can get to a Giant or Shoppers in just fifteen minutes (Boys residents even quicker) compared to the ten minutes for them to get to Poolesville. Our Dickerson neighbors go to Frederick now for most of their needs, going to a supermarket is an add-on to their plans since they are going north anyway. For those going toward Rockville, over sixty-five percent of our households already have someone doing so on a daily basis. These residents are passing Harris Teeter, Safeway, Giant, or Shoppers Food Warehouse every day.

How I wish hometown loyalty would work. It didn't work for Selby's. Even with a reputation for quality meats, loyalty didn't do the trick for them. A new grocery could bring vegetables and fruits, but it's very difficult to make profits with items that have

high spoilage rates. Regarding vegetables and fruits, the fact is we all could be doing much more shopping at Lewis Orchards and Kingsbury's Orchard. A co-op has been suggested, but so far, every attempt to do so has not worked well since they have come with especially high pricing. Specialty markets seem to work only in large population areas or if what they offer or how they offer it is so unique that it has a powerful draw factor that brings consumers to them. For example, Lewis and Kingsbury bring large numbers from down county every weekend as it is.

There is another thing working against a new grocery. After all these years since Selby's closed, we have established new shopping habits. For a grocery to really work, you will need to re-shift your buying from Harris Teeter, Aldi, Walmart, Whole Foods, and Wegman's back to them. You are going to do that? Really?

The smaller, local grocery stores work well in cities where many, if not most people, do not have cars. Most of us would still get into a car to shop at a local grocery store, and once we are in our car, what does an extra ten minutes really mean, especially if we get greater variety and pricing?

Sadly, our senior citizens are hit hardest by not having a grocery; however, many such seniors are already getting help from their family, friends, neighbors, churches, and other organizations in getting transportation to the stores out of town once or twice a month. Perhaps what we really need to be doing is focus on to how to better help those folks.

I think there may be some hope for a smaller retailer with meats, fresh, vegetables, and breads, but it might be more like a deli. A deli could also serve as a fresh product retailer, but having restaurant and catering services as well brings in the extra profits necessary to make a go of it. We almost had something like that through the good folks at Boar's Head. Unfortunately, the county pretty much put the monkey wrench into their plans through bureaucratic foot-dragging, and they ended up having to stay put down county.

It's not all bad news. Seven years of no supermarket in town did not lower anybody's real estate values. Hopefully, something on a smaller scale will work out, and hopefully we can support it adequately. In the meantime, we need to prioritize and focus on getting that new high school/multiuse facility; we are going to need every ounce of our effort and energy for that.

School News

PHS Student Wins Art Show

By Ellen Poltilove

Julia Pavlick is obsessed with how people look at art in art museums. She is intrigued by how people view art, how they stand, how they sit, how they tilt their heads or fold their arms.

Pavlick has dozens and dozens of photos on her phone of people viewing paintings at local museums, so when she needed an idea for a painting of her own that fit the theme "curiosity," she bolted upright in bed, only half awake, and realized she needed to paint a scene of people viewing art in a museum.

That light bulb moment led to Pavlick winning first place honors in the Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus art show. Pavlick, 17, a senior at Poolesville High School, said she was optimistic she would fare well in the show, but when she saw the incredible work of her peers, she had her doubts.

The JHU show is now in its thirteenth year. Students from sixteen Montgomery County public high schools participated this year and now



Artist Emily Pavlick
won first place.

have their works on exhibit through March 15. Of the 236 works submitted, jurors selected 59 to be showcased. Seven students won prizes. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

An opening reception for the exhibit was held on campus in January.

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Tidbits

Cat's Meow: Going, Going, Gone?

With Crafts-A-Plenty closing after forty years, a big question arises: What will become of the Cat's Meow Poolesville Historic building series? If you or your organization (churches, retailers, homes, etc.) have a Cat's Meow in the series, you may want to contact Reva to see if she still has inventory of it as you may want to buy her remaining inventory.

Of course, taking over the line could prove to be a modest fundraiser for any of the nonprofits in town.

SCA: Dreamin' of an Early Spring

The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association sponsored its eighth annual Midwinter Garden Dreams, a fun gathering—open to all—for gardeners and would-be gardeners. Though perhaps a bit smaller than past years, the February 3 afternoon brought some new faces—including some who have only recently moved or returned to the Upcounty. Fueled by plenty of hot tea and some fabulous home-baked scones, the group enjoyed wide-ranging conversation about favorite tomato varieties, impacts of 2018 record-breaking precipitation on gardens and lives, and where to find more information about regenerative farming and gardening, and more.



The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association gardeners possibly celebrating the Groundhog's prediction.

Reminder that Tidbits Is Your Column in the Paper

We find Tidbits to be quite a popular column of short, newsy types items of a positive nature. This column works best when there are five or six little news stories to report. We want to remind all our readers that Tidbits is sort of their column. Do you have a relative or friend who had an achievement? Know of a boy or girl scout getting a reward? Do you find yourself at local events where parents or attendees are using their phones to take lots of pictures and you think to yourself it would have been nice if the *Monocle* could have been there? Guess what! We don't have to be there to get it in the paper. Church, school, club, fundraising events are all perfect for Tidbits. Next time, send in a picture with a caption and a short sentence of what it was all about. If it's too short for Tidbits, it just might make the Family Album.

Fun Fact...

Dickerson was officially founded in 1871. It was named after its first postmaster, William H. Dickerson, who served from 1873 to 1897.

The earliest land grant known to have been given out in the land that is now Dickerson was granted to Arthur Nelson. He received ninety-seven acres in 1739. Most of what is now considered Dickerson originally belonged to Nathan Hempstone.



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In Your Own Backyard

The C&O Canal Delights Hikers in Winter

By Jon Wolz

Through December and mid-January, the C&O Canal continued to be an interesting and exciting place for me to visit. I went on several walks from Violette's Lock all the way up to Noland's Ferry, and the weather changed from mild and rain in December to cold and snow by early January. In December, the C&O Canal experienced its fifth flooding episode of 2018. I noticed more towpath erosion and deteriorating culverts. Culverts are tunnels that carry streams or rivers beneath the canal and empty into the Potomac River. Steve Horvath and I observed the Potomac River and Monocacy River flooding in December where both rivers were way out of their banks flooding nearby woods, the canal, and towpath. The Edwards Ferry parking lot was flooded once again, and when the water receded, a layer of mud was left on top of the parking lot. The water even lifted the commode in the restroom at the parking lot. Some of the culverts with sinkholes had water rushing upwards out of them into the canal basin. At White's Ferry, the water covered the parking lot over to the towpath. The parking lot area at White's Ferry is the staging area for the National Park Service (NPS) of the C&O Canal for their towpath resurfacing project from Edwards Ferry to White's Ferry. At the time of the flooding, the project had stopped and by mid-January, it had not resumed. The Maryland Department of Transportation gave the C&O Canal National Historical Park a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) grant of \$1 million for "Towpath Rehabilitation." The current TAP funding will be used to resurface the towpath from Edwards Ferry to White's Ferry and from Brunswick to near Sharpsburg. The "improved" towpath surface is hard compacted gravel surface.



The Broad Run Trunk Aqueduct spanning Broad Run.

In the 1996 edition of the *Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal*, written by Thomas Hahn, there is mention of White's Ferry Indian Village Sites #1 and #2 that were on a river flat and bluff near the Potomac River. In the current edition of the guide, published in 2015, reference to these two sites was omitted. One day, I asked Steve Horvath if he would like to explore these two sites. Now that winter has come, it is easier to walk through the woods off of the towpath since all of the undergrowth has died back. We walked off the towpath near mile 36.5 towards the Potomac and, as we neared the river, we came upon two sections of trees that were all marked with a blue painted horizontal line about five feet off the ground. At the base of each tree, there was a metal tag nailed into the tree, stamped, "U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE FOREST MONITORING DO NOT DISTURB," followed by a unique four-digit number. As we walked a little farther up along the river, we went from a flat area to a bluff, overlooking the river. Subsequent to our walk, I found on the NPS C&O Canal web page that the NPS ecologists with the National Capital Region Inventory Monitoring Network are monitoring forest vegetation at seventy-five plots along the 184.5 miles of the park. Adjoining this monitored area near mile 36.5 of the towpath, where the Indian villages once existed, Steve and I came across an area that was used as a dump for metal and plastic drums, stoves, washing machines, a Jon boat, a roof of a car, tires, a large generator, and other trash that washed up from the river. I will probably organize a Potomac River Cleanup in the spring for this area as well as one for the Monocacy Aqueduct as I have done for the last two years.

On January 14, the day after our snowstorm, I went to Edwards Ferry alone to walk the towpath up to the aqueduct. My objective was to take a snow scene photo of the Broad Run Trunk Aqueduct. As I walked in front of the lockhouse at Edwards Ferry, the snow was up to twelve inches deep, and I began to have

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School News

History Students Honored

On January 28, the PHS 2018 Maryland History Day students who advanced to the national level were honored at the State House in Annapolis by delegates and state senators.

Last year, over three thousand students from around the world competed in the academic competition at the University of Maryland.

Photo courtesy of the Maryland Humanities staff.



Holly Anderson and Del. Kumar Barve.

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Anusha Chinthalapale and Sen. Nancy King.

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Sen. Brian Feldman and Isabel Huntley.



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Flowers in the Snow

By Maureen O'Connell

The picture to the right was taken a day after our last snowfall at the end of January. It beautifully shows the fuzzy gray flower buds on my twenty-year-old, fifteen-foot-tall pussy willow tree, *Salix discolor*. Now, you might not consider them flowers. True, they don't conform to the typical nature of a flower—there are no petals or showy colors—but these soft, silky, silver-gray tufts are my winter flowers when all other plants and their foliage and flowers are sleeping for the winter underground.



Pussy willows with a coating of snow, awaiting spring.

What are pussy willows, anyway? They are the common name given to many of the smaller species of the genus *Salix*. Among them are the goat willow (*Salix caprea*), a small tree native to northern Europe and northwest Asia; the gray willow (*Salix cinerea*), a small tree native to northern Europe; and the American pussy willow (*Salix discolor*), native in areas from Nova Scotia, Canada, and south to Maryland, Indiana, Missouri, and Iowa. As they are considered the first harbingers of spring, you usually see them during the last legs of the winter season in February and March. They are now appearing earlier in the winter. This is one more example of our fluctuating weather patterns from extreme temperatures in both directions and record levels of precipitation.

Pussy willows are dioecious, meaning that there are both male plants and female plants. Only male plants produce the fuzzy flowers. You might be disappointed if you wind up with a female tree, as their flowers look more like greenish hairy caterpillars. The silvery buds of the male plant are named after their resemblance to tiny cats' paws. A pussy willow is a catkin, a tightly-bunched arrangement of stamens or carpels. Each one has its own attending silvery hairs, which, when viewed together, is the attractive flower or cat's paw. Think of them as little fur coats that act as insulation to protect the early bloomers from cold temperatures.

Pussy willows are easy to grow and are very low maintenance. They are fast growers, so carefully select their planting location. Supposedly, they need an acidic, loamy, moist, well-drained soil with full sun to do well. My old pussy willow lives and thrives under none of those conditions; I guess he adapted to the conditions of the windswept Upper Garden. He is tolerant of drought, extreme heat, most diseases and pests, and the hungry deer who visit the garden year-round. Catkins usually don't rely on pollinators to spread their pollen. They simply release it into the wind, where it may or may not land on a female flower plant. Many a spring sneeze comes from wind-pollinated trees.

I have often advised my readers to plant native plants. Over time, they have adapted to the local environmental conditions, and they require less water, saving time, money, and our most valuable natural resource, water. The pussy willow is a great example of a native plant that provides vital habitat for birds and many other species of wildlife. It hosts several species of butterflies, one of which is the Viceroy, which looks almost like the Monarch butterfly, which is in

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School News

Over sixty students from Maryland participated in the 2018 National History Day competition, but only twenty-one students from Maryland received special awards at the competition, allowing them to be recognized at the Maryland State House. Seven of the honorees are PHS students: Holly Anderson, Anusha Chinthalapale, Julia Corfman, Isabel Huntley, Calley Mullin, Samantha Stewart, and Angela Wang. In order to qualify for the National History Day Competition, students needed to place at the Maryland History Day competition at the University of Maryland Baltimore County in May.

Maryland History Day is a year-long educational program, coordinated by Maryland Humanities. Over the course of a year, students work individually and within groups to create projects that explore historical topics centered around a yearly theme. The theme for 2018 was "Conflict and Compromise in History."

Photography Award Winners

Congratulations to the following students (and their teachers, Shannon Heaton and Nora Schaefer) on their Region Scholastic Photography Awards wins! Their work will be displayed at the art show in early May; get ready to get wowed. The ten Gold Key winners will compete at the national level: Holly Anderson, Anusha Chinthapale, Julie Corfman, Leeah Derenoncourt, Mandy Mossman, Calley Mullin, Caroline Park, Ashlynn Stearns, Sam Stewart, and Hailee Williams. Silver Key winners are Sofia Bendana, Anusha Chintapale, Julie Corfman (twice), Mandy Mossman, and Caroline Park. Honorable mentions: Sofia Bendana, Leeah Derenoncourt, Nic Ferguson, Megan Kelly, Cassandra Maier, Mandy Mossman, Calley Mullin, Clarissa Ng, Ashlynn Stearns, Hailee Williams, Clare Wilson, and Kristen Yee.

Satsangi Takes a Pair of Titles

Senior Nandini Satsangi took home a pair of distance titles at the MCPS Indoor Track and Field Championships at the PG SportsPlex including the 1600 meters in 5:12.32 and the 3200 meters in 11:17.26. Nandini is a two-time *Washington Post* All-Met Cross County pick.

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Flowers in the Snow

danger of extinction from, amongst other reasons, a loss of habitat. In the summer, my stately pussy willow is visited daily by hundreds of wonderful, beneficial bumblebees, mining and sweat bees, and wasps. Peter Lindtren of the Montgomery County Beekeepers' Association praised the pussy willow saying: "If I had a place for one small tree in my garden, I would plant a pussy willow tree (*Salix discolor*)."

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February 8

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February 9

PASC Special Event: 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Ball and Banquet

Start your Valentine's Day celebration early! Live musical entertainment by Gina's Soul Party featuring the Souled Out Horns. Dinner with dessert, including cash bar and silent auction. Ages 21 and older. Semi-formal attire. \$75 per person. For ticket purchase or more information: 301.875.7701, pville seniors@comcast, or PASC Facebook. 17750 West Willard Road, Poolesville. 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

February 10

HMD Special Event: Speakers Series —The Lynching of George Peck

Guest speaker Anthony Cohen. Free to HMD members, \$5.00 for non-members. The Old Town Hall Bank Museum, Poolesville. 4:00 p.m.

February 12

Community Awareness Event: Coffee with a Cop

Watershed Café, near BB&T Bank, Poolesville. 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' and girls' basketball. Clarksburg. Boys at 5:30 p.m., girls at 7:15 p.m.

February 13

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

\$5 person or \$20 for family. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Poolesville Planning Commission

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

February 16 and 17

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February 19

Town Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

PASC Special Event:

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Featuring *Beautifully Broken*. 17750 West Willard Road. 6:00 p.m.

February 21

PHS Student Engineering Night

Special high school program by engineering students. Witness amazing student-driven feats in engineering. Featuring guest speakers and visiting colleges. This event is sponsored by Project Lead the Way (PLTW). Poolesville High School. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

February 25

Monocacy Lions Auction

A perfect way to say goodbye to this cold winter! The community is invited to the Lions annual auction. The festivities kick off with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner and auction at 7:00 p.m. Resident chef Bill Lynch is catering the event and plans to serve his famous fried chicken. The cost is \$20, and dinner is included.

Each participant is asked to donate at least one item, either new or lovingly used, to auction, the more the better. You can drop off your items at St. Mary's Pavilion on the day of the auction (the Pavilion will be open at 4:00 p.m.) or bring them with you. For more information, contact Garland Johnson at 301-349-5797 (home) or 301-606-4155 (cell). Please R.S.V.P. no later than Tuesday, February 19. St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville.

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Yeas and Neighs

Riding the Wave: How the Surrey Stays Current and What's On the Horizon

By Andie Devynck

Lately, Lyne Morgan and her sister Gaines have been contemplating the future. Last October, the pair and their staff celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their family business, the Surrey, in Darnestown. A venerable institution known for decades to generations of Montgomery County horse lovers as the go-to place for quality goods and services, the tack shop has had a knack for surviving and thriving. Having shepherded their Aunt Lyn's original 1953 Potomac Village tack store and gift shop through several transitions, including the move Upcounty seven years ago, the sisters have maintained the mission to serve the local equestrian community by continuing to listen to the wishes of their customers while keeping an eye on the local economy and responding to industry market trends.

Lyne describes the present-day challenges that face not only the Surrey, but all small, independent tack stores as multifaceted and requiring creative approaches in order to stay relevant. She contends that the internet has completely upended the brick and mortar business model by providing consumers direct product access with levels of efficiency, volume, and pricing that only behemoth operations such as Amazon and eBay can offer. Even the mid-sized online equine supply retailers can deliver in a similar fashion, but Gaines sees change a-comin' and believes that it's only a matter of time before consumers return in significant numbers to the in-person shopping experience. They will seek to reengage with a process that involves their five senses to make the right purchase (touching leather and the material of apparel, 3-D viewing of objects, judging the weight and quality of merchandise, etc.)—not to mention being sick of boxing up and returning what doesn't work, fit, or look like the picture!

Both Lyne and Gaines acknowledge that their longtime loyal customers have retained their in-store shopping preference, valuing the personalized service and the body of knowledge and advice that only professionals with years of experience can provide. They note the generational difference between the millennials and those



The owners of the Surrey
in Darnestown.

under thirty-five who prefer to use remote technology versus the "old guard" who rode as children and have continued throughout their adult lives to frequent their favorite stores; however, an interesting trend Lyne has noticed is that the consignment sales portion of the Surrey's business has risen fifteen to twenty percent over the past two to three years, especially children's and young adult merchandise—a trend she believes is due to pressures from the overall economy.

Lyne and Gaines also agree that they've seen the pool of "up-downers" (picture beginner riders and how they look as they're learning to post the trot) shrinking because of the diminishing number of smaller lesson barns and backyard, self-care horse owners in the county. Along with a lack of new lesson barns being built, they point to the closing of traditional teaching programs, like Potomac Glen, an operation that typically started young riders and funneled them into more advanced programs (eventually to leasing/owning their own pony or horse). The sisters surmise that the disappearance of open land and the rising prices of said-same contribute to the decreasing number of young riders and facilities that can teach them and board horses, resulting in the recent closures of small, local tack shops like the Grey Pony and the Meadowbrook consignment attic.

Another cause for the shrinking number of small, independent tack shops is the aging of the owners themselves. The devotion to preserving a lifestyle of long hours in equestrian retail appears not to be the dream of younger generations. Lyne and Gaines point to the parallel downsizing of shops with that of the number of "lifestyle" horse owners—those who make

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Riding the Wave: How the Surrey Stays Current and What's on the Horizon

their horses a home operation around which their lives revolve; thus, parents who work and live in the city and surrounding dense suburbs find it difficult to transport their kids to barns further away for lessons, and may encourage them to pursue other more conveniently (and less costly) sports and hobbies.

All of which left the sisters, both now in their sixties, asking themselves: "Who do we want to be when we grow up?" An ongoing dialogue has ensued between them, and a picture has begun to emerge. Lyne and Gaines see their roles, and the Surrey's as well, as providing a hub for community among equestrians. Lyne envisions the Surrey becoming the neighborhood "Cheers" by offering a communal meeting space in which horse owners and riders of all disciplines can gather to hear experts in their field impart knowledge and answer questions about topics (such as equine insurance) while sipping tea and nibbling on chocolate. They also look forward to offering wine and painting gatherings, where participants can work from photos of their own horses or pets, and even children's classes (juice boxes only!) where kids can use Breyer horses as still-life subjects.

At the end of the day, Lyne and Gaines see the Surrey as offering as much in the way of form as of function to the equestrian community. While they will continue to introduce and stock quality horse and rider products from around the world, the sisters look forward to expanding on the Surrey's offerings of equine aesthetics—artwork and accoutrements that are as much an expression of the soul of the horse lover as the riding and horse care themselves. Alongside their planned forays into greater community outreach through education, these enterprising women see their path forward as a grounded counterbalance to the depersonalizing retail experience of the internet, and the increasingly fragmented world of equestrian disciplines. Who among us—especially in this divisive cultural moment in time—couldn't use a little more of what educates and unites us around our shared love of horses?

For more information about Lyne and Gaines, and what's happening at the Surrey, contact them at 301.299.TACK (8225), email them at Thesurreyinc@aol.com, or follow them on their Facebook page. Oh, and for those of you under thirty-five who have no idea what Lyne meant when she referred to the iconic "Cheers"—feel free to ask her—or your parents!

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The C&O Canal Delights Hikers in Winter

second thoughts about walking up the towpath. I decided this was an opportunity that did not always come my way, so I set off, the snow crunching with every step I took. There were numerous deer tracks along the towpath or crossing over the towpath into the woods. At the aqueduct and the towpath bridge, I looked down at Broad Run, a beautiful winter scene. I descended to the stream where I took some photos. Afterwards, I carefully retraced my steps. As I walked a short distance from the aqueduct, I abruptly stopped after hearing a nearby sound of snorting and panting. I turned and looked towards the sound and was startled to see a large buck staring at me from across the canal basin. As our gazes met, to my great relief, the buck turned and ran into the woods.

The Broad Run Trunk was a wooden aqueduct that was originally a double culvert with Broad Run flowing through the two culverts. In 1846, the twin arches of the culverts washed out and were destroyed. A wooden trunk aqueduct was built across Broad Run so the canal could continue to operate. On another visit to the snow-covered C&O Canal, Steve Horvath and I visited the Monocacy Aqueduct where we discovered numerous deer tracks that gave the appearance of a major deer "highway."

In early January, a Poolesville resident emailed me, saying she found through DNA matching that we were third cousins. She suggested that we meet and go for a walk along the C&O Canal. She had read about me through my *Monocacy Monocle* stories before she knew we were related. On January 18, 2019, Vicki Capone and I met and rode together to the canal where we walked from the Monocacy Aqueduct down beyond Lock 27 and culvert 68. The towpath was still snow covered and the canal was frozen over. We talked about our families and relatives as well as the events of the day. Her great-grandmother was the sister of my great-grandfather. I learned that Vicki enjoys the outdoors. I am looking forward to future outings with her and getting to know more about my newfound cousin.

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Growing Up in Sugarland: A First-Hand Perspective

When my Missis took me away from the river bottom, I lived in Poolesville where the Kohlhoss home and garage is (location of Poolesville Tire and Auto). I worked around the house and garden. I remember when the Yankee and Confederate soldiers both came to Poolesville. Cap'n Sam White (son of the doctor), he joined the Confederates in Virginia. He come home and say he goin' to take me along back with him for to serve him, but the Yankees came and he left very sudden and leave me behind. I was glad I didn't have to go with him. I saw all the fightin' around Poolesville. I used to like to watch them fightin'. I saw a Yankee soldier shoot a Confederate and kill him. He raised his gun twice to shoot, but he kept dodging around the house an' he didn' want to shoot when he might hit someone else. When he ran from the house, he shot him.

Yessah, them Confederates done more things around here than the Yankees did. I remember once, during the war, they came to town. It was Sunday morning an' I was sittin' in the gallery of the ol' brick Methodist Church. One of them came to de door, and he pointed his pistol right at that preacher's head. The gallery had an outside stairs then. I ran to de door to run down de stairs, but there was another un there pointing his gun, and they say, "Don't nobody leave dis building." The others, they was a-cleanin' up all the hosses and wagons 'round the church. The one who was guarding de stairs, he kept a-lookin' to see if dey was done cleaning up the hosses, and when he wasn't watching, I slip halfway down de stairs, an' when he turn back, I jump down and run. When he looks, he jus laugh.

Johnson had eleven children. He was also a local preacher. At the end of his interview, he stated, "I think preaching the gospel is the greatest work in the world, but folks don't seem to take the interest in church that they used to."

Gwen Reese, president of Sugarland Ethno-Project, interviewed some residents who were raised in Sugarland.

Bill Lyles's interview about discipline and sharing child-rearing:

In Sugarland, you had a large extended family. Bill Lyles recalls "them old folks," as he fondly referred to them and their discipline. He talked about his "foolish escapades" growing up in Sugarland. He marveled at how them old folks, not having any telephones, always managed to stay abreast of their children's whereabouts and deeds. He was especially amazed at how the news of their behavior and discipline would reach their homes before they did. He told of many occasions when he and his friends were disciplined by their neighbors. He couldn't remember the details of what they did, but he would never forget the punishment. He commented, "Them old folks did not play. They made us go into the woods and pick out our switch, and not just any switch, it had to be the right flexibility (springy), and if it was not right, you had to march back into the woods and get another one. What made it so bad was that no matter whose house you were at, they had the right to measure out discipline to you as they would to their own children, the way they saw fit. When you arrived home, the look on your parents' face let you know you were in for another trip to the woods for another switch. They would usually wait until you were changing for bed and come in, switch in hand. It was not so much to hurt you physically, but to sting your bottom and give you something to think about."

Reflections on school life from Dora Timbers:

Aunt Dora's beginning school years began at the one-room schoolhouse on Sugarland Road, located near the church. The teacher at the time was Miss Nellie Watts, who looked to be close in age to the older children. Dora's description of the classroom interior was an upright potbelly stove in the center of the room and a small cloak area with one side for boys and one side for girls as you entered the building. The children were in groups according to age, and the teacher would move from group to group teaching throughout the day. The school and property were sold to the Allnuts and later to George and Alberta Weedon and was converted into a private family dwelling.

Reflections from Mary Beckwith:

Cousin Mary B., as she was affectionately called, remembers that all the children played a role in the gathering of food for canning by the adults. She told me [Gwen] that all the children would participate in gathering apples for applesauce and apple butter. They would fill large bags with apples and take them to the adults to be prepared. Everyone helped in the canning project. The women would peel the apples and prepare them for cooking. They would bring jars, all different sizes, to use for canning. No matter how many jars you brought, the proceeds were divided equally among the families. The men prepared breakfast while the women worked on the apples. The children had the job of stirring the apples as they were cooking so that they would not stick or burn. The same process took place when it was time to pick berries, peaches, and vegetables.

I'm reminded of the times my Mom would make ice cream out of snow. It could never be made from the first snow because we were told the first snowstorm falls to kill the germs that are in the atmosphere, this snow brings purification and is good for our health. After the first snow, we would take pots or whatever was handy and scoop up snow, always packing the snow to gather as much as we could with each trip outside. After settling in, we would eagerly watch with anticipation, as Mom added vanilla extract, Carnation evaporated milk, and sugar to the snow. Then there was that first taste, and it was perfection straight from heaven, and, at that moment, we too were in heaven caught up in the tantalizing delight and sheer joy with each spoonful. I wonder if, in our excitement, we missed seeing all that was added to the snow by mom for when we became daring enough to make our own snow cream, it never tasted as good as when she made it.

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More Support for Multiuse Facility for Poolesville

In response, Commissioner Jim Brown spoke as head of the Fair Access Coalition. He said the coalition and the commissioners had made it clear, "We want our fair share . . . We don't matter less because we have less people." He said, "We know we are legislated to be different" in the Western Montgomery County with limited development and a small population, "but we need a new and different way to address our important needs," and he pointed to the multiuse facility as the way forward.

Chief Tom Manger, the head of the Montgomery County Police Department, spoke next. He pointed out that Poolesville and its surrounding areas are a lower crime part of the county, but the land area makes it more challenging to ensure the needed police presence. Staffing for the police has been "status quo" and has not increased significantly despite a growing population. Hiring more patrol officers "is a real need" and Montgomery County has 1.3 officers for every 1,000 people versus a national average of 2.5-2.8 per 1,000.

While Western Montgomery County is a relatively-low crime area, Manger said that the opioid crisis affects all parts of the county, including the Poolesville area. "The good news is that we have seen a recent drop in overall deaths caused by opioids" but went on to say that the number of deaths remains much higher than it was as recently as 2014. It remains a serious situation.

Manger said the county police follow a strategy of strong "community policing" based on a strategy of nurturing and maintaining good relationships with citizens and leaders in local areas. In this context, he was aware of the effort to secure approval for the construction of a multiuse facility and while he could not support the idea of including a police substation in the new facility (which involves positioning personnel in the station on a fulltime basis), he very much believes that a "satellite station" (an area in the multiuse facility where police can do administrative work, work online, and meet with local residents to address various issues) makes sense. "I'm all for it," he concluded.

In the business segment of the meeting, Maureen O'Connell, president of the Medley Historic District, appeared again to discuss the status of her previous request for funding support to refurbish the John Poole House. Since her initial request, town manager Wade Yost and town engineer John Strong have visited the John Poole House and developed a report on what repairs might be needed and how to sequence them. They concluded that some near-term repairs to repaint the interior, repair some damage to the outside wall, and make the parking area more usable are needed. Those repairs would cost about \$2,600. Other longer-term improvements to make the house more useful to the public such as exterior lighting could be planned and implemented in future years. The commissioners unanimously approved the \$2,600 grant request and the general approach of planning a number of outyear improvements.

Correction: The Monocle's January 25 incorrectly stated this grant had been approved that evening.

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PHS Student Wins Art Show

Parents, students, and community residents gathered to view the art and hear the winners announced.

The exhibit is one of JHU's programs designed to get children excited about STEAM education. The A in STEAM is for "art," an important component of a well-rounded student's education. (STEAM is an acronym for Science-Technology-Engineering- Art-Mathematics.) Plaza Artist Materials donated the canvases.

Pavlick's oil painting, The Museum, took her the better part of two days to complete. She wanted to depict people witnessing art and how people process it.

"Art has been something I've always done, ever since I could hold a pencil," she explained. Her AP Art Studio class junior year inspired her to consider pursuing art in college. She has applied to several top art schools.

The exhibit was curated by Sherill Gross. The judges were Andrew Wodzianski, professor and coordinator of visual arts at the College of Southern Maryland, and Bryan Hill, patron of the arts. Here are comments from the judges about Pavlick's work:

Wodzianski: Conceptually, The Museum is pure joy. It's both whimsical and provoking. What is the relationship of these three benched people, and what directs their attention? A seemingly blank wall to their front is unexpected, reserved, and sublime. Compositionally, it's clever; the negative space/blank wall to the figures' front is unexpected yet reserved while the figure on the left breaks the visual plane of an otherwise formal and stagnant composition. Technically, it's a handsome study in subtle tonality. Those nuanced shadows are well executed. Bravo!

Hill: This realistic piece is truly beautiful. Not only did the artist capture a moment in time, but the simplicity and color palate choices define the brilliance of this piece.

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By Lisa Warffeli

In 1965, there were 6,700 dairy farms in Maryland. In 2017, there were 417. One family farm refuses to make that number 416. Bobby Johnson is a seventh-generation dairy farmer in Maryland. He hopes his children will continue the tradition but knows the future is as stark as the black and white Holsteins in his backyard.

All family farms struggle to survive, but dairy farms have been hit particularly hard. I asked Bobby and his father Arthur for their thoughts on why. First, they say the demand for school milk has gone down. Despite recommendations for children and adolescents to consume at least 400 IUs of vitamin D per day, milk is just not consumed by kids as it was even ten years ago. It is a shame, considering one eight-ounce glass of milk contains 100 IUs of vitamin D plus numerous other vitamins and minerals just not found in plant-based beverages or juices.

The reality of where we are also plays a strong role in the disappearance of dairy farms. It is hard for dairy farms to find labor to help them. Just like any other business, a dairy farm must compete with wages offered by other businesses where the physical labor may not be as taxing. Being able to afford enough land for the cows to graze also presents a problem. With more cows comes more milk, but more cows require more land, and land is not cheap in this area.

Add to these factors, the price of milk continues to go down. Many dairy farmers just cannot go on putting more money into something than they get returned. Many dairy advocates are trying to find ways to set a minimum price on milk and to find financial supports for family farms and cooperatives to help them survive. Many consumers try to find milk and dairy products produced by small farms. Some small farms in Pennsylvania sell raw milk, which means the milk is unpasteurized, but the selling of raw milk remains illegal in Maryland.

To make up for the lackluster income from dairy, Bobby has diversified. During the snow in the early January, he was out plowing. In the spring, he will plant crops for other farms as part of his custom farming business. He will return in the fall to harvest the crops. Once he has planted and harvested for other farms, he



Bobby and his children, Cole and Elle.

works on his own crops, including corn, soybeans, wheat, and hay. On top of all of these jobs, he must milk the cows twice a day, every day.

Would it be easy for Bobby to close up the barn and shut down the pipelines that pump the milk? Yes, but Bobby says, "Milking is in our blood." He continues for children, Cole and Elle, who are members of 4-H and show cows every year. Bobby says farming teaches Cole and Elle responsibility, a strong work ethic, and the realities of life. Arthur nods and says, "For forty-some years I milked cows with my kids and grandkids, and I would never replace that." Arthur also points out the importance of the family farm. It all comes down to one thing, "Where's your food going to come from?"

The Johnsons sell their milk to the Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers' Cooperative Association, Inc. which uses it for bottled milk, powdered milk, yogurt, and cheeses. Bobby introduced me to the lovely ladies who produce the milk. Bobby points out the award winners from past 4-H competitions and the future beauty queens. Nine to ten months out of the year, the ladies graze on grass in the fields, but when that is not available, Bobby provides them with another type of grass, hay. Cows are healthiest when they eat grass. Bobby supplements their diet with a complete feed, which contains the vitamins and minerals they need. Contrary to a common misconception, cows are not filled with antibiotics. If a cow becomes ill and needs to go on antibiotics, she is removed from milking. Milk from a cow on antibiotics cannot be used for human consumption.

As I watch Bobby and his father

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Crafts-A-Plenty to Close after 42 Years

and Reva has served as treasurer for eleven of those years, being the person who transitioned their financial system from paper to computer. Her community service didn't stop there, as she has served in a variety of positions as an officer of the PES and PHS PTAs while her children were growing up.

The *Monocle* requested some observations on this important moment in Reva's life, starting with her husband. Ray.

"Reva has served the Poolesville area well—almost fifty years. Of course, I'm prejudiced, but I am not alone in admiring her fixation about serving her customers to the absolute best of her abilities. During her years at CAP, she has been much more than a shopkeeper: She became good friends with many of her customers. Her likability and genuine interest in people resulted in her becoming known as a 'listening ear' to many customers who came through the door to talk, not just to shop. Of course, with her progeny, five children and twenty-two grandchildren, not to mention a loquacious husband, it's no wonder that she has often said, 'Sometimes I feel like a therapist. I have to be a good listener.'"

Commission President Jerry Klobukowski, in representing the town and commissioners, noted, "Reva has to be congratulated and admired for running a successful business for forty-two years in Poolesville. Through her encouragement and guidance, people have been able to develop their hidden talents in the pursuit of various crafts, providing them with hours of enjoyment and a feeling

of pride and accomplishment. She will be missed, but I would not be surprised if she gets calls when someone is stuck on one of their crafts."

Gail Lee, president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "Our entire area has been blessed for over forty years with Mrs. Reva Hoewing's business, Crafts-A-Plenty! Mrs. Hoewing has been a vital member of our business community and has contributed to the economic development of our area when other businesses have come and gone. Her commitment to her family, friends, church, and community is an example for all.

It is my honor to congratulate her as she retires from over forty years with a business that was treasured by all!"

Son Link Hoewing, said, on behalf of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren:

"Mom's creativity and love of humanity was so evident in her shop. It was a one-of-a-kind place, and we are sure Poolesville will miss it as much as Mom will miss running it."

Asked what she will miss the most, Reva immediately thinks of the many friends made through the store. In a *Monocle* article about her a few years ago, she was described as "listener extraordinaire." She valued the time conversing with her customers, so often about their concerns and problems in life. "You would be amazed at some of the things they would tell me, even when I hardly knew them." It is her very special gift of being a listener that has served her so well in her life as a parent and grandparent, educator, community volunteer, church worker, and retailer.

Crafts-A-Plenty has seen many locations in its 42-year history.

At the Friendly Thrift Shop (right), the first location (bottom), and at the Frederick Poole House (bottom right).

Reva, left, in the early days with her granddaughter, Tara Cantrell.





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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

No reportable crimes were reported by the MCPD during the reporting period.

Past Crime: 1948

Chief Orme led a raid supported by twenty detectives and ten uniformed officers that targeted two restaurants, two bars, and a barber shop. The men were divided into four teams and hit the establishments simultaneously. Their object was men who were involved in gambling pursuits and taking bets on horse races. At Lee and Eddie's Bar in Silver Spring, two men were arrested. Four people were taken into custody at Collie's Barber Shop in Silver Spring; and at the Blue Moon Tavern on Route 240, three miles north of Rockville, the owner and two men were arrested for possession of horse racing gambling receipts. Chief Orme said that the men and the establishments had been under observation for two months; he used an army intelligence captain to place bets at the various establishments. The captain had been sworn into the department secretly and assigned to make contact with the gamblers.

The county commissioners issued an announcement that claimed that black men had an equal chance of being hired by the police department if it served the best interests of the county. They went on to say that if an equally-qualified black applicant came along

and that there was a black community that could be served by such an officer, then he would be hired. The commissioners also promised to look into complaints that roads in the black communities were not paved and that outdoor bathrooms were still in use.

Chief Orme promised that detectives would look into complaints that certain organizations were staging bingo games with a cash payoff. Orme said that the issue arose after detectives visited the Congressional Country Club and halted a bingo game in progress.

Police in Bethesda were investigating claims that cab drivers were delivering liquor to private homes. The issue arose when a complaint was received that a neighbor was calling a cab company to pick up a bottle of liquor and to deliver it to his home. Chief Orme said that if the liquor was purchased in the District, the penalties would be more severe than if purchased in Maryland.

Expert detective work led to the arrest of a twenty-three-year-old man in a fatal hit-and-run case. A woman standing by her car was struck and killed and, because there were no witnesses, it took a concerted effort to identify the driver. Officer James Burdette found a 1930 model car on a farm in Olney. The car was missing the windshield which matched the striking car. At first, the man denied being at fault but then led officers to some woods where he had hidden the rest of the car.

Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.

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Farmin' 'til the Cows Come Home

move among the cows, I see the pride they take in their awesome animals, contrary to the myth that dairy farmers abuse their cows. A farmer never abuses the animals that provide for

them. They ensure they have the right feed, move them off pastures sodden with too much rain to prevent hoof diseases, and they stay up all night to help a mother cow struggling to give birth to her calf, which was exactly what Bobby was doing the night before our chat.

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Remembrances

Ruth I. Flohr

Ruth I. Flohr, 82, of Poolesville, passed peacefully on February 2.

She was the wife of the late Carroll R. Flohr.

Born on April 5, 1936 in Frederick, she was the daughter of the late Muncie and Merle (Ernest) Flohr.

Surviving are four daughters, Holly Rippeon (Billy), Karen Benson (Chris), Vickie Haskins (Bobby), and Carol Flohr; fourteen grandchildren; and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Ruth was preceded in death by two daughters, Patti DiCarlantonio and Nina Gilmore; two sisters, Peggy Naill and Ruby Wolfe; and one brother, Raymond Flora.



Ruth I. Flohr

John Ramsey Hunter

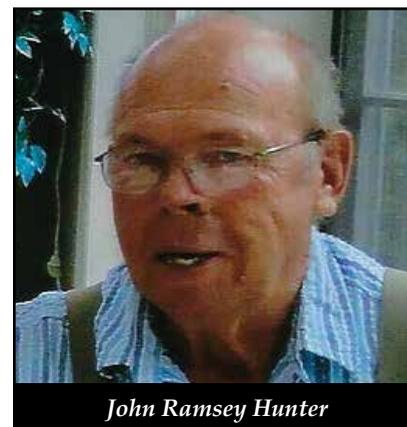
John Ramsey Hunter, Jr., 76, of Beallsville, passed away on February 4, 2019, at home after a courageous six-year battle with complications from metastatic colorectal cancer.

John was the loving husband to Jane S. Hunter of nearly fifty-five years.

Born on October 14, 1942, in Frederick, he was the only child of the late John R. Hunter, Sr. (1999) and Sadie Dye (2007). He is also survived by his daughter, Anne L. Hunter; son, Jim R. Hunter of Barnesville; and a grandchild, Greer Hunter.

He was a lifelong resident of Beallsville and a grain farmer. In addition to his love of farming, he loved road trips and his motorcycle.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to Monocacy Cemetery, 19801 W. Hunter Rd., Beallsville, MD 20839.



John Ramsey Hunter

Gloria J. Furr-Fornshill

Gloria J. Furr-Fornshill, 82, of Frederick, passed away on January 22.

Gloria was the loving wife to Kenneth B. Fornshill. Born on November 16, 1936 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Edward M. Furr and Hazel I. Willis. She is survived by her three daughters, Judy Nolde of Carlsbad, California; Julie Hirka of Vienna, Virginia; and Karen Reid of Dickerson; one son, John Mikovits of Cape Coral, Florida; one brother, Gary Furr of Raleigh, North Carolina; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and is predeceased by one sister, Jeannette Beard, of Frederick.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's (Haiti Twinning, memo line of check) and sent to St. Mary's Church, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838.

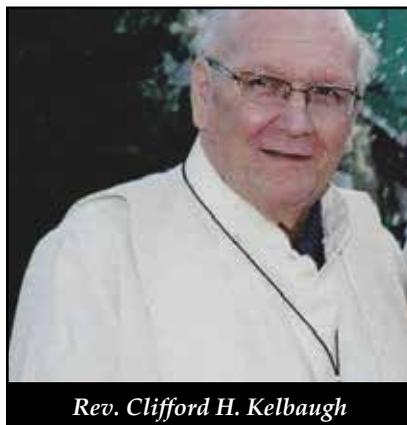
Rev. Clifford H. Kelbaugh

Rev. Clifford H. Kelbaugh, 77, of Dickerson, passed away on January 30. Cliff was the loving husband to Brenda Kelbaugh.

Born on December 12, 1941, in Baltimore, he was the son of the late Carroll E. Kelbaugh and Mildred A. Hultin.

Cliff served the community as a United Methodist minister for over twenty years. He was a Masonic Mason with Charity Lodge #134 AF & AM for fifty years. Cliff served as a chaplain for the Army National Guard. He was one of the first in the nation to complete the paramedic training and volunteered at the local rescue squads in Baltimore, LaVale, and Rockville, Maryland. He was an avid swimmer with the YMCA Masters swim team for most of his adult life. Cliff also coached soccer for community youth, led the D.A.R.E. program, which challenged Poolesville's youth to resist drugs and alcohol, and loved to play racquetball.

Along with his wife, he is survived by two children, Wendy Huff and Mark Kelbaugh (Yovanka); two brothers, Carroll Kelbaugh (Judy) and Michael Kelbaugh (Pinky); five grandchildren, Nick Kelbaugh (Mary), Rachael Kelbaugh (Alex), Kara Huff, Michael Huff, Jr., and Joseph Huff; one great-grandchild, Nevaeh Thomas; and seven nieces and nephews. In addition, Cliff "adopted" many others into his family and treated them as his own children.



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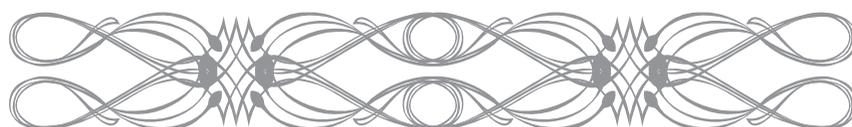
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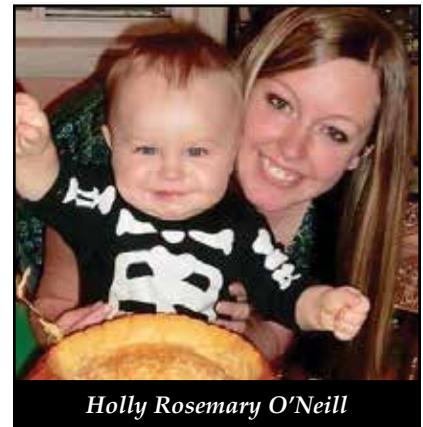
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Remembrance

Holly Rosemary O'Neill

Holly Rosemary O'Neill (née Francis), 31, of Germantown, died January 20, 2019 peacefully in her sleep after a long fight with cancer. Born on November 21, 1987, she was the daughter of the late Kevin Francis and Camille Miller. She was the loving wife to John O'Neill for nine years and his partner in crime for fifteen years.



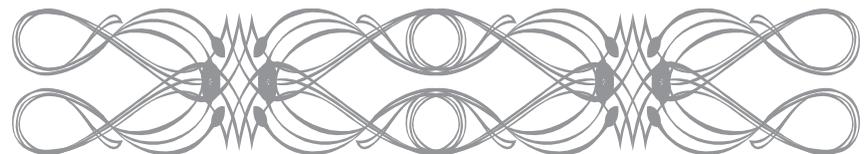
Holly Rosemary O'Neill

She was preceded in death by her father, Kevin Francis; an aunt, Pam Slagle; and mother-in-law Karen O'Neill.

She is survived by her husband John and their son Braden Kevin, age 6. She is also survived by mother Camille; stepfather Mark; brother Connor; sister Maureen; aunt Terri; and brother-in-law Kevin (Steven). She is also survived by various aunts, uncles, and cousins on both sides.

She will be remembered for her love of her family, her joy of life, and her passion for Halloween decorating and taking Braden trick-or-treating. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her bright light.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for John and Braden as it will be a long road uphill.



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Remembrances

Robert Campbell Rossi

Robert Campbell Rossi died on February 2, 2019. He was the loving husband of Catherine Rossi. Foremost, Bob Rossi was a man who enjoyed cooking family dinners. Grace was always said.

His business career lasted sixty-three years, involving managerial and officer positions in nuclear energy (NUS Corporation), telecommunications (World Cell), and commercial real estate (Transwestern). He held several highly-classified national security clearances. He authored articles published by the: Atomic Energy Commission, Edison Electric Institute, American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Nuclear Information and Records Management Association, and the Atomic Industrial Forum.

A practicing Catholic, Bob Rossi was a Eucharistic minister, Holy Name Society secretary, lector, Arimathean, and cook at St. Mary's Church. He organized the dedication of the Veterans Memorial at St. Mary's and seven Veterans Day observances. He was president of the St. Martin's Parish Council in Gaithersburg where he led fundraising for the construction of its parochial school. He was a member of the St. Paul's Prayer Group in Damascus and was a New Hope Job Search counselor at St. Rose of Lima Church in Gaithersburg. Over the years, he wrote hundreds of résumés, helping unemployed people get jobs.

Bob organized the Mount Airy 9/11 Patriot Day ceremonies for five years. During his four-year leadership of the Toys for Tots campaigns in Mount Airy, seven thousand needy children received toys at Christmas. He created the Promising Young American and American Achiever Awards presented to approximately four hundred young people over several years. He was the historian and chaplain of the American Legion Gold Star Post 191.

After the 9/11 attacks, he joined the Marine Corps League and actively contributed his time, creativity, and financial support for over eighteen years. He became a life member and officer in the Military Order of the Devil Dogs and author of its Valkyrie News. Bob Rossi was a life member of the Marine Corps League and served on the Honor Guard. He was commandant of the Robert W. Deane Detachment 770 from 2008 to 2010 and historian of the Sgt. John F. Hettchen, Jr. Detachment 1428 from 2015. In 2008, he was named the Deane Detachment Marine of the Year. In 2017, he was awarded the Marine Corps League's Distinguished Citizen Medal. In 2018, he was appointed a national historian of the Marine Corps League.

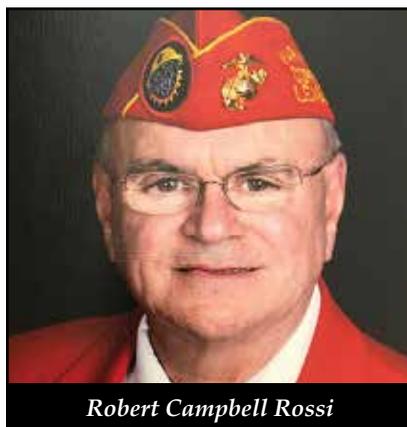
Bob visited infirmed servicemen, the elderly, and scout units with his Honorary Lance Corporal Collies. They welcomed home veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He was a Montgomery County election judge and an Eagle Scout mentor. He was chairman of the Marine Corps League's Eagle Scouts Good Citizenship Awards Program in Maryland for three years during which 365 awards were conferred. In 2018, he was inducted into the Royal Marines Association USA Branch.

Bob Rossi served on the board of directors of the Harvard Business School Club of Washington. He was a cofounder, charter member, and board member of both the Project Management Institute and the Nuclear Information and Records Management Association. He was an independent scholar of the American Historical Association and president of the Society for Advancement of Management in Washington.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps Reserve. He served with the 4th Marine Air Wing, Marine Air Group 41 in jet attack squadrons VMA-132 and VMF-321.

He was in the first graduating classes of St. Bernadette Parochial and Xaverian High Schools and went on to earn a BBA from St. John's University of New York. His graduate work was at MIT, Georgetown, the Harvard School of Design, and the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

Surviving besides his wife are two children, Christine Katsapis (Tim) of Falls Church, Virginia and Brian Rossi (Mary) of Windermere, Florida; one brother, Henry Rossi (Arlene) of Naples, Florida; and four grandchildren, Georgia and Eleni Katsapis, and Brent and David Rossi.



Robert Campbell Rossi

Diane Michele Stidham

Diane Michele Stidham, 59, of Poolesville, passed away on January 24.

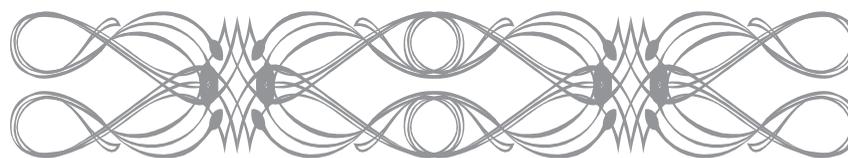
Diane was the loving wife to Paul "Eddie" Stidham.

Born on July 20, 1959, in Missouri, she was the daughter of the late George and JoAnn Kemp. Along with her husband, she is survived by her four children, Patrick M. Stidham (Barbara Jean) of Dickerson, Melanie K. Berenbach (Joshua) of Baltimore, Nicolas C. Stidham of Union Bridge, and Jonathan E. Stidham (fiancée Nicole Dahlen) of Poolesville; three sisters, Karen Howell (Ralph) of Dickerson, Susan Kemp of Germantown, and Stephanie Papa (Michael) of Oakland; one brother, Brian Kemp (Robbin) of Poolesville; and four grandchildren, Annabelle and Paul Stidham, Emerson Berenbach, and Emmalyn Stidham.

Diane was preceded in death by her sister, Sharon Kemp.



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We have been having some atypical once-in-a-generation cold weather this season. It is critical to remember that your animals need to have extra care and special considerations during excessive temperature changes and conditions. Here are some tips to better protect your pets during severe cold weather.

1. **No pet should be outside for extended periods in temperatures below 20 degrees.** Even the pets that typically live outside with houses, straw, heated water bowls, and protection from the wind and rain/snow can be in danger of cold injury. Below 20 degrees, pets have a much more difficult time maintaining core body temperature. They have increased risk of frost bite to the foot pads and ear tips. It is much more difficult to keep water sources ice free. People venture out less and do not see their pets as often. Have an alternative place for our outdoor pet, like an enclosed barn, heated garage, or outer mud room. Even better, bring them into a warm room in an X-pen or large comfortable crate.
2. **Not all road salts are the same.** Sodium chloride road salts can be very damaging to animals' feet and skin. If they try to lick it off, it can cause injury to their mouth/nose and eyes. If ingested, it can cause them to drink excess amounts of water, increase their urine output, and potentially damage their kidneys, heart, and liver. Calcium chloride is safer. Try to use the pet safe version of any salting product. If your pets do get into road salts, wash their feet in cool water to dissolve the salts, then dip their feet in a 50:50 white vinegar/water mix to normalize the pH.
3. **Pets often need extra calories during very cold periods.** You and your pets can use up to 20% more calories in a 24-hour period if you are spending lots of time outside. The body requires more energy to maintain core body temperature. Animal and human bodies will shift circulation away from extremities to the body's core if it identifies a temperature decline to the core. This can enhance the onset of frost bite to the extremities (ears, foot pads, toes, nose, eyelids, and tails). Using jackets and booties may not be enough to counteract the temperature loss. At temperatures below 10 degrees, frost bite onset can occur in under 10 minutes to exposed tissue. If your pet's hair coat is wet, frost bite onset occurs even faster. Your pet will often begin to exaggerate lifting their feet when they feel their feet getting colder. It is initially painful, but then the pain stops as the tissue freezes and they return to a normal gait briefly before starting to stumble and fall due to the inability to feel their feet. At this point, it is too late to repair the damage.
4. **If you think your pet has been outside too long and is showing signs of hypothermia DO NOT place them by the fireplace or woodstove. DO NOT use hot/warm water on frozen tissues. DO NOT give your pets alcohol. DO rinse any exposed tissue with cool water at 60-75 degrees. DO lightly wrap exposed areas with dry room temperature cloth or supports. DO offer warm/not-hot chicken noodle soups and fresh water or pedialyte to increase their fluid level and calories needed to produce their own internal heat. DO take them to your veterinarian or emergency clinic ASAP.**
5. Be proactive, pay attention to the weather, pay attention to your furry friend. If you think it is too cold to be outside, that goes for your pets also.



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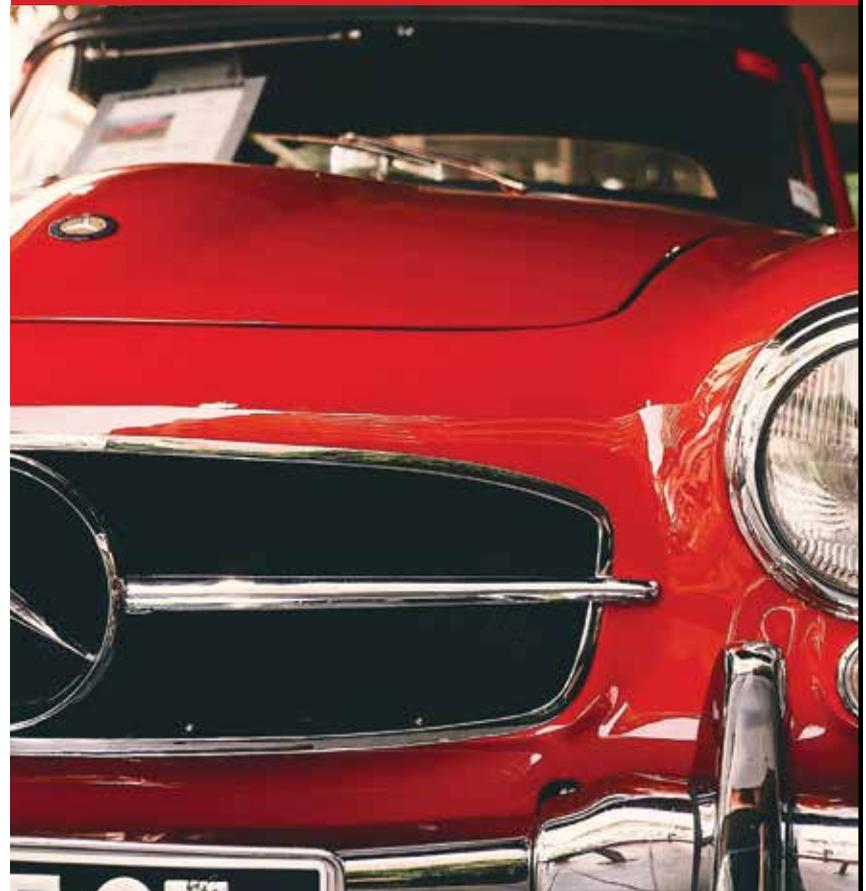
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