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What would our parade be without Abe Lincoln, and what would all of us be without Ray Hoewing? See more of our Family Album on page 2.



Mrs. Mason was grateful and feeling blessed. Find out why in Local News on page 4.



Mark Biggs riding his personal EV invention. Learn about it on page 8.



Milt Andrews (with his daughter) won a ribbon! More Poolesville Day pictures on page 14.

Arbitration to Settle White's Ferry Dispute Rejected

By Rande Davis

Chuck Kuhn, the new owner of White's Ferry, received a proposal on August 29, 2021 from Rockland Farm requesting that both parties agree to arbitration to settle the significant disagreement between them regarding land use on the Virginia side.

Mr. Kuhn stated his disappointment that nothing new was offered in this latest sally and that the terms were much as they were on August 4, 2021; he rejected the notion of arbitration.

First and foremost is that Kuhn has no confidence whatsoever that the two parties will be able to reach an agreement on even the most basic of issues let alone selecting a mutually satisfactory arbitrator.

The ferry closed in 2020 because the Brown family was unable to do work with the Virginia landowners, and the ferry remains closed today because suitable terms still have been unable to be agreed upon. "Based on the collective history of Herb Brown and I with [Rockland], the condemnation proceedings could be completed and



The Virginia landing for historic White's Ferry: With arbitration off the table, settlement concerning issues about the ferry is headed for eminent domain.

the ferry reopened in less time than it would take to finish all of the back and forth with [Rockland] in order to simply arrive at a mutually agreed upon arbitrator and get the process started. We are not going to go down that path."

In April, Loudoun County, with the full support and partnership of Montgomery County, announced that it was taking steps to restore service at White's Ferry as a critical and essential

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Commissioners Approve Creation of Two New Advisory Committees

By Link Hoewing

The bulk of the Town of Poolesville's commission's September 20 meeting was focused on discussion surrounding proposals to create two new advisory committees. In the end, the commission agreed unanimously to establish a Youth Advisory Council and a Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Board. Though the motions to create the bodies were approved, it is clear that a great deal of work will be needed to fully work out the missions and purposes of the two committees, their structures, and their responsibilities.

In explaining the proposed Youth Advisory Council (YAC), Commission President Kerri Cook said that the "strength of our community is the people in it," and the "young people of

Poolesville are the future for whom we want to guide, protect, and provide enrichment opportunities." She said the new group would include a mix of adults and young people. They would work on both specific projects to enhance opportunities for young people and provide advice to the commission about the needs of the youth. Learning about government and about serving the community would also be a goal of the committee.

Commissioner Ed Reed, a cosponsor of the YAC proposal, said, "When we think about youth opportunities, we need to think about a vehicle for their voices to be heard." He had done research and found that a number of other jurisdictions, such as Takoma

Park, have youth councils. He thinks the committee needs to have strong leadership from the youth in guiding its creation.

All commissioners signaled their support for the proposal, but it is clear that there remains a lot of uncertainty about just how the new group would work, how it would be formed, and what its exact responsibilities would be. A motion to approve the new committee was unanimously approved, but in effect, it will not become a reality until the details surrounding its purpose and goals are fully hashed out and agreed to by the commissioners.

The second advisory body, the Diversity and Inclusion Advisory

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Family Album



Poolsville Day Parade

Photos by Terri Pitts



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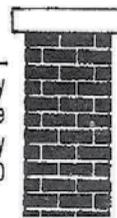
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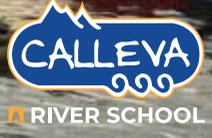
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Rande(m) Thoughts

Let's Hear It for The Peanut Gallery

By Rande Davis

We sure love to find ways to celebrate and have fun, don't we? There is a National Day of Celebration for everything imaginable from International Day to Talk Like a Pirate Day to National Crazy Day. Yes, there is even a National Stupid Day. I am not sure what that one is about, but if I had to guess, I would imagine it's probably connected to facebook in some way or other.

The biggest day of the year for us has been restored with a highly-successful Poolesville Day. There were fewer vendors, but at least the oft-repeated proclamation, "It almost never rains on Poolesville Day," held up this year. The weather was beautiful but, at times, too hot. Three or four people were overcome with heat exhaustion and one resulted in the ambulance having to make the run to Whalen Commons. Staying hydrated could have prevented much of that.

The annual PACC/Monocacy Lions 5K was a big success. They had over three hundred runners. If not a record, that's pretty close to one. I managed the 5K with Kathy Mihm for eight years, and we approached that number a few times. One year, I know it was 234. Why? Because that was the first and only time I ran (walked) in the race, and I came in dead last at 234!

The music was great. The Hacken Brothers were exceptional, and Karousel was equally good with harmonies as smooth as velvet. The latter group was made up of high school students from our area who had gone to Thurgood Marshall Elementary together. Reasonably Untamed, the band at Falcon Lane (next to the Dollar General), had some members who attended the Butler Montessori School. Local favorites rounded out the exceptional music with Touch of Grey and No Stop Light, appropriately playing at Locals Farm Market and Restaurant.

For me, the Poolesville's Got Talent performances were the highlight of the day. It was not surprising that members of Hope Garden Ballet were so good and creative, but what I never, ever knew was how well their director, Fran Ichijo, could sing opera. Skip Etheridge who hosted the event with aplomb, humor, and fun stories said it

best with a proclamation after Fran finished, "Who knew she could sing so good!"

Any downers to the day? A couple, I must admit. I was thrilled to see a real high school marching band parade down Fisher Avenue for the first time in many, many years. The problem? It was Seneca Valley High School's PHS, a school with seemingly everything, hasn't mustered a marching band for years. I know they have the uniforms because I saw them a while back when they marched in Poolesville Day. A brand-new innovative music director had dusted off the uniforms, directed his instrumentalists to put them on and make Poolesville proud to see them on parade. He got fired. Seems too many parents believed forcing kids to march was not right. One thing SVHS proved was that a marching band does not have to be large to succeed. Hopefully, next year, even if the school does not develop a regular marching band, some orchestra students or other instrumentalists might put on the uniforms for one day. Could you get enough students to do so? Perhaps if you had them marching robustly and joyously like those jazz bands in New Orleans during mardi gras playing nothing but "When the Saints Come Marching In." Enough students might enjoy the fun to make up such a band. I leave the issue there with this challenge to the music department at PHS: You have one year to find a way to make us proud.

The biggest downer was not on Poolesville Day but the day after. The Poolesville Day organizers who have always offered a level of exclusivity to each vendor got attacked on facebook. National Stupid Day, anyone?

When a honey producer sought to come in late and was denied entry because there already was a honey vendor, he decided to protest publicly on facebook. Without losing a beat or even thinking there might be a legitimate reason, the fine volunteers who worked very hard for nearly a year were personally attacked. Someone even accused a volunteer of corruption for the decision while others ignorantly blamed the commissioners who are not in any way involved in these kinds of decisions. There is room for adjustments on any rule for Poolesville Day, but for some reason this year, too many people who barely stand on the side of the road to watch the parade found it their calling to attack the good volunteers of the committee. Such people give definition to the term Peanut Gallery.

Local News

Rebuilding Together: Helping Another Deserving Local Family

By Rande Davis

Rebuilding Together Montgomery (RT), a successor of Christmas in April and a member of the Rebuilding Together national network, opened its doors in 1990 and, for more than twenty-five years, has worked to provide free critical home repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, and accessibility modifications for Montgomery County's

most vulnerable residents: seniors, veterans, persons with disabilities, and families with children, all living in low-income households.

On Saturday, September 11, the team of dedicated volunteers helped the Mason family on Sugarland Road in Poolesville. More than twenty of the volunteers were building specialists, half of whom were donated by Eastern Applicators, Donohoe Construction, and other regional companies including Fine Earth Landscape. Pella Windows brought in a team of five employees who installed new windows the day before the event. Many of the Donohoe employees/volunteers are also residents in the area.

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Bernie Mihm and Catherine Beliveau with Lance Wolin, vice president of Donohoe Construction, and members of the national Rebuilding Together at the Mason Project.

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Board, was also put on the table for discussion by Cook. Again, she and Reed were cosponsors, and Cook discussed in broad terms why the new committee is being proposed. A key focus of the group would be to “build trust, partnerships, and relationships with various groups and better understand barriers and further the goals of the master plan.” A key purpose of the group is to engage and encourage the involvement of “historically underrepresented and marginalized groups” in town programs and affairs. She noted that a number of organizations already exist that could help increase the involvement of groups in our community who have felt excluded. This new body could serve as an ongoing conduit to the town to strengthen ties to marginalized people from many walks of life.

Reed noted that diversity is not just about racial issues but should include other groups in society such as the LGBTQ community, religious groups, and economic diversity. He said we should make sure we don’t have people “crying in the shadows” who have needs in our community that are not being heard.

Again, all commissioners expressed general support for the proposal. Commissioner Jim Brown said that while he agrees that the “discussion points about this idea are valid ... we need to have a lot more detail” about how the group would work. He believes that to have impact, the new committee needs to have “leadership, structure, and staying power,” and he needs to hear a lot more about how the group would be formed and its purpose and goals.

In the end, the proposal was approved unanimously, but again it appears this could best be characterized as approval for the concept. The details concerning the new committee remain to be worked out.

In other business, the commission heard a report about the American Rescue Fund which was passed some months ago by the federal government and provides funding for communities relating in part to costs and problems that have built up during the pandemic. Poolesville is slated to receive over \$4 million under the program and so far, has already received a total of \$1.9 million. Town Manager Tony Tomasello explained that the commissioners had already agreed that the money would be used to support the Inflow and Infiltration (I and I) program to improve the efficiency of the sewer system, improvements and replacement of waterlines throughout the town, and security upgrades for the water and sewer systems. Tomasello said that \$1.7 million would be allocated to the I and I project, \$1.5 million to the waterline replacement program, and a still undetermined amount to the security upgrades project.

A presentation was made by a local youth, Gabriel Herman, who is a regular user of the skate park. He and many of his friends would like to see an expansion of the skate park to include new features that offer new challenges to skaters. Skateboarding offers a healthy alternative to “sitting at home on screens,” and the proposed expansion would help improve the skills of the skaters. He did not offer a specific set of proposals during the presentation, but it is clear he and his friends know what types of new features they feel are needed.

Herman was asked whether he had talked to the Parks Board about the ideas, the body in town that handles parks projects. He said he had met with them twice. John Strong, the town engineer, said that the new project might present some storm water management issues and that if the project were to go forward, the town would need to bring in a skate park consultant to help come up with specific designs.

The commissioners seemed receptive to the idea, but Cook said that she wondered whether a survey of local youth might be needed to gauge interest. Brown said that the proposal is welcome, but it needed vetting by the Parks Board. In the end, it appears the project will go back to the Parks Board for in depth consideration.

In his Town Manager’s report, Tomasello said that while the new committees that were discussed could be helpful, they would need support from town staff, and right now “there is none.” If one person from the town’s maintenance crew did not report to work, that would be a “twenty percent reduction in our workforce.” While he knew staffing issues would be a key item on his to-do list when he was hired, he had initially thought he might have a few months to work through the issues. He now expects he may have to come back to the commissioners with staffing proposals in the very near future.

The commissioners were receptive to Tomasello’s concerns. As Commissioner Martin Radigan said, “We’ve heard this before about the staffing issues,” and he made it clear that they knew these issues needed to be tackled.



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Watch for the return of our social-distanced, in-person Popup Walks on the C & O Canal.

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Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Wednesdays

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Fridays

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September 27

PS Book Club

Join us as we delve into *Nine Perfect Strangers* by best-selling author Liane Moriarty. This psychological thriller is the story of nine people who gather at a remote health resort. Their ten days of pampering turn into more than they could have imagined. Should they stay or should they run for their lives? 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

September 30

Everything Eggplant with the Edible Garden Girl

Poolesville photographer Hilary Schwab will delight the eye and the palate with her fresh-from-the-garden eggplant recipes and cooking demonstration live on Zoom. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

October 2

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October 7

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October 14

Paranormal Poolesville

Join Christine Rai for bone-chilling tales from Poolesville's past! Professor and folklore enthusiast Christine Rai will recount hair-raising tales of

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interstate connection. A Joint Study led by the Loudoun County Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and the Montgomery County Department of Transportation is targeted for completion later this month or in early October.

Mr. Kuhn furthermore said, "Both of the counties and the residents of the greater region need a dependable, certain solution that the public can rely on for the long term. We continue to believe the best way to achieve this solution and get the ferry service permanently and forever restored is to allow the efforts that are being jointly undertaken by Loudoun and Montgomery Counties to unfold and progress to their conclusion.

"We look forward to seeing the recommendations and conclusions from the joint study shortly. In the meantime, we have long since reached an impasse with [Rockland] that is not going to be resolved with negotiations, and continuing these 'dueling letter' exchanges is counterproductive. [Rockland's] ongoing efforts to try to fan the flames and create controversy with the public and local governments in the press and on social media also aren't helpful to anyone."

At various times, Mr. Kuhn has iterated that his involvement is not based not on an expectation of financial gain but on a mission for community convenience and preservation of history. He added that that are money avenues to use his finances that would be far more profitable with fewer problems. A motto of the previous owner, the late R. Edwin Brown, was always, "White's Ferry is open for the pleasure and convenience of the public." As only a part of White's Ferry LLC, the ferry service has always been reported by the Brown family as the cause of eighty percent of the corporation's problems while resulting in less than twenty percent of the money earned.

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Tidbits

KPC Buddhist Temple Grows Food to Share and Teaches Others to Do So

With the goal of “Empowering People through Food Gardening” to address rising food insecurity, Kunzang Palyul Choling (KPC) Buddhist Temple on River Road in Poolesville converted 2,400 square feet of lawn to create what is now a flourishing demonstration and production food garden. Since May, volunteers have been delivering a steady stream of nutritious produce to food banks and shelters across the county. Additionally, they’ve offered vegetable starter plants and education workdays so people can learn to grow their own food.

KPC President Claire Waggoner is thrilled to announce the establishment of the Maxine and James Cable Memorial Food Garden Initiative to sustain and develop the fledgling program. The generous gift allows the temple to provide more people with more access to food and food growing. KPC began the food garden in January 2021 with a six-month grant of start-up funds awarded through Montgomery County. The bequest is from the late Maxine

and Jim Cable, long-time residents of Montgomery County, who were devoted practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism at KPC and extensive world travelers. Ms. Cable was influential in the Washington, D.C. art scene as an artist, independent curator, and founder of a local gallery.

Unique New Entry into the EV World

Mark Biggs, a scrap metal artist, normally puts his passion to work making many different things but more recently upped his game by creating his electric-powered scooter. The unique EV is driven while lying in

what was at one time a baby car seat. Parts came from a variety of odds and ends, such as hand truck tires, shipping containers, two scooter pads, 2x4s, and sections of a canopy. Powered by a forty-eight-volt battery and reaching speeds of up to thirty-four miles per hour, Biggs uses his invention to scoot around town.

Karousel—Homecoming of Sorts at Poolesville Day

The youthful band, Karousel, performed on the main stage on Poolesville Day.

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Kelsey Roos (music teacher) and Laura Davis (health tech), retirees from Thurgood Marshall Elementary School, were proud to watch some of their former students perform on Poolesville Day.



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Youth Sports

PHS Football Wins Home Opener On Great Night Out

By Jeff Stuart

On Friday, September 10, the Poolesville Falcons hosted the Wootton Patriots. Normal, right?—except it wasn't. The weather was clear and cool and perfect, but that wasn't what made it special—nor was it the fact that Poolesville won 20-7. It was the first home football game, with fans, in two years, because of the pandemic, and those in attendance seemed to savor it—all of it, from the game to the band to the cheerleaders to the pompon squad routine at halftime to even the concession stand. It was a great atmosphere, complete with fireworks (yeah, the fireworks guy was back) at halftime, visible from the south end of the stadium.

Of course, the game itself was the featured event. Wootton scored first with an extra point to take an early 7-0 lead, but the Falcons answered with a short running touchdown by junior quarterback Ashton Gaddis to tie the game before halftime at 7-7. In the third quarter, Ashton, the offensive player of the game, punched in another score and, although the Falcons missed the extra point, PHS had a 13-7 lead. After that, Falcons, aided by some excellent punting by sophomore Seth Lemarr, kept the Patriots at bay.

It wasn't until senior Michael Sofelkanik intercepted a pass with two minutes left and raced fifty-seven yards into the endzone that the victory was secured, putting a celebratory cap on the remarkable evening.

The defensive player of the game was senior Adam Barkdoll who had four tackles and an interception. The Falcon defense got sacks from senior Jaylen Riggs, junior Evan Taylor, and senior Jackson Barney. Junior Jack Fey forced and recovered a fumble. Junior Luke Pappano led the team with seven total tackles and five solo tackles. Lemarr had six tackles with three solos.

In the season opener at B-CC a week earlier, the Falcons led 16-13 until the Barons scored with two minutes left. Game highlights included a ninety-three-yard kickoff return by Barkdoll and a touchdown pass by Gaddis. The offensive

player of the game was senior Logan Marsh who had seventy-three yards receiving on five catches and sixteen yards rushing. Lemarr was the defensive player of the game with a sack, a fumble recovery, and five tackles. Barkdoll also had an interception.



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Senior News

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October 21

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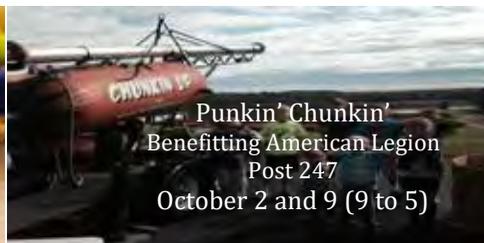
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September 27

Monocacy Lions Golf Tournament

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PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Northwest. 7:15 p.m.

September 29

Planning Commission Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

September 27

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' volleyball vs. Watkins Mill. 6:30 p.m.

Boys' soccer vs. Watkins Mill. 7:15 p.m.

October 1

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football vs. Magruder. 6:30 p.m.

October 2 and 9

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October 4

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 pm.

October 5

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Rockville. 7:00 p.m.

October 6

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls soccer vs. Magruder. 7:15 p.m.

October 7

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball vs. Rockville. 6:30 p.m.

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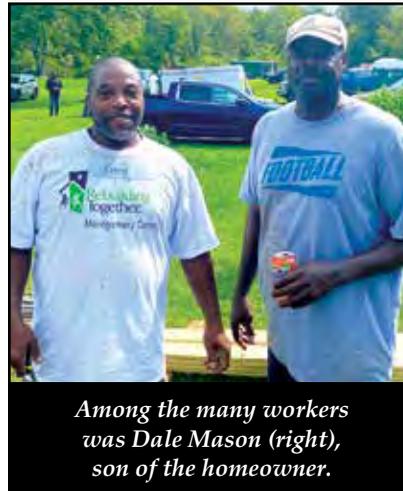
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Rebuilding Together: Helping Another Deserving Local Family

Project manager, Lance Wolin, senior vice president of Donohoe, has been volunteering for RT for thirty-four years. This year's neighbor in need, Mrs. Mason, put six kids through local schools. Her husband passed away a few years ago. The volunteers installed a handicap ramp for the home in 2007 as Mr. Mason, a diabetic, had been wheelchair-bound. Despite being

a double amputee, he had always mowed the lawn on his riding mower. Two of Mason's sons also assisted during this year's project.

While Mrs. Mason has been able to keep the home beautiful inside, maintenance of the exterior had fallen behind. She told the Monocle just how blessed and appreciative she was of all the volunteers and their contributions to making essential improvements to the home. "Words cannot express my gratitude."



Among the many workers was Dale Mason (right), son of the homeowner.

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Things to Do

October 12

The Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild

Would you like to be a Piecemaker? The Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild is dedicated to promoting the art of quilting through education, inspiration, and fellowship. We are open to all skill levels from novice through advanced. *Poolesville Town Hall meeting room. 7:30 pm.*



A team of over twenty volunteers replaced the siding on the Mason home and made many other repairs.


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Remembrances

Linda Fay Grubbs

Linda Fay Grubbs, 72, of Poolesville, peacefully passed away on September 15, 2021 after a long, heroic battle with multiple serious ailments. She was the loving wife of the late Fred Grubbs. Born on July 27, 1949 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Millard Edward and Katie Lee (Durham) Pope.

Linda is survived by two sisters, Lea Meyer and Patty Slagle (Jim); one brother, Don Pope; one sister-in-law, Peggy Pope; nieces, Lisa Meyer (Joseph) and Kimberlee Lett (Andy); nephews, Kevin Slagle (Sue), Brian Slagle (Katie), Matt Slagle (Allison), Roger Meyer (Cindy), and Will Pope (Meghan); uncle, Bobbie Pope (Margaret); and numerous great-nephews and great-nieces as well as many cousins in North Carolina and Connecticut.

Along with her husband and parents, Linda was preceded in death by one brother, M. Edward Pope, Jr. and one brother-in-law, Gary Meyer.

Linda was a familiar face in Poolesville. In her determined effort to live independently as long as possible, she could frequently be seen with her shopping cart, walking to destinations along Fisher Avenue. Close neighbors, store workers, kind town residents, and WUMCO staff knew Linda well and helped her in large and small ways as only a town like Poolesville might do.

Linda may best be remembered for her friendly conversations, her creative expressions in crafts and writing, as well as her devotion to her pets (especially her treasured Miss Kitty) and her trust in the Lord and the promise of Heaven.

A celebration of life will be held on October 10, 2021 in Poolesville, starting off with Linda's Gratitude Walk (short walk along Fisher Avenue) to begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Whalen Commons parking lot. Once the walk is over, the family asks that you join them at Whalen Commons for the celebration.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to WUMCO Help, Inc. (details at wumcohelp.org).



Linda Fay Grubbs

Reverend G. Paul Herbert

Reverend G. Paul Herbert (age 71), of Hyattsville, passed away on September 9, 2021. He was a beloved priest of the Archdiocese of Washington and previously served at Our Lady of the Presentation (OLP). He was born to the late Francis and Helen Herbert.

Father Herbert earned his degree in business management after which he worked as a credit manager first in Buffalo but chose to come to the metro-Washington area as he had many friends in this area. He found a position at Georgetown University Hospital, but after being there five years, he chose to follow his call to the priesthood.

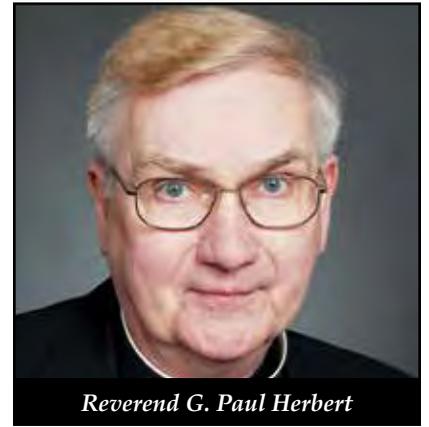
In 1980, Fr. Herbert entered a seminary in Kentucky. There, he studied pre-Theology and Religious Studies. During his third through sixth years, he worked on his graduate studies, earning a Master of Divinity. In 1986, Father Herbert was ordained a priest in the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C.

In addition to OLP, Fr. Herbert worked in various parishes throughout the archdiocese from Rockville to Greenbelt to St. Matthew's Cathedral downtown before he served in Poolesville from 2004 to 2009.

He spent each summer at a different military base, having entered the chaplain candidate program in 1983. In 1987, Fr. Herbert was recommissioned in the reserves and was commissioned as a chaplain. He served at Bolling Air Force Base with the 11th Wing.

In 1988, while he was at St. Patrick's in Rockville, Fr. Herbert began working part time at the Tribunal, church courts similar to the civil courts except they deal with church law. In 1990, Cardinal Hickey asked him to pursue studies in Canon Law. Fr. Herbert spent the following two years at Catholic University of America earning his degree in Church Law.

Fr. Herbert's funeral mass was held at St. Matthew's Cathedral on September 15, and he was interred at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring.



Reverend G. Paul Herbert

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Tidbits

Three of the band members are alumni of Thurgood Marshall. The young performers have a harmonic blend resembling some of the most popular bands in pop. On hand to cheer them on were two fans who knew them well in those early years elementary school days, Kelsey Roos (music teacher) and Laura Davis (health tech).

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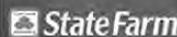
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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Theft: 22300 block of Clarksburg Road.

Past Crime: 1936 to 1940

Police searched for two masked robbers who took \$400 from the home of an ailing grandmother as she lay abed in her Rockville home. The woman told police that the robbers entered the house while she was asleep and then threatened to kill her before making off with her life savings.

County police went to the Boyds farm of Wendell Barker after a complaint was made about the statutory rape of a girl. Police arrested an itinerant farmhand and took him to the Rockville station. On the same day, Worley Cheeks of Travilah was arrested and charged with manslaughter after a car that Cheeks was driving went out of control and killed two of his passengers.

States Attorney Pugh visited several establishments around the county and inspected jackpot machines that had recently been invented. Two years earlier, Pugh had banned a type of slot

machine that had allowed patrons to get their payoffs from the proprietor. This new type of machine, apparently the standard slot machine, paid off on the spot. In the meantime, Officer Joe Nolte was busy arresting Ernest Everly who had collided with another car in Rockville and then had attempted to drive away. Nolte charged him with drunken driving and hit and run driving.

Montgomery County Police led a posse that scoured the countryside north of Silver Spring for a black man who had reportedly raped an eleven-year-old girl as she walked home from school. Based on a lookout sent to the Washington Police, they arrested a man who matched the description provided by the girl; however, D.C. Police would not turn the man over to the county officers because there was word of an angry mob gathered at the Silver Spring Station, and the D.C. Police feared that the suspect would be lynched.

The courthouse at Rockville resembled an armed camp as county and state police were stationed around the building. The reason for such tight security was for the appearance of four gangsters who were charged with the 1934 assassination-type killing of Allen Wilson who had been mistaken for a notorious gambler. The victim, a man named McCarthy, had just driven

out of his driveway when several gunmen had opened up with shotguns and a machine gun, killing McCarthy instantly.

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

Fun Fact...

We head into the fall this week on September 22—the autumnal equinox is the moment that the sun crosses the equator from north to south. It is reversed in the vernal equinox which happens in March in the northern hemisphere. The equinox is the only time when the edge between day and night runs perpendicular to the equator, equally illuminating both the southern hemisphere and northern hemisphere, with equal hours of daylight and darkness. The name equinox is derived from Latin words meaning "equal" and "night."

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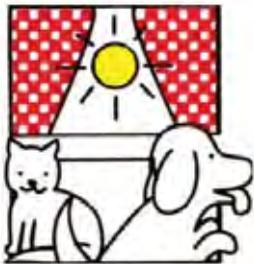
Your Pets and Halloween

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

Here comes All Hallows' Eve again. Time for the tiny ghosts and goblins to strut their costume stuff and collect their candy consumption for the year. It is also a very important time to protect your furry family members from unexpected dangers.

1. **Candy is not your pets' friend.** There is no reason to give candy to your pets. There is even a greater risk they will find the stash you or your kids have collected. It does not take a lot to cause severe stomach upset. That is fun for no one.
2. **Strangers at the door.** Your pets will not respond to the strange creatures that visit your door like you will. These masked intruders are seen as a potential treat to your canine family member and big trouble for your feline friends. Keep all your furry friends away from the door and in a separate room with the door closed.
3. **Traveling the streets for your animal family is not recommended.** Your dogs will be exposed to strange smells and sights. These could invoke a negative response and cause everyone heartache. Please keep your furry friends in your home.
4. **Indoor/outdoor cats should be indoor on Halloween.** It is unfortunate, but cats are often the targets of individuals that have mischief on their minds. In the best-case scenarios, cats become scared; in the worst case, they become injured. Keep your feline friends at home in a room with food, water, and a litter box during the Halloween festivities.
5. **Parties are for people.** While we would like to have our furry friends join us for a rousing Halloween party, there are more chances for trouble than fun. Dogs, especially, will find many things to chew and swallow during a party. This can take all the fun out of the festivities.

For this Halloween season, be sure to think carefully about your pets' safety. If they can get into trouble, most likely they will, so keep your furry friends safe and secure this Halloween season.



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