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Emily Higgins and her prize winning twenty-five pound catch. Family Album, page 2.



American Legion Post 247's Joe Hardwick gives up a pint with a smile.



Kathleen Jamison was a big winner. Read all about it in Tidbits on page 11.



The PHS Girls' Lacrosse Team came oh, so close to beating Damascus. Read about their great season on page 14.

Overflow Crowd Hears from GOP Gubernatorial Candidates

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Town Hall was the venue of a Republican Gubernatorial public forum that had an overflow attendance of interested citizens. The candidates at the May 12 event took questions from moderator Mike Phillips. All candidates were present except for Larry Hogan, a businessman, past member of the Ehrlich administration, and political activist (he started an organization called Change Maryland to address fiscal issues and government waste). Mr. Hogan's lieutenant governor running mate, Boyd Rutherford, stood in for him. Also joining those running for governor was Congressional candidate for District 6, Dan Bongino.

The Republican Party priorities were reflected in the questions raised at the meeting, which included general taxation policy, the impact of current taxes on



Participants in the GOP Candidates Public Forum were Boyd Rutherford (candidate Larry Hogan's running mate), David Craig, Ron George, Charles Luther, and Don Bongino.

keeping businesses or attracting new ones, creating economic growth with jobs, controlling spending that has increased thirty percent in five years, and reducing the debt and deficit.

There was unanimity among them for the need to lower the structural debt by reining in government spending, lowering taxes

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Poolesville Community Garden Grand Opening

By Emma Whitehouse

Spring has sprung with the Poolesville Community Garden opening on May 10 on the grounds of the Presbyterian Church at Elgin Road. The Poolesville Community Garden was just completed three weeks ago, with its raised beds primed and partly planted, but the seed was planted years ago.

That idea of a community garden came up about ten years ago, and when the Presbyterian Church bought an adjacent lot and tore down the existing house, it was the perfect opportunity to build the garden. Construction on the long-awaited garden began just over two years ago, and it



Hans Riemer, Julie Halstead, Denise Graybill-Donohoe, Joyce Breiner, Nancy Floreen, Matt Glover, and Pastor David Williams cut the ribbon (it takes many scissors).

came into being thanks to a communal effort. Pastor David Williams commented that volunteers, businesses, and nonprofits really helped along the way. On scheduled work days, people from the community came to help out. Businesses likewise helped. Calleva donated materials, Denise Graybill-Donohoe of Dancing Grass Designs helped to design the garden, Matt Glover of

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Family Album



The winners in the 24th Annual Richard S. McKernon Poolesville Youth Fishing Tournament.



Top honors for the day's event went to Patsy Dillingham for Best in Horticulture and to Joyce Davis, who won the Ella Atwood Award for her miniature flower arrangement.



Pat Sutherland reads a vision statement by Peg Coleman (second from left) which set in motion the annual flower show tradition. Also attending: Co-Chair Lisa Hilton and club president Missy Lankler.



While at the Flower Show, State delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo and his wife visited the Pilgrim's Rest Homestead booth as did Poolesville's Jim Poole. The family venture is owned by Robert and Michelle Normoyle. Helping out is daughter PalJoy and son Tabor.



Pat Sutherland (second from right) and Kerri Morningstar (far right) join twins Kathy Noble and Peggy Bjarno for a toast to the show (or is that Peggy Bjarno and Kathy Noble?).

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Town of Poolesville Poolesville Town Government

By Rande Davis

Commissioners Approve Funding for Senior Commission

At the May 5 Poolesville town meeting, the commissioners voted to approve a resolution (Resolution No. 002-14) to create a new town commission entitled the Poolesville Area Seniors Commission (PASC). This new organization officially replaces Am Kolel Sanctuary's Gathering Place, a private sector, nonprofit senior organization that has provided social, educational, and entertaining programs and services to seniors living in Poolesville and the surrounding area. The purpose of the commission as stated in the resolution is to assist the town, residents, and members of the general community by creating programs and activities for seniors to "live a healthy, safe, and active life, and to serve as a voice for the needs of seniors in the community."

The town will provide startup financial support for the group's annual budget of approximately \$30,000 for the first year. Funds for the program will come from the town, outside donations, and contributions made by participants for events and programs. The goal of the partnership is to replace much or all of the town financial commitment with grants from the state, county, or other public or private organizations and individuals that make funds available for senior programming.

The resolution provides for the commissioners to appoint nine members of the commission of which five must be residents of the town. The term of service will be only one year. The PASC will operate in the same fashion as any other town committee with regular, open, and public meetings.

Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski voted against the resolution, as he did not support this program as positive use of taxpayer money.

Hearing on Proposed Budget Draws Little Public Comment

Only three residents chose to comment on the proposed FY15 draft budget. Robert Roit emphasized his concern that financial support for the Poolesville Area Senior Commission is explained as startup expenditure rather than a one-time expense, leaving the door open for future town financial support.

Conrad Potemra shared Mr. Roit's concern about the funding for the PASC becoming an ongoing expense. He also asked that the town continue with its traditional recapping of the budget by specifically listing the net results of town taxing decisions particularly as it describes tax increases. He also questioned the value of continued membership in the Maryland Municipal League.

Regarding funding for the PASC, Commission President Jim Brown stated that the mindset of the current group of commissioners is that the expenditure is a one-time decision but allowed that if the program proves to be beneficial to the community but for a variety of reasons has a financial shortfall next year, future funding might be considered by the commissioners at that time. Brice Halbrook reiterated that the town and the individuals of the PASC would seek enough public grant funds and private donations so that future town financial participation becomes unnecessary.

As to the complaint of membership in the MML, the commissioners defended town membership on various fronts. Brown stated, as one example, that at last year's convention, the commissioners were able to meet face to face with various website development vendors and gained insight that ultimately saved the town up to \$15,000 in its new website development. Klobukowski pointed to research information available through the groups as well as MML's role in lobbying on behalf of town interests in Annapolis as beneficial aspects of town membership. Commissioner Dickerson remarked that the MML provided a number of seminars in the area of

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Commentary

Rising Up to Get Noticed

By John Clayton

Just when I thought it was over for the Washington Wizards and I wouldn't have to write about them again (not that anyone is forcing me to, or even asking me to), they rise from the dead and extend their best-of-seven series with the Indian Pacers to a sixth game. The Wiz are down, three games to two, but are still alive, coming back for a home game.

For those who came in late, the Wizards, né the Bullets before being renamed have been a pathetic and boring professional basketball team for some time. This year they started winning on a regular basis in time to qualify for the playoffs. They eliminated one team with a better record, the Chicago Bulls, and now face the Pacers, a team with an even better record, albeit with a Jekyll and Hyde personality—supreme one night, hapless the next. The Wizards need some more hapless from this opponent, as they must win both of the remaining games to advance to the next series.

What is most enjoyable is that the most rewarding time as a fan, short perhaps of actually winning a championship, is when your team goes from total obscurity to relevance. This is happening with the Wizards now, and it happened with the Washington Nationals several years ago. Back in the mid-to-late aughts, from the Nats'

birth in 2005 to 2010, the Nationals were beneath the contempt of all but the hometown loyalists. If one watched the national baseball media, like ESPN or MLB Network, you were lucky if they even mentioned a Nats game or Nats news. Perhaps if we played a New York team, we might get a mention, but a garden-variety Nats loss or even a rarer win passed with minimal notice. This has been the case with the Wizards recently. The greatest joy is, of course, watching them play competitively and even win with some regularity, but it is still gratifying to see the national media bigwigs talk seriously about the team and its players, at long last. They even seem to know their names, and since they're winning, it's all in a positive light.

Someday the Wizards may be an enterprise with sustained success, and we will get spoiled, and begin to expect to win year after year. That would be fun, for a while, although I suspect we would get jaded in time, and it would never be as exciting as that first glimmer of success and recognition. I don't really suspect that the Wizards are in danger of becoming some sort of winning dynasty, so I will try to enjoy this season for as long as it lasts, which may not be long, and then get back to hopefully writing about something that really matters.

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Local News

JPMS Teacher Will Represent Maryland In National Contest

Mrs. Jane Lindsay, an eighth-grade teacher at John Poole Middle School who was named the 2014-2015 MCPS Teacher of the Year on April 29 at the twelfth annual Champions for Children Awards Celebration at the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown, will now represent Maryland in the National Teacher of the Year Award.

"Congratulations to Jane Lindsay on being named the MCPS Teacher of the Year and for the work she is doing to serve the students and staff of John Poole Middle School," said Phil Kauffman, president of the Montgomery County Board of Education. "She is a committed educator who works tirelessly to ensure that all students are served to the highest levels."

"Jane Lindsay represents the high-quality employees we have in MCPS who care deeply about their students and work hard to make sure our children receive a world-class education that prepares them for the future," said Superintendent of Schools Joshua P. Starr. "Mrs. Lindsay is a leader among her peers and is committed to helping her students and colleagues grow and improve."

"Her students' success is due to her instructional skill, her ability to engage student interest and transform it into academic

commitment, and her tireless devotion to fulfilling the high expectations that are the hallmark of everything she does," wrote Charlotte Boucher, principal of John Poole Middle, and Jennifer Kasten, president of the Poole PTSA in their nomination letter.

All finalists for MCPS Teacher of the Year receive \$1,000 from the Marian Greenblatt Education Fund. They will also receive an additional \$1,000 furnished by Kaiser Permanente and Choice Hotels, as well as a Microsoft Surface tablet. As MCPS Teacher of the Year, Lindsay receives the use of a car for one year from Fitzgerald Auto Mall.

Ms. Lindsay said, "It has been a shock—a delightful shock, but a shock nonetheless—to be named Teacher of the Year. I had done my homework for the event, and in looking at the profiles of the other candidates and the work that they have done, I convinced myself that this was not the year for me to win Teacher of the Year. Winning at the Champions for Children event, then, was an utter surprise. I can't stress enough how working in Poolesville has strengthened me as a teacher. The community here is so supportive, so appreciative of its teachers. The teachers, professional support staff, and administration at John Poole work tirelessly for the good of each and every student; I am so proud to work among such dedicated people. I look forward to representing Poolesville and Montgomery County as Teacher of the Year and thank you for the outpouring of support that I have received from the community."



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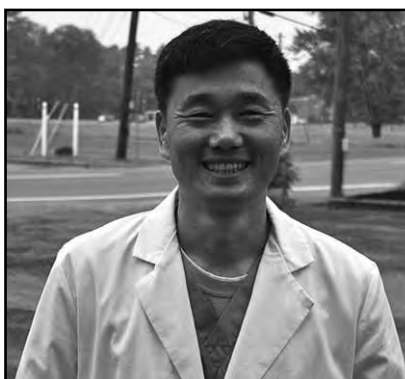
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Upon coming to Poolesville for the first time, acupuncturist Sang Kim fell in love with Poolesville since it reminded him of his country home growing up in Korea. While he has been practicing for the past couple of years in Georgia, he now resides in northern Virginia and has set up his practice in the location just behind Professional Cleaners near Hearthside Gardens.

Kim studied at South Baylo University and earned his acupuncturist master's degree from California South University, an institution specializing in acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

In describing acupuncture, he points out that it originated in Korea and China over five thousand years ago. Acupuncture is used to improve well-being and treat acute, chronic, and degenerative conditions in adults and children. For centuries, traditional Eastern medical practitioners have handed down their knowledge and techniques for effective treatments of a wide range of conditions. Kim says that most patients come as a result of suffering from physical muscular pain, seeking to deal with ongoing stress which usually ends up in various



Poolesville's acupuncturist Sang Kim of Siloam Eastern Clinic.

ailments, and to help with metabolic dysfunction. In Acupuncture, fine needles are inserted at specific points of the body to stimulate, disperse, and graduate the flow of Qi, or energy flow, that restores a healthy energy balance.

In many cases, ancient therapies have reported help in the relief of ailments for which modern medical practice offers no prescribed remedy. Kim reports that, every year, more scientific research emerges proving these alternative methods to western medicine to be reliable and safe.

The typical treatment involves weekly visits for three or four months and then a maintenance schedule with visits once per month. Sang Kim assures readers that one of the most-voiced concerns about having pain through the use of needles is really not an issue at all. Acupuncture needles are disposable, metallic,

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Hearing on Proposed Budget

economic development that have already proven helpful in furthering economic growth and attracting new businesses to Poolesville.

It was also noted that as a member of MML, the town qualifies to purchase and participate in the Government Insurance Trust, which was created when private carriers refused to provide insurance coverage to local governments, thereby saving the town substantial money.

For his comments on the budget, Tom Kettler asked the town to consider moving expenditure for the Brightwell Crossing pavilion (funded by developer impact fees) to FY2015 rather than the following year. He reported that groups are already using the soccer practice fields, completion of the park restrooms is near, and basketball courts and trails will be completed soon.

Commissioners Vote to Change CEDC Ordinance

The commissioners approved an ordinance (No. 200) that will

require at least one of the three business owner members to also be a member of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce. The ordinance also reduces the term of CEDC members from two years to one year. Duties of members of the committee will include not only the development of programs but also require member participation in the marketing, staffing, and execution of approved community events.

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Things To Do

HMD 2014 Photo Contest

"Architecture in the Agricultural Reserve." The subject can include buildings or a small detail of a structure; gardens; bridges; sculpture or anything else emphasizing architecture. Contest is open to all. Entry forms are on the back porch at the John Poole House or from Maureen O'Connell at 301-972-8307 or MAFOConnell@msn.com. Deadline: June 30.

May 16

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Brian Jamison. 8:30 p.m.

Asian House of Poolesville

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

May 17

Tour of Monocacy Aqueduct

Researcher and author Robert Kapsch will provide his knowledge of this attraction and an autographed copy of his book, *Monocacy Aqueduct*. \$20 for non-members; \$18 for currently-paid members. Students: \$5. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

May 17 continued

6th Annual Haiti Festival

Dinner, silent auction, and entertainment. Proceeds to benefit healthcare, education, and economic development for the people of Carcasse, Haiti. St. Mary's Pavilion. 5:00 pm. to 9:00 p.m.

Asian House of Poolesville

The Bobby Lewis Blues Band. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Annual Poolesville Springfest

Beer and wine tasting under the tent, BBQ contest, corn hole contest, climbing wall, and entertainment by the Nighthawks and Moondog Medicine Show. Vendors, artisans, and great food from M.A.D. BBQ, the Fry Guy, and Poole's Funnel Cakes. Whalen Commons. 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 19

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

May 21

PASC Outdoor Games

Senior Center. Poolesville Baptist Church. Free. 1:00 p.m.

May 21 continued

PASC Congestive Heart Failure Health Seminar

Senior Center. By Lisa Ritz, RN, Care Coordinator, MD Collaborative Care. Poolesville Baptist Church. Free. 1:00 p.m.

May 22

Free Family History Class

Learn about your family history. Bring your own computer. Poolesville Library. 7:30 p.m.

May 23

Rockland Farms

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May 24

Asian House of Poolesville

Wandering Peacock. 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm

May 28

PASC Zumba Gold

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

May 29

Midnight Madness

The PHS Midnight Players will present a student-directed variety show, Midnight Madness, featuring original short plays, songs and dances from various musicals, and an Improv Show. \$5.00. 6:30 p.m.

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House of Poolesville Fundraiser

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May 31

The Little Mermaid

Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre presents a ballet based on the story by Hans Christian Andersen. Artistic director Fran Ichijo. Adults: \$14.00, Youth and Seniors: \$11.00. PHS auditorium. 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

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Local News

Legacy Project Initiated

By Rande Davis

A group of residents led by Poolesville's Tad Bodmer has initiated a project to identify residents from the area who have made significant and lasting contributions to the community through their voluntary work. Bodmer, who is concerned that many of these citizens and their efforts will not be remembered in years to come, approached the town for its assistance and permission to use the memorial walkway in front of Whalen Commons as a possible site for recognition.

This informal group of citizens refers to its mission as the Poolesville Area Legacy Project (PALP) and at this very early stage will be reaching out to citizens and local organizations for help establishing a list of candidates for the legacy recognition. Before moving forward, the most pressing need

is to gather recommendations of persons from the earlier decades of the 1900s who should be recognized.

It is expected that the nominations will come primarily from the local organizations through which the candidate made his/her contribution to the Poolesville community as a whole. Legacy candidates will be noted for their long, dedicated voluntary efforts and leadership roles in public service that resulted in exceptional, above-and-beyond benefits to the community's way of life.

In the coming weeks, each of these area organizations will receive an official written request for assistance in identifying such individuals from within their ranks. The written request will be more detailed in the criteria for selection to be used in making nominations. The project is not a memorial, as candidates do not have to be deceased to be nominated. The groups to be approached will be civic groups (Odd Fellows, Lions Club), area churches, the Poolesville Area



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PALP will be meeting with town Park and Recreation Committee members in June to seek their recommendations and approval for moving forward

with the project. At this time, the design for the legacy display would have the names of the contributors engraved on bricks along the semicircle pathway at the rear of the memorial at Whalen Commons in the center of Poolesville. A plaque explaining why the names are on the walkway would be mounted on a wall that encircles the area. Details of the contributions made by each individual would be accessible on the town website.



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School News

By Dmitri Agnew

PHS Art: Inside and Out

The art show was once more featured at Poolesville High School on a recent Thursday in early May. Organized by the National Art Honors Society, it featured a variety of different works from crazy ceramic coil pots to satirical yet snazzy self portraits. Other works of art included digitally-enhanced or altered pictures that created a blend of bizarre awesomeness. The show, held in the PHS gym, was open to the public, and visitors could meet and greet the artists.



Pictures of students make a statement on the exterior of Poolesville High School.

Is it graffiti or is it art? On the other sides of the walls, the public has been able to view, for over two weeks, pictures of all the Humanities magnet seniors from the Class of 2014, forty-five in all. The pictures were put up by a Humanities student, Olivia Jackson, for her senior project. A Humanities senior project can either be a ten-page paper including a creative piece or it can be just a twenty-page paper. Olivia first learned about InsideOut: The People's Art Project from her mentor, Mrs. Heaton, a PHS art teacher. InsideOut is a massive global street project "transforming messages of personal identity into works of art," according to its website. "I decided that I wanted to participate in the global art project as my creative piece," says Olivia. After she contacted InsideOut, she submitted the photos along with a request that the donation fee be waived. "About three weeks later, the posters were delivered, and on May 1, they were installed using wheat paste that I made at home with flour and water."

Bom Squad: The Return

During the 2014 spring pep rally, amidst a haze of class rivalries and excitements, the Boms gave their third performance since 2011. After the water balloon toss that failed miserably, the Boms were handed the field to perform, and perform they did.



The Bom Squad gets into it.

For the readers who are unfamiliar with what exactly the Bom Squad is, picture the Poolesville Poms in skirts and such attire, but instead,

these young ladies of Poms are actually young men of Boms. The Bom Squad, made up of fifty-one young and dashing men in their primes, performed a dance to a medley of various songs including "Barbie Girl," "Gas Pedal," "Grind on Me," and others. This year, the Bom Squad was almost twice the size of last year's and the one from the year before; at this rate there will have to be tryouts.

The origin of the Poolesville High School Bom Squad came from Poms captains Teffany Ventura (class of 2013) and Gabrielle Abella (class of 2012). They saw something similar on YouTube from another high school, and they thought it would be fun to bring to Poolesville. Since then it has been a roaring success.

The Bom Squad had its performance choreographed by Poms junior captains Priya Shukla, Sydney Abella, Sally Miller, and senior captain Logan Weir with the help from the rest of the Poms team. Captain Priya Shukla said, "The four of us really enjoyed choreographing the routine, and it was nice to have such a big turnout. We also loved the squad's enthusiasm."

The squad, although mainly led by the Poms coaches, does have its leaders like any other team. This year's captains were Seniors Noah Blaker and Connor Monroe Lugo-Harris. Noah Blaker described his experience being captain, "It was awesome. Having the chance to lead a group of guys who are truly passionate about Boms is really an honor."

The Bom Squad's performance can best be described as hilarious, mildly provocative, and questionably school-appropriate. Now a third-year act, the Bom Squad is and shall forever be a part of school tradition with its antics and skirts. The performance was approximately three minutes long and involved everything from waves, kick lines, twerking, grinding, and even hand signals. After an initial bad start when the music couldn't be heard, the Boms then swept everybody off their feet (figuratively) with their extraordinary performance. The performance ended with the signature move of both Poms and Boms: spelling out the letters P, H, and S with the pompons.




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Tidbits

Annual Fishing Tournament a Success

The twenty-fourth annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament enjoyed excellent weather and an enthusiastic group of contestants. The grand winning fish, which was caught by Emily Higgins, was 25 inches in length and weighed in at 5.3 pounds. Winning categories by age also include total number of fish caught.

Age groups divided the contest, and the following were the winners in each group: Ages 6, 7, and 8: Meghan Davidson (25", 4.9 lbs.), Ryan Evans (25"), and Liam Morrow (twelve fish caught); ages 9, 10, and 11: Jonah Valmonte (23"), Carter Hottinger (20.5), and Chloe Maher (two fish); ages 12, and 13: Zachary Lease (25.25"), Ben Miller (15.25"), Jonathan Mansey (six fish); and ages 14, 15, and 16: Hunter King (22.75").

Two PHS Grads Are Finalists in University of Maryland Showcase

The University of Maryland at College Park held its annual Academic Showcase for second-year students from the school's College Park Scholars Program. Four hundred and eighty-seven students participated by developing a poster and a presentation to summarize an independent research project, a number which included fourteen Poolesville High School graduates. Fifteen students were chosen to compete for cash prizes in a separate judging, and two PHS graduates, Anna Clayton and Sophie Stypeck, were among the fifteen selected for that competition.

Anna Clayton, whose Scholars Program is International Studies, presented "Integration of Mental Health Care into HIV/AIDS Treatment in Developing Countries." Sophie Stypeck, who is in the Environment, Technology, and Economy Scholars Program, presented "Holistic Farming at Rocklands Organic Farm." Neither of the long-time friends (since their days at Monocacy Elementary School) knew that the other had earned a spot in the final fifteen until they arrived to set up their posters.



College Park Scholars Anna Clayton and Sophie Stypeck with their research projects.

Each year, seventy to ninety first-year students are selected for the College Park Scholars Program to enter two-year living-learning programs in one of thirteen thematic study areas, each of which has its own academic focus. Second-year students from all Scholars Programs are invited to participate in the showcase, and research-based courses are offered to help facilitate the development of their ideas and to introduce research methodologies. Students identify a research question of their concern, and use proven research techniques to arrive at a conclusion.

John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum Get Major Repairs

Historic Medley District, Inc., the local preservation organization that maintains and manages the 1793 John Poole House and the 1907 Old Town Hall Bank Museum, announced that they have recently completed major repairs to both facilities.

The John Poole House, which recently had some leaking occur, had the forty-year-old roof replaced with a cedar shingle roof, and the Old Town Hall Bank building had its ceiling and walls near the back of the building and near the staircase repaired from damage due to water leakage. The John Poole Family Association and Dr. Web Hersperger made donations that made these repairs possible, but both buildings still have more major repairs pending that have to be put on hold until the funds can be raised. Concerned

individuals and businesses may help through donations or by initiating or renewing membership in HMD at historicmedley.org.

Flower Show Generates Large Public Response

The Monocacy Garden Club and Sugarloaf Citizens' Association joined together to present the 2014 Flower Show, "Celebration of Rural Montgomery." Despite a number of brief thunderstorms that threatened to dampen the event, it was clear nothing was going to diminish the celebratory festivity. Attendance was robust for the full four hour display of beautifully-arranged flowers and plants. The rain did have a bit more impact on the plant swap part of the day since it was staged like a tailgate party with plants being offered in trunks of cars or backs of trucks.

The flower and plant arrangements were all presented in green glass bottles to maximize the impact of the flower or plant without distraction from different vases.


There were 121 horticulture entries overall, resulting in a

spectacular display of nature's beauty that filled the Linden Farm Historical Dairy Barn in Dickerson. Additionally, there were thirty-one design entries having five classes for judging. The many categories resulted in forty-six first-place winners in horticulture and five within the design entries.

Top honors for the day's event were: The Ella Atwood Award to Joyce Davis for her miniature flower arrangement; Best in Horticulture to Patsy Dillingham for her tree peony; and Best in Design to Kathy Jamison for line design.

Boosters Seeking Officer Nominations

The Poolesville High School Athletic Booster Club is accepting nominations for all officer positions to serve a one-year term beginning July 1, 2014. If you are interested in being nominated or nominating someone for president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer, please send your nomination to pshboosters@gmail.com. Nominations must be submitted by Friday, June 6. Elections will be held on Monday, June 9.



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Remembrances

Kathleen Watson



Kathleen "Kitty" Watson

Kathleen "Kitty" Lorraine Watson, of Poolesville, was called to heaven to be with her daughter Priscilla on May 4, 2014 at her home while surrounded by family. Born on August 22, 1956 in Takoma Park, she was the daughter of Ray Douglas, Sr. and Eleanor Douglas. Surviving besides her parents are her loving husband Johnny Watson; daughters Lydia Watson, Amanda Gaither; and grandchildren, Austin, Arianna, Payden, and Bella. She was a devoted wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend.



Ronald W. Luther

Ronald W. Luther

Ronald "Ron" W. Luther, 75, of Poolesville, died on April 26, 2014. He was the loving husband of Margaret Ann Luther. Ron was born on April 6, 1939, in Scranton, Pennsylvania and was the son of the late Willis and Emma R. (Jacob) Luther. Ron was a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church in Bethesda, where he was a choir member for thirty-six years, church mentor for engaged and seriously-dating couples. He volunteered for WUMCO for twelve years and an American Red Cross volunteer for twenty-five years. He served on the Poolesville Board of Elections for the town of Poolesville, and, in early 1971, started the first baseball team

for eight-year-olds with the help of local businessmen, thus naming the team the Poolesville Merchants. Ron proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. Surviving besides his wife are one son, Charles Allen Luther (Brenda) of Dallas, Georgia; two daughters, Susan Diane Stackhouse (Mark) of Ball Ground, Georgia, Rebecca Ann Mason (Troy) of Germantown, Maryland; and six grandchildren, Corbin Luther, Sami Stackhouse, Brooks Luther, Bret Luther, Trey Mason, and Trent Mason. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made in Ron's name to WUMCO, P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837.



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Youth Sports

Falcons' Undefeated Season Ends in 2nd Round Of the Playoffs

By Jeff Stuart

On Monday night, May 5, the Poolesville High School girls' lacrosse team tied visiting Churchill in the final game of the year. The game, played in a pouring rain, went into four overtimes. When it ended, both teams had eleven goals. The result, eleven wins and one tie, left the PHS girls' lacrosse team as the only undefeated team in the county. Senior Marie Jankowski scored to tie the game, 9-9, with 1:15 left in regulation. Sophomore Casey Harkins scored early in the first overtime to give Poolesville the lead and again with just fifteen seconds in the second overtime to tie the game for the last time. She scored four times in the game. Neither team could score in the final two three-



PHS girls' lacrosse players
Christin Hilton, Amanda Chasin,
and Po Coulibaly.

minute overtimes. Junior goalie Po Coulibaly made several nice stops.

On Saturday, May 10, Damascus carried the momentum of an eight-game winning streak into Poolesville, where they had lost on April 4, 10-7. This time the Hornets won 11-10 in two overtimes. It was a game worthy of the rivalry.

The Falcons finished 7-6 last year but won six of its last seven games, so first-year coach Brittany Hilton is not surprised by this season's turnaround. "I watched

them play several times last year and knew they had the potential to be amazing. All of the girls on the team have stepped up to the challenges I have set out for them, and it is exciting to watch them grow as athletes and young women."

Hilton, a 2006 graduate of PHS and the field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse programs, was excited to return to her alma mater as coach. Before assuming the helm, she played lacrosse at Stevenson University as a four-year starter, then coached seventh and eighth graders for four seasons. "I love being a mentor for the girls."

At mid-season, Coach Hilton felt that the Damascus game was the most important game of the regular season. "It was an extremely exciting win for us."

"This year, on the team, everyone's really bonded together," said sophomore midfielder Christin Hilton, the coach's sister, during spring break. "Damascus was a really big win for us. We needed that from last year (Damascus beat the Falcons, 17-7, at PHS last year). We got out to a 5-0 lead and that gave everyone a boost of confidence." Christin has seven multiple goal games, scoring three times against Clarksburg and Wheaton. On May 3, the Falcons defeated Richard Montgomery (8-1) at home, 12-7.

"We are doing a great job," said junior midfielder Amanda Chasin. "We are a really, really tight group, which has helped us a lot. We work really, really hard in practice. The wins over Damascus

and QO were definitely highlights. They came right after each other so that was really fun." Chasin scored a season-high six goals against Seneca Valley, and three against Northwest.

"I'm really grateful to have a coach that knows how to get the full fifty minutes out of us," said junior goalie Po Coulibaly. "She makes us work really hard, and because we work really hard, we've learned to play together as a team which is why we have first place on our record. Damascus is a win that we really wanted—and BCC, that was just, like, a close game." Coulibaly had eleven saves against Damascus, and a season-high seventeen against Rockville.

Jankowski led the team with fifty-eight goals. Harkins was second with fifty-one. Chasin had twenty, Hilton eighteen, and junior attack Mary Hall had thirteen. Harkins led in assists with fourteen. Jankowski had six, Chasin five, sophomore attack Sarah Guthrie four, and Hall three.

Senior Whitney Carmack (basketball standout), juniors Anna Murgia, Rebecca Deitz, and Bethany Easer, and sophomores Mollie Bodmer and Carley Kenly anchored the defense in front of Coulibaly.

Freshman Delaney Cecco, along with juniors Nancy Jamison, Tori Molyneaux, and Christina Furr rounded out this 2014 team. In a spring season where several PHS teams have done very well, the girls' lacrosse team has earned its fair share of acclaim.

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Garden

Color your World

By Maureen O'Connell

Gardens are all about color, making it a fundamentally important element in garden design. While adding interest and variety to the landscape, colors can affect emotions, spatial perception, light quality, and balance. A useful tool in creating color schemes is the color wheel. Remember that from your grammar school art class? You might recall that it includes the three primary colors of red, blue, and yellow; three secondary colors (a mix of two primaries) of green, orange, and violet; and six tertiary colors (a mix of one adjacent primary color and a secondary color), such as red-orange. Using one, several, or all of these colors, you can create a monochromatic, analogous, or complementary scheme.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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GOP Gubernatorial Candidates

and fees, improving the taxation policies to keep retirees from leaving the state, improving Maryland's business-friendly ranking of forty-four nationally, and they were opposed to voting changes such as a sixteen-year-old voting age, online voting, and same-day voting.

All provided information on their background and what they considered their top priorities in this election.

Ron George spoke of his family-owned business and experience as a delegate and member of the ways and means committee as being beneficial to his understanding of the problems and ways to solve them. He focuses his campaign on lowering taxes and creating jobs. He offers a ten-point program on his website on how to achieve those priorities.

David Craig is a former teacher and school principal (opposed to Common Core) and currently the County Executive of Hartford County. He has served on the Havre de Grace City Council and has been its mayor. He prioritizes fiscal responsibility, taxes, and jobs, and points to his long-time experience as a governmental executive in balancing budgets, cutting taxes, and creating jobs as evidence that he is poised to do the same at the state level.

Charles Lollar is a major in the U.S. Marines Corps Reserves serving as an intelligence officer. He holds an MBA from Regents University and has had a long career in business at the management level. His priority is the revitalization of the state economy by eliminating the personal income tax, something that has been done in seven other states. He is concerned about a national poll that reports forty-seven percent of Marylanders would leave the state if they could.

He offers his leadership skills, vision, and tenacity as evidence that he can motivate Republican voters and attract a significant enough number of the Democrats and Independents to win.

Boyd Rutherford, in representing Larry Hogan as his lieutenant governor running mate, stated their priority will be in creating jobs not just for the unemployed but for the under-employed as well. He has worked in the Ehrlich and Bush Administrations and stated that he has had to prepare governmental department budgets and has succeeded in reducing those department budgets even below targeted mandates.

Dan Bongino is a former U.S. Secret Service agent who became an instructor at the agency's training academy and, in 2006, became a member of the elite Presidential Protective Division under President Bush and continued into the Obama Administration where he was designated lead agent to various presidential visits outside the United States, including the president's trip to Afghanistan. His priority for job growth emphasizes economic growth versus austere budget cuts, primarily through tax reform starting with a ten percent, across-the-board tax cut. He questioned why Maryland spends thirty-eight billion dollars a year with a population of only 5.5 million while Florida, with a population four times bigger, spends only twice as much at seventy billion.

He rallied the Republican crowd with hopes for victory by noting that while Governor O'Malley became the first governor to win with over a million votes, there was one other candidate in the state who got a similar large vote: George W. Bush.

The Republican Women's Club of Potomac and the Rural Women's Republican Club sponsored the event.

Past Crime

May 18, 1958 A thirty-four-year-old Rockville man was accidentally killed while hunting on a farm on Travilah Road. Montgomery Police said that the man, who had been seriously wounded in WWII, took two teenage neighbors hunting with him as he had before. The boys were in a wooded area about two hundred yards from where the man was hunting a raccoon. The boys heard a horn blow and, thinking that was a signal to move closer, they did. When they saw movement in the brush they fired, striking the man in the head. He was pronounced dead at Suburban Hospital. No charges were placed and the death was ruled accidental.

May 20, 1958 Rockville's dogcatcher was allowed to remain on duty after he had been charged with cruelty to animals. The man had been investigating the report of a loose dog when, instead of taking it into custody, he shot it. A lady had called for a large white dog named Albert to be picked up because it was roaming the neighborhood. After some talks with the county police, it was decided that Rockville's dogcatchers

in the future would not be armed.

May 21, 1958 A federal prisoner who was being treated at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda escaped during the night. He bought a car at a Bethesda used car lot and then drove to North Carolina where he apparently had a change of heart, turned around, and drove back to Bethesda.

May 24, 1958 Montgomery County Police responded to a large "rumble" at the new Connecticut and Knowles shopping center. They found a large group of boys fighting, and others watching the fight. Fourteen teenagers were arrested and later turned over to their parents. Police said that the fight was the result of insulting remarks made days before.

May 29, 1958 Deputy Sheriff Norman Pyles suffered serious injuries when a bulldozer ran over him at the construction site of the new Route 240. Pyles was directing construction traffic when the accident occurred. He suffered fractures of both legs.

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

Local News

Curriculum Changes to Be Considered at PHS

By Jack Toomey

What started as a discussion on the Poolesville Community Facebook Group may or may not result in a change of curriculum at Poolesville High School for the 2014-2015 school year, based on comments by Principal Deena Levine in a meeting with concerned parents.

In the May 2 edition, the *Monocle* reported that Poolesville businessman Robert Cissel had raised questions about why Poolesville High was the only high school in the county that did not offer a grade level English and History class for ninth and tenth grade students. Only Honors English and U.S. History are offered at the school. Honors class students are held to a higher standard, and the work is supposed to be more rigorous. Some parents offered that their children were unfairly challenged and could not handle the more difficult work. Other parents and current students said

that they either handled the courses easily or that they received extra support. Levine confirmed that students who found the Honors courses too difficult are offered extra support at lunch or after school.

The *Monocle* contacted Montgomery County Public Schools and inquired why PHS was the only high school in the county that did not offer on-level classes. Initially, Dana Tofig, spokesperson for the school system, insisted that other high schools had the same curriculum as Poolesville, but he could not provide the names of the schools. Tofig later said that for the first semester in the 2013-2014 school year, ninety-eight percent of PHS ninth graders passed Honors English and ninety-three percent obtained an A, B, or C grade. During the same time, ninety-seven percent of ninth graders passed Honors U.S. History.

Cissel, concerned parents, and Levine agreed to meet on May 14 to discuss the issue. Unexpectedly Levine contacted Cissel before the meeting and said that she had been meeting with her staff and was considering adding on-level classes for the upcoming school year.

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Color your World

Creating a garden is similar to painting a picture, using warm, hot, cool, or cold colors. British garden designer and horticulturist Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932) spent many hours in London's National Gallery studying J.M.W. Turner's (1789-1862) paintings. He was one of the greatest masters of British watercolor landscapes, and he inspired Jekyll with his glowing harmonies and impressionist use of color.

The main color of a garden and landscape is green, a cool color, from foliage, lawns, and leaves of woody plants that form the background of the garden picture. There is no right or wrong when it comes to color in a garden. It is a matter of taste. You only have to please yourself. Let's look at some examples of color selections and combinations.

Some people like the look of a riot of colors in their gardens, from fire engine red to blazing yellow and orange. Others like the calming effect of soft, cool shades of blue, lavender, pink, and white. Among the most famous monochromatic gardens is Vita Sackville-West's White Garden at Sissinghurst, Kent, England. It is planted with white clematis, white tulips, white lavender, white agapanthus, white delphiniums, white roses, white clove, and many other white-colored plants. When I first saw the garden several years ago, it was gleaming magically in the twilight.

An analogous garden scheme may include a mix of plants of red, red-orange, yellow-orange, yellow or blue, blue-violet, and violet. I can see plantings of *Hemerocallis* (daylily) in a rainbow of colors; *Echinacea* (coneflower) 'Cheyenne Spirit' mingling the vivid colors of the western prairie in clear tones of purple, pink, scarlet, yellow, cream, and white with *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune' and white phlox 'David,' and *Rudbeckia's* 'Goldstrum' with daylily 'Alabama Jubilee' with the new lavender 'Phenomenal' and yellow and orange dahlias. A complementary scheme might pair up plants

that have a high contrast between them. Common sets are violet and yellow, red and green, and blue and orange.

Colors can take your eye quietly into corners, draw you through the garden, or jump out at you. Your perception of color and its effect on you depends upon a day's quality of light and the heat of the day. On a very hot July day, I don't like the big, bold colors of deep orange, red, or yellow. They remind me of the heat of the sun. Blue flowers and hostas of all hues are best grown in shade; sun tends to overwhelm them. White flowers look whiter against a dark background, and all plants look better against a beautiful stone wall, as they have in English gardens. My favorite color combinations in flowers are light lavender, soft pinks, pale yellows, and brilliant white. These colors "grow" in my gardens in coreopsis 'Moonbeam,' daylily 'Lady Elizabeth,' *Alchemilla mollis* (lady's mantle), lily 'Casa Blanca,' *Stachys*, true geraniums 'Melinda' and 'Johnson's Blue,' Dusty Miller, and Russian sage, to name a few.

Plant colors affect your perception of a garden's size. Dark colors have a tendency to make areas look larger than they are. Bright colors draw one's attention and makes spaces seem smaller. To use this in your garden design, place warm and hot colors in front of the border and cool colors in back; reverse this to make the bed look smaller and narrower.

In your house, color does just not reside in furniture and its fabrics. You find it in rugs, drapes, wall paint, art work, and other places. In the garden, color does not only come from flowering and foliage plants. You can add color with garden sculptures, fences, patio furniture, and plant containers. Add a blue bench, a silvery-gray tuteur, a Cretan clay pot, an orange ceramic Chinese garden stool, or a wise-looking stone rabbit.

The fundamental idea of good landscape design is to create outdoor "rooms," and garden rooms are all about color. This year, look more carefully at your garden; experiment with new ideas and colors. You can 'buy' a new backyard.—*The Gardener*

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Poolesville Community Garden

Bloomstead Landscapes offered landscaping, and Poolesville Green organized the project and brought in volunteers. The final prep day before the grand opening was April 26.

On the morning of May 10, people hurried about, getting ready for the grand opening. Carolyn McFall and Catherine Beliveau set up a tent filled with beautiful annual flowers that were bright, "like a smile" according to Carolyn. After passing the floral tent, visitors were free to explore the beautiful garden expanse, which was edged with native plants, blueberries, and herbs. When Nancy Floreen, a Mont-

gomery County Council Member arrived, she said, after observing the garden, "Poolesville is really interested in saving the environment. You've really taken community building to a new level." Hans Riemer, also a member of the Montgomery County Council, viewed the garden and stated, "The garden is wonderfully laid, and it's going to be a wonderful resource for people in Poolesville." When the time for the opening finally came, people gathered by the gates of the garden, waiting for the ceremony to commence and the ribbon to be cut. Lined up against the ribbon, all holding scissors poised to cut it, stood: Hans Riemer, Julie Halstead (Fetchko) of Poolesville Green, Denise Graybill-Donohoe, Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green,

Nancy Floreen, Matt Glover, and Pastor David Williams. All spoke briefly and an overarching theme in the speeches was how food and community were interconnected. Joyce Breiner said, "We have three plates: a community plate, a learning plate, and a business plate." The ribbon was cut, and two years of hard work had come to fruition. When asked how she felt about the completion of the garden, Denise Graybill-Donohoe said, "It feels great—very satisfying."

The Poolesville Community Garden was built for the entire community of Poolesville. Julie Halstead (Fetchko) stated, "They are welcome. This is a garden for everyone." That message seems to have been heard. Carissa Caruso-Dipaolo, a sophomore at PHS, said,

"I think it's great. We have a garden. It's really cute." Her sister, Josephine Caruso-DiPaolo, a freshman at PHS, chimed in, "We're helping the environment."

Currently there are twelve raised beds, all being rented for this growing season. The four-by-four-foot raised beds are \$50.00 each and the four-by-eight-foot raised beds are \$55.00 each. Denise Graybill-Donohoe commented that for next year there are plans to double the amounts of raised beds to twenty-four, and to add a piece of art and a compost bin. To volunteer for the Poolesville Community Garden, or to get information about renting a raised bed next year, email poolesvillecommunitygarden@gmail.com or message through its Facebook page.

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Curriculum Changes

Levine told the *Monocle* that for the last month she and her leadership team had been discussing the possibility of adding on-level classes including English and History for incoming

ninth graders depending on the interest expressed for such classes. Levine said that the issue was complicated because, at the present time, all eighth graders at John Poole Middle School take advanced classes and that the JPMS curriculum would have to be modified. She added,

"We will have to see who is interested."

At the conclusion of the meeting with Principal Levine, Cissel said that about fifteen parents attended the meeting. He added that Levine made no commitment that on level classes would be added and said that her staff was

concerned that a small number of students would be isolated from the rest of the student body. Cissel added that Levine wants to form a committee that would survey the parents and students to determine how they feel about the subject. Cissel said, "My goal is to be part of the process."

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Understanding the Reasons for "Hot Spots" on Your Pet

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Hot Spots are those raw, oozing sores that will appear in different areas of your pet's skin (dogs are most likely to have these skin lesions, but cats can get them) during the warm and hot summer months (can be found in the winter, but not as often). They appear sticky and often have a yellow to greenish color. The hair is matted to them, and there is often a distinctive odor, often called a "sweet sickness".

These lesions are associated with damage to the skin (dermis) that has caused one or more bacteria to rapidly reproduce and expand into the surrounding tissue. Staphylococcal bacteria and Streptococcal bacteria are the primary types of bacteria that can be found in these wounds. These bacteria produce a compound that expands away from the edges of the wound and allows the bacteria to increase the size of the wound edges. Hot Spots can often double in size in just 24 hours. Left untreated, they produce damage to the skin that is equal to second-degree burns. They can be fatal or leave permanent damage and scarring to the area of the skin affected.

It is critical that you contact your veterinarian as soon as you notice one of these hot spot lesions. It is a good idea to check your dog, especially your longhaired friends daily. If your furry friend is a water lover, be sure to check under the tail and between the front and back legs. A common location for a hot spot lesion is around the neck behind the ear, especially if there is any hair clumping.

After calling your veterinarian's office to make an appointment (the same day if at all possible), you can do some first aid treatment that will help to reduce the rapid spread of the bacteria and help to reduce pain and discomfort for your pet. Using cool (not cold or warm) water, rinse the area liberally. Use a very soft cloth with a small amount of Dawn dishwashing detergent (has protein breakers that help to stop the slime created by the bacteria from spreading the bacteria to adjacent undamaged skin). Gently rub the area and create a good lather. Rinse completely and repeat one time. Then use a dry towel to pat the area dry (never use a hair dryer). This will not solve the issue; you will still need to see your veterinarian for antibiotics and anti-inflammatory medication for your pet.

Your veterinarian will want to do a culture in most cases (especially important to look for dangerous, resistant bacterial strains), this is important to determine the exact bacteria and the antibiotic course. Your veterinarian may also recommend testing for low thyroid levels, high adrenal gland levels, skin scraping (looking for parasites), ear exam for chronic infection, and possibly allergy testing if the problem is a recurring one.

Discuss with your veterinarian his or her concerns about other underlying diseases or metabolic conditions. The sooner you determine the root cause of a hot spot, the sooner your pet can be free of this uncomfortable and painful skin condition.



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