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Even kids found Margaritaville fun. See pics on page 2.



In 1918, bank subscribers crowded into the National Bank in Poolesville like a scene from the movie, It's a Wonderful Life. Get the details in Mystery History on page 3.



The Lions Club president, Heidi Brenholtz, announced donations from the 2023 5K at a PACC breakfast. Details on page 5.



This man might have been Hezekiah, King of the Canal. Details on page 10.

Town Staff Reports on Ongoing Projects

By Link Hoewing

At their July 15 meeting, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville heard first from some citizens concerned about a long-standing town ordinance regulating fencing around pools. Regarding the pool fencing requirement, several local residents came to testify to the commissioners that they had an above-ground pool and, in at least a couple of cases, were told by staff according to the citizens that they did not need to build a fence around an above-ground pool. The state does not require fencing around above-ground pools as long as there is no ladder making it possible for someone to climb into the pool. The citizens had allegedly been told that the town similarly did not have requirements for fencing around above-ground pools.

The citizens who testified suggested a number of options to address their concerns. Some felt that, given they allegedly were told by town staff that

no fencing was needed, they should be grandfathered in. Others suggested that the town could compensate them for the cost of fencing.

Town manager Wade Yost said that he had owned a house in Wesmond with an above-ground pool years ago and had built decking around the pool with fencing on the top of it which was not very expensive to install. He said that is certainly one option that citizens could pursue. Fencing can also be installed and attached directly to the top of the pool which would meet the town's requirements.

Town Commission President Jim Brown said, "We can't violate our town statutes, but we will ask the town attorney if there are any ways to allow the pools without fences." He went on to say, "The code is the code," and he made it clear that the town could not allow exceptions. He also added that the town's ordinances are enforced on a complaint basis, so the town had

not inspected the homes of the citizens but rather had responded to citizen complaints.

After the citizen complaints were aired, town manager Wade Yost and assistant town manager Niles Anderegg proceeded to provide a report on ongoing town projects.

Yost noted that the town had instituted a voluntary water conservation program, and the citizens had responded admirably to the request to conserve water. Water usage in July was at the same level as in June even though July had been very hot and dry. Judging by the condition of lawns throughout the town, it is clear that town residents are not watering heavily.

Next, Yost said that the water tower painting project has nearly been completed. The logo for the Poolesville High School Falcon has been redone and is very visible. Also, the antennas

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Celebrating 75 Years: 2024 Montgomery County Agricultural Fair

By Rande Davis

The Montgomery County Agricultural Fair Jubilee Celebration for 2024 will run from August 9 to 17 in Gaithersburg. The fair is the largest single special event in the county, and this year's fair features all the best from past years, including Red Eye Rodeo, Tractor and Truck Pull, and the Renegade Monster Truck Tour, and everyone's favorite, Demolition Derby—Night of Destruction. Musical entertainment offers the Sons of Liberty, Hepcat Hoodie, and the Grasso Brothers.

A picnic on June 2, with 325 Life Members in attendance, celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the first nine barns built at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds. These nine barns

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The 75th anniversary of the annual Montgomery County Agricultural Fair is this August.

Family Album



FRIDAY ON THE COMMONS
"Margaritaville"



Mystery History

The Legend of Always Keeping Poolesville Poolesville—An Abridged History Of Poolesville

By Rande Davis

The following is an update of a previously-published Mystery History.

Have you ever wondered about the mystery of who first coined the term, "Keep Poolesville Poolesville"? After all, we who call Poolesville and the immediate surrounding area our home take great pride in the community. Life here is pleasant, comfortable, serene, and a world away from the urban noise and hectic lifestyle many of us escaped. Really, who among us would want to change the town? Who then was the first to look around and say: "This is the way life is meant to be. It's perfect, let's keep it that way. Let's keep Poolesville, Poolesville?"

Maybe it was a Piscataway Native American walking along the main Indian trail, now Route 107, who stopped and looked around and thought, "This is wonderful. What a great place to hunt black bear, gray wolf, wild cat, raccoon, opossum, mink, deer, and elk, and it's so close to the river to fish with plenty of timber for heat in the winter. This is perfect, let's keep it that way."

Perhaps it was Richard Brightwell, who, in 1695, established a 1,065-acre hunting quarter near the river where White's Ferry is now, who first said it. Then again, it could easily have been any one of the other English colonists of wealth or one of our hard-working German or Scotch-Irish settler predecessors. Life was good for them with the rich soil and natural pastures of the Potomac and fertile valley of the Monocacy. They had to change their plans a bit, though, from tobacco (which depleted the soil) to grain, flax, and fruit trees, but, overall, could life really have been any better for them?

Certainly, above all others, John Poole, Jr. must have uttered those words of appreciation. He opened his trading post which helped make life here much easier for the early pioneers. After 1828, his descendants must have found the C&O Canal a great benefit for hauling their agricultural products to market.

Even during the Civil War, having Union troops garrisoned here helped keep Poolesville safe from the standard ravages of war. Near the mid-1800s, Poolesville was loaded with any number of individuals who wanted to keep things just the way they were. Back then, the town had three blacksmiths, three merchants, three shoemakers, two physicians, a saddler, a tinsmith, barber, tailor, stonemason, cabinetmaker, wheelwright, plasterer, painter, milliner, and

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This was a cover photo for National Geographic in 1959. It showed the entire population of Poolesville that it used to model the daily growth of America at the end of the decade.



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Rande(m) Thoughts Truly Random Thoughts from An Old Man

By Rande Davis

As a non-stop talker, I discovered as a senior in high school the immense power of silence after attending a silent weekend retreat at a monastery. I vowed right then and there to do it once a year for the rest of my life. The fact is, however, that I didn't go back again for over forty years. The good news is that when I finally did it again, I found out that some of the best things can be relearned and relived over again, even if it takes decades. If only I could practice silence more often today on a regular basis.

Has there ever been a more joyous smile than that from my youngest daughter as a child when seeing, for the very first time, her puppy beagle in a box hidden behind the couch? I can still marvel at and behold that smile even today—and don't get me started about her laugh, which, fortunately, she gifts the world often.

I once made a list of every car I've ever owned over the last sixty years. It's a lot of cars and a lot of memories. What an eclectic lineup. I am not sure what the list reveals about me. Starting with a blue '68 VW beetle with a baseball for a grip on the gear shift and having no gas gauge (it had a spare one-gallon tank that would refill the primary tank by switching a lever on the floor). The list goes from the most dull and mundane (Ford LTD station wagon and a boxier white American Rambler) to the sexier (white and black sport Mustang or a burgundy Thunderbird). I once had a Cadillac that required a dip-stick heater so it would start in the mornings in those very cold upstate New York times. Does it say anything about me that the coolest car I ever owned came from my mother's estate? A burgundy Mercury Cougar! She always laughed about the double meaning of the name. She had great cars and a greater sense of humor.

Being married to the one I have loved for fifty-three years is the greatest of the many of my life's blessings. We still walk hand-in-hand around the park every day. I love imagining the couples passing by in their cars as the

woman hits her husband in the arm and says, "Isn't that sweet? Look at that old couple still holding hands. Why don't we do that anymore?" I don't have the heart to tell the imaginary woman that, after my wife's brain surgery, I have become her cane. It's not hands we are holding onto so much as each other. My heart aches for those having to live this life alone.

Interest in politics lit my soul when I was just twelve years old. I so fondly remember in college debating the elections with my buddies all night long until sunrise, sitting outside on the roof of my back-porch apartment. Of my closest college friends, I was the only conservative. I was outnumbered but not outspoken. I still have a challenge letting others talk, even today. It worked because while fiercely challenging each other, not even for a moment did we think the other was evil—misguided, maybe—but not a bad person. Lesson to be learned today? If the argument involves character pejoratives, the debate is headed to a bad place. Keep it on the issues.

How amusing for young people to muse about the career they want. I would tell them one thing: Most of us really don't have careers as much as we have jobs and of those a lot of times, we had quite a few. For me, I was a bit of a gadfly, changing jobs and careers at a fast clip. One of my very best buddies ended up working for just one company for nearly his entire life. He once told me he was living my wild adventures vicariously through me. He envied my variety, while I ended up envying his stability. The most important note to the young? One career/job or many, the key is to enjoy each for what it offers for as long as you can. Once it's over, the ups and downs, the good times and bad, it will all make some sort of sense, no matter what.

Of all the memories of long ago or just the other day, nothing lifts my heart with more joy than watching my little granddaughter run full speed toward me, wrapping her little arms around my knees with a hug no bear could ever match or watching the other dance with such pride and surprising confidence in her first ballet. Looking down at the first's sparkling eyes and glorious smile or up at the second on stage is like looking back at the best parts of one's whole life. Yep, it is worth it after all.

Here's hoping my random thoughts help trigger those of your own.

Local News

Forum on the History Of Ferries and the C&O Canal

A panel discussion on the topic of the Medley District Ferry industry and the C&O Canal and their impact on Montgomery County's social and economic development during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries was held on July 16 at the Poolesville United Memorial Methodist Church. The event was hosted by the Historic Medley District, LLC (HMD), Montgomery History, and the Fair Access Committee (FAC). The moderator was the chairman of FAC, Link Hoewing.

Representing HMD was Knight Kiplinger, local historian and chairman of HMD. Mr. Kiplinger offered broad knowledge of the history of our area and provided helpful ideas and thoughts for the discussion.

The presentation for the event was 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.



Panel on Montgomery County ferries: Jon Wolz, Rande Davis, Ralph Bugas, Knight Kiplinger, Skip Etheridge, and moderator, Link Hoewing.

Mr. Buglass presented the findings of the research, and a panel of local historians offered commentary and views on how ferries and the canal transformed the agricultural economy of Montgomery County. Topics discussed included the contributions of African American farming communities to the growth of the county, especially after the Civil War; the growth of plantations in Montgomery County before the war and their reliance on the ferries and the canal to transport the crops they produced; the historically-close ties between

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Tidbits

PACC Donates Funds from 2023 Poolesville 5K

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce announced the recent donations from the 2023 Poolesville Day 5K Run/Walk proceeds. The recipients were: American Legion Post 247, Upcounty Prevention Network, Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary, and Hope Garden Children’s Ballet Theatre. These donations were in addition to donations earlier in the year to WUMCO and Poolesville Seniors. PACC has a long tradition of giving back to community groups through the generosity of its 160 members. This year’s Poolesville Day 5K will be September 21 at 8:00 a.m., and run/walk registration is now open at poolesvillechamber.com.

Volunteers for Board of Elections Sought

The Town of Poolesville is recruiting for one volunteer position on the Board of Elections. The board will meet a few times before November and participate on the day of elections at Poolesville Town Hall. This year’s election will be held on November 5, 2024.

The supervisors have the following responsibilities and authority: Act as registration officials and judges of all town elections; conduct such elections at such a time as the commissioners of Poolesville shall direct; receive all returns of election and certify the results thereof to the commissioners of Poolesville; determine, by majority vote, which applicants do not qualify as voters; promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of the Charter and Poolesville Code for the conduct of town elections; provide for continuous registration of the voters of the Town of Poolesville.



*New MCPS Superintendent
Thomas Taylor.*

New Superintendent of MCPS

Thomas Taylor’s four-year term as the new superintendent of Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) started July 1—and along with it came a \$360,000 annual salary, according to Taylor’s contract with the district. Taylor, the former superintendent of Stafford County Public Schools in Virginia, was appointed by the county school board at the end of June.

New Way for Youth to Help WUMCO

Livy Lawrence and her brothers and sister have just started a student service group called WUMCO Helpers. Their goal is to organize community food collections once or twice a month to help keep the WUMCO shelves stocked year-round. Does this sound like a project you want to be part of? Check them out on Facebook at WUMCO Helpers!



*Volunteers: Ben Lawrence,
Zac Lawrence, Emmy Lawrence,
and Livy Lawrence.*

Appraise Your Treasures

On July 22, the Poolesville Seniors hosted Allan Stypeck, Senior Member of the American Society of Appraisers, and Kim Stypeck, co-owners of Second Story Books since 1974 and Poolesville residents since 1992, for an evening of free verbal appraisals.

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

August 3

Walk across the Potomac River

Join Jon Wolz and the American Legion Post 247 for a walk across the Potomac River in the footsteps of Civil War soldiers. Hear about the importance of these crossings and bring a lunch or snack to socialize after the walk. Weather dependent. *Calleva Saloon*. 9:00 a.m.

August 7

Pop-Up Bike Ride from White's Ferry

Join Jon Wolz for a Pop-Up Bike Ride from White's Ferry to Edwards Ferry and back. This is a 9½-mile ride round trip. Afterwards, for those who are interested, we can eat lunch at *White's Ferry Grill*. Weather dependent. White's Ferry. 10:00 a.m.

August 8

How to be Tick Smart

Join the "Tick Lady," Dr. Rebekah Taylor, associate professor of Biology at Frostburg State University, online when she teaches us to be tick-smart about ticks in our area, the pathogens they carry, and what to do if you find one. Virtual (register for link). 7:00 p.m.

August 14

Pop-Up Walk: Riley's Lock to Violette's Lock

Join Jon Wolz for a three-mile loop from Riley's Lock to Violette's Lock. *Riley's Lock Parking Lot*. 10:00 a.m.

August 15

Trail Hike: Little Bennett Regional Park: Wilson Mill Trail

This five-mile Little Bennett Reg. Park hike on the Wilson Mill Trail looping from the Stoneybrook Trail to the Whitetail, Bennett Ridge, and Beaver Valley Trails, should take under 2.5 hours at a moderate pace. *Wilson Mill Trailhead*. 9:00 a.m.

Studying Gray Whales

Join Steven Swartz, local cetacean researcher, as he recounts his 45 years of research on gray whale populations, some of the most fascinating of the cetacean species. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary*. 7:00 p.m.

August 16

Movie Night: *The Miracle Club*

Three women travel together from Ireland to the Lourdes shrine in search of solutions to their problems. *Speer Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

August 19

PS Book Club: *The Alice Network*

Join the discussion of *The Alice Network*, an enthralling novel by *New York Times* bestselling author Kate Quinn. Follow a female spy recruited to the real-life Alice Network in France during World War I and an unconventional American socialite searching for her cousin in 1947. Virtual (register for link). 7:00p.m.

August 23

Line Dancing w/Ashley Kelch

Enjoy an evening of line dancing with basic instruction that builds up to more complicated moves. Join the fun, work out, and meet new people. *St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 20100 Fisher Ave*. 7:00 p.m.

August 29

Fighting for Our Lives

UFW Historic Documentary

Join Susan Percy for a presentation of *Fighting for our Lives*, an Oscar-nominated documentary film produced and directed by Glen Percy. The film depicts the non-violent struggle of United Farm Workers during the 1970s California grape strike against threats. *Speer Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

Weekly Events

Monday through Friday

Pickleball. *Stevens Park*. 7:30 a.m. to noon. *August 5 to 7: Note temporary change of location: Owens Park.*

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 on the first Wednesday of the month. 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.

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Garden

An Oasis for Butterflies

By Maureen O'Connell

I recently visited Rome, one of my most favorite cities in Europe. Around every corner of the city, you find vestiges of ancient history. I prefer to leave the tourist spots around the Colosseum, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, and the Vatican and stay in the quiet, charming neighborhood of Trastevere. This medieval area of small, cobblestone streets is a short cab ride from central Rome, but it is a world away. Its very name "across the Tiber" speaks of its geographical location and sense of difference. It has many shops, cafés, and restaurants on side streets lined with medieval, rambling buildings that are centuries old. After many renovations, they still stand, evoking the history of the area.

Of all the museums in town, Villa Farnesina is a Renaissance masterpiece that once belonged to the pope's treasurer. It is home to many incredible frescoes by such artists such as Raphael. Wander out the back of the palace and you will find yourself in Rome's Orto Botanica, a botanic garden operated by the Sapienza University of Rome. Here you can find a magical place where you can walk away from the chaos of the city and enjoy the spectacle represented by the extraordinary variety of the plant world preserved here. This garden is fully part of the tradition of gardens with an important scientific and naturalistic value. It has many collections of palm trees, conifers, roses, ferns, bamboo, succulents, carnivorous plants, a Japanese garden, cactus, and an orchid greenhouse with over 2,700 specimens in cultivation.

The Butterfly Museum was my overall favorite. This is a unique experience, enriched by experienced biologists and naturalists who will gladly tell you about their many butterflies and to touch, observe, and know their life cycle of the beautiful Lepidopterans and their ecology. This exhibition about butterflies, flowers, plants, and small creatures is always different with a continuous change of scientific contents and different settings and conditions, depending upon the season. You enter the world of the butterfly, how he lives every day, and how he propagates. Many of them have been brought here from Asia, North and South Americas, and Africa. There are many places around the world that have butterfly collections. They fly freely in an outdoor area, free to come and go. What makes this butterfly museum unique is that the butterflies live in a screened enclosure where they stay and live; they do not leave their little enclosed world. There are no doors or windows. You enter through two layers of screening with warning signs to carefully close everything as you enter and leave. The Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. recently added a similar museum.

There was an article in the *New York Times* in June, entitled "What's Behind the Decline of Butterflies?" There is a growing body of research that shows decreases in many insect populations, among them butterflies. Its results don't discount the serious effects of climate change and habitat loss on butterflies and other insects, but it indicates that agricultural insecticides had the biggest impact on the size and diversity of butterfly populations across the United States. I will use my backyard in Barnesville as an example of this decline. I have many flowers and shrubs that are attractive to butterflies. Each year, starting about in June, all of these are covered in black swallowtail and other types of butterflies. This year there were none. Why? I don't spray with any insecticides, fungicides, or any other "cides." Their killing residues are in the air. We need more neonicotinoid data, and we must more seriously weigh the factors. This is a very controversial subject, especially for farmers who rely on these products to successfully farm. The big manufacturing companies must offer a safer solution to protect our environment and all who live in it.



Butterfly in the Butterfly House of Rome's Botanical Garden.



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**Celebrating 75 Years:
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were built on June 4, 1949 in a single day. The picnic was a great success, bringing together lifetime members and their families for a day filled with fun, food, and games.

The picnic was hosted at the fairgrounds to celebrate this memorable day in the

Montgomery County Fair's history. The picnic included exciting events such as a pie-eating contest and ice cream-eating contest. Participants eagerly dove into their treats, with much amusement and cheers from the crowd.

Some participants enjoyed it so much they participated in both competitions!

One of the highlights of the day was the cake and pie auction, where delicious and beautifully-decorated treats were auctioned off, raising funds for Ag Education at the fair. The spirited competition saw generous bids, showcasing the community's support for an important cause. The picnic lunch, provided by Dickerson Market, was a hit and provided a variety of delicious options for everyone to enjoy.

The Montgomery County Fairgrounds has been a cherished venue for a variety of events and gatherings throughout the years, and this anniversary picnic further showed how much the fairgrounds has offered to the community. Everyone at the fairgrounds extends a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who came out to celebrate the fair and everyone who made it possible.

For more information about future events at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, visit mcagfair.com.

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In Your Own Backyard

The Life and Times of Hezekiah W. Trundle: Part 1

By Jon Wolz

In doing research for the Forum on the History of Ferries and the C&O Canal, William Bauman, a C&O Canal historian, asked me if I was familiar with three boat owners who had their canal boats docked at the Monocacy Basin in 1851. They were Greenbury Echelberger who owned the boat "Rambler," A. T. Talbott who owned the boat "Saloma Clarke," and H. W. Trundle who owned the boat "Maryland." I replied that H. W. Trundle was Hezekiah William Trundle, and I had come upon him in past research.

Hezekiah William Trundle was born on March 20, 1810. His birthplace was what today is the Dickerson area. He was the sixth of eleven children born to John Lewis Trundle and Mary Sarah (Veitch) Trundle. John Lewis Trundle and Mary Sarah Trundle married in 1799.

Father John was a farmer whose farm was near the Little Monocacy River. In the 1800 census, John Lewis Trundle had seven people living with him, including four enslaved people. In the census prior to 1850, only the head of household was named, that included numbers of people living with that person. Farmers from the Medley District of Montgomery County went to market in Baltimore using the Baltimore Road that crossed Montgomery County through Maryland to Baltimore. Today that road in Montgomery County is known as "Old Baltimore Road."

By 1810, John Lewis Trundle's family had grown to nine people in total, and he had eleven enslaved people. Hezekiah would grow up surrounded by family and enslaved people. As an adult, he would keep enslaved people to work on his farm and serve his family. In 1817, young Hezekiah heard stories at family gatherings from his three uncles, David, Otho, and Hezekiah, who had labored at Benjamin Latrobe's marble quarry. By 1820, John Lewis Trundle's family had grown to thirteen, and he kept thirteen enslaved people.



The Monocacy Basin of the C&O Canal showing the granary that was built in 1865, a building that housed a store and the Mouth of Monocacy Post Office, and a barn against the basin.

In 1829, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal (C&O Canal) Company began work on the canal along the Potomac River near the farm of John Lewis Trundle, and work began on the Monocacy Aqueduct. Hezekiah would have witnessed the oxen pulling the quarried stone for the aqueduct going along the wooden rails and the hundreds of men laboring at the aqueduct. Also, he would have witnessed the men digging the canal and the basin by what would be the Monocacy Aqueduct. Hezekiah would have heard stories about how the new canal would benefit his father's farm by being able to ship farm products down the flat-water canal to the port of Georgetown that would eliminate the need to send products to Baltimore. The C&O Canal opened from Harper's Ferry to Georgetown for the

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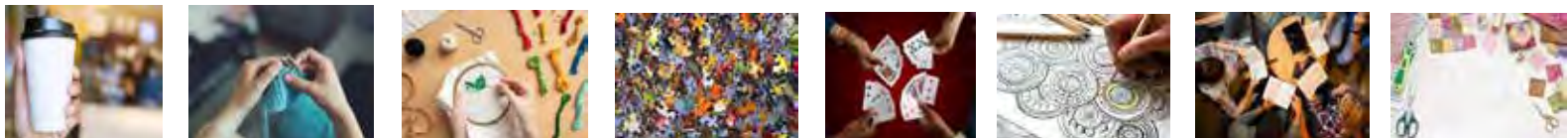
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All are welcome. Fellowship immediately follows the service.



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The Legend of Always Keeping Poolesville Poolesville— An Abridged History of Poolesville

a taverner. Heck, there was even a hotel operator. Why would they want to end such prosperity?

During the Civil War, change was on everyone's mind. At that time, the slogan would have been either "Keep America America" or "Keep the South the South." While much of the Upcounty was made up of Union supporters, including 119 Medley District slaves who fought for the North, the Poolesville area was more sympathetic to the South.

It was during the Civil War that our small town of only a few hundred citizens hit the big time by becoming the temporary home of up to fifteen thousand Union troops who quartered here in the winter of 1861 to 1862. This once sleepy town of Poolesville leapt onto the front pages of most of the East Coast big city newspapers. What was the cause of its newfound fame? Poolesville, halfway between Washington, D.C. and Harper's Ferry, had a telegraph line that ran directly to and from Washington, resulting in many dispatches from Union Army updates on the war to be datelined Poolesville, putting the town, as they say, on the map. When the kings, queens, and premiers of foreign lands read American newspaper reports about our war, often these articles were datelined as coming from Poolesville, Maryland.

The Union troops here were not always the best of area residents. Despite official orders against pilfering, the troops took from the community whatever they needed or wanted. To the soldiers, it was called foraging; to the locals, it was called stealing. The December 29, 1862 Montgomery County Sentinel noted, "Things have been very disorderly in Poolesville of late. Troops in the area have recently broken into the store of T.R. Hall and completely stripped the store of its stock in-trade."

The Confederates were not much better, though, as a newspaper dispatch in October 1864 noted: "A member of White's guerillas raided Poolesville and ransacked the stores." Ironically, Captain E. V. White, a native of the Poolesville area, organized the 35th Virginia Cavalry which was made up of men primarily from Montgomery and Frederick Counties.

Still, for the troops who garrisoned here, the last thing they wanted to do was leave. Their slogan might have been more like, "To garrison in Poolesville is to want to stay in Poolesville." One member of the 15th Massachusetts wrote home to his family in September of 1861, "The first essential for a pleasant camp life is an agreeable location, and ours is eminently so, being on a high, nearly level plain where fresh air, sunlight, and beautiful views are unlimited."

Surely, that soldier thought to himself, Keep Poolesville Poolesville, especially in light of the horrendous defeat of the 15th Massachusetts in the Battle of Balls Bluff later in October 1862. If only they hadn't left town to battle just across the Potomac.

After the 1st Minnesota left town, they went on to make a hectic charge at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, losing eighty-two percent of its members. For these part-time Poolesville residents, having to leave town had mortal consequences.

Staying in Poolesville was altogether a more positive experience for many of our African American predecessors after Union Gen. Charles P. Stone, commanding forces in this area, established a protective camp near Poolesville in what is now known as the Jerusalem community for runaway Negro slaves from Virginia.

The years that followed could only be described as a roller coaster of existence—the excitement of opening a national bank only to be followed by the heartache of failure and bank closure during the Great Depression. Many in town lost their life's savings. Like a scene out of *It's a Wonderful Life*, the citizens congregated in 1918 at the bank meeting in droves, filling that triangular space in the middle of town with their automobiles.

The town began to flourish again only to be leveled by fires in the twenties, thirties, and fifties, devastating the town infrastructure. The residents worked their way through the sometimes-vile debate about segregation and school integration. Educational leaders like Virginia Hersperger, Mary Chiswell, and Helen Pumphrey helped the town through that ordeal and, in the process, set the stage for reconciliation between the races.

Growth took off again in the 1960s when Poolesville's very own water and wastewater system was built. The town hotly debated what it meant to keep Poolesville Poolesville. A proposed planned community of over thirty thousand homes with its own country club (now the Poolesville Golf Course) and a plan by Saudi Arabia to build a school out here ignited highly contentious debate which ultimately stopped these plans within the town.

Today, rebuilding an economic foundation for the town is on everyone's mind. Past is prelude, and there is no consensus on how that is to be done, but the saga of how to keep Poolesville Poolesville continues. Now, if we could only get White's Ferry reopened, perhaps keeping Poolesville Poolesville would have a more complete meaning.

We acknowledge and appreciate the archives of the Historic Medley District, Inc., the Montgomery County Historical Society, and especially a paper published through them by Roger S. Cohen in November of 1961 for much of the information in this article.

Fun Fact...

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By the time the Europeans embarked on the New World at the dawn of the seventeenth century, the Piscataway Indian Nation was the largest and most powerful tribal nation in the lands between the Chesapeake Bay and Potomac River. Traditional territory primarily included present-day Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's Counties, extended north into Baltimore County and west to the foothills of the Appalachians.

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Poolesville's Water Supply And the Danger of PFAS

By Patrick Lee

The heat is on this summer. As I write, we're just exiting several weeks of a brutal summer heat wave but are still staring down drought conditions in much of our area. If you haven't received an alert yet, the Town of Poolesville is asking residents to conserve and cut back on "non-essential" uses of water for the rest of the summer. At our house, that means taking fewer and shorter showers, reusing gray water whenever possible, and resisting the urge to water the withering lawn and the parched vegetables in the garden, among other things, so now seems like an opportune moment to consider the limits of our town's water supply and how that might impact our lives today and in the future.

For starters, you probably already know that Poolesville gets its supply of water by pumping it out of the ground via the wells spread out across the town. Every flush of a toilet, every turn of a faucet, every sip from a fountain in Poolesville is made possible by the water that is pumped up from beneath the ground that we walk, run, and drive over every single day.

This process probably seems a bit "out of sight, out of mind." After all, what difference does it make where the water comes from? Usually, I don't give my water a second thought—as long as it's there when I turn on the tap and it's not the color of mud—but one major implication of relying on groundwater is that there are restrictions on how much water we can sustainably pump out at any given time.

The aquifer that supplies Poolesville is limited in size (basically, it's the same as the town's official boundaries), and it's geologically cut off, limiting the total recharge (or refill) area. This means that the only way for our groundwater to be replenished is when rain or snow falls directly within the town boundaries or immediately to the northwest.

Supplies tend to be highest in the spring and winter months, when there's usually plenty of rain and snow to recharge the aquifer as compared to the amount of water we withdraw for daily use. Imagine a bank account flush with cash after payday where the bills are easily taken care of. In the summer, however, when precipitation decreases, the process reverses: more water is pumped out of the aquifer than what is replaced through recharge. Add in a drought and a heat wave, and the demand for water increases. Now you can imagine our bank account is in serious danger of being overdrawn: little to no money is coming in while the bills are racking up.

This is why water conservation notices are sometimes needed and, more fundamentally, why the town is permitted by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to withdraw only up to a certain amount of water from the aquifer each day. While previous MDE studies have shown that the supply of water is more than adequate for a maximum population of 6,500 people, it's not clear that this will always be the case. As climate change proceeds apace, we could be in for more and more of these lame, snowless winters and drought-filled summers we've been seeing the last couple of years, which would have important implications for the amount of water available to the town.

On the plus side, groundwater is generally a clean source of water. The layers of soil that the rain and snow first pass through act like water filters, removing many contaminants before the water reaches the confining rocks below. Because of this, many of the wells supplying the town only need minimal treatment using chlorine.

This doesn't mean that we can completely rest easy. In late 2022, we first learned that multiple wells supplying the town have significantly elevated levels of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). These are the chemicals that make your pans non-stick and allow the rain to bead up on your waterproof jacket. They're also impossible to break down naturally in the environment, which is why they're also known as "forever chemicals." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recently finalized new drinking water regulations that will mandate actionable levels for six types of these PFAS (out of ten thousand), based on evidence of negative impacts to human health from chronic, long-term exposure. These regulations will require water utilities like our own to monitor for and remove these chemicals if detected levels exceed the regulatory thresholds.

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By Rande Davis

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Last year, the team finished third in its division but entered the current season in sixth place after being placed in a more competitive division. The Piranhas are tentatively slated to remain in Division I for the 2025 season after finishing second in Division I this season!

The Piranhas had three dual meets against Germantown, Clopper's Mill Kingsview, and Washingtonian Woods. At the annual division tournament, they placed second behind Kenmont. During that competition, Kristina Kuzmenko earned two swims in free and breast, finishing fifth in free and third in breast. An additional highlight for the year is that relay teams earned swims in the All-Star Relay meet on July 27.

Individual All Star swimmers:

- 11-12 Boys 50 Free—James Wei finished 14th 29.99 sec.
- 11-12 Girls 50 Free—Alina Kuzmenko finished 5th 29.98 sec.
- 11-12 Boys 50 Breast—James Wei tied for 7th 37.88 sec.
- 11-12 Girls 50 Breast—Alina Kuzmenko finished 8th 38.91 sec.
- 15-18 Boys 100 Breast—Ethan Lee finished 7th 1:07:18 breaking his team and personal records set at the 2023 All-Star meet.
- 15-18 Boys 50 Fly—Ethan Lee finished 16th 26.76 sec
- 15-18 Girls 50 Fly—Lily Congdon scratched into the meet from 1st Alternate. Finished 16th 31.25 sec.

At their High Point ice cream social ceremony, the winners were:

Winners

- 8 and Under Joshie Esquerro and Ellie Vancise
- 9-10 Alex Titovich and Olivia Curran
- 11-12 James Wei and Alina Kuzmenko
- 13-14 Brady Rook and Madeleine Wilson
- 15-18 Ethan Lee and Lillian Congdon

Most Improved

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Town Staff Reports on Ongoing Projects

for the wireless array will be transferred from the tower built next to the water tower in the coming week.

The Halmos restroom refurbishing project, which has been going on for several months, is now complete.

The town's wastewater treatment plant upgrades, which have been going on for quite some time, will be finished in late August. These upgrades will bring the town's treatment plant into compliance with state law and will reduce substantially the amount of chemicals, such as nitrogen, that are released into Dry Seneca Creek.

The water line replacement project along Kohlhoss Road, which has been ongoing for several months, should be finished in the relatively near future. The project has gone smoothly, and Yost is pleased with the way the contractors have managed the project.

The electronic sign replacement project is nearly complete as well. The sign has been operational for several weeks, but the framing structure around the sign still remains to be finished.

Yost and Anderegg then talked about a project to try to move to a more centralized filtration system for the town's water system. Currently, most of the wells are operating separately and are not interconnected. In order to install filtration systems, for example to help with the PFAS issue, filtration technology has to be installed in every wellhouse. Under plans that are being devised now, the town would try to find ways to interconnect several wells in a way that would allow a filtration system to be installed that would serve all the interconnected wells at once. The proposed redesign would allow for more redundancy and more efficiency.

Finally, Yost and Anderegg talked about the rewiring of the electrical system for Whalen Commons. The power requirements for the commons have increased gradually over the years as more and more events have been held on the commons, and more complicated events with more displays and entertainment venues are part of Friday on the Commons. Power levels will be increased to accommodate the new demands.



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The Life and Times of Hezekiah W. Trundle: Part 1

1834 boating season. Enslaved people who ran away now had a new way to escape by using the berm side wall of the aqueduct to flee.

Neither John Lewis Trundle nor son Hezekiah appear in the 1830 census.

In 1831, Hezekiah's mother Mary died and was buried in the Trundle/Shreve family cemetery. In 1834, Hezekiah was on the Montgomery County Election Committee representing the Medley District. On April 25, 1835, Hezekiah married Emily Ann Jones. Emily was born on December 21, 1814. On August 24, 1836, John Lewis Trundle died and was buried with his wife.

By 1840, Hezekiah and his wife kept eight enslaved people as they were getting started with their farm along the Little Monocacy River. In 1840, they had a son and daughter under the age of five. Hezekiah and his wife would have six children together. In 1846, Hezekiah was a 1st Lieutenant in Company C of the Poolesville Light Dragoons.

In the 1850 census, Hezekiah and his wife were living with four children, including Eleanor, 9, who attended school, and Sarah, 7, Emily, 3, and James, 1, who were at home. The value of the farm was \$7,200. In 1850, Hezekiah kept fourteen enslaved people. There were ten males whose ages were 30, 27, 20, 11, 10, 8, 8, 6, 4, and 2. The four females were 45, 40, 17, and 15. In the Medley District in the 1850 Slave Census, there were 1,330 people listed. By 1850, cousin William H. Trundle kept a grain warehouse at the Monocacy Basin where farmers or their enslaved would unload the produce by dropping off heavy bags which in turn would be loaded onto canal boats. Most likely, enslaved people got to know boatmen who would tie up at the basin. In 1850, the canal opened from Cumberland, Maryland to Georgetown.

In 1851, Hezekiah owned a canal boat "Maryland" which shipped wheat, corn, oats, and wood to Georgetown. On one trip, it was reported the boat brought back flour and sundries to the Monocacy Basin. The newspapers were inconsistent with data for boat records during canal operating days. Hezekiah owned horses and most likely had horses pull his canal boat down the canal. The canal boat would be loaded on the berm side of the canal (opposite of the towpath). Four horses would be led from the grain warehouse down the path, underneath the first arch of the aqueduct, and then up the ramp that led to the towpath.

In September 1851, enslaved men ran away from farms owned by Hezekiah Trundle and three of his cousins. The cousins posted runaway ads that were published in local newspapers and in Pennsylvania. They received a telegram from Slave Commissioner Richard McAllister to come to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to identify their "property." The four were given a speedy hearing. The four mentioned that they had been enticed away by boatmen on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, that they had a very hard time since their escape sleeping among the mountains without food or shelter, and they were perfectly willing to return home. The four men were taken to Baltimore where they were sold south for \$3,400. The cousins gave McAllister the reward money of \$800.

In the 1860 census, Hezekiah and his wife Emily had four children living with them, including Eleanor, 21, Sarah, 16, Emily, 14, and Horatio 10. Sarah, Emily, and Horatio had attended school the year before. The value of Hezekiah's farm was \$11,500, and his personal estate was valued at \$34,465 which included the value of the enslaved people. In the 1860 slave census, H. W. Trundle was listed as having thirty-two enslaved people. There were fourteen females, aged 58, 35, 25, 23, 13, 11, and 10. There were seven females under the age of ten. There were eighteen males, aged 52, 45, 40, plus fifteen with the ages of 10 through 22. Of the thirty-two enslaved people indicated in the census, there were sixteen people with check marks by their names indicating they were "Fugitives from the State." All of these sixteen people had an "M" by their description indicating their "color." The "M" stood for "Mulato" which meant mixed ethnicity. All of the remaining enslaved who were present at the time of the census had a "B" for Black. This census indicated there were two slavehouses for the enslaved people kept by Hezekiah.

End of Part 1.

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Things to Do

August 2

Library Event: Storytime

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August 7

Library Special Event: Abracadabra Alex

Magic show for children and families. Ages 3 and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August 9

Friday on the Commons: Family Game Night

Inflatable obstacle course, DJ, food trucks, artisan vendors, bingo, giant tricycle track, yard games, board games, and more. *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m.

August 13

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.

August 17

Library Special Event: Painting Craft

Paint-by-numbers activity. Materials provided. Ages 5 and up. Free. Space is limited; registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Planning Commission Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

August 19

Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

August 20

Library Event: Pajama Storytime

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

August 23

Friday on the Commons

Inflatables, food trucks, artisan vendors, kid crafts and games, local distilleries and breweries, featuring Metzger Winery, music, New Saloon review (under tent, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.) and Kiti Gartner and Her Drifting Valentines (8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.). *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m.



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A Visit to the MOOseum

By Jon Wolz

At the recent Heritage Montgomery weekend event, the King Barn Dairy MOOseum had many visitors to its unique dairy museum in Boyds. This museum has been map-ping and collecting the dairy farm histories of the families that shipped milk or sold milk and cream in Montgomery County. The MOOseum has many wonderful displays in the barn that depict farm life from a bygone era in Montgomery County. During the Heritage Montgomery weekend, the MOOseum was visited by Dr. Deborah “Debbie” Chisholm Karas whose father Haile Chisholm and his wife Eleanor co-owned a dairy farm of 546.2 acres with Winfield Scott MacGill, III that was located along Club Hollow Road and Edwards Ferry Road. The farm was purchased in 1942 by the partners. It was sold to Margaret Beverly in 1978. Accompanying Debbie to the MOOseum was her son, Scott Karas, granddaughter Maeve, Jan Hill (a childhood friend of Debbie from Brownies in Garrett Park), and her husband Rolf. Debbie was one of three sisters.

MOOseum Director Bill Duval gave Debbie a personal tour of the MOOseum. Debbie stated, “It was a wonderful MOOseum visit and meeting those who have put all the work involved to keep this history of the county alive.”

In the family history booklet for the Chisholm and MacGill family dairy farm history by Garner “Bill” W. Duvall, Jr., it contains several memories of Debbie about the farm. They include:

Everyone enjoyed the family gatherings at the farm. Old fashioned family fun seeing the cows milked, and swimming in the pond, and even getting “nipped” by stocked fish and snapping tur-tles. It was fun seeing the hens living in the corn crib and watching the new baby chicks that had hatched. I raised a duck named Drucker for the pond. When the young ducks got older, I put them out on the pond. Sadly, one by one, the snapping turtles ate them!



Scott Karas with daughter, Maeve, Debbie Chisholm Karas, Jan Hill, Rolf Hill, and Bill Duval.

We had a cow named Saide. Sadie was a character. My father named all his animals. Some of the happiest times were when we were at the farm. He just loved going to the farm as much as he could. At the farm, he always relaxed, in great humor and very patient with all of us. Back in Garrett Park (the home of the Chisholms), he was quiet, to himself. Driving up Route 28 was wonderful. We stopped during peach season to buy fresh-picked peaches, and in the winter, we ice skated on the frozen creeks.

The milk from the farm was the greatest—heavy with cream on the top which my father enjoyed scooping off and eating. One funny story—with the breeding—my father with a

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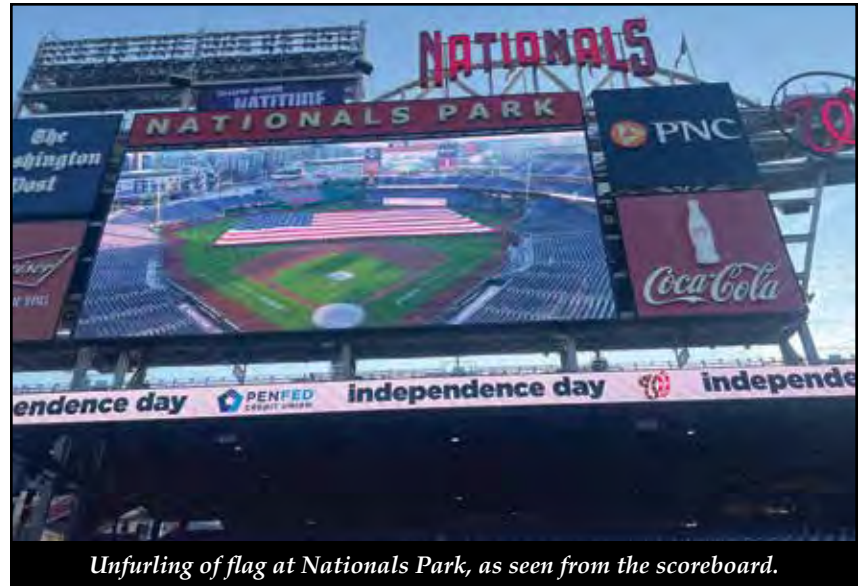
Allan is featured on MPT's *Chesapeake Collectibles* which has its twelfth season scheduled to premiere in October.

Poolesville American Legion Helps Unfurl Flag at Nationals Park

Members of the Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 American Legion participated with another two hundred people to unfurl the American flag on July Fourth. The mammoth flag is 300 feet long and 150 feet high. The U.S. Space Force band and singer provided the singing of the national anthem. The Nats beat the Mets with a walk-off home run to win 1-0. Winning pitcher, Jake Irvin, threw a one-hitter through eight full innings.



Jim Poole (right) having Allan Stypeck appraise one of his historical books.



Unfurling of flag at Nationals Park, as seen from the scoreboard.

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Forum on the History of Ferries and the C&O Canal

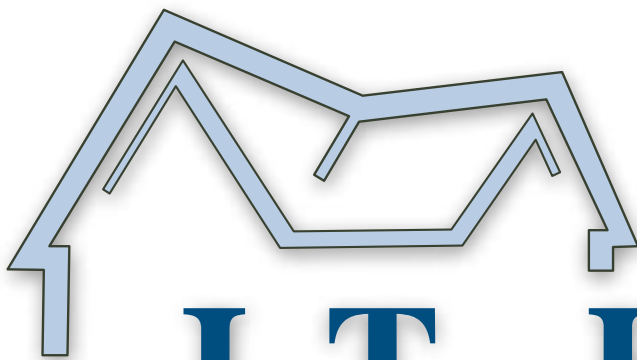
northern Loudoun County and Leesburg in Virginia and western Montgomery County and Poolesville in Maryland, due in part to the three key ferries—Edwards, White's, and Spink's—that crossed the Potomac between the two areas; and the gradual closing of ferries, except for White's, which made the transition from largely transporting goods and grains grown on the farms to transporting automobiles.

An open discussion followed the presentation with panelists, consisting of Skip Etheridge, historian, whose family has deep ties to the Upcounty,

including the role and contribution of African Americans to the development of the Upcounty; Jon Wolz, local historian with extensive knowledge of the history of the C&O Canal and who has done in-depth research through census records, Ancestry.com, and myriad documents central to the role of the C&O canal and the people involved in its management; and Rande Davis, co-publisher of the *Monocacy Monocle*, who writes the newspaper's Mystery History column and who is also well-versed on the history of ferries and White's Ferry, in particular.

These economic and social forces made the Upcounty, in many ways, closer ideologically to Leesburg and the surrounding Virginia countryside than to the Northern cause, contributing to ways African American communities evolved after the Civil War.

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Tuesdays and Sundays

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Need studio space, a change of scenery, or the company of other artists to nurture your creativity? Work on your project with fellow creatives during open studio time. \$5.00. *Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms.* 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

The Reserve Wind Ensemble

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.

Afrofusion Dance and Mindfulness

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

Adult Classes and Workshops

August 8 to September 9

Beginning to Intermediate Oil Painting

Led by painter and Yellow Barn Studio instructor Kimberly Yourick. Learn the basics of oil paints and painting theory. This class is also open to students interested in working in acrylic. High

school age and up. \$120 plus materials for five sessions. Thursdays. *Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms.* 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Youth Music and Art

August 5 to 9

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. This session is for ages 12 to 15. If you have younger students interested, please refer any questions to contact@riverworksart.org; 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

August 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.

Dusty Roads and Silver Linings

Enjoy the work of Martha Vaughan and Jennifer Hamilton in their joint show. Through October 6.

August 11: Meet the Artists

Meet the artists and enjoy complimentary light refreshments. *Locals Farm Market.* 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

August 17

Monthly Concert Series: Mindy Miller

August's monthly concert series features local-favorite-turned-Nashville-musician, Mindy Miller! Strong family ties and the impact of the vibrant Maryland country and bluegrass scene have played an important role in shaping the career of Nashville-based singer/songwriter Mindy Miller. Rain date: August 18. Tickets \$25. *Riverworks Outdoor Stage.* 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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August Afternoon

Sea-blue of gentian,
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Yellow of goldenrod,
Tree fringes wavering along
the road
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—Hilda Conkling

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Remembrances

Carole Ann Harman

Carole Ann Harman of Poolesville, passed away on July 12, 2024, just nine days shy of her eighty-first birthday. Honey, as she was affectionately known by many members of her family, was preceded in death by her husband of almost thirty-five years, Richard Allan "Kirk" Kirkpatrick.

Born on July 21, 1943 in Washington, D.C. to Jack and Mary Bernadine (Scagnelli) Driskill, Carole lived in the District for the first two decades of her life. It was during that time she met her first husband, John H. Harman, with whom she became a loving, selfless, fierce mother to two sons, Lt. Col. John William "Billy" Harman, USMC (ret.) of Alexandria, Virginia and Adam David Harman of Huntingtown, Maryland. Carole also played a significant role in raising her niece, Lori Collins Anello of Cincinnati, Ohio. She is survived by all three, as well as by her younger brother David Driskill of Selbyville, Delaware.

Carole spent more than fifty-three years as a civil servant in the federal government. During her decades-long tenure at the National Institutes of Health, she met her late husband; they married in 1988. At the age of 79, she retired from her position as a Program Analyst.

She loved to cook and host both family and friends at her home for various holiday gatherings. Carole loved cats and had several throughout her life.

Preceding Carole in death were her parents; brother, Robert Driskill; sister, Donna Driskill Collins; cousin, Lucile Keels; and nephew David Driskill.

In addition to Billy, Adam, and Lori, Carole leaves behind Lori's husband Kevin, Billy's wife Jodi Lynne, Adam's first wife, Sarah Potter, and current wife, Jessica Forney. Carole had ten grandchildren, Nathaniel and Timothy of Alexandria, Virginia, Maryjane and Anabelle of Deale, Maryland, Juliana, Ella, Olivia, and Savannah of Huntingtown, and Julia and Lorelei of Cincinnati, Ohio. Numerous nieces and nephews, including Karen Keels, Jimmy Collins, Sean Collins, and Katie Collins Perez; and two stepchildren, Michael Kirkpatrick and Betty Jean Kirkpatrick, also survive her.

A Celebration of Life will take place later this year. Her cremains will join those of her late husband who served in the U.S. Armed Forces to be interred in a columbarium at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



Carole Ann Harman

Jack Shawver

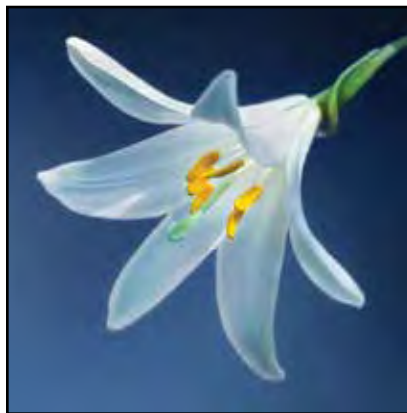
Audry Jackson Shawver, Jr., 87, of Frederick, passed away suddenly on July 14, 2024.

Born on September 14, 1936 in Maryland, he was the son of the late Audry Shawver, Sr. and Carrie Steele.

Audry worked at NIH for forty years, and after retiring, he was a very active leader of the Monocacy Lions Club, including having been president of the club, and a member of the Odd Fellows organization. He also worked at taking care of his farm and gardens and helping others.

Audry was survived by his two children, Colleen G. Dronenburg and Audry Douglas Shawver; three grandchildren, Stephanie Boucher, Ashley Main, and Emma Witt; and three great-grandchildren, Zoe Boucher, Amelia Boucher, and Wade Main.

He was preceded in death by his brothers and sister, Charles, John William, and Barbara.



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Remembrances

Charles Eugene Eader, Sr.

Charles Eugene Eader, Sr., age 86, of Poolesville, passed away peacefully on July 21, 2024. Born on October 14, 1937, in Maryland, Charles was the beloved son of the late Charles U. and Ethel L. Eader.

Charles proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1960. After his service, Charles embarked on a long and fulfilling career as a truck driver, working tirelessly for over forty-five years. He was known for his reliability and dedication, earning the 1988 Driver of the Year Award for Ryder Trucking Company. Charles will be remembered for his kindness, sense of humor, generosity, and love for his family.

Charles is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Ethel Jerlean "Jerri" Eader; four children, Charles E. Eader, Jr., Martin Eader (Claudette), Denise Eader, and Kenneth Brown (Melissa); his brothers and sister, Robert Eader, James Eader, and Joyce Sexton; five grandchildren, Michael Kretzer, Marsh Hock, Martin Eader, Christopher Mallick, Madison Hockenberry, and Tyler Brown; four great-grandchildren, Kinsley Kretzer, Miles Kretzer, Isabella Mallick, and Booker Mallick. He is preceded in death by his sister, Barbara Cornett.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, Maryland 20839.



Charles Eugene Eader, Sr.

Belinda Fay McElhinney

Beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, Belinda Fay McElhinney (Swanson), passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 20, 2024 at age 59.

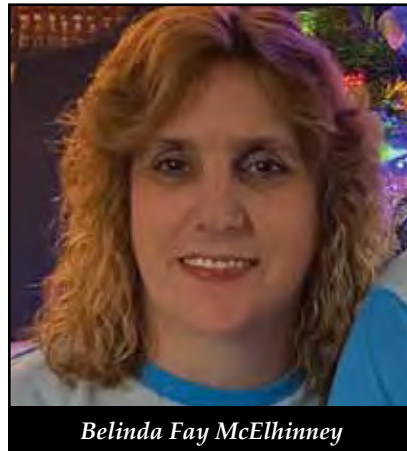
Belinda is survived by her husband, Jeff of 39 years; three daughters Holly (Tom), Amanda, and Lindsay (Jason); her brother, Claude Swanson, Jr.; a nephew, Glen Swanson; and five grandchildren. She is also survived by her stepmother, Mary Swanson. She was preceded in death by her parents, Claude A. Swanson, Sr. and Donna Fay Swanson.

Belinda was born in Silver Spring on February 2, 1965. She graduated from Seneca Valley High School in 1983. She returned to school later in life to study Culinary Arts, Hospitality, and studied American Sign Language at Montgomery College.

Belinda was the definition of strength, courage, and love. She had a kind and caring heart and went out of her way to help others. Belinda was diagnosed with lung cancer in October 2021 and participated in cancer trials to help herself and many others to find a cure for this disease. She dedicated her time to her family and volunteering at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department as an auxiliary member.

Her sense of humor kept her and her family's spirits high during difficult times, especially during football season. She had a love for all types of music, her pets, the beach, and the holidays.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society.



Belinda Fay McElhinney

Mary Hamilton Stock

Mary Hamilton Stock, "Molie," born May 21, 1934, daughter of Edward L. and Mary H. W. Stock, passed away peacefully on March 16, 2024, in Frederick. She was preceded in death by her brother, E. Kendal Stock, "Ken."

She is survived by her brother, John B. Stock (Janet); sister, Stephanie Stock Sowers (Pete); and her sister-in-law, Laura Stock.

Mary graduated from the University of Georgia and spent her adult life practicing landscape architecture. Her leisure time was spent creating her watercolor and pastel art; she achieved Master Gardener standing; was very involved in the Historic Medley District in Poolesville; and spent innumerable hours studying the Holy Bible.

Molie is at rest in the Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Frederick. She is missed by all her family and her many dear friends.



Mary Hamilton Stock

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Poolesville's Water Supply and the Danger of PFAS

Poolesville has been ahead of the game by working with the MDE to add new filters to the town's impacted wells and by continuing to test for PFAS, but putting these filters in place takes time and money. Indeed, in the midst of this current drought, our town's largest well is currently offline while the new PFAS filtration system is installed, placing further strain on our water supply.

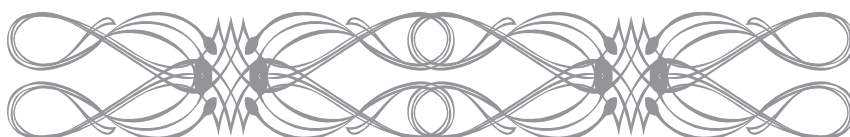
On the fiscal front, our town has also been proactive in joining a class-action lawsuit that seeks compensation from the companies responsible for creating and selling PFAS. The money, whenever it arrives, should offset some of the costs associated with the ongoing filtration and testing, but the cost of filtration will remain a significant (and potentially growing) part of the town's annual budgets in the future. At this time, the original sources of the PFAS making their way into our system have not yet been identified and addressed; there is the possibility that other wells will also be similarly affected.

So as you sit back into your patio chair with an icy beverage or splash into your favorite swimming pool this summer, it's worth taking a moment to contemplate the origin of all the water that made it possible. Water is our most precious natural resource and something that is easy to take for granted when it's there, but with threats, including climate change and contamination, to contend with, it's not a guarantee that it always will be.

A Monocacy Moment



Like a scene out of the TV show *Glee*, the employees of Calleva put on an annual summer talent show at Whalen Commons.



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A Visit to the MOOseum

friend bought a bull for breeding—paid \$10,000 for it, and that was a lot of money at the time. Shortly after bringing the bull back to the farm—it died! He never bought another bull at price again and re-production was either artificial or natural as occurred from an occasional bull produced at the farm.

We had beehives on the farm, so we had fresh honey at times. It was not usually a successful harvest, so at times, the honey amounts were minimal.

Debbie mentioned that Jan Hill has memories of times at the farm. One was when she met a newborn colt!

After the MOOseum visit, Debbie, Scott, and Maeve drove out to the old farm for memories. Debbie remembered the farm's beauty with wheat fields. Many summers and other times there were spent swimming in the pond, horseback riding, catching tadpoles to grow into frogs, and target shooting near the woods.

Debbie said that they were able to drive onto the farm and walk around. Some of the buildings have been repaired while others need repair. Paths were mowed around the buildings. "It is a beautiful piece of property," she said. "My parents would be proud to know the farmland is intact and public areas for others to enjoy."

In December 2021, the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission purchased the farm known as the Broad Run Creek Farm and will convert it into the new Broad Run Conservation Park that will provide for conservation, research, and interpretation of significant natural and cultural resources, and will serve as a focal point for the entire Broad Run Park by providing public access for recreation and education at this unique place in Montgomery County. Hopefully, this new park will tell the farm history of the Chisholm-MacGill Dairy Farm that was so wonderfully documented by Bill Duvall.

The King Barn Dairy MOOseum is located at South Germantown Recreational Park, 18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds, MD 20841.

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Old McDonald Had a Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
E-I-E-I-O.

And on that farm he had a cow,
E-I-E-I-O.


With a moo moo here and a
moo moo there

Here a moo, there a moo,
everywhere a moo moo

Old MacDonald had a
farm, E-I-E-I-O.

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The Wet Dog: Some of Us Love It, Some Pass Out

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We've all had this experience, the agonizing drive home as you try to keep your eyes on the road, even as you're about to pass out from the smell of wet dog. Ever wonder what the recipe is for this particularly unique scent? It appears the essence of the complex molecular reactions can be identified through chemistry. See? You should have paid attention in class.

The Chemistry Behind Why Dogs Stink

Aroma of wet dog starts with a cast of tiny critters, yeasts, and bacteria that take up residence on your pet and on you, for that matter. In the process of going about their lives, they leave behind "micro excreta" (another great term for feces because everything poops) in the form of volatile organic compounds. The smell of wet dog comes from moisture evaporation that carries some of those compounds with it. The signature odor is a mixture of scents, including almond, fruit, honey, and mushroom, with hints of sulfur and feces. Hey, you asked me about this, so here is your answer. Now you know at least know that it's not the dogs themselves we should be blaming for the terrible smell but rather the microorganisms they carry.

Do Certain Breeds Smell Worse Than Others?

While any dog can get smelly, some dogs are more prone to a bad scent based on their build. Consider a Chinese Shar-Pei, which has large skin flaps that can retain moisture, or a Saint Bernard, Mastiff, French Bulldog, etc.—all wrinkly-skinned and wrinkly-faced breeds. They may require extra attention and a cleaning under their flaps.

Some dogs, like Basset hounds, naturally have more oily skin. Some are also known for drooling, like the Mastiff, Newfoundland, and other large dogs. This causes the area around their mouths to be perpetually moist.

How to Get Rid of Wet Dog Smell

Bathing your dog routinely can do a lot to keep dog smells away, but drying is important, too. Consider investing in a heavy-duty dog towel that can help dry your dog more quickly. Hair dryers are not the best idea, as they can over-dry the skin and increase the potential for skin damage. Generally, bathing your dog once to twice a month is plenty. Your veterinarian can help you select a shampoo that can reduce the resident bacteria and yeast and clean your dog's skin without damaging its protective components.

Don't forget that collars and harnesses often retain smells and should be washed regularly. You can wash a nylon collar in the laundry, but leather collars may need a special leather cleaner. Waterproof collars can also help keep moisture away. Regularly clean your dog's other belongings, including beds and toys.

Pay attention to what your dog does in the house. After getting back from a walk in the rain, does your dog rub against the couch or roll on the floor? If your dog comes home wet, it's best to dry them before they get a chance to move around the house. You might consider investing in couch covers or even higherquality bedding if your dog sleeps in your bed.

Ultimately, if your dog's smell seems abnormal or you can't seem to get it to go away, consult your veterinarian.



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