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The great wheel of Beallsville is open for business? Not quite. Get the details in *Daytripper* on page 8.



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Do they get to keep the frame? See *Tidbits* on page 11 for the story on this happy trio.

Suspects Arrested in Barnesville Road Burglary—Photos on Social Media Were Key

By Jack Toomey

Two suspects have been arrested by the Montgomery County Police after the burglary of a Barnesville Road home. Police said that at about noon on May 29, two persons forced their way into a house in the 15000 block of Barnesville Road. Once inside, they damaged several items in the house with a baseball bat and also stole various items. They also broke into a car in the driveway and ransacked the glove compartment. What they did not know is that the homeowner had installed a video surveillance system inside the house, and the camera captured very good images of the suspects.

Corporal Rebecca Innocenti, a police spokesperson, said that the images of the culprits were released to the public and then shared by social media. Crime

Solvers offered a reward ranging up to \$10,000. As a result, the department was inundated with telephone calls from the public offering tips, and some gave the identities of the suspects.

A week later, detectives from the Germantown station arrested Kevin Curtis, age 19, of the 13600 block of Demetrius Way in Germantown and Keleen Hoerauf-Staton, age 18, of the 19700 block of Teakwood Circle in Germantown. They were charged with First Degree Burglary, Malicious Destruction of Property, and Theft. They were later released on bond.

Police said they wanted to thank individual citizens and the media for sharing the photos on social media which led to the solution of this crime.



Kevin Curtis



Keleen Hoerauf-Staton

Poolesville Storm Undefeated

By Jeff Stuart

On Saturday, June 14 and Sunday, June 15, the Poolesville Storm, one of three Red Raider 12U fast-pitch softball teams, swept two games from the Olney Galaxy, 15-3 and 17-3 to win the 12U championship at Raider Park on Century Boulevard in

Germantown. With those wins, the Storm completed an undefeated season (11-0) and celebrated by dumping a tub of ice water over the head of Coach John Gotlewski. "That win was a great Father's Day present for me," said Gotlewski. "These girls have been playing

together for three and four years, and this season was the culmination of a lot of hard work. It was a great team in terms of on-the-field performance as well as off-the-field camaraderie. In the two playoff games, the pitching of Holly Raines

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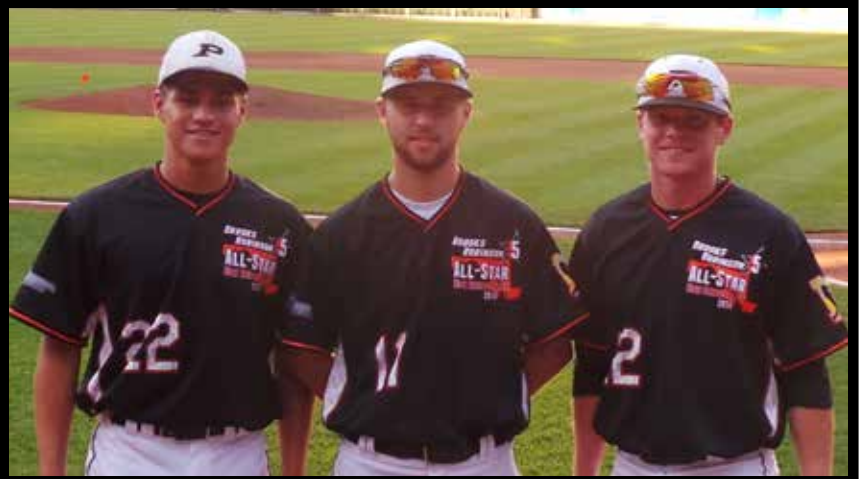
Pictured (left to right): Coach Muddy Burdette, Lindsey Lightcap, Alyson Gotlewski, Cassandra Maier, Kalie Terragno, Brooke Brightful, Maddie Burdette, Alivia Atkins, Holly Raines, Angelina Taylor, Amber Ennis, Coach John Gotlewski. Not pictured: Gwen Boe and Emily Lewis.

Family Album

Heritage photograph by Hilary Schraub.



Steve Vogel (left), author of *The Pentagon and Through the Perilous Fight: Six Weeks That Saved the Nation*, spoke at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum during Heritage Days Weekend.



PHS Brooks Robinson All-Stars at Camden Yards: Thayer Seely, Robbie Metz, and Hunter Pearre.

July 4th photographs by Katie Hanna.



A large crowd joyously celebrated the Fourth of July.



The Jim Bowie Band performing at the 4th of July Celebration on Hughes Road.



St. Peter's Vacation Bible School



There's always plenty of dancing at the St. Peter's Vacation Bible School.

Gardening photograph by Jack Toomey.



Chloe, Jillian, and Amy Maher stopped by PES to do a little gardening.



Dan Barber and Katrin Mayer-Barber recently visited the Seneca Schoolhouse with son Dean Barber.



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Town of Poolesville Town Government Report

By Rande Davis

Tractor Supply Co. and Dollar General Clear Last Remaining Hurdles

The biggest news coming from the July 7 Poolesville commissioners' meeting is that both Tractor Supply Company and Dollar General have been cleared to move ahead with their plans to locate to Poolesville.

Tractor Supply Company is to take over the property formerly used by Selby's Market, and Dollar General is planning to build in the lot next to Poolesville Beer and Wine, across the road from the Poolesville Town Hall.

The final hurdle for Tractor Supply was gaining agreement from CVS on parking lot usage, and with that successfully accomplished, current plans are moving ahead for a possible opening this fall or just after the first of the year. The Maryland Department of the Environment gave the final green light to the firm representing Dollar General once issues on storm water management were worked out. Dollar General is now free to close on the property sale. No estimate of a building schedule was available at the meeting.

The state approval for Dollar General is also good news for Delmar Deli Provisions, a Gaithersburg Boars Head deli products distributor. The firm preferred not to make an official response to the approval at this time, but their plans to build an 8,000-square-foot warehouse in Poolesville are now cleared to move forward, and further information will be available at a future date.

Commission president Jim Brown offered that with the definitive action by Tractor Supply and Dollar General, the town will be in a better position to attract a grocery store. He pointed out that a major obstacle to attracting a grocery store has been uncertainty as to what would happen with the old Selby's Market site. With

that uncertainty cleared up, prospects for gaining a grocery store improved. Commissioner Stump supported Brown's contention and stated that the town is now better positioned to become proactive in seeking a potential grocery store and will do so, promoting various possible sites in the town.

New Subdivision Progress Reduces Bond Size Requirements

Progress in both new subdivisions in Poolesville has allowed the town to reduce the amount of the required security bonds held by the developers that ensure full completion of all infrastructure needs in the developments.

In the case of the Stoney Springs subdivision, at the west end of town, the commissioners approved reducing the bond from \$351,000 to \$176,000 and put in place an additional two-year maintenance bond of \$57,200 to ensure that landscaping improvements such as tree placement hold up. In the event that trees need to be replaced, the maintenance bond protects the financial interests of the town.

Also, as Phase I in the Brightwell Crossing subdivision approaches completion, the town engineer recommended that a maintenance security bond of \$94,000 be approved for two years to indemnify the town against financial costs now that the town will begin to take over maintenance costs of the infrastructure and water sewer systems.

Repavement Contract Awarded

Findlay Asphalt was awarded the contract of \$494,000 to repave town roads. A concern was raised that only two contractors supplied a bid, but it was determined that contractors are fully employed this summer and not as many paving companies were looking for work. The work will begin in August, and the roads involved include Hoskinson, Halmos, Hillard, and Milford Mill.

Miscellaneous Matters

Commissioner Chuck Stump announced that prospects for the new town website being operational by September are promising. He, along with town staff, will begin further input into the site in August.

In an interview session new member of the Community Economic Development Committee, Jennifer Sing was approved as a

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Commentary

My Money's Just as Good as Your Money

By John Clayton

There is broad general support for a public campaign financing system for Montgomery County Council and County Executive candidates. This discussion was triggered by a bill sponsored by Councilman and recent candidate for County Executive, Phil Andrews.

The new law would make Montgomery County the first jurisdiction in Maryland to have such a law, and according to Andrews, the "first of its kind in the nation with the particular parameters proposed." Some of these parameters for participation would require that candidates raise a certain amount of money from a number of small donors, as opposed to large contributions from the few. This is the crux of the effort. For years, the criticism of local elections, and specifically county council and executive elections, is that they are driven by large contributions from developers and unions. Public sector unions, including teachers' unions, are frequently highlighted.


The question remains: Does the fact that a candidate accepts large donations from a person or an organization necessarily mean that the resulting elected official is unduly influenced by the source of his campaign funds? This question has certainly been asked for as long as we've had representative democracies, and I suppose longer, since the well-heeled have probably handpicked their public officials for as long as we've had public officials. However, we should not be too quick to damn those that accept large donations. It is a simple fact of political life, even in Montgomery County, that if you want to run for office, you have to raise a lot of money, or spend your own if you have it, and it would be an insult to our elected officials to suggest that a quid pro pro necessarily result. Then again, even the most honest and forthright elected official is probably

going to take the big contributor's telephone call before he/she takes one of ours, and s/he'll probably talk longer, too.

There is so much support for this initiative that many of the same things have been said over and over about the benefits of public campaign financing. These include lowering the bar for entry into political races, and, as mentioned above, limiting undue influence by the few, and a consequent increase of regard for the many, who would also like to wield a little clout beyond their vote. Elected officials at all levels despair over the incredible amounts of time and energy dedicated to the nonstop fundraising necessary to feed the hungry beast of election. Some candidates are above this, being wealthy enough to fund their campaigns, but that shouldn't be a basic qualification for running. There has to be an effort to level the playing field.

Where even the best-intentioned campaign financing proposal runs into a wall is on the issue of campaign limits. Right now, there are essentially no limits, as the Supreme Court has upheld that campaign spending is a form of free speech, and should not be controlled or parceled out by the government. However, without limits, a huge disparity may remain between those who accept public financing and those who have the means, from whatever source, to spend without limits. Lowering the bar for entry solves part of the problem, but other problems persist.

The Phil Andrews plan is a great idea, and it doesn't have to be perfect to begin making the process for getting elected to county office fairer and more accessible. This may or may not be a model for the rest of the country, but it can certainly help us here in Montgomery County.

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Things to Do 

Rande(m) Thoughts Out of My Mind

By Rande Davis

I have been thinking about one of my all time favorite TV shows, *The Twilight Zone*, but not for a good reason. On the morning of July 2, I woke up in a twilight zone. The only thing missing was Rod Serling's smooth, overly calm, baritone voice warning (with that mesmerizing musical score, da, na, na, na, da na, na, na): *This cool, placidly normal summer morning is about to take a change for the worst for this otherwise happy grandfather who holds the key to the door of imagination and new dimensions of sound, substance, and mind. He is about to enter a land of both shadow and substance, of things and ideas. He is about to cross over into the Twilight Zone.*

You may think I am out of my mind, and I admit there are more than a few people ready to accept that proposition as totally unsurprising. Nevertheless, I awoke in a dreamlike state of mind, groggy and confused in a reality

somewhere between asleep and awake, cognizant of my physical surroundings, recognizing my wife and grandson, but otherwise unable to remember any conversation more than a few seconds old.

It turned out not to be the Twilight Zone but something the doctors call transient global amnesia (TGA).

During an episode of TGA, your recall of recent events simply vanishes, so you can't remember where you are or how you got there. You may also draw a blank when asked to remember things that happened a day, a month, or even a year ago. With TGA, you do remember who you are, and recognize the people you know well, but that doesn't make your memory loss less disturbing.

Fortunately, transient global amnesia is somewhat rare, seemingly harmless, and unlikely to happen again. Episodes are usually short-lived, and afterward your memory is fine. The doctors at Shady Grove Hospital treat patients with TGA up to three times a month. While I was at the

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July 18

AHOP Entertainment

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

July 19

AHOP Entertainment

Dart Board Club. 4:30 p.m.

July 21 to July 25

Memorial United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School

Theme: Safari Jungle. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

July 21

Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

July 22

Building Fun! Legomania!

Poolesville Library

Come and learn construction fun with Legos, K'nex, and other materials. Learn about architectural structure and simple machines and the force they create. Registration required. 3:00 p.m.

July 23

PASC Activity

Senior Center: Zumba Gold—exercise to music for seniors. 1:00 p.m.

Estate Planning Seminar: Cost-effective ways to transfer property to beneficiaries

7:00 pm. Poolesville Baptist Church.

Connection Café at Poolesville Presbyterian Church

Stop by for a chat, coffee, check email or assistance with computer project. 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

July 24

PASC Event

Senior Center: Tai Chi. Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

AHOP Entertainment

Cornhole Tournament. 6:30 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Dogfish Head Brewery Tap Takeover. 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

July 25

AHOP Entertainment

Karaoke. 8:30 p.m.

July 26

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Movies in the Park

Featuring: *The Nut Job* (PG-13). *Whalen Commons*. 8:30 p.m.

AHOP Entertainment

Featuring: *Michael Walker Band*. 4:30 p.m.

July 28

PHS 1960s Class Reunion

Cugini's Restaurant. 1:00 p.m.

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Poolesville Library

Book Discussion

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July 30

Connection Café at Poolesville Presbyterian Church

Stop by for a chat, coffee, check email, or assistance with computer project. 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

PASC Event

Senior Center: Are You Ready? Seminar presented by Hilton Funeral Home and Sugarloaf Monuments. Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

July 31

PASC Event

Senior Center: Keeping Seniors Safe: seminar by Montgomery County Police Department. 1:00 p.m.

T'ai Chi. 7:00 p.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church

August 1

Fridays on the Common

Farmers' Market—5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
The Great Zucchini Magician Show—8:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Focus On Business

Hector Asuncion, MD: Treating Patients Like Family for 42 Years

By Susan Petro

When Dr. Hector Asuncion first came to Poolesville in 1973 to practice family medicine, there were only about three hundred families living in town. When he stopped by the original Town Hall to inquire whether there were any doctors in town, he was told: "Oh yes, there are two doctors." Asuncion had already scouted out the community and didn't see any doctor's offices, so he inquired about their location. When he discovered their office was located quite a few miles down the road in Dawsonville, Asuncion felt confident that Poolesville would be a nice place to begin a new practice.

Asuncion, who is originally from the Philippines, followed the paths of his brother and sister who both became doctors. He completed his

medical degree at the University of Santo Tomas in Manila, the oldest medical school in Asia, founded over four hundred years ago.

After finishing medical school, Asuncion completed his residency at Prince George's Hospital. He taught dentistry students at Georgetown University Hospital, worked at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C., and then spent twelve years running the emergency room at Holy Cross Hospital before opening his practice in Poolesville.

The only problem, Asuncion said, was that the town didn't have any office space to offer. Instead, Asuncion rented what was the oldest building in town, located next to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, and refurbished the building into an office. Asuncion noticed that his new office had a shorter door opening that was common in buildings built over a hundred years ago because people were generally shorter back then. Asuncion thought, "I can fit through these doors, but not everyone," so he set about refitting the doorways to fit today's taller patients. He added a stairway and new entryway to the back of the building.

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Musings of Mama Boe Frick and Frack

By Pamela Boe

When My Captain was in third grade, his big brother, Dallas, was swinging a bat and accidentally confused My Captain's head with a baseball. The impact tore an artery in My Captain's forehead that squirted all over the ceiling of his parents' house. His mother, lovingly known as Goggy, aka "The Saint", calmly put a dishtowel over it, made a mental note to wash the ceiling, and took the wounded little imp to the hospital.

While the little guy was stuck at home healing, a friend of his dad's had his son, Ty, keep him company. Actually, the story goes that Ty was made to play with My Captain. As in, he didn't have a choice.

That was a bazillion years ago. But to this day, they are long standing, loyal-to-the-core best friends. In fact, Ty and his wife, Maggie, made us dinner on our wedding night. (If you are ever looking for a fantastic Shrimp Scampi, get Maggie's recipe ... better yet, ask Maggie to cook it for you. You might have to get married or something equally big, but it's worth it.)

Now here is the "Awww!" part of this story.

The boys grew up together, went to the same high school, and volunteered at the same fire station as teens. And now as men, both My Captain and Ty are Captains in the same fire department. They are also both seasoned paramedics. Both Troy and Ty are very tall, quite handsome, scary smart, quietly heroic, and irritatingly in shape. The

ONLY difference is that Ty kept his hair, whereas Troy decided he didn't need his.

Put these two together, and you get all kinds of stories of trouble. You'd never know looking at them *now* that they were little hellions *then*. But let's just say that whenever My Captain is disciplining Critter for some mischief, I have to stop myself from blurting out, "How old were you when you pulled that stunt?"

A couple of years ago, a local pub decided to have a fundraiser on St. Patrick's Day, with guest bartenders. Somehow the manager finagled to get two of the handsomest captains Montgomery County Fire and Rescue has to offer (I say that with absolute objectivity) to fill the slot. Here is what the patrons got an eyeful of.



I don't recall how much money they raised for the cause at the time, but I also don't recall caring. I was happy just to sit there and watch.

Is that wrong?

And just think, this amazing friendship, and all this do-gooding might not have happened if his brother had not accidentally bludgeoned him back in third grade.

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Daytripper

You Can See That?

By Ingeborg Westfall

The Capital Wheel stopped as we reached the top of its rotation, and forty-two gondolas swung gently as passengers took in the sights from 175 feet high—well, not all passengers. Afraid of heights, I was muttering to myself to get a grip, only there were no armrests to pull up on to keep us in the air, and I knew Victoria would look unkindly on me if I grabbed hold of her Gerald seated next to me. I looked down at the tiny people and boats below, then over to the Washington, D.C. sights (the Washington Monument, the Capitol, the Kennedy Center, Alexandria, etc.), grateful that I hadn't had lunch beforehand. I was also grateful that I wasn't in the VIP gondola, with its glass floor—I shudder even now just imagining it—but perhaps I could've watched something soothing on the DVD player (that and bucket seats are part of why the VIP gondola costs \$50/person). At least the gondolas are heated or air-conditioned, whatever

the season calls for, and enclosed as well, so I wasn't distracted by an up-close and personal view of actual air. The ride lasted about fifteen relatively slow, stately minutes, no quick rotations, so by the time we tottered off, I was a seasoned old hand and, Gerald being still intact, Victoria remains a friend.

The \$15 million Capital Wheel is the newest attraction at National Harbor, Prince George's County's largest economic development project, and since you can't view the sights of downtown D.C. from the Old Post Office Tower now that Trump is renovating it, the Capital Wheel is the place to go to see many of those sights from on high. I've noted its height listed as 175 feet; the summer brochure from National Harbor lists it as 180 feet. If it's 175, it's a twin to the Seattle wheel, shorter than the Atlanta wheel (200), and far shorter than the London Eye (443). Since its opening over Memorial Day weekend, the Capital Wheel has attracted a steady stream of visitors and is predicted to attract close to a million annually. By the way, because it's large and relatively

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Out of My Mind

hospital, through the exceptional help of all the healthcare providers, the staff ruled out stroke and other more serious concerns.

I have no direct recollection of the morning but can only recount this event as if it were about someone other than me.

The ambulance was called when I kept asking the same question over and over again, five to six times, within a few minutes' time. For my wife and grandson, it was bizarre, and at times horrifying. In asking about family, I learned, as if for the first time, that my brothers were both dead even though one died six months ago and the other ten years ago. Then I learned this terrible news for the first time again and again within a few minutes. When my son arrived, whom I had just helped move into the family's new home in Poolesville, I was shocked and entirely overjoyed that he was living in Poolesville. This joyous news, too, was experienced over and over again.

In the emergency room, I couldn't figure out how I got there,

and when told I came by ambulance, I thought that was unfair. I mean, I took an ambulance ride but couldn't remember it! I missed the siren and everything?

I know I shouldn't sound flip-pant about it since the cause is not known; however, since I don't actually remember the event, it is less traumatizing to me than for my family. I am proud of my wife who used her professional healthcare experience to help the family through this crisis, and my heart aches for my grandson, who, with tears running down his face, was worried it might be Alzheimer's.

I share this story so as to help another family through this rare experience in a more hopeful, less frightening way than we did, knowing it can be only temporary and, also, to share the experience as one of those markers along life's path that note something profound has happened to alter one's perspective on life. For now, I cannot accept a new day without more appreciation for family and life than the day before. The trick is to see how many more days I can hold that feeling without returning to the dull, assumptive days of normalcy.




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Hector Asuncion, MD

Within the next few years, Asuncion moved his practice to a few other locations in town before settling in his current building located across the street from the high school at 17600 W. Willard Road. His office, a historic yellow house with white trim and a welcoming front porch, has a long history in the Town of Poolesville. Before Asuncion converted the building to a doctor's office, the house was formerly used as a church and school, and before that, it was home to a family. The structure is visible on many of the historic maps of Poolesville.

Asuncion acquired the building in the early 1980s when a former pastor of Poolesville Baptist Church, a patient and friend of Dr. Asuncion, told him that he would like to build a church and wanted to sell the building they were currently using. Asuncion agreed to buy the converted home from the pastor, which in turn provided the congregation with funds to build the church located right next door. They share a connecting parking lot.

Asuncion painstakingly remodeled the building. Although the exterior still maintains its historic character, the interior has all the amenities of a modern office with a country feel. The waiting room walls are adorned with maps and photos from historic Poolesville. In the hallway, Asuncion has pictures of the building detailing the step-by-step process of his exterior remodeling efforts.

Asuncion works five days a week, splitting his time between his Poolesville office and another office in Germantown. His office in Germantown, which he also personally remodeled, is a 104-year-old former

church, as well. Clearly, Asuncion has a passion for maintaining the historic character of his offices.

Two years ago, Asuncion merged with Adventist Medical Group and George Washington University Hospital. This agreement allows him to focus solely on seeing patients while Adventist Medical Group takes care of all of the administrative work and insurances claims. "All I have to do is see the patients," Asuncion said. "I told them to leave me alone, don't touch me, and I will make money for both of us." This arrangement works well for him in light of the time and costs associated with running a physician's office. Asuncion says it costs \$50,000 just to purchase the necessary computer system which changes every few months.

When Asuncion merged his practice, some of his patients worried he might be thinking of retiring soon; however, he has no plans for that. "I enjoy it. I like seeing people, helping people," said Asuncion. When his patients ask him about retiring, he points to his boots and says with a smile, "I like these boots, they make me a little taller." He then reminds them of the famous General Custer who died with his boots on. "If the Lord takes me, I will go," Asuncion said, "but I will be around until the Lord takes me home."

After forty-two years in Poolesville, Asuncion said he and many of his patients have grown older together. Now that his children are grown and it's just him and his wife left at home, his patients are like his family. When his time comes, he plans to go with his boots still on. His patients don't have to worry, though, Asuncion doesn't plan on going anywhere any time soon; he's too busy doing what he loves best: taking care of his patients and spending time with his extended family.



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Tidbits

Two Local Men Win Scholarship

Harry Vincent, Jr. and Chandler Thornton were selected as the 2014 recipients of the Rural Women's Republican Club scholarship award. Harry Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Vincent of Darnestown and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bauer of Barnesville, was presented the award at the club's annual picnic on June 23 at the home of Suzette and Angelo Bizzarro. Due to a work conflict at the Heritage Foundation where he is interning for the summer, Chandler was unable to attend the ceremony. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Thornton of Frederick and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Johnson of Barnesville. Both young men wrote excellent essays entitled: "What inspired you to start your Republican journey and, in your opinion, how do you view the future of the Republican Party?"



Harry Vincent, Jr.

Harry graduated this year from St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac and will attend Texas Christian University (TCU) in Fort Worth this fall. Harry was instrumental in starting the Young Republicans Club at St. Andrew's. Chandler is a senior undergraduate at American University in Washington, D.C. and currently serves as Chairman of the D.C. Federation of College Republicans Administration.

Smoky Mountain Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Agnew are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Eric Agnew, to Lindsay Davis of Gainesville, Florida on June 21, 2014 in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee. Eric is a 2005 graduate of Poolesville High School. He completed his Bachelor's degree in Biology at Mount St. Mary's University in 2009, then began working as a Polysomnographic Tech. One week after the wedding, Eric began a physician's assistant program at the University of Florida. Lindsay Davis, daughter of Joseph and Tammy Davis of Gainesville, Florida, earned her Bachelor's in Exercise Science at the University of Central Florida. She completed her certification for personal training and is building her business, Element Fitness, LLC. The two met while working at a summer camp in North Carolina. Eric and Lindsay, with their nine-month-old daughter Tessa, make their home in Gainesville.

Poolesville Baseball Players Garner Awards

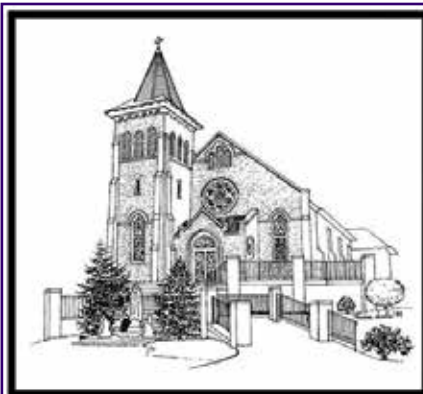
The Poolesville baseball team, following a very successful season in which they won their region, received a number of individual honors.

Washington Post All-Met First Team: Robbie Metz, Honorable Mention: Thayer Seely.

Gazette Player of the Year: Robbie Metz, Coach of the Year: Steve Orsini, First Team: Chris Convers, Second Team: Hunter Pearre and Thayer Seely, Honorable mention: Tony Parker.

Metz, Pearre, and Seely also played in the Brooks Robinson Senior High All Star Game at Orioles Park at Camden Yards.

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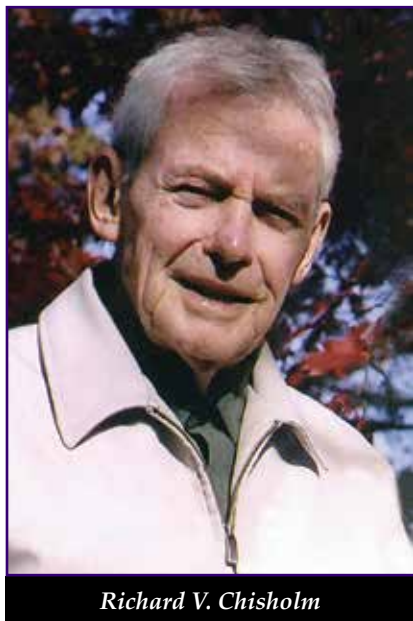
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Remembrances

Richard V. Chisholm

Richard Chisholm, 90, of Poolesville passed away peacefully on June 27 surrounded by his family. Born May 25, 1924 in Boston, he was the son of Harold and Josephine Chisholm. He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Virginia B. Chisholm.



Richard V. Chisholm

Richard grew up in the Boston area, graduated from Harvard University, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. He distinguished himself during a forty-year career at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. His passions were bridge, photography, his garden, and tennis. He volunteered with Hospice of Montgomery County. He is survived by his sons Colin and wife Becky of Bothell, Washington, Jon and wife Sandy of Frederick, and Richard of Hidden Valley, California; and his grandchildren, Kelli Vaughan, Jennifer (Andrew) Karolick, Vincent,

Amanda, Markus (Joy) Chisholm; and great grandchildren, Aiden and Addison Karolick. He is also survived by his brother Don of Huntington Beach, California. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to Hospice of Frederick, Maryland.

Raymond Lloyd Grubb

Raymond Lloyd Grubb, 98, formerly of Poolesville, died on June 29, 2014 at Homewood in Frederick. He was the husband of the late Thelma (Harvey) Grubb. They were married for seventy years when she passed in 2012. Born on December 22, 1915 in Poolesville, he was the son of the late Harry and Bettie (Padgett) Grubb.

Lloyd graduated from Poolesville High School in 1936, married Thelma in 1942, and worked at the Bethesda Naval Hospital Supply Department from 1945 to 1977. Lloyd also owned a barbershop in Poolesville for more than twenty years. He will always be remembered for his warm demeanor and friendly personality. He always said if he could not remember a face he could recognize a client by the back of his head.

Surviving are one daughter, Peggy Kinna and husband Larry; one daughter-in-law, Nancy Grubb-Deadrick (Robert); one sister, Ethel Shannon; four grandchildren, David Kinna (Julie), Shannon Burke (Eddie), Regina Grubb, and Raymond L. Grubb, III; five great grandchildren, David Kinna, Jr., Tyler Burke, Shawn Kinna, Jenna Burke, and Briana Kinna.

Lloyd was preceded in death by one son, Ray Lloyd Grubb, Jr.; two brothers, Edgar and Harold "Pap;" and two sisters, Dorothy and Betty. Interment was at Monocacy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Lloyd's name to Poolesville's Memorial United Methodist Church or the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, Maryland 20839.



Raymond Lloyd Grubb

Denise M. Morgal

Denise Marie Morgal, 59, of Poolesville, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, at her home, after an eight-month battle with lung cancer. She is survived by her husband of forty-two years, David E. Morgal, Jr.; two daughters, Dawn Geraci and her husband, Joe, of Keedysville, Leeanna Hopkins and her husband, Travis, of Poolesville; two sisters, Donna Arnold (her twin) of Damascus and Debbie Mason of Annapolis. She is also survived by her five grandchildren, Shelby and Faith Geraci, Aly, Lauren and Dylan Hopkins; and her mother-in-law, Mary Morgal, of Cabin John. Denise is preceded in death by her loving parents George Thomas and Barbara Ann Bolton and father-in-law, David E. Morgal, Sr. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Rd, Beallsville, MD 20839 or Poolesville Relay for Life, team "Let's Beat It."

Mary Frances Hayden

Mary Frances Hayden passed away peacefully on Friday, July 11 from respiratory failure at Frederick Memorial Hospital. She was ninety-two years old and a long-time resident of Buckingham's Choice in Adamstown. She was the daughter of Frank and Caroline Hodgkin.

She loved to tell stories about her trips to Griffith Stadium to watch the Senators play and shopping at Ida's Department Store. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1941. During World War II, she worked as a secretary in the Department of War. In 1949, she married Roger Alexander Hayden, also a Washingtonian and a veteran of World War II. Shortly thereafter, they moved to Potomac, then to a farm in Poolesville. She and her husband operated Congressional Title Company for over forty years on Wisconsin Avenue in Northwest Washington just above Friendship Heights.

After her husband's death in 1991, she first moved to Crestwood Village in Frederick and then to Buckingham's Choice in Adamstown. Mary and her family have been active members of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Shrine in Barnesville for over fifty years. She professed to be a Baptist all of the years of her membership in the church and was known as the best "Baptist/Catholic" in the community. She received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the age of ninety, bringing her fully into the church. She is preceded in death by her husband, Roger Alexander Hayden, and her only sibling, Charles H. Hodgkin, who was killed on the D-Day invasion of Normandy during World War II. Mary is survived by her son Roger (Roddy) Alexander Hayden, II, his wife Diane, and their children Caroline Jean Hayden, Elizabeth Mary Hayden, and Roger (Alex) Alexander Hayden, III of Poolesville. She is also survived by her daughter Charlotte Gale Baker and Charlotte's two children Christina Baker Mauldin of Denham Springs, Louisiana and Jason Baker of Hagerstown, Maryland; and two great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church and Shrine, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838.



Mary Frances Hayden



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime

July 24, 1954 Counseleman's Grocery Store in Potomac was burglarized overnight, and \$50 was stolen from a cash register.

July 24, 1954 A Montgomery County Police sergeant, who also happened to be a volunteer fireman, was hailed as a hero after a dramatic rescue in Damascus. Rescuers had been called to a farm in the Damascus area because a twelve-year-old boy had fallen down a sixty-foot well. Sgt. Joe Hawkins was lowered head-first down the well where he was able to reach the boy.

July 24, 1954 A fifteen-day search for a Bethesda woman ended when she was found in a church in Upstate New York. Police had feared that the housewife had been kidnapped, and an extensive search and investigation had been conducted. The woman told police that she had wanted to get away and visit churches.

July 24, 1955 A forty-four-year-old Silver Spring woman was seriously injured in an incident at White's Ferry. Police said that the woman was attempting to park her car when her foot slipped off of the brake pedal onto the accelerator. The car then plunged down a twenty-five-foot embankment, and the woman was buried head-first into mud. Bystanders quickly rushed to her aid and pulled her out of the mud. Her husband had been busy attaching an outboard motor to their fishing boat.

July 28, 1954 Montgomery County Police were investigating the theft of a piggy bank containing \$50 that was stolen from a Rockville home.

July 30, 1955 Montgomery County State's Attorney Alger Barbee invoked a 232-year-old law to order that automobile dealerships be closed on Sundays. Barbee took the action to relieve the police of the responsibility of answering calls from church groups who complained about the violation of Blue Laws that had been passed in 1723.

July 31, 1955 Three boys who were riding their bicycles near Congressional Airfield on Rockville Pike stumbled upon a trove of loot that police suspected had been taken in burglaries. Among the items was a walking stick that was said to have been carved from a rail spilt by Abraham Lincoln in 1830. Other items included a radio, golf clubs, and a camera tripod.

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

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You Can See That?

fancy, it's properly termed an Observation Wheel rather than a Ferris wheel, according to National Harbor developer Milt Peterson.

By showcasing the Capital Wheel, the developers of National Harbor are hoping to add to the list of reasons for people to visit what has been called a mini-city. Only eight years old, National Harbor is a cluster of retail shops (forty-five at last count), thirty restaurants, six hotels, townhouses, and office spaces, and to add to the retail excitement, Tanger Outlets opened there last November, offering eighty-five brands. The next step is the planned opening in 2016 of MGM's casino.

Really, the only downside to visiting National Harbor is that getting there takes at least one and a half hours, and if traffic is a problem, obviously longer than that—but when it's a gorgeous day, a trip there, a ride on the wheel, maybe a cup of Cuban coffee at Mayorga, a visit to the farmers' market (weekends), a quick Water Taxi ride across to Old Town Alexandria to visit the Torpedo Factory or other sites—well, it all makes for a fine day. It can be as family-friendly and easy as you like, or as complicated as you can stand. In any case, there's much to enjoy. I see new things every time I'm there, which is four trips and counting. I'm telling you, you haven't lived until you see the Dragon Boat Regatta—all those people in Spandex!

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A Small, Unspoiled Corner of England

By Maureen O'Connell

I recently visited an area of England that I have never been to, Norfolk. This low-lying, predominantly rural county is located in eastern England. It is about four to five hours from west London by car, depending on traffic, but it is light years away from the cosmopolitan aura and frenzy of central London; it is unique. Many believe that Norfolk's untouched, rugged coastline mixed with its ancient landscape that stretches from the fens to the royal coast defines it, but others believe that its vast, dramatic skies and distinctive medieval-era market towns and picture-perfect villages draw people back time and time again. I, my husband Jim, and my labs Sam and Tom could very easily live there. Sam and Tom would particularly enjoy its cool summer temperatures, its proximity to the sea, and its welcoming acceptance of dogs in pubs and most shops.

Norfolk is a glorious place with so many fascinating elements. In Noel Coward's 1930s comedy of manners *Private Lives*, he said a bit pejoratively, "... we met in Norfolk. Very flat Norfolk." It is this flat, coastal topography and undulating inland geography that make the Norfolk area an ideal place for exploring.

Norfolk is a largely rural county with one-thirtieth the population density of central London. It was settled in pre-Roman times and, as it is situated on the east coast, was vulnerable to invasion from Scandinavia and Northern Europe. Many forts were built along the coastline to defend against the Angles and Saxons. During the high and late Middle Ages, the county developed arable agriculture and woolen industries. In the twentieth century, the county developed a role in aviation. The flat geography was ideal for airfields. During World War II, the American USAAF 8th Air Force operated from many Norfolk locations. Today, agriculture is a very important part of the economy of

the region. Much of the produce offered at local pubs, restaurants, grocers, and farm stands are locally and organically grown. "Farm-to-table" is more than a buzzword in Norfolk. The farmers, be they a lord of the manor with thousands of hectares, a one-man strawberry and asparagus stand, an oyster caravan, or an owner of a seafood shack, all support the tenets of sustainable agriculture. This philosophy of the protection of the environment is evident throughout the Norfolk area.

In Norfolk, my daughter and I stayed for a four-day weekend at the Cartshed Cottages in Sharrington. They are located on the Sharrington Hall Estate, an E-plan sixteenth-century country house. The four cottages, decorated in a mixture of vintage and contemporary furniture, oak floors, and wood-burning stoves, were originally the storage area for the farm's horse carts.

It is easy to tour the many interesting villages in the north Norfolk area. The roads are not too twisty and winding, and you only see a few horses trotting on the road, but you still have to be alert, as the Brits drive "on the wrong side of the road." There are many interesting places to visit, many of them dating from the Middle Ages. They are fairly close together in distance, so you can cover a lot of ground in one or two days. The towns of Burnham, Holt, Walsingham, Wells-next-the-Sea, Swaffham, Cromer, and Fakenham are delightful and interesting. Norfolk's unspoiled beaches, with ninety-three miles of coastline, are extraordinarily beautiful and wild. You first come to the salt marsh tidal areas dotted with rough grasses and the delicious seaweed samphire (on a walk I gathered up several large bundles of it and sautéed it for dinner). The waters of the North Sea begin about a half a mile out. It is paradise for dogs, windsurfers, bird-watchers, and shell collectors.

I have visited many areas of England, but this coastal region stands out in my mind as a special place. The next time you are in England, consider visiting Norfolk. It is a step back in time to a slower-paced lifestyle. Maybe that need comes with age, but it is good for the soul of all of us.

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Poolesville Storm Undeclared

and my daughter Alyson was outstanding. The three runs given up in each game were the lowest run totals of the year. In the championship game, Aly struck out the side in the first and Holly, the sister of PHS softball junior Jolee Raines, had a 1-2-3 inning in the second. The Storm was up 10-0 after two innings and then cruised to the win."

The Storm is made up of players from Poolesville and the surrounding area. In the team's first season, they still have seven from the original group of players on the team, their record was 1-9-1. They showed improvement each season leading to this year's outstanding showing in which they outscored their opponents, 172-77. "I began coaching softball in 2011 because of my past experiences playing baseball and softball and because my daughter was interested in playing. My current team has twelve players: three of the players I have coached for four years, six of them I've coached for three years, and three of them I've coached for two years," explained Gotlewski. "Obviously, this group of girls has a ton of talent, but what makes them special is the way that they interact as a team. There are a few different groups of close friends on the team, but we've not run into any drama with cliques. When they play softball, they are one tight cohesive group. Every girl has a role on the team and each girl contributed to the team's success." He added, "In addition to developing as players, I tend to see them as maturing together, and I think that this team was a great

forum for them to learn lessons about hard work, patience, and respecting others."

Last year, the Storm finished the regular season in first place but lost in the championship game. This year, with an increased sense of commitment, they dominated nearly every game. "Our defense and pitching were amazing in the playoffs," said Gotlewski. "Those two games turned out to be the most lopsided wins of the year."

Another highlight of the season was a trip to D.C. to take on another undefeated team, the Cap City Senators at Upshur Recreation Center. "That was our closest game. Brooke Brightful's 270-foot home run came in the final inning in the Cap City game. It put us up, 13-6, and then we held on for the, 13-11, victory in our only real away game."

"Maddie Burdette was our most versatile player," said the coach. "She was the lead-off batter and played seven different positions during the season. We had great hitting from Brooke, Gwen Boe, Lindsey Lightcap, sister of PHS softball player Lauren Lightcap, and Amber Ennis; and there were great fielding performances by Kalie Terragno and Alivia Atkins. Alivia grabbed a screaming line drive in the championship game, and Kalie made big plays at first base all year long. Maddie Burdette, Cassandra Maier, Angelina Taylor, and Emily Lewis had smart at-bats, getting hits when they could and taking walks when that is what they were given. They all had lots of stolen bases and runs scored."

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Lyme Disease: Current Information and New Prevention Tips

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In 2007, Lyme disease was the cause of most of the pet insurance claims for infectious diseases. In endemic areas like ours, 41-60% or more of our canine friends have been infected. Lyme disease has been diagnosed in humans in all 50 states and in dogs in the 48 contiguous states. This area of the country is considered a high risk area for Lyme disease.

Lyme disease can develop when an animal is bitten by a blacklegged tick infected with a virulent strain of the bacterium *Borrelia burgdorferi*. You may not be aware that there are some 15 strains of the bacterium found in ticks, but only a few turn up in Lyme disease positive patients. Newly-hatched larval ticks are born without the Lyme bacterium. They acquire it when they feed on a blood meal from an infected host. Deer have gotten a bad rap in this respect. Scientists have learned that white-footed mice, very common to suburban and rural areas, chipmunks, and short-tailed shrews can be the primary transfer hosts and carriers of *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme disease).

The infected larval ticks progress to a nymph stage (you can determine if the tick is a nymph by counting the total number of legs, nymphs have 6 legs and adults have 8 legs). This nymph stage poses the biggest threat to animals for transmission of Lyme disease. Ticks have a two-year life cycle and can be active at temperatures as low as 40 degrees.

Borrelia burgdorferi does not travel through the bloodstream during initial infection. It travels through the surrounding connective tissue. This is why in humans, and to a much lesser extent in animals, a significant red (bullet) lesion is first noted. This lesion can increase in size during the first 48 to 72 hours but then will dissipate. Contacting your veterinarian or doctor (if you notice the lesion on yourself) during this time can speed treatment and limit long term chronic disease.

Prevention for your pets can also reduce exposure to your other family members. Discuss with your veterinarian (not the people at the big box stores) the most effective tick repellents. Brush your dog and cat after they have been outside. Vaccinate your dog against Lyme disease as recommended by your veterinarian. Removing a tick within 24 hours of contact will limit exposure to Lyme disease by upwards of 99%.

Evolving scientific research is finding that topical spraying of your yard with a pesticide has limited effect on reducing exposure to Lyme disease and may increase it by reducing biodiversity of competing insects. It is more critical to reduce environments where mice, chipmunks, and shrews can have access to direct proximity to your home. Mice, especially, find human inhabitation a great boon for their populations and thus the level of Lyme disease and ticks. Your best defense against Lyme disease is to limit mice in your home. Complete eradication is very difficult, so do what you can to reduce open food, trash close to the house, and any area where easy access to food is present for the mice. If you are finding evidence of mice inhabitation, wet cotton balls with pyrethrin spray. The mice will take it back to their nests and it will kill the ticks on them.

Lastly, it is also very important to protect the primary predators of the mice, chipmunks, and shrews. Evidence has shown that healthy red fox, owl, hawk, and black snake populations can have a significant downward impact on mice population density, so please slow down and try to avoid hitting them with your car. Take a moment before considering killing one of these important predators.



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