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It was a great day for the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association! See more pics in Family Album on page 2.



WUMCO is preparing a special summer program for those in need. Tidbits on page 8 will explain what it's all about.



From the quite young to adults, Poolesville was enthralled by HGCBT's performance at Whalen Commons. More pictures in Center Stage on page 13.



She is a scouting pioneer. Find out how on page 18.

Commissioners Commemorate Pride Day and Vote on Final Commemorative Flag Policy

By Link Hoewing

At their June 3 regular meeting, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville invited the public to celebrate Pride Day with them and adopted a proclamation acknowledging the importance of the event. The hearing room was packed with citizens supporting the observance of Pride Day, many of whom also spoke. The commission also once again discussed the commemorative flag policy they have been working on for some weeks. They did not come to a resolution but made some progress in reaching a consensus and agreed to discuss the issue again.

During their second June meeting (June 17), the commissioners had an extended discussion about the commemorative flag policy and voted to adopt an amended version of the policy.

While there was a large gathering of supporters for Pride Day on June 3, at least one local resident spoke out

against focusing on what he called "social issues." He said that "diversity can make the country divided and not united." He urged the commissioners to reconsider their support.

The commissioners also considered the Public Improvements Agreement or PIA for the Donegan property on the corner of Fisher and Wootton Avenues. A PIA is an agreement a developer signs that outlines the various public improvements the company will install on a given property, such as streets, curbs, and sewer and water connections. A developer builds public infrastructure like this and, when the development is completed, turns it over to the town for ongoing maintenance.

According to a summary of the PIA, the development will have thirty-eight townhouses and will be called "Poolesville Crossing." In the vote to

approve the PIA, one commissioner, Jeff Eck, voted against it, saying he did not like the way the townhouses looked in the schematics and drawings.

After the vote, the commissioners returned to a discussion of the Poolesville Pride proclamation and listened to speakers discussing the event and their views about community attitudes towards LGBTQ+ citizens.

Sam Cooper, the head of Poolesville Pride and also the founder of The Well (a space in Poolesville that encourages growth, healing, and reflection), remarked that he had grown up in town and had felt lonely and isolated in some instances as he was growing up. He asked how many in the audience are LGBTQ+ or love someone who is, and a large share of those in attendance raised their hands. He

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Celebrating the 75th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and Charles Linthicum, the Last Man Standing

By Rande Davis

As the county gears up to celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair, the *Monocle* gives tribute to Charles Linthicum. At ninety-nine years old, he is the last man standing from the original Montgomery County Agricultural Center Board.

Coming from a long line of family dairy farmers, Charles was the youngest member of the original board headed by legendary farmers, J.M. Barnsley, George Lechluder, and Roscoe Whipp. Sitting with Charles on the front porch of his home, overlooking acres of farmland with some beef cattle in the background, it was easy to understand his love of farming, the land, and the family-oriented lifestyle of being a farmer.

He fondly recalls those days of the hard work of endless chores, starting with milking the cows, cleaning the barns, and planting crops in between. At the time, he had a herd of sixty-four cows that had to be attended to twice a day, every day. He fondly remembers being helped by his mother's domestic helper with those milking chores. Not surprisingly, the highlight of every day was the lunch break, a meal lovingly prepared by his mother first, and then his wife. Farms succeed by a robust distribution of duties among family members.

The origins of today's grand week-long fair, the largest single event in the county, began modestly in Rockville on February 16, 1945, when World War II looked to be on the verge of ending. A group of thirteen 4-H



Tom and Charles Linthicum.

members and ag leaders met to plan a 4-H livestock show with classes in home economics included. The startup group was led by just six men: Robert

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Family Album



Above and below: Local politicians and civic organizations graced the Poolesville Pride Fest.



Members and families of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association gathered for their annual picnic.



The PES 2024 grads were clapped in to graduation during their annual walk from the school to Whalen Commons.



The Poolesville Elementary School 2024 graduating class.



PES Principal Doug Robbins addressed the graduates and their friends and families.



The library's first summer event was at Whalen Commons, featuring the wonders of reptiles and other animals.

Local News

Retreat in Beallsville Sells Property

By Rande Davis

The Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center in Beallsville, a stalwart of community involvement and activism, recently sold its property to a Christian group. Their years of service to the community and greater Washington area began in 2007 and has been a peaceful and natural environment for retreats, meditation, and education devoted to the advancement of one's spiritual well-being, humanistic focus, and devotion to nature.

The facility has a long history of spiritual nurturing that began in the 1950s, having once been the home of the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, the Crosier Fathers, and the Monastery of the Holy Cross.

Am Kolel (Hebrew for inclusive people) Sanctuary has been well regarded as an ecumenical retreat center. The sanctuary was used by groups and organizations from many faiths and service orientations, as well as by Am Kolel Jewish congregation in Rockville for monthly Shabbat services, and Jewish Renewal weekends along with other special holiday celebrations. Visitations ranged from one-day and weekend retreats to even weeklong restorative refuge.

Am Kolel's Rabbi David Schneyer brought to us the original vision for a local Poolesville Senior Center. He offered its home and grounds to serve as the initial center to meet the social needs of our senior citizens. First called The Gathering Place, the senior group eventually moved to a meeting space in town which was felt to be more conducive to the needs of its members.

As a Jewish congregation, Am Kolel emphasized inclusiveness and interfaith dialogue. Rabbi David has been known to bring his guitar-playing talents to some of our community events. Visitors have come for weddings, yoga meditation, wellness retreats, youth groups, even family reunions, not just religious retreats.

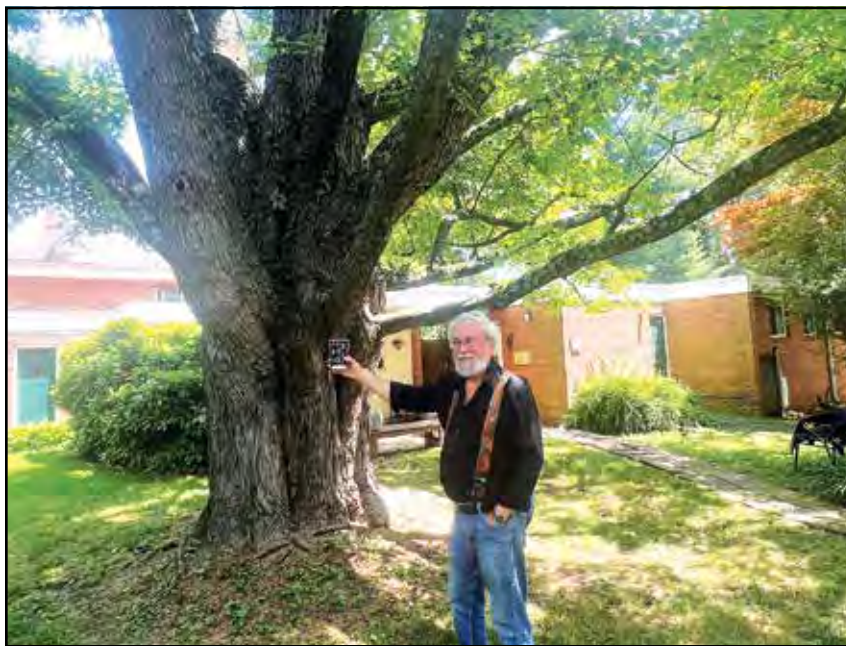
The grounds of twenty-eight acres of natural beauty feature trails and gardens perfect for meditation and self-contemplation, and offered a serene space to wander and wonder, a labyrinth, and chapels.

Early on, the center had advocated for strengthening our Ag Reserve, once by leading a charge to remove the practice of testing fireworks in Beallsville, a practice that greatly disturbed the natural ambience of the area.

Rabbi David participated in the weekly ecumenical lunches of Poolesville-area religious groups until the pandemic closed them down.

It was only fitting that the farewell retreat this past June was so perfectly aligned with its mission of peace, solitude, rest, and brotherly hope. A group of over-forty Israelis who suffered an attack to their Kubutz on October 7 came to America for a moment of rest from their tribulations. Using the sanctuary as a base point, the group toured many sites in the Ag Reserve as well as in Washington, D.C.

We wish our great friends from Am Kolel shalom and Godspeed with the hope that we will meet again in the future.



Rabbi David Schneyer toasts a fond farewell.

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has a request for you:

To make my home and the other historic buildings in town come alive for tourists, I need volunteer guides and docents.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Pride and Prejudice

By Rande Davis

Last month, we were proud to report about Poolesville being the focus in a CBS "On the Road" segment, featuring Steve Hartman, especially since it focused on our pride for Gunny Remp, our local war hero who recently passed away.

In just a few days, our community will have cause for pride again, as we get national attention by the Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 American Legion from Poolesville, unfurling its large garrison flag at National Stadium during the national anthem at the Nats game on July 4. The post has done this solemn tribute during homecoming games at PHS, and it is a real crowd pleaser. The pride felt by the attendees is always palpable, and I admit I found it a bit surprising coming from even our younger folks. With so much constant negative focus in the academia and media of our difficult history, I wasn't sure if we were raising citizens to be proud or ashamed of their country. Turns out, they were proud of the flag and proud of the vets grasping and waving the flag before them.

Nations are only the sum-total of their people, and we know people require pride in themselves to thrive. If you don't believe that, try living your personal life in shame. Let me know how that goes for you. If people need pride, then nations do, too.

Waving flags of identification is one of the most time-honored ways of expressing pride. It's not surprising that individuals or groups among us want to do so.

All this brings us in reference to our coverage on the Pride Festival and

town discussions on the use of banners to give special welcoming attention to those among us who are part of the LGBTQ community. Students from PHS have led the way in trying to find ways to ensure that those from their community residing here or just visiting our community feel welcome. One such method proposed is the flying of the rainbow flag at Whalen Commons.

All life is aspirational as all people thrive only by hoping to do—to be—better. As we consider how best to implement programs of acknowledging varying groups among us by flying their special banner, let us never for one moment forget we are united by the most aspirational and, I believe, most inspirational flag ever woven by mankind, the American flag. We don't need ten million undocumented immigrants to remind us that for all our faults, past or present, America is still the land most desired by the world's downtrodden, of every color and creed.

No one has ever been desperate to break the law to get into Nazi Germany or Communist Russia.

As an old guy who still gets a tear in his eye as the national anthem is sung while the red, white, and blue flutters, I like to think all of us, while still holding dear and with pride to our individuality and everything that makes us diverse, should never forget for even a moment that it is our unity that most profoundly defines the love between us. Without unity, there cannot not be true love. It is that sense of unity and love that is needed now more than ever. I encourage all the readers of the *Monocle* to make sure they boldly display the flag or our colors this fourth of July. After all, we have a most welcoming symbol to wave, may it, as it is written, always do so over the land of the free and the brave.

Letter to The Editor

For the last few months, I have been working hard (with many others) to bring about an exciting event: the first ever Poolesville Pride Fest. The event turned out to be everything we hoped for and more; it was magical: perfect weather filled with friends, families, and community gathered together to celebrate expression and love in the heart of Poolesville and the surrounding Agricultural Reserve. I've just finished packing away all our material for the event, but before I move into full on summer vacation mode, I want to thank everyone who was a part of the magic.

First and foremost, a big Thank You to my fellow Poolesville Pride organizers, Sam Cooper, Jonathan Adamson, Yair Oded, and Olivia Paksima; our event partners and supporters, Town of Poolesville, Upcounty Prevention Network, Riverworks Art Center, Locals, Sandy Wright, David Therriault, Valaree Dickerson, and Historic Medley District, Inc.; and our town, county, and state representatives, Jim Brown, Martin Radigan, Marilyn Balcombe, David Fraser-Hidalgo, Brian Feldman, Andrew Friedson, Will Jawando, and Evan

Glass, who work hard to serve and support our community, who showed up in solidarity with us, and who presented us with a MoCo County Council Proclamation acknowledging the good work we are doing. To our county counterparts, MoCo Pride Center and Live in Your Truth, thank you for all your support.

To our fantastic principal Mark Carothers at Poolesville High School, the Queer Student Union and Project Uplift advisor Mike Fitzgerald, and students who helped organize, volunteer, and promote the event, thank you for being bold and passionate and working to create a safe and inclusive environment for our kids. I met with these students several times to discuss what it would mean to them to see a Pride Flag raised by the town and in business windows. Using quotes from these discussions, together we wrote a letter to the commissioners and local businesses. During a recent Town of Poolesville commissioners' meeting, one of the students read it to the commissioners. We also assembled and delivered over forty Pride Gift Bags to all the local businesses with stickers and flags and literature. I haven't visited all of these businesses since then, but I did see stickers and flags at

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Local News

Grand Marshal Nominations for Poolesville Day Open

By Link Hoewing

In 1992, Poolesville held its first Poolesville Day. The event was a small affair, but it continued to be held each year, growing in size and in the number of vendors, entertainment venues, and attendees.

Every year since that time—until the pandemic struck—Poolesville has observed its annual festival, celebrating the Town of Poolesville, its residents, and the communities in the Upcounty of which it is a part. This year, Poolesville Day will take place on September 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. with activities, vendors, and music spread from one end of Fisher Avenue at Poolesville Elementary School to the Historic West End with the Electric Vehicle Show, and all over Whalen Commons.

A hallmark of Poolesville Day has always been its parade down Poolesville's main street, Fisher Avenue, beginning at Poolesville Elementary School and ending at the corner of intersection of Fisher Avenue and West Willard Road. Leading the parade has always been the Grand Marshal, a person or group nominated by the citizens who symbolizes community involvement, leadership, and commitment to bettering our community.

Grand Marshals are selected by the Poolesville Day Committee from nominations submitted by residents. The committee uses a set of guidelines

to consider the nominations and asks those submitting the name of a person or organization to be Grand Marshal to "describe a specific act or acts (personal or civic) of outstanding service which has been generally recognized as placing the individual or group (nominated) in a category well above others for sustained and distinguished service and commitment to the Town of Poolesville and its surrounding areas."

It is important to note that the guidelines do not specify that any person or organization nominated has to live in Poolesville or its surrounding areas. The nomination is focused rather on what the person or organization has contributed to the health and well-being of the Poolesville area. It is possible, for example, that a county or state official who does not live in our area may have done a lot to make the lives of citizens in the Poolesville area better, for example, by introducing and passing legislation that is extremely beneficial to all of us.

Interestingly, not all nominees for Grand Marshal have been individuals. A number of organizations involved in community service in the Poolesville area have been nominated in the past. Jake Perkins, a founder of Poolesville Day and its leader for many years until his death in 2007, was posthumously named Grand Marshal, and his aunt and uncle appeared in the parade in his place.

Here is the list of people or organizations who have been selected for Grand Marshal, going all the way back to 2004:

2023: Kenny Mallow, Local Contractor

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Letter to the Editor

K2 Café and Poolesville Hardware, thank you.

Thank you to the local businesses who donated time or materials, Ashley Signs, Ballooney Bin, DandyBee Honey, and Kimberly Yourick; to the local businesses who opened up their parking, Charles H. Jamison, LLC and Anytime Fitness Poolesville; to the local vendors who helped us pioneer this event, Poolesville Design, LapCreativehub, BannerBee Company, Molly's Farm, Pressed by Jeremy, Queen of Beans Plant Based Cooking, and more.

To the performers who stepped up to the stage to share their talents, including the Riverworks Art Center

Reserve Wind Ensemble under the direction of Michelle Palmer, our lights and sound expert Michael Stettes, and our MC and DJ specialists Von and Zeke with juunni; to our community volunteers who helped set up and take down for the event, SooAnn Roberts and kids, Keir Soderberg and family, Jennifer Singh and family, Robin Lombard, and many more, thank you.

Finally, last but not least, thank you to everyone who came out and spent the evening with us. You are what makes our progressive rural community the special place that it is. Thank you, everyone, for showing up and adding color to our community!

Sarah Paksima
Town of Poolesville commissioner

Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Presents Virtual and In-Person Programs

Visit the website for Poolesville Seniors, poolesvilleseniors.org, or call 301-875-7701 to register for a wide variety of virtual and in person events.

Most in-person events take place at Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall at 17800 Elgin Road (Rte. 109). **Registration is required.**

July 2

Firecracker BINGO

Celebrate Independence Day with Firecracker Bingo. Enjoy a patriotic sing-along with Bill and Jill McDonald, trivia, and bingo with prizes! Bring a friend or neighbor for an afternoon filled with congenial conversation, competition, snacks, beverages, and of course, prizes. Free. *St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Ave.* 1:00 p.m.

July 9

160th Anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy

Join popular historian, Brad Stone, for his presentation marking the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy fought in Frederick. It was one of the most important, yet least-known battles of the Civil War. Free. *Speer Hall.* 7:00 p.m.

July 11

Nothin' Up My Sleeve

Enjoy a lot of magic, a lot of fun, and a hint of danger. Jeff Teate, the magician, is skilled in the arts of perception, illusion, and sleight of hand. Prepare to be amazed and recapture your youth during this fun afternoon! Bring your grandchildren! Free. *Speer Hall.* 2:00 p.m.

July 18

Trail Hike: Little Bennett Hamilton Trail

This 5.5-mile Black Hills Regional Park hike on the Hamilton Trail to Cabin Branch Trail loop should take under 2.5 hours at a moderate pace. Free. *Black Hills Regional Park, lot #2.* 9:00 a.m.

July 18

Ag Reserve Properties

Join local historian Kenny Sholes for the next Historic Ag Reserve Properties presentation. Virtual on Zoom. 7:00 p.m.

July 19

Movie Night: *Glass Onion, Knives Out*

In this second of the *Knives Out* movie series, guests at a murder mystery game turn to famous detective, Benoit Blanc, when the murder becomes real. Daniel Craig and Edward Norton lead the cast in this intriguing whodunit. Free. *Speer Hall.* 7:00 p.m.

July 22

Poolesville Collectibles: Appraisal Night with Allan Stypeck

Bring your books, autographs, other printed material, art, and decorative art for a free verbal appraisal with Allan Stypeck, Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers. *Speer Hall.* 7:00 p.m.

July 25

Cugini's Darts Afternoon Social

Join us for some fun, easy darts games that anyone can play! We will supply the darts; you supply the nimble fingers and dead-eye aim. Stay afterwards for some social time and order your own beer or pizza! *Cugini's Restaurant.* 2:00 p.m.

July 29

PS Book Club:

Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine

Discuss this novel by Gail Honeyman. Socially-awkward Eleanor Oliphant has the habit of saying exactly what she thinks. When Eleanor and her slovenly coworker help an elderly gentleman after a fall, the three become friends. Virtual on Zoom. 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday through Friday

Pickleball. *Stevens Park.* 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Mondays

Ping Pong Afternoon. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Walking Club. All levels are welcome, register online to get updates on any weather/temperature related time changes. Meet at *Whalen Commons Flagpole.* 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. *Speer Hall* and virtual. 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Bridge. Snacks provided. Registration required. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email info@poolesvilleseniors.org. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Fridays

Walking Club. All levels are welcome. Register online or drop in. Meet at *Whalen Commons Flagpole.* 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Seniors at the Barre. All levels welcome. Register online for each session. *Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

You can join Zoom presentations without a computer by using your smartphone or just listen in using a local telephone number from Zoom with the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and password. Call or text 301-875-7701 or email info@poolesvilleseniors.org to learn how.

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Grand Marshal Nominations for Poolesville Day Open

2022: Rande Davis and Publisher, *The Monocacy Monocle*; Local Historian; Amar Duggirala, Local Physician; Chair, Sustainable Poolesville

2021: Valaree Dickerson, Former Commissioner; Local Activist; Started Local Toy Drive

2020: *Pandemic*,

2019: Gwendora Reese, Historian, Founder Sugarland Ethno-History Project

2018: Link Hoewing, Past Commissioner

2017: Jerry Klobukowski, Past Commissioner, Education Liaison

2016: Tim Pike and Margaret Valega, Local Business Owners

2015: Grace Sheppard, Elementary School Teacher

2014: George Hillard, Fire Chief

2013: Maggie Nightingale, Local Activist for Poolesville's Library

2012: Jim Brown, Commissioner, Local Business Leader

2011: Ray Hoewing, Long Time Local Activist

2010: Jane Stearns, Founder of Local Charity WUMCO

2009: Betty Jean and Roy Selby, Long Time Owners of Local Grocery

2008: Odd Fellows Lodge, Local Charitable Services Group Poolesville

2007: Jake Perkins, Represented by Judy and David Feigin, Aunt and Uncle

2006: Mary Chiswell, Teacher, Oldest Poolesville Resident

2005: State Leaders of the Lions Club, Odd Fellows, American Legion

2004: Earl Moore (UMCVD Chief) and Sgt. Frank, Brown (County Police, Fifth District)

The Poolesville Day Committee welcomes nominations for this important position. Nominations will be accepted starting on July 1 and ending on July 29. Entry forms will be available on the committee website during that time and can be submitted directly on the site. The web address is www.poolesvilleday.com.



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Tidbits

Help WUMCO Help This Summer

WUMCO Help is helping make sure kids are fed this summer! The closest MCPS feeding site is an unreasonable distance away for many families in the Ag Reserve, so WUMCO is helping to fill that gap with supplemental food bags for families with kids who aren't receiving breakfast and lunch at school. You can help! Donations of food and grocery gift cards are appreciated. Visit WUMCO's website www.wumcohelp.org to sign up or call 301-972-8481.

Past Pastor of St. Peter's Named Bishop

Congratulations to the Right Rev. Ann Ritonia, formerly the rector at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, who was ordained as the Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministry for baptism and confirmation at All Souls Anglican Episcopal Church of Okinawa this past Pentecost Day. Ann served in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring as a major.

This past spring she also received her Doctor of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS). "I am grateful for the amazing faculty and the leadership of Dean Markham. VTS continues to impact the world as they form chaplains and disciples who love Jesus and share his way of love."



Bishop Ann Ritonia

Local Names in History

Long before cars rushed along Rockville's West Jefferson Street on their way to Interstate 270 and before the English Georgian-style Grey Courthouse dominated South Washington Street, a modest four-room, 1½-story log-and-clay building stood near the current intersection of the two streets. It was inside Charles Hungerford's tavern on June 11, 1774 that a group of ten men describing themselves as a "respectable and numerous body" led the area in its first steps toward revolution.

Judged by modern sensibilities, the leaders of the Hungerford meeting might be considered unlikely rebels. Many owned large amounts of land. All but one enslaved Black people. Their location in lower Frederick County (Montgomery County would not come into existence until 1776) did not appear to be a breeding ground for insurrection. Settlers in the region during the eighteenth century "multiplied and prospered, and the remunerative prices obtained for tobacco, which could be so successfully grown on their new lands, stimulated their enterprise," according to a book about the county published in 1879.

Nevertheless, those gathered wanted to protest the British crackdown on Boston for its resistance to paying taxes imposed by Parliament. The group—which included Thomas Sprigg Wootton and Zadok Magruder, who now each have a Montgomery County high school named for them—pledged to stand with the Massachusetts port city in a decision that has become known as the Hungerford Resolves. "[I]t is the opinion of this meeting," the group asserted, "that the town of Boston is now suffering in the common cause of America."

Jon Wolz Elected President of SAR

The Gen. William Smallwood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution held its quarterly dinner meeting on June 6 at the Mission Barbecue Restaurant in Germantown. Maryland State Sons of the American Revolution President J.D. Urbach swore in new officers for the Gen. William Smallwood Chapter for 2024-2025. Officers for the upcoming year include Jon Wolz-President, H. Lucas Ginn-Vice President, David Hill Jr.-Secretary, Ed Knight-Treasurer, and Michael Saunders-Registrar. H. Lucas Ginn had served as chapter president for the past three years. The chapter welcomed new members, Amir Bahreini and Thomas Biery, who were sworn in by chapter president Jon Wolz. Local historian and conservationist, Paul Kreingold, was the after-dinner speaker who presented "Potomac Marble: The History of the Search for the Ideal Stone."



Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution past president Lucas Ginn and incoming president, Jon Wolz.

The Gen. William Smallwood Chapter fulfills the mission and ideals of Sons of the American Revolution and its Maryland society in Montgomery County, Maryland. Chartered by Congress in 1889, Sons of the American Revolution is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization and the largest male lineage society in the United States. More information about the chapter can be found at william-smallwood.mdssar.org.

Post 247 Helps Honor Sharon, Pennsylvania Superintendent of Schools

Commander Julien Singh of Poolesville's American Legion Post 247 traveled to Sharon, Pennsylvania to participate in a congressional award ceremony honoring Sharon School System Superintendent, Ms. Justi Glaros. Ms. Glaros went above and beyond by personally delivering a high school diploma to local resident Gunny Remp before he passed away (see front page of the June issue of the *Monocle*). Moved by her kindness, the commander nominated her for an award through her congressional office. "It was truly an honor to be part of such a meaningful event," he said.



Pennsylvania Congressman Mike Kelly's Military and Veteran Representative, Mr. Chookie LaCamera (retired army, thirty-seven years of service), presented Ms. Glaros with her award for public service. Included was a flag that flew at the U.S. Capitol.

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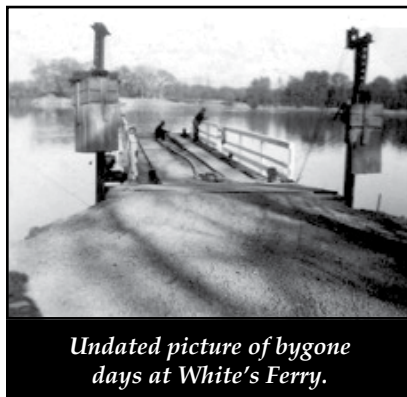
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Local News

Forum on the History of Ferries, the C&O Canal, and Their Impacts on Montgomery County's Social and Economic Development

By Link Hoewing

While many are familiar with White's Ferry, having possibly used it to cross the Potomac River or as a jumping off point for hiking on the C&O Canal, it is a fair bet that far fewer residents know the history of ferries along the Montgomery County segment of the Potomac and the C&O Canal, including White's Ferry, and the role they played in the evolution and growth of Montgomery County.



Undated picture of bygone days at White's Ferry.

Wonder no more! The Historic Medley District, Montgomery History, and the Fair Access Committee are sponsoring a forum on July 17 at the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. on this topic. The presentation is based on research spearheaded by Ralph Buglass and supported by numerous local history researchers and experts, including William Bauman, Jim Poole, Jon Wolz, Rod Mackler, Mary Ann Kephart, Link Hoewing, and Charles Jacobs.

Mr. Buglass will present the findings of the research, and a panel of local historians will offer commentary and views on how ferries and the canal transformed the agricultural economy of Montgomery County. Topics to be discussed include: The contributions of African American farming communities to the

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Left: Lion Val Dickerson presented Ralph Hitchens with its annual Humanitarian Award, recognizing his community service, especially with the Maggie Nightingale Library.

Right: Frank Jamison was honored for his club service with the Legacy of Service Award, given to members who best exemplify its motto: "We Serve."



Charlie Glass, with fellow Lion, Grace Shepherd, received a standing ovation for his fifty years of Lion membership and service.



Val Dickerson was awarded the Lion of the Year Award.



Lions Club Charter Dinner

Right: Tom Rojas was given the very special Knights of the Blind Pyramid. The award reflects Helen Keller's dedication and commitment to Lionism.



The newly-elected leaders of the Monocacy Lions Club: Board of Director (BOD) members Craig and Val Dickerson, past district governor Gary Burdette, BOD member Milt Andrews, president Heidi Brenholtz, district governor Chris Wooters, membership chair Tom Conlon, secretary Cathy Mattax, vice president Tom Rojas, and past president Roger Brenholtz. Treasurer Scott Daniels was not in attendance.



Past District governor Gary Burdette presented Tom Conlon with the highest award available to a Lion, the Melvin Jones Fellowship. Jones was the founder of Lions International in 1916.

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Commissioners Commemorate Pride Day and Vote on Final Commemorative Flag Policy

acknowledged the support of the town for the planned Pride Day event and also said he did see it as a sign of growing inclusiveness.

One speaker said that there is still a "large psychological aspect of growing up here, and I only had one teacher I could talk to who understood me."

The final speaker said that "no one wants to be marginalized or tolerated just because of who we are. We'll always be here, and we are part of the fabric of our community." The speaker concluded, "Pride matters because we matter."

One of the student leaders for the Queer Student Union at Poolesville High School, Mehrsa Paksima, read remarks the students had prepared. She urged the town to fly a pride flag on Whalen Commons. She said, "The flag says, 'We see you, you matter, you are part of us.'" She went on, "It shows we have value and demonstrates inclusiveness. It is a visual example that helps make us feel safer."

Commissioner Martin Radigan suggested one option might be to fly the "All Are Welcome Here" flags that have been used by many groups to demonstrate inclusiveness. After some discussion, though, it became clear that many felt that flying one flag like this that is not very specific is not a strong enough statement of support.

Commission President Jim Brown said he did not see the commissioners operating out of a sense of fear but rather wanting to be prudent and careful. He acknowledged that the town did want to avoid unnecessary legal entanglements but that is their responsibility as commissioners.

Virtually the entire commission meeting on June 17 was devoted to discussing and, in the end, adopting a final version of the commemorative flag policy. The discussion centered on a few key issues, including the question of how to adopt a policy that is as carefully framed as possible to protect the town from lawsuits.

Another issue that drew attention was how to come up with a list of commemorative flags that would be displayed each year.

Finally, the question of where to fly approved flags—on the existing town flag poles, on the soon-to-be-completed electric display board on Whalen Commons, or at some other location on town property (e.g., the park where the community center is likely to be located)—was also a significant sticking point.

Brown said that the key questions the commissioners needed to address are: where and when displays of flags will be authorized by the town; the adoption of a list of approved commemorative events or holidays by the commissioners; and whether or not individuals can ask that a holiday be honored by flying a commemorative flag on public property. He went on to note that the draft policy only allows a commissioner to propose that a commemorative flag be flown. Citizens cannot make such a proposal to the town.

Radigan said he does not want to see "open season" on the flying of commemorative flags by the town. He said he likes the approved list of events that would merit the flying of flags because it is "open and shut" and controls how and when flags will be flown.

A concern was raised that the draft policy included language covering "unscheduled events" suggesting that a process would be included to allow new events or holidays to be included. All commissioners seemed to agree this language was too permissive and decided to leave it out of the final policy.

Eck remained concerned that the policy needed to be strong so it "boxed in" the commission from too easily making changes. He said he thought that was in the spirit of what the town attorney, Jay Gullo, had recommended.

In the end, the commissioners amended the policy to remove language about "unscheduled events," kept the requirement in the draft that commissioners be guided by the list from the Library of Congress, and deferred on deciding whether to allow flags to be flown on public flagpoles. Until that issue is decided, flags will be electronically displayed on the town's sign board.

Eck was the only "no" vote. He said it was not a vote against the policy but rather a vote not to move forward until the town attorney had given his final signoff.

Fun Fact...

[wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flag)

While the exact origin of the word "flag" is unknown, it first appears in English in the late fifteenth century. Possible origins include a variation of Middle English *flakken*, "to flap, flutter" which may further originate from Old Norse *flaka*, "to flicker, flutter, hang loose." These may be derived from Proto-Germanic *flago*, and the Proto-Indo-European root *plak* ("to be flat").

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Center Stage

HGCBT Enchanted with Fairy Tales in the Park

By Brian McNally

Enchanting fairy tales came alive on June 1 and 2 as Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre (HGCBT) took to the stages in Poolesville. Over two days, audiences were treated to captivating performances that showcased the diverse talents of these young dancers, trained at Poolesville's Essence Studios, and brought beloved stories to life.

On June 1, the festivities began with teaser performances at the future Riverworks Performing Arts Center. This delightful preview of the full-length show on June 2 took place during the annual Taste of Riverworks Festival. The afternoon started with an energetic jazz/contemporary dance performed to the iconic music of Star Wars, blending the adventurous spirit of the saga with graceful choreography. Next up, a lively tap dance featured genies dancing to the music of *Aladdin*, with their charisma engaging the audience. To cap her PHS senior year, Cecilia Zeranski performed a self-choreographed solo contemporary dance demonstrating the range of instruction available at Essence Studios. The final teaser, a ballet performance, whisked the audience away to a fairytale realm, offering a glimpse of the magic that would unfold the next day. Adding to the excitement, a silent auction was held to raise funds for HGCBT, allowing attendees to support the theatre while enjoying the performances.



Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre's version of Cinderella.

The main event on June 2 consisted of two performances at 12:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., both titled *Fairy Tales in the Park*. Despite a brief rain shower during the 12:30 show, the magic remained undiminished. Each show was divided into two acts, with the first act featuring eleven short dance performances inspired by various fairy tales. A group of ballerinas dressed as fish transported the audience to a mermaid's underwater world, and a tap dance evoked the vibrant streets of old New Orleans, reminiscent of the tale of the princess and the frog left the audience spellbound. The first act closed with a ballet piece set to *Romeo and Juliet*, which added a touch of classical romance. Families and friends cheered on the performances of Beauty and the Beast, Rapunzel, Sneakerella, Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, and Swan Lake.



The second act featured a lighthearted retelling of the Cinderella fairy tale. Expertly choreographed by Justin Rustle, the second act added storytelling to the performance, while imparting his creative vision. The performers were met with an enthralled audience as evidenced by Essence Studio instructors, Austin St. John and Diane Robinson, entering as king and queen, drawing gasps of admiration for their regal presence. PHS sophomore Elizabeth Tchorni, playing the Fairy Godmother, dazzled as she froze time at midnight and

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Breathe Easier This Summer and All Year Long

By Rachel Epperly, Board Member, Poolesville Green and Owner of Maid Brigade

The summer season has begun, and with it, the incessant attempt to cool our indoor air and provide a respite against the grueling Maryland summer heat and humidity. It's not the heat as much as the humidity, everyone says, right?—and I do agree. Maryland summers can be brutal, and we all look forward to the cool air that our indoor, air-conditioned homes and offices provide, but locking out the relatively fresh air from outdoors can cause issues of which you may not be aware.

There have been several reports by the EPA demonstrating that indoor air pollution levels are typically two to five times higher than outdoor air pollution, and studies show that most of us spend ninety percent of our time indoors.

How can we be thoughtful about clean air? How can we improve our indoor air quality and enjoy healthier homes?

Proper Ventilation: Proper ventilation is essential for good indoor air.

Open Windows: Regularly open windows to let fresh air in and stale air out. Spring and autumn are great times to open your home and let the fresh air in, though this is a tough decision for many as outdoor air can come with its own set of pollutants depending on where you live. Here in Maryland, pollen is a contributor to poor air quality and can be especially aggravating to seasonal allergy sufferers, but in your off season, open windows to allow fresh air inside which will have the biggest impact on improving your indoor air quality.

Use an Air Purifier: When open windows are a no-go, the use of air purifiers can help remove pollutants from the air. Look for purifiers with HEPA filters as these capture particles as small as 0.3 microns with an efficiency of 99.97%. The smaller the micron size it can contain, the more effective in trapping the smallest particles like dust, pollen, and pet dander. The better the efficiency, the more it will hold and not allow trapped particles to escape.

Use Exhaust Fans: Install exhaust fans in kitchens and bathrooms to remove moisture and pollutants. Ensure they exhaust to the outdoors. If they only exhaust into the attic or interior walls, then you are only moving air from one area in the home to another.

Air Vents: Ensure that air vents are clean and unobstructed.

Moisture Control: Moisture control is essential to prevent mold.

Other than proper ventilation and air purification, maintaining the right humidity level (thirty to fifty percent) can help prevent the growth of mold and dust mites. Use a dehumidifier in damp areas such as basements and laundry rooms to reduce moisture.

Regular Cleaning Routine

Proper and regular cleaning of the home with a focus on minimizing dust, pet dander, and other allergens can have a profound effect on indoor air quality.

Using green certified solutions ensures that there are no toxic chemicals, no known carcinogens, and no deodorants added to the product. A clean home should smell like nothing at all. Look for a green certification label when shopping for cleaning chemicals and products. These ensure that the product has met or exceeded the organization's standards based on their criteria. To learn more about those standards, you can visit their respective websites and learn more about the standards as well as the companies and products that have met those standards. A couple of label examples include Green Seal Certified and Safer Choice (EPA).

In cleaning, especially green cleaning, always start with the mildest method possible; if water works, then use water, stepping up to stronger chemistry as needed. For agitation, if a cloth works, then use the cleaning cloth, stepping up to scrub pads when needed.

Dust thoroughly using a slightly damp cloth to remove as much dust and allergens as possible.

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HGCBT Enchanted with Fairy Tales in the Park

attempted to distract the ball attendees, though she couldn't prevent the audience catching a glimpse of future stars. JPMS's Kate Borman, in the role of Cinderella, was both elegant and engaging, charming the crowd with her grace and charisma, exemplified when she waved to the audience from her carriage. PHS sophomore Sava Brizhik, as the handsome Prince, impressed with his expressive acting and dance, while PHS sophomore Kendall Zimmermann brought humor to the role of the oldest stepsister, supported by the talented Cecilia Zeranski and freshman Alarica DeLongchamp as the stepmother and stepsister.

"The children demonstrated an extraordinary ability to transport us to the magical world of fairy tales," said Claire Jones, the artistic director of HGCBT. "Their passion and dedication shine through every performance, making each story come alive." Overall, the HGCBT's *Fairy Tales in the Park* was a resounding success, showcasing the remarkable talents of its young dancers and captivating audiences with its enchanting storytelling and stunning performances.

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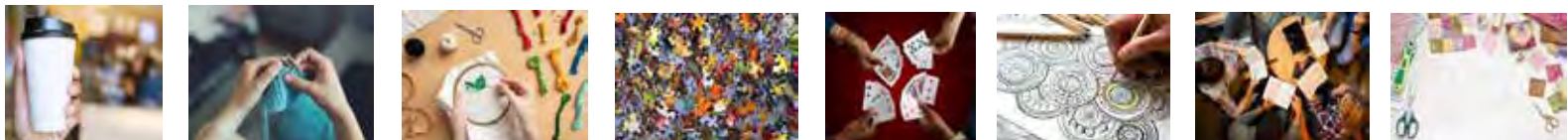
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In Your Own Backyard

Gen. Anthony Wayne's Crossing of the Potomac River at Noland's Ferry

By Jon Wolz

Have you visited Noland's Ferry along the C&O Canal? It is at Mile 44.6 along the canal where there is a boat landing, picnic tables, grills, restrooms, and red sandstone abutments that were part of a bridge crossing the canal that was built in 1848. During canal operating days, Noland's Ferry was a busy place. Long before the canal was opened along this stretch in 1834, Noland's Ferry served as a crossing location on the Potomac River and was a part of the Native American route that became known as the Carolina Road before there was a ferry there. The ferry was first licensed to Ebenezer Floyd in 1742, and the ferry operations at this location were taken over by Philip Noland in 1754. At its peak, the ferry site included a country store, blacksmith shop, wagon shop, a tailor, and a shoemaker. During the Revolutionary War, Noland's Ferry was busy with different mass crossings. The largest crossing occurred in 1778, when 4,300 British and German prisoners who had surrendered to Gen. Horatio Gates of the Continental Army in upstate New York crossed the Potomac River on December 29, 1778, on a two-month trek to the Albemarle Barracks at Charlottesville, Virginia. This group of travelers crossed the Potomac River on scows that were frequently trapped by ice floes.

The most significant historic crossing during the Revolutionary War that helped change the course of the war for the Americans occurred on May 31, 1781 when Gen. Anthony Wayne of the Continental Army and one thousand Pennsylvania Continental troops crossed the turbulent Potomac River. General George Washington sent a message to Gen. Anthony Wayne who was in York, Pennsylvania that he needed to gather troops to help Gen. Marquis de Lafayette and his three thousand troops who were facing the British Gen. Charles Cornwallis near Petersburg, Virginia. Wayne had trouble with his Pennsylvania Line, which he commanded, who mutinied in January at Morristown, New Jersey over the troops' enlistments being up and the deplorable conditions in which they lived, without pay. Wayne had complained to Washington and the Board of War about his knocking on doors and finding the treasuries empty. Wayne was able to retain some of the men and regiments. He launched a recruiting drive in Pennsylvania.

George Washington kept pushing Wayne to get moving to Virginia to reinforce Lafayette, who was trying to fend off the British forces around Petersburg and Richmond with his much smaller force, and Lafayette was personally imploring Wayne, for whom he had great respect, to get to central Virginia as quickly as possible. As Cornwallis neared Petersburg and Richmond, Lafayette sent a plea to Wayne saying, "Where this letter will meet you, I am not able to ascertain, but ardently wish it may be near this place where your presence is absolutely necessary."

On May 26, Wayne and his men left camp at York at 8:00 a.m. They marched twelve miles that day. The route they followed was then called the "Monocacy Road" (present-day Maryland Route 194). On May 27, the men began their march at 5:00 a.m., marching through Hanover to Peter Little's Town (Littlestown, Pennsylvania) for a total of twelve miles. On May 28, they marched four miles to the state line, entered Maryland, passed through Taneytown, and camped at Bruce's Mills on the Big Pipe Creek, for a total of sixteen miles. On May 29, they continued on the Monocacy Road to the Monocacy River near Frederick (now Ceresville), ferried across the Monocacy and camped on the west/southwest side of the river, marching fourteen to fifteen miles. On May 30, they spent the day washing their clothes and cleaning their weapons and were reviewed late in the afternoon by General Wayne.

On May 31, they left camp at 5:00 a.m., marching four miles to Frederick Town (Frederick) and marched down Market Street past the prison barracks (later known as the Hessian Barracks) which now housed British officers captured at Saratoga. Some say that Wayne wanted to remind the British that the defeat of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga brought France into the war on the side of the American revolutionaries.

Marching down the Carolina Road from Frederick Town (Buckeystown Pike today) and Noland's Ferry Road, they reached Noland's Ferry on the Potomac around 3:00 p.m. It took them until midnight for everyone to cross the Potomac. When Wayne and his troops reached the Potomac, the river was swollen and

turbulent due to heavy rains, and crossing was perilous. One small boat overturned, one cannon and ammunition were lost, and four men perished.

Noland's Ferry served as an armament's depot for Loudoun County during the war. Wayne crossed there, rather than farther downstream towards Georgetown, because of warnings that Cornwallis could be headed to Alexandria.

It had been six days of marching and stopping through Pennsylvania and Maryland, along the old colonial roads. The men experienced scorching daytime temperatures along with powerful thunderstorms at night. There would be more severe weather in Virginia as Wayne and his men marched to meet up with Lafayette and his men on June 10. Wayne's two-hundred-mile march was significant in that his men, combined with Lafayette's,

were key to the victory at Yorktown over Cornwallis's army four months later. On May 31, 2024, the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) held a commemoration of the 243rd anniversary of Wayne's crossing of the Potomac River. At this commemoration, Edward Spannaus, past president and historian of the Sgt. Lawrence Everhart Chapter, Maryland Society SAR provided remarks about Wayne's crossing. After the remarks, there was a presentation of wreaths from SAR chapters including Westminster, Col. James Wood II, Frederick Chapter, National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), and the Carrollton Manor Chapter NSDAR. In 2026, the State of Maryland will be placing a historic roadside marker on Route 28 and Noland's Ferry Road, commemorating Wayne's Potomac crossing.



Colonial war hero,
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Local News

So Proud of Our Reporter!

By Rande Davis

We at the *Monocle* are proud of one of our star reporters, to be sure. Link Hoewing has a children’s book being published on July 17 entitled "The Magic Words" about a little boy named Hogarth who lives in the town of Rottenburg. Hogarth is a nice little boy, but everyone else in the town is nasty and mean. Hogarth smiles often, is courteous, and uses the magic words like "please," "thank you," "I am sorry," and "excuse me" all of the time. No one else does in his town, and they are always nasty and grumpy. His parents are worried their neighbors will wonder what sort of child they’re raising because he is so happy! One day, Hogarth is given a piece of candy that tastes wonderful and never gets smaller no matter how much he licks it. The magical candy ends up teaching all of the people in Rottenburg why being courteous and using the magic words is so important and helpful to everyone’s lives, even theirs!



Link says, "Treating others with civility is not often the norm, I think it is fair to say, and the way many act in our Congress—and even among many famous people that our children see all of the time—is a sad commentary on our society. I'm hoping this book will help teach children that using civility and treating others with respect is important to making life pleasant but also a vital part of how our society should work."

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Scout Updates

Girl Scout Troop 32009 Donates Cookies



Girl Scouts from Troop 32009 donated cookies to Locals employees.

Local Girl Scout Troop 32009 recently donated Girl Scout cookies to the staff of Locals Farm Market. Each cookie season, troops decide on an organization to which they want to show appreciation by donating cookies. Scouts in Troop 32009 are all seventh graders with most of the troop attending John Poole Middle School. Over the years, Troop 32009 has donated cookies to Montgomery County Police Department District 1, the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, the Montgomery County Humane Society, WUMCO, and others.

Recognizing Graduating SA Scouts

Scouts of America Troop 496 would like to recognize and celebrate its four graduating senior Eagle Scouts: Greg Klein, Benjamin Savino, Connor Shelburne, and Jack Welsh.

All four scouts are graduating from Poolesville High as Global Ecology Science Program students and Project Lead the Way engineering program students, and all have earned the Meritorious Service Award for earning over 240 Student Service Learning hours.

These young men began their scouting careers in Poolesville's Cub Pack 694.

For his Eagle Scout project, Greg Klein rehabilitated fifteen picnic tables at the Izaak Walton League chapter house. During two very hot weekends in July, every table's rotten boards were replaced and given a new coat of paint. Greg will be pursuing a mechanical engineering degree at Purdue University.



Graduating scouts, Benjamin Savino, Connor Shelburne, Jack Welsh, and Greg Klein.

Benjamin Savino led the move of the local food bank, WUMCO, to its new location on Elgin Road for his Eagle Project. In a single day, Ben led sixty volunteers to move thousands of pounds of food, refrigerators and freezers, shelves, desks, and office supplies. Ben will be attending the Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland.

Connor Shelburne's Eagle project was the construction of eight bat boxes for use by local farms to attract and house bats to help reduce pests and crop damage, and to curb insecticide use. After overseeing their construction, Connor then donated the boxes to the Montgomery Countryside Alliance for installation. Connor will be studying computer science and engineering at the University of Maryland.

Working with the Historic Medley District, Jack Welsh rehabilitated the driveway and parking area of the John Poole House for his Eagle Project. With his supervision, the space was reclaimed from overgrown brush, and an area-defining border was installed. Three dump trucks of gravel were removed and replaced with Mall Mix, a weed-resistant landscaping material. After graduation, Jack will begin work on a sustainability degree at Hood College.

BSA Troop 496, its scouts, parent volunteers, assistant Scoutmasters, and Scoutmaster, Jon Kasner, thank these young men for their years of service, leadership, and dedication to Scouting.

Poolesville's First Graduating Female Eagle Scout

Lauren Doring is Poolesville High School's first graduating female Eagle Scout. For her project, Lauren made and installed sixteen trail signs to help visitors navigate the KPC Buddhist Temple's Peace Park. Lauren completed her project in March 2020, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. As an Eagle Scout, she has accrued over five hundred service hours and received the Meritorious Service Award. She is also a Global Ecology Science Program and Project Lead the Way engineering program student. She has been president of Venturing Crew 796 as well as a sea scout in Ship 1191. Lauren joined BSA Troop 3017 on February 1, 2019, when the program was first opened to female participants. She would like to thank Maura Daly of the KPC Temple for all her support, and all the friends, family, and scouters that helped her on this journey.

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Celebrating the 75th Montgomery County Agricultural Fair and Charles Linthicum, the Last Man Standing

Hanson, George Lechliden, Maurice King, Mehrl Mayne, Billy King, and Roscoe Whipp. Before this group formed, the Poolesville High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) had hosted the county’s only livestock show for many years, with many of those like Charles Linthicum participating with their dairy cows on land next to the high school. The originators of the new county livestock show took care not to schedule their new show at the same time as the Poolesville event.

It is reported that the results of that first meeting “spread like wildfire.” The interest was so great that it quickly expanded beyond the 4-H youth showing to include adults. After this event proved successful, with over two thousand people in attendance at the one-day event, the committee voted to keep it going, and it eventually became more than they could have ever imagined.

The very first county fair was held at the campgrounds located at Washington Grove. The livestock was not held in stalls, but rather in roped-off sections. The exhibitors furnished rope that ran from tree to tree, bedding, and water. They cleaned up the animal’s manure after the show. Since German war prisoners were being housed near there, arrangements were made to get them to help with the cleanup.

Other volunteers were responsible for ropes, chairs, chicken coops, snow fencing, exhibitor numbers, tables, and water. The first budget for trophies, ribbons, and educational exhibits came to a grand total of only \$151.96.

Charles recalls that his mother and Mrs. Thomas Baily, along with other women, did so well in serving lunch to the crowd and raising funds from these food sales that they planned to continue to do so, and, eventually, funds from their sales helped to pay the down payment on the land the future fair would eventually call home.

The year 1946 saw attendance grow to three thousand, and in 1947, they made plans to purchase ten acres of land near the Montgomery County Air Park. Expansion ideas flourished with plans for a racetrack, additional cattle categories, and more levels of prizes. On August 16, 1947, their third annual fair opened with final attendance growing to greater than 4,500. Although the fair was well on its way, the original site plans fell through. Herman Rabbit then offered to sell sixty-four acres and at a very attractive price of only \$12,000. In April of 1948, George Lechliden, Allie Messer, and Roscoe Whipp sat in a car along Route 28, negotiating the sale. With a \$1,000 down payment coming from the food and baked good sales, a mortgage to be paid off in ten years was decided upon. With the shake of hands all around, the official Montgomery County Agricultural Center and Fairgrounds were established.

All the buildings and other infrastructure were built by volunteers. In an event they called the Big Day, one thousand volunteers assembled the center in a single, dawn-to-dusk work extravaganza.

With that accomplished, the farmers did what they do best: They joined together to manually build their outbuildings, pens, and barns. The State Fair in Timonium served as the model for the structures.

Charles Linthicum was also very active in helping to cut trees donated from area woods and farms. They also did all their own milling, resulting initially in over 31,000 board feet of lumber, with the cost of the cutting the lumber \$20 per 1,000 board feet. In 1948, another 40,000 board feet were manually harvested.

For Charles, it was the horse shows on Saturday nights that he loved the most. He recalls his long days of working in the woods, cutting timber for the buildings, which then had to be pulled by tractor out to a mill. Charles’s main contribution to the committee was in handling advertising, soliciting donors through advertisements, and putting out new ideas.

His son, Tom, himself a lifelong farmer, remembers all the years of 4-H support from his dad which eventually led to him participating in local, region, state, and even national competitions, and his mentorship of his farming career.

In reflecting on his contribution to farming and the fair, in his typical farming humble way, Charles simply stated “that farming was a great and wonderful life.” He always liked “being outside with the animals and the family so much.” Because of these great farmers from the Greatest Generation, our county remains an agricultural wonderland.

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Things to Do

Poolesville Day 2024 5K Run/Walk sponsored by PACC and the Monocacy Lions Club is right around corner, September 21 at 8:00 a.m. Sponsorships and Run/Walk registrations now available online at Poolesvillechamber.com. Register early to take advantage of early bird discounts.

June 29 and 30

Montgomery Heritage Days

Heritage Days is a countrywide festival weekend celebrating the historic, cultural, and outdoor recreation sites in Montgomery County. Visit over thirty museums and parks and enjoy exhibits, demonstrations, live music, family-friendly activities, and sneak peaks into some of the county's oldest historic sites, all for free! Sites open in the Upcounty: *Seneca Schoolhouse Museum, Old Town Hall Bank Museum, John Poole House, St. Paul Community Church and Museum, and Riverworks Art Center.* 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

July 4

Annual UMCVFD Fireworks

Lots of food vendors and live music by Special Delivery rock and roll band. Be sure to bring the kids by the PACC green tent for free glowsticks while supplies last, compliments of the PACC. *Hughes and Sugarland Roads.* Gates open at 5:00 p.m.; fireworks at dusk.

July 5

Library Event: Storytime

Music, crafts, and more. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 10:30 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

July 9

Library Event: Pajama Storytime

Stories and activities that develop language skills and imagination. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 6:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

July 11

PACC's Businesses Helping Businesses

Heidi Brenholtz, president of the Monocacy Lions Club, will be the featured speaker. PACC will also be awarding several donations to local groups from the 2023 5K proceeds. *Locals.* 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

July 12

Friday on the Commons: Wet, Wacky, and Wild

Waterslides and games, foam dance party, food trucks and craft vendors, Jenn's Uncommon Critters, and DJ. *Whalen Commons.* 6:00 p.m.

July 13

Library Special Event: Envirodrum

Where music meets environmental awareness: a high energy performance on "found" instruments from around the house! Ages 3 and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

July 15

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

July 16

Library Event: Read to a Dog

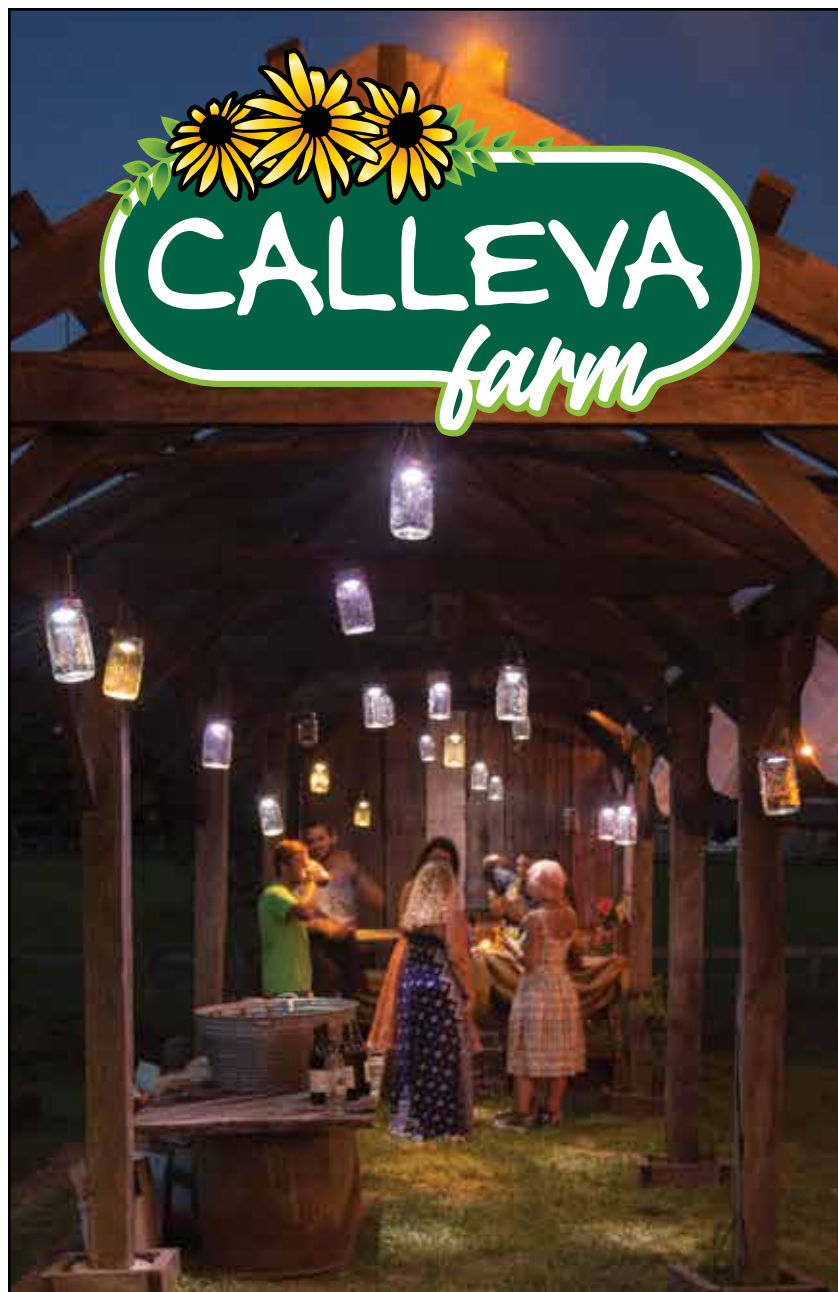
Drop in and read to a certified therapy dog. Ages 5 and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

July 17

Public Forum on Maryland Ferries and White' Ferry

Presentation on the importance of the ferry industry in Maryland and the special role of White's Ferry. Sponsored

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by the Historic Medley District, Montgomery History, and the Fair Access Committee. *Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church*. 6:30 p.m.

July 23

Library Special Event: Energy Express

Learn about energy usage and renewable energy. Ages 6-12. Free. Registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

July 26

Friday on the Commons: Margaritaville

Margarita/beer/wine tents, inflatables, food trucks, artisan vendors, kids' crafts. Music by Sean Chyun under the tent from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; live band, Mark and Da Sharks (Jimmy buffet cover band), 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m.

July 27

St. Mary's 149th Annual Chicken Dinner

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Youth Sports

Falcon Boys' Volleyball

By Jeff Stuart

Playing in Poolesville High School's old auxiliary gym this season due to the demolition of the main gym, Coach Sarah Kenneweg's boys' volleyball team's 6-7 record did not reflect their ability. The team is one of the strongest boys' volleyball teams to play for Poolesville. Despite missing key personnel for periods of time, they showed that they could compete with most teams. They lost their home opener to a good Walter Johnson team in a five-set tie breaker and also lost to a strong Seneca Valley team at home in five sets. Three of their four wins came at home. The team has four freshmen and two sophomores on the roster, blending with six seniors and two juniors.

"This season has been really good," said senior captain Ammo Li. "I am really happy at the way the younger players have come in and contributed. There is a lot of potential. I would really like to come back and watch them play next year. The Damascus game at home was really fun. They put up a good fight, but we crushed them, 3-0. No mercy. They are a good team, but we played really well. We ran our offense the way we wanted to. My shoutouts go to Noah Lee. I have had a great time playing with him for four years, and to Jayson Lee, a sophomore. His work ethic is great. He is so tall and very athletic and adaptable. He can really jump. I think our best game was at home against B-CC. They have very tall players, and they are a good team. As a team, we are on the shorter side, but we rose up with our mindset. We hustled, battled for every point, and we beat them, 3-1."

"I think the season is going really well," said senior captain Daniel Petrov. "From our first tryouts, I think we knew we were going to be pretty good. We had some injuries. Our record is what we expected, but I am happy with the way we are playing. Noah Lee is definitely our go-to guy when we need a point in a tight game. He can put the ball down. I also think our best game was against B-CC. We won one game, 25-8. We put everything together in that game. I think



Mitchell Suteerachai and Shalav Palar are juniors. Ryan Chung, Dimitri Kepler, and Ethan Chong are freshmen.

we have definitely improved throughout the season. An obvious shoutout goes to Noah. He is a big energetic guy. He is always upbeat and keeps everyone else upbeat. Another shoutout goes to senior Kerry Zhu. He always keeps the ball in play. Jayson Lee, a sophomore, and Jason Kim, a freshman, are really good players. Kim did not start playing volleyball until a month or two ago, so he is impressive."

"It took a while until we found our footing," said senior captain Kerry Zhu, a hitter. "I missed a few games around spring break. Our number one setter, senior

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Falcon Boys' Volleyball

Zafar Mamat, got hurt early in the year. He is out for the season, but we bounced back once we got our full team together. We started to play like a team. The fact that we beat Bethesda showed that we could play really well. Noah is a blast to play with; he is so good in tight situations, and I have played with Ammo for four years. That has been great. Jason Kim came over from playing soccer in the fall. He learned quickly. He is already a starter. I am looking forward to the playoffs. Based on the seeding, I hope we get to play Churchill or Wootton. Churchill is undefeated. They are both very tough teams. I think it is a high reach. I don't know if we can win, but I think it will be a blast to try to beat either of them."

The boys beat Rockville in the first game of the playoffs, 3-2. They lost to Whitman in the quarterfinals, 3-1.

Mitchell Suteerachai and Shalav Palar are juniors. Ryan Chung, Dimitri Kepler, and Ethan Chong are freshmen.

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Youth Sports

Teagan Bandholz, Roma Diak, Connor Kohne Highlight Solid Track and Field Effort

By Jeff Stuart

"The team has done pretty well," said Poolesville High School track and field coach, Prasad Gerard. "They had good times in the region meet. We had Nyah Huang, a freshman, and Teagan Bandholz, a sophomore, do really well for us. Teagan took first place in tossing the discus at the county meet and also first at the region. She placed third at the states with a personal best toss of 128'10". She had a 128'10" mark at a tri meet with Clarksburg and Watkins Mill at Poolesville earlier this season. I think winning the discus at the county meet was definitely a season highlight. She has broken the school record four times this season. The girls 4x200 team, Nyah, seniors Gabby Orns and Abigail Hoy, and junior Amelia Goettsch, qualified for the states at the region. They really improved their times; they set a PR. They placed twelfth at the states. The 4x800 team also set a PR at the region. That team was made up of junior Roma Diak, sophomores Anna McCrae and Ruby Mercer, and senior Ava Wagner. They placed fifth. They placed ninth in the states. Senior Natalia Palacios Vazquez replaced Diak.

Roma took first place at the region in the 3200. She did not compete at the state.

"On the boys' side, junior Connor Kohne placed fourth at the region with a PR in the 1600. He placed thirteenth at the states. He also placed fourth in the 3200, setting a PR. He placed fifth in the states; and in the 300-meter hurdles, Harrison Peak placed third in the region and set a PR at the states, finishing sixth. In the 100-meter hurdles, junior Julia Kolotev finished third in the region, setting a PR. Junior Caleb Bodmer and freshman Keaton Trouteaude both worked really hard in the 1600. They worked together and pushed each other, and both got better for it, running times under 4'50."

"Winning the county in the discus took a lot of hard work and dedication," said Teagan, "but when it happened, it was super exciting. I look forward to doing more. The people on the team are really great and supportive, and I love the environment that we are in. The coaches are great, and we all work together. Breaking the school record at the home meet was definitely a highlight. My shout-outs go to Anna, Ruby, Ava, and Julia, and there are so many, I cannot even name them all. It is a team effort, and they are all special to me."

"I have done cross country and indoor track this year," said Conner. "I am a junior, so I have been really trying to post some good times. I do not know if I want to run in college or not. I have had a great experience so far. I have a lot of great teammates. I have seen a lot of improvement throughout the season. A personal highlight was the county meet; it was a double meet. I am not used to running two days in a row. I was able to run a PR on the second day in the 1600. I was really proud of that. I felt that I was able to break a mental barrier and was able to run two days in a row. One main guy that has really helped me throughout the year is Caleb Bodmer. I do almost all my workouts with him. He helps me to become the best version of myself."

"I have had a great season," said Ava, a member of the 4x800 relay team. "I have worked very hard to set new personal records. We have all gotten really close. As a senior, it is hard to say goodbye. We have all worked very hard as a group, and we moved forward and tried to be the best team we could be. A season highlight for us was the Kayley Milor Twilight Invitational at Urbana on April 19. We took first place. It was the best ever effort from all of us. We really broke through as a team. We also took first place against Damascus and Seneca Valley away and against Clarksburg and Watkins Mill at home, and we took second at the Katie Jenkins Invitational at Rockville on May 4."

"I love running on the 5x800," said Anna. "I love that we are such good friends and that we go out there and do the best we can. We qualified for the states by setting a PR by four seconds at the region. I have been working hard. I also run hurdles and middle distances and have been working on PRs. I set a PR in the 300 hurdles at a home meet with Clarksburg and Watkins Mill and in the 800 at the region. I set a PR in the 400 at the Kayley Milor Twilight Meet, so I set PRs in all my events this year and am looking to do the same next year."

"The 4x8 team is very special," said Ruby. "Because we all run together, we have grown closer as friends. We trust each other with the passing of the baton and in general. That helps us run really fast. Our race at the region was really exciting because we were not sure if we were going to qualify or not. We were all



Natalia Palacios Vazquez, Ava Wagner, Anna McCrae, Ruby Mercer, Nyah Huang, Julia Kolotev, Oren Hurwitz, Keaton Trouteaude, and Eric Hoeger.

holding our breath until Ava crossed that finish line. It was a reward for all the hard work we put in this season."

"I really loved running the 4x8," said Natalia. "It is one of my favorite races. Being close to my teammates and to have that baton with me for my full leg and passing it on."

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Forum on the History of Ferries, the C&O Canal, and Their Impacts on Montgomery County's Social and Economic Development

growth of the county, especially after the Civil War; the growth of plantations in Montgomery County before the Civil War and their reliance on the ferries and the canal to transport the crops they grew; the historically-close ties between northern Loudoun County and Leesburg to western Montgomery County and Poolesville, due in part to the three key ferries—Edwards, White's, and Spink's—that crossed the Potomac between the two areas; and the gradual closing of ferries, except for White's Ferry, which made the transition from largely transporting goods and grains grown on the farms to transporting automobiles.

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If you've ever played a wind instrument at least at a high-school level, join our community band! This program is led by Michelle Palmer of Yunique Music School. *Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms.* 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Dance instructor Angela Gonzales invites you to heal your heart and body through learning the art and history of afro-influenced Latin dance, including styles from Peru, Puerto Rico, and Cuba. \$20. 6:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Fridays

Jam Sessions

Bring your instrument and voice and join Brian Jamison as he leads these jam sessions. Jam sessions are held outside, depending on the weather. *Locals Farm Market.* 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Offerings of the Month

Youth Music and Art

Tour de Parks with Michelle Palmer

Pack a lunch, strap in your little one, and head to a park. Michelle Palmer will bring her bag of tricks to the park to sing, dance, play music, and do arts and crafts for children ages 2-5 with a caregiver. Meet at a different Upcounty park each week. \$50 for six sessions. June 26-July 31. 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Weeklong Youth Arts Classes with Talia Rizzo

Talia Rizzo offers three different art explorations in July, for a range of ages spanning 2D and 3D media. Younger students can build and paint clay creations, and older students can dabble in drawing and mixed media artwork in these five day-long classes. \$150 for each full class.

Creative Clay Foods (Ages 5-10), Monday-Friday, July 15 to July 19, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Draw Zentangle Animals (Ages 10-15), Monday-Friday, July 22 to July 26, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mixed Media Studio (Ages 10-15), Monday-Friday, July 29 to August 2, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Riverworks Summer Arts Week

Our youth instructors are collaborating to create a multidisciplinary artistic exploration to celebrate the natural world, taking advantage of the beautiful grounds and sculpture garden around the *Alden Farms Studio*. Get ready for art, theater, music, and movement with our youth instructors! Two sessions are offered this summer, for ages 7-11 and 12-15.

Ages 7-11: July 8-July 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (longer last session)

Ages 12-15: August 5 to August 9, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (longer last session)

July Artist-in-the-House Gallery

Exhibits are held in the upstairs gallery at *Locals Farm Market* (accessible only by stairs). Sponsored by Walter Matia, Curlew Castings.

Pauline Rakis, "Bottles & Bouquets"

Elegance or exuberance, stability or change, structure or chaos—in a new exhibition, artist Pauline Rakis invites us to find meaning in contrasts through her vivid paintings of wine bottles and flowers. *Locals Farm Market.* Through August 4.

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Youth Sports

For Falcon Tennis, It's a State Title Threepat

By Jeff Stuart

On Friday, May 3 at Wilde Lake Tennis Club in Columbia, the Poolesville High School tennis team claimed their third straight 2A State Championship. They were co-champions with Centennial. "In the region tournament, the team from Centennial edged out Poolesville, 8-7," said girls' coach Andy Johnson. "The three-set girls' doubles match between the schools, won by Centennial, was the difference. Each school sent two entries to the 2A state tournament. Poolesville won the boys' singles and doubles titles, while Centennial won the girls' doubles and mixed doubles, resulting in the 14-14 tie." In the state final, senior Jeeva Padmanabhan and freshman William Chen defeated Joshua Huster and Jesse Link of North Caroline High School, 6-1, 6-2. They did not lose a set while advancing through the quarterfinals and semifinals. For Jeeva, it was his third 2A boys' doubles championship. Each was with a different partner. In boys' singles, sophomore Andy Wu won his second consecutive 2A singles' championship, defeating Jake Hershey of Easton, 6-2, 6-0. Andy also did not lose a set throughout the tourney.

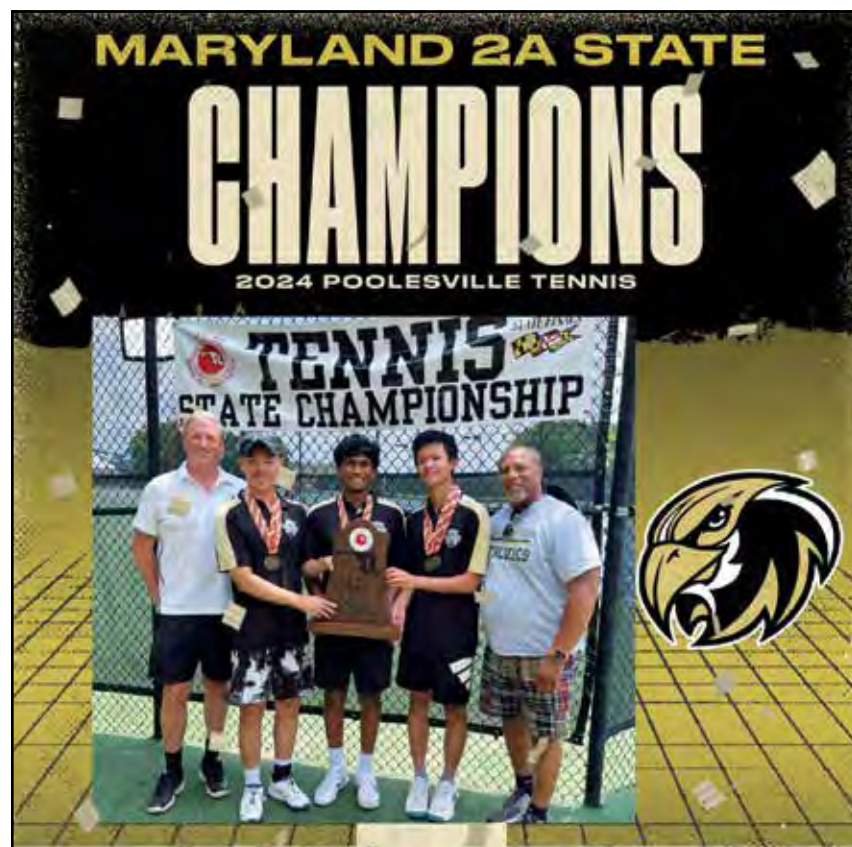
"In the county tournament, the boys' team finished seventh, and the girls' team finished fifth, each with six points," said Coach Johnson. "The only player to make it to a championship final in the county tournament was Annie Zhao who lost in the first singles' final to the top player from Churchill."

The girls' singles players are: Annie Zhao (captain), Veera Singh (captain), Kyra McGlinchey, and Pranahitha Kanuparthi.

Doubles players are: Lindsay Huang and Elena Du, Kareena Gupta and Samyuktha Sivakumar, and Anwitha Kondragunta and Ella Park.

"I was with a new partner this year, William," said Jeeva. "This is the first time we had played doubles with each other, so it was a completely new experience. It was interesting to work it out and see how we would fit wall together. It was a fun challenge to see if we could play well together. Ultimately, it worked out well. The region got reclassified this year. Centennial was a 3A school, but this

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Andy Johnson, girls' tennis coach; freshman, William Chen, boys' doubles; senior, Jeeva Padmanabhan, boys' doubles; sophomore, Andy Wu, boys' singles; and Gil Cooper, boys' tennis coach.

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Youth Sports

Young Coed Volleyball Team Learning and Growing

By Jeff Suart

“Our season has been great,” said senior captain Logan Chung. “We have a lot of new players. We have improved a lot and had a lot of fun. Scarlet Hunter is a strong all-around player. She is our setter. She is motivated and brings a lot of positive energy. She is just a sophomore. Our best game was the opener against Walter Johnson at home on March 21. We were really strong that game. I have had a lot of fun playing coed. I’m actually a new player this season, a beginner. I learned so much about the game.”

The first two wins for Coach Megan Warner’s very young Poolesville High School volleyball team came at home. After the win against Walter Johnson, they beat Bethesda-Chevy Chase on April 24. They lost very close matches in tie breakers to Northwood and Quince Orchard. The camaraderie on the coed team, as always, is very evident.

“I have had a great season,” said senior captain Sydney Short. “I really love playing with all my teammates. I love to be able to communicate with and encourage new players. I was new last year, and other players encouraged me. I learned so much. I love playing with Camryn Smith, a sophomore setter. She works hard and is always an inspiration. Another player who is hardworking and dedicated is senior setter Sana Narisu. I am definitely looking forward to senior night and playing my last game at home. I have had so much fun.”

Other players include: Niky Zhuang, senior; Sehaj Singh and Nora Vencill, juniors; Emanuel Chukwurah, Jaylin Anderson, Sava Brizhik, Riley Sutton, and Emma Chettupuzha, sophomores; and Emma Schmidt, freshman.

Front line starters are Singh, Anderson, and Brizhik. The back line starters are Huner, Chung, Chukwurah, and Smith.



Logan Chung, Sydney Short, Sama Narisu, and Niky Zhuang.



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For Falcon Tennis, It's a State Title Threepeat

year it dropped down to 2A, so we didn't know what was going to happen in the playoffs, but playing those bigger schools in the top division in the county during the regular season was great preparation for the state tournament. We played against the top competition. We had a lot of new people come in this year, a lot of freshmen. They really provided a new spirit for the team. Last year, we lost some good players, and this year, some players from previous years did not return, so half of our team were new faces. Having their energy during practice and during games was really refreshing. I am a senior, and they kept me going and kept my spirits up throughout the season."

The rest of the boys' tennis roster includes: Amoson Shu, James Woo, Jordan Go, Quenton Cole, Josh Tang, Darien Chen, Bryan Yung, Aaray Mohindru, Andrew Park, Adrien Sun, Nikhil Pandey, Dave Enkash, Aadhavan Muralidharan, and Daniel Zhang. The boys' coach is Gil Cooper.



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Remembrances

Dorothy June Fowler

Dorothy June Fowler, 88, of Frederick, formerly of Barnesville, died on Saturday, June 8 at the Bridging Life Hospice in Westminster. She was the wife of the late Charles G. Fowler.

Born on April 15, 1936 in Roan Mountain, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late Frank and Maggie (Miller) Heaton.

Her family would move to Maryland where she would meet and later marry Charles in 1955. After several moves around Gaithersburg, they would eventually settle in Barnesville in 1970. She loved gardening, bowling, and prided herself on keeping a good home for her family. Active in the church (choir, bells, and Bible school) where she found a supportive second family, she also did volunteer work for various services. After Charles passed in 2005, she lived independently in Barnesville until a hospital stay in 2019. She would then live with her two children until late 2020 when her condition would necessitate a move to Spring Arbor in Frederick. There she enjoyed spending time with Frank Quaglietta and friends, completing puzzles and enjoying activities.

Surviving are two children, Charles Fowler (Corby) of Frederick and Donna Cornett (Billy) of Union Bridge; two brothers and one sister, Guy Heaton (Ann), Frankie Hurd, and Betty Cross (Bill); three grandchildren, Nicholas Fowler (Clementina), Tina Marie Warner (Dustin), and Alyssa Fowler; and one great-grandchild, Jana Marie Warner.

Dot was very close to her husband's family and is survived by three sisters-in-law and five brothers-in-law, Martha Reed (Bill), Ruth Stambaugh, Rosa Bollinger (Voine), Robert Fowler (Cindy), Eddie Fowler (Pauline), Howard Fowler (Bonnie), Kenny Shumaker (Carol), and Wilmer Fowler (Becky).

She is also survived by a special friend, Frank Quaglietta.

Dorothy is preceded in death by two sisters and five brothers, Helen Hughes and Naomi Odom, and Robert, George, Melvin, Richard, and Billy Heaton; two sisters-in-law, Dorothy Davidson and Virginia Gravely; and four brothers-in-law, William, Frank, Harry, and Carl Fowler.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Barnesville Baptist Church, P.O. Box 69, Barnesville, MD 20838.



Dorothy June Fowler

Tony Lo Bianco

Actor/director/writer/producer, Tony Lo Bianco, passed away at his home in Poolesville, after an extended battle with prostate cancer, with his beloved wife Alyse at his side.

Tony starred in the Academy Award-winning film *The French Connection* and was a Tony-nominated and best actor winner of the Outer Critics Circle Award for Arthur Miller's *A View from the Bridge* on Broadway, and an Obie Award for *Yanks-3, Detroit-0, Top of the Seventh*.

Tony received Emmy Awards for his portrayal of New York Mayor Fiorello La Guardia in *Hizzoner!* and for his video honoring veterans, *Just A Common Soldier*.

Tony had been in over a hundred films including *The Juror*, *Blood Brothers*, *City Heat*, *Nixon*, *The Seven Ups*, *The Honeymoon Killers*, and *Fist*. He directed one feature movie and five television shows.

His last full-length film was the 2022 movie with Ray Romano, Jennifer Esposito, and Laurie Metcalf, *Somewhere in Queens*. Tony was also a lifetime member of the Actor's Studio.

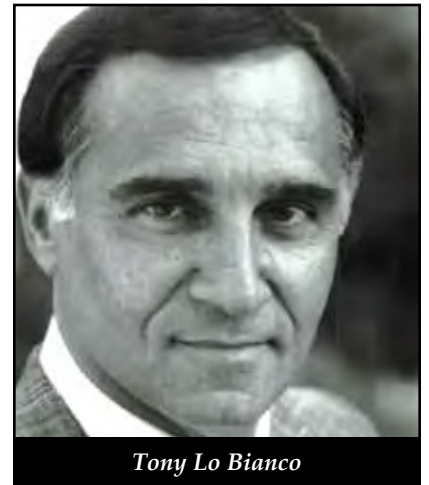
He and his wife, Alyse, are co-executive producers of a film project on the Shroud of Turin based on the novel *The Shroud Codex* and had just completed the screenplay before his passing.

Tony was proud of his involvement helping veterans through the USO, Tunnels to Towers, the Gold Shield, the Gary Sinise Foundation, and Operation Warrior Shield. He and his wife Alyse divided their time between New York, Maryland, and Florida.

He is survived by his wife, Alyse Lo Bianco; brother, John Lo Bianco; daughters, Yummy Helmes and Nina Landey; stepdaughter, Lanah Fitzgerald; stepson, Tristan Hamilton; six grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren. His other daughter, Anna Landey, preceded him in death.

A public service will be held at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on July 12 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the Gary Sinise Foundation, P.O. Box 40726, Nashville, TN 37204



Tony Lo Bianco



A Monocacy Moment



Photo by Gina Rae.



Trees down at Milt Andrews's Tudor Farm.



Photo by Jim Brown.

June 5, 7:01 p.m., Poolesville—A mini-supercell thunderstorm created this EF-1 tornado, with estimated winds at 105 mph. The National Weather Service confirmed that seven tornadoes touched down in Maryland.

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of filtering that air, but only if they are clean. Clogged air filters reduce airflow through your air systems. Plus, heating and cooling can use around fifty percent of a home's typical energy consumption, and a clogged air filter can cause fifteen percent higher energy use. When purchasing your air filter, you may want to look for its MERV rating. The Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) rates the filter's ability to remove particles from the air passing through the filter. These range from one to sixteen, with the higher values filtering pollen, some bacteria, and even smoke and viruses from the air passing through the system. HEPA filters can capture even more particulate matter than the highest MERV-rated filters.

Minimize Use of Pollutant-Emitting Products

Minimizing the use of products that emit pollutants can greatly reduce indoor air pollution. This includes a multitude of products that emit smells and fragrances, good and bad, into the home.

Cleaning Products: Choose natural or eco-friendly cleaning products.

Tobacco Smoke: Prohibit smoking indoors.

Scented Products: Limit or avoid the use of scented candles and air fresheners.

Gas Burning Appliances: Opting for electric models eliminates concerns as an improperly adjusted gas stove can emit significantly more carbon monoxide than one that is properly adjusted.

Building Materials: Choose low-VOC options when available. Look for a green certification or low-VOC label on products you buy for home renovation and painting.

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Certain houseplants can improve indoor air quality by absorbing toxins and releasing oxygen. Some beneficial plants include:

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Improving indoor air quality involves a combination of ventilation, proper cleaning products and techniques, reducing pollutants coming into the home, and the use of air purifiers including houseplants. By taking these steps, you can create a healthier indoor environment for you and your family while enjoying the cool, conditioned air that you will not find outside for months yet to come.

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Ten Things to Do to Protect Your Furry Friends during Fireworks

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It is normal for your pets to consider loud sounds and flashing lights as other than normal. How they respond, only you know. If your pet is one of the lucky ones that does not seem bothered by noises or flashing lights, remember their behavior can change as they age. Limiting every unafraid pet to staying at home and inside is a good idea.

There are a variety of signs your four-legged friend can show: Trembling, licking, tugging on you, excessive request for contact, hiding, vocalizing, becoming destructive, becoming aggressive, running blindly in the opposite direction, and refusal to eat or drink.

Ten Keys to minimizing Firework Phobia in your pets (remember cats and farm animals can become frightened also).

- 1. Preparation.** Don't wait until the fireworks are going off. Have a plan. Be sure you always have a harness or collar with their identification and a phone number on them at all times.
- 2. Create a safe space.** If your pet already has a safe space, make it as comfortable and soundproof as possible. Inside areas like those under stairs and away from windows are best.
- 3. Exercise.** Starting about 3 days before the fireworks, take your canine pals on long walks to relax them and tire them out.
- 4. Desensitization.** Planning ahead with the use of white noise generators, soundtracks or videos of summer storms or soundtracks or videos of fireworks can be played constantly in the background for several weeks leading up to the firework event. This can help desensitize your furry pals to the real noise and lights.
- 5. Stay at home and stay calm.** If you have a firework-fearful canine or feline friend, you can be their best calming tool. Never bring them to a firework event. That will NEVER "fix their issue." Stay home, stay active, hide treats, hide your kids, play instrumental music or your television at a higher level than usual during the event. You know if holding your friend helps. If it does not, don't do it. Someone could get injured.
- 6. Prepare the environment.** A safe space with puppy pads, clean warm blankets, covered or confined away from the view of lights and soundproofing can all help.
- 7. Provide distraction/counter conditioning.** For counter conditioning to work, you should enlist the aid of a trainer or make an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss this and possible medical management. Counter conditioning should start months before the event. One or two days before does not help.
- 8. Nutraceuticals.** Talk with your veterinarian about nutraceuticals that are commercially available for your furry kids. Start using them at least one week before the firework event.
- 9. Medication.** In many cases medications to help lessen fear and phobias are available from your veterinarian. Make an appointment with your veterinarian to discuss which would be best for your pet. Your veterinarian should have a chance to give your four legged friend an exam to be sure there are no underlying conditions that could make the medications more of a problem than a help.
- 10. Don't self-medicate!** It goes without saying that Dr. Google can get you and your pet in more trouble than help them out. Never give your pets your medications. Have the poison control number handy if someone does give your furry pals their medication. Pets and people do not always take the same concentrations of medications. Let your veterinarian help you secure approved medication for noise/light phobias.



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