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*Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green presented her organization to the Monocacy Lions. More pictures in Family Album on page 2.*

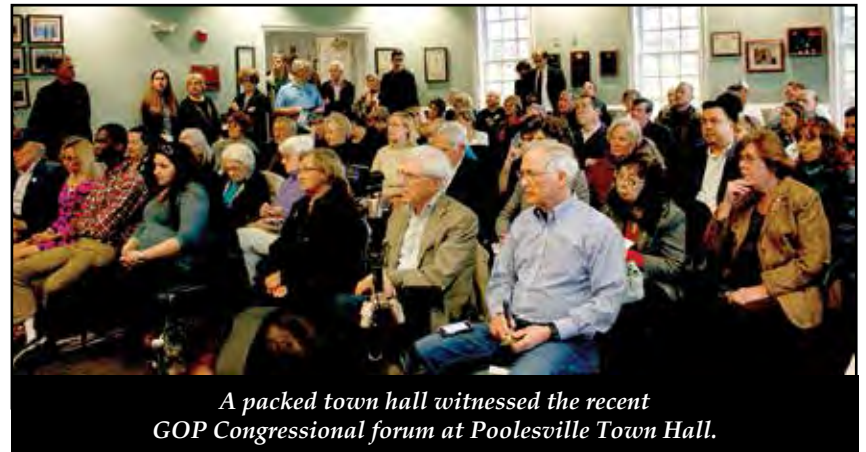
## ***GOP Congressional Candidates Draw Large Crowd At Town Hall Forum***

By Rande Davis

On April 7, the Poolesville Town Hall was the venue for a forum with the eight Republican candidates running for Maryland's 6th Congressional District which consists of all of Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties and parts of Frederick and Montgomery Counties. Democrat John Delany is the incumbent.

The town hall, with seating for around fifty, burst at its seams with nearly one hundred attendees from areas of the district as far away as Boonsboro and Hagerstown for the event which was hosted by four groups: the Rural Women's Republican Club, Potomac Women's Republican Club, Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Club, and Legislative District 15 (LD-15), a Republican Party organization for Maryland's 15th State District.

Host of MYMCMedia's "21 This Week," Casey Aiken was the moderator



*A packed town hall witnessed the recent GOP Congressional forum at Poolesville Town Hall.*

with questions read by representatives from the Republican Women's Club's Anne Angstadt, Julie Krieger, Sharon Bauer, and by Jerry Cave, a member of LD-15 and a contributor to "21 this Week."

With eight candidates on the dais, the challenging forum allowed general

opening and closing statements but primarily gave each candidate separate questions to answer. The questions covered several topics: General and Constituent Services which included questions on their legislative

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## ***1785 House, Thomas Hall Building, and Stevens House***

By Susan Petro

Much has changed in the approximately 250 years since John Poole, Jr. decided to build a small log cabin and open a general store way back in 1760; however, even though all but a few of the historic homes and buildings in the Town of Poolesville are privately owned, much of the historic character of the center of town has been preserved and maintained, despite the loss of numerous structures to fires in the early 1900s.

In 1810, a post office was opened in Poole's store, bringing even more local customers, and soon a building boom began. Early landowners recognized the potential for business opportunities at the crossroads and began to subdivide their lots. Houses and buildings soon began popping up, and Poolesville grew into a thriving town, second only in size to Rockville by 1860. The completion of the C&O Canal also helped turn Poolesville into a major



*Two Poolesville buildings that date back to before the Civil War.*

business hub. Merchants, carpenters, cabinetmakers, tailors, doctors, blacksmiths, dressmakers, tavern-keepers, and a variety of business owners all lived and worked in town.

Three structures located in the heart of town were once known as the Richard Poole House, the Thomas Hall building, and the Veirs home.

Although the interiors have been altered over time to accommodate modern day needs, and the names of the homes have changed, the exteriors remain largely unchanged.

Richard Poole, a descendant of John Poole, built what is now known

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*What does ice skating in Minneapolis have to do with Poolesville? Find out on page 6.*



*The mysteries of our past unveiled on a special day. Seen when on page 9.*



*These wrestlers and their coaches had reason to smile. See if you agree in Youth Sports on page 14.*



## Family Album



We caught these PES fifth grade boys practicing for the school's upcoming talent show.



Historic Medley District's BOD is looking forward to the upcoming Poolesville in History Day on May 7. Maureen O'Connell, president, Jean Findlay, treasurer, Emily Ware, Sharon Bauer, secretary, Dr. Chet Anderson, and John Pentecost.



Bill Jamison presented the club hat to the Lions' newest member, Dr. Thomas McInnes of Poolesville Vision Services.



The Poolesville Military Support Group planning its June picnic for recovering military at Cugini's. Committee members attending are Tim Flynn, Tom Wright, Cheryl Wright, Jen Hobbs, Carl Hobbs, Sherri Huff, and Bubby Pollen.



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6. Enjoy a walking tour of historical homes from the Civil War days, including the one where the body of Abe Lincoln's BFF was brought back from Ball's Bluff.
7. Enjoy the music of Doug Jimerson's Civil War Band (Jimerson has performed at the Kennedy Center).
8. Enjoy historical food at Bassett's.
9. Thrill the kids with children's activities, including a chance for the young ones to meet Abe Lincoln in person.
10. As they say: And More!

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## Town Government Report

### Commissioners Approve Grants and Discuss Possible Takeover of County and State Roads Within Town Boundaries

By Link Hoewing

At their April 4 meeting, the Town of Poolesville commissioners approved two grant requests and discussed the feasibility of working to transfer ownership and maintenance of state and county roads within Poolesville's boundaries to the town.

During the open forum segment of the meeting, Patrick Ishii came forward to report on meetings that have been held by a new citizens' group that is focused on examining and reporting on safety issues on roads within the Poolesville area. This small group has gotten together to discuss safety issues, and they feel there is a need for continuing citizen attention to this issue. He believes that the group can provide valuable input to the commissioners and plans on providing a comprehensive list of problem areas regarding road and pedestrian safety. The commissioners agreed that citizen attention to the issue of road safety can be valuable and urged continued discussions; however, they iterated that the town already has an advisory body that is tasked in part with looking at road and pedestrian safety—the Parks and Streets Board—and they asked that the citizen body make sure it is “on the same page” as the board. Ishii agreed with the concern and said the citizens will work closely with the Parks and Streets Board.

The commissioners next considered two requests from local groups for help: one a request for grant funds, and the other a request for variances to allow the use of Whalen Commons for a special event.

First, the commissioners discussed a grant proposal from the parent group that manages the post-prom party for the seniors at Poolesville High School. The parents have traditionally asked for a grant of \$800, and the commissioners have decided how they wanted the money to be used. This year, the request was for \$1300 and, in discussing the matter, the commissioners decided that they were most interested in having the money devoted to the rental of transportation services to ensure teens get to and from the party safely. While the amount requested was higher than in past years, the commissioners decided that the additional request would be put to very good use if it helped the parents rent transportation services for teens, and the request was approved unanimously.

The second request came from Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD) and concerned approval to allow campfires to be built on Whalen Commons as part

of a living history event planned for the Poolesville in History Day on May 7. Rande Davis, representing HMD, said the event will include a wide variety of activities including encampments of Confederate and Union re-enactors, music of the period, historical displays, and a tethered observation balloon similar to the type used by Civil War troops to monitor the movement of enemy forces. Davis also said that some Civil War cannons will be on display and, because they are very loud when fired, asked for permission to allow that the cannons be demonstrated at the event on Whalen Commons.

The commissioners were extremely enthusiastic about the event and said they wanted to ensure that everything possible was done to help it succeed. They said that as long as the event organizers and participants followed the guidelines of town staff in setting up the exhibits and demonstrations, they were free to use the cannons and set up campfires as requested.

The commissioners turned next to a discussion of an issue that has long been under consideration but never resolved: whether it is feasible and advisable to push to have the ownership and maintenance of state and county roads within town boundaries transferred to the town government. The issue has periodically surfaced over the years as concerns about lax maintenance, slow responses to requests for repairs, and resistance to town proposals for changes in state and county roadways and pedestrian crosswalks have emerged. In recent times, strong concerns about the safety and visibility of pedestrian walkways along the state-owned road that passes in front of Whalen Commons (Fisher Avenue) have led to higher levels of interest in the question of town ownership of these roads.

Town Manager Wade Yost explained that some research has already been done on the issue by Town Engineer John Strong. The issue of where right-of-ways are located, where ownership of a road passes from one jurisdiction to another, and the maintenance questions relating to these roads have all been explored to some degree. The question of legal costs involved in a transfer needs more attention according to Yost. Some 4.4 miles of roadways, including Budd Road, Elgin Road, and White's Ferry Road, would be involved in any transfer proposal. Significant staff time would be needed

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## Commentary

### Don't Bother Me With the Science

By John Clayton

There seems to be a lot of resistance to scientific findings in our enlightened day and age. Everywhere I look I read about an issue where some subset of the scientific world stands by their findings, which on the other side, people resist or outright dismiss. I assume this is for any number of reasons, some specific to the issue at hand, some due to religious faith, and some due to any number of incidents where maybe the science was wrong. I have recently been informed that my decision to switch to skim milk some years ago (Blue John!, my grandfather would have said in disgust, as that was what this farm boy called skim milk) was misguided, and that low-fat milk or whole milk would have served me better. The classic example in fiction would be the Woody Allen movie *Sleeper* where it is shown that in the future fatty foods, bacon, and cigarette smoking are all good for you. Funny, but I'm not sure we laugh at that in quite the same way anymore.

The mother of all dissent from scientific opinion is, at least these days, global warming, or climate change, or whatever we call it. Without unleashing a torrent of emails or heartburn in some of my colleagues, it will suffice to say that there is an overwhelming consensus among scientists who do this sort of thing that certain gases we billow into the atmosphere are wreaking havoc. Other scientists, a minority, have studies or criticisms that dissent from the mainstream, and I have no beef with them. My frustration is with those who represent us in government (or wish to) for whom it is a knee-jerk, unsupported "Gosh, I have doubts about that" or "I don't think it's really happening." The normal response includes some cherry-picked factoids, usually

misrepresented or devoid of context. I'm concerned with the idea that, considering the possible outcomes if they are wrong, these doubters know enough to justify doing nothing, or put another way, science doesn't know enough to do anything. For the record, Cruz says its religion not science, Trump says it's the Chinese, and Rubio ran out the entire doubter's playbook, although he made the important point that remedies that destroy the economy aren't such a good idea. Ah, there's the rub.

That's not the only area where the scientists are taking a beating. Evolution is an oldie but a goodie, and as this is religious faith versus science, I tread carefully so as not to offend. I understand that many believe that the earth is 6,000 years old and I respect that as your religious conviction, but I may bristle when you want it presented equally with the fossil record. So be it. There are many other religious beliefs across multiple faiths that I'll wager you don't like at all, so consider that I might not like yours.

Vaccinations have been in the news, with a new movie to boot, and the autism-vaccination link is fully discredited by the medical world, but the issue lingers. Genetically modified organisms, and food, have in some cases been given the blessing of our Food and Drug Administration, but resistance to it is strong and deeply felt. I suspect there is an element of "You've been wrong before" on this one, like with skim milk, but as the challenge to feed our population intensifies, I think it's pretty unstoppable. If you refuse to eat GMOs but you're willing to eat some of those monstrosities Taco Bell advertises, I think you need to reconsider.

Fracking is another issue that, Bernie Sanders notwithstanding, is not going to go away. The experts (scientists many) say it can be done safely. Others will never ever agree to this, and you might not either if you lived there.

We're a very stubborn people, but that's part of our charm, isn't it?

## Rande(m) Thoughts

### A Wandering Mind Leaves No Path

By Rande Davis

Like a bouncing ball, a lot of little things got my mind to wandering this week.

I noticed my beloved dog and I are so much alike. She's getting old; and so am I. She never met a meal or a human snack she didn't like; neither have I. She gained twenty pounds; I gained, well, let's just say more than that. At the end of the day and at the bottom of the staircase, the old girl pauses for a few seconds wondering if she can climb them one more time; so do I. She thinks an afternoon nap on a soft bed with a ray of warm sunshine coming through the window shrouding her body is nearly heaven; so do I. She loves meeting new people; and I do, too. When she gets really, really happy her tail wags furiously; hmm, well, you get the idea.

Did you ever notice how hard it is to truly get baseball fever when it's still snowing?

I stopped watching the news so much because if I see Trump one more time, I might scream my bloody head off. Like him, love him, or hate him,

enough already. Amazingly, I never watched "The Apprentice," not even once—never knew what I missed. I know now, and I am glad of not having watched it.

If it weren't for the Looney Tunes cartoons and "The Lone Ranger," how much classical music would I have heard growing up? While some people took music appreciation in college, the rest of us got started on Saturday mornings at about 7:00 a.m., so what do kids today do to get a taste of greatness?

How come the new toilets, designed to save water, take two flushes to work well?

I am not sure if I have seen more new faces at Times Square on New Year's Eve or on any given morning scrolling through Facebook. It appears everyone's Like Button becomes my parade of strangers. At least whoever they are, they all look happy.

In my time, only lost and lonely drunken sailors got tattoos—usually a tribute to mothers or a lost love. It was a permanent manifestation from a momentary lapse of judgment due to a combination of one's loss of self-control, nostalgia, and a desperate need to make a statement of not being a part of the crowd. Back then, the word to the wise was: Don't do it. Today, tattoos are a sign of conformity

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## Local News

### Local Resident Pushes Traffic Study

By John Clayton

Barbara Strother of Boyds, or more accurately, Dawsonville, has spear-headed an online petition at Change.org to support an investigation into the traffic safety conditions for the intersections of Maryland Route 107 (White's Ferry Road), Route 28 (Darnestown Road), and Sugarland Road. She is doing this in order to represent the residents, commuters, and tourists who use those roads. A resident of the Boyds area since 2014 and a daily user of these roads since 2008, she says a high number of fatal and critical-injury traffic accidents have occurred. "My reason to seek action at this time is the result of the February 29, 2016 fatal accident of Mark Douglas Hutchinson. Mark lived and worked on the 430-acre farm that straddles Route 28 as well as White's Ferry Road. He always had a warm smile, and those close to him said he had only good things to say about anyone he met. A loss of one life is one too many."

Strother cited the frequency of fatalities, including an August 4, 2015 head-on collision. "Unless there are changes made to the intersection design, new traffic management strategies, or additional signage, we can expect more serious and fatal accidents." She says there have been

studies of intersections along White's Ferry through Poolesville and north on Route 28 up to Cattail Road, and that results from those studies cited the characteristics that make rural roads dangerous, such as tree-lined roadsides, deer, sharp curves, and high speed with limited visibility. "We owe it to the families, friends, colleagues, and loved ones that carry the loss and trauma to take action for the improvement and prevention of future tragedy."

Strother has put signs around the intersection to spark interest in her petition which has garnered over sixty signatures to date. She has also written to state and local elected officials, without much of a response; however, a new speed limit display which shows drivers their speed has been installed on Route 107 as it approaches Route 28 in Dawsonville.

The comments on the online petition page offer testimony to the sadness, frustration, and anger felt by residents in the area of the intersection, including comments from people with personal knowledge of the Hutchinson accident, and support and comments from neighbors who have witnessed repeated tragedies at the site. The question remains: Will the people who pass the intersection in their commute respond as well? Strother hopes to deliver the results to the state highway authority and get an official response.

The petition is easily found by searching for "petition rt. 28 sugarland," and going to the Change.org link that results.

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## Local News

### Montgomery County Proposes to Fund A Synthetic Skating Rink in Town

By Susan Petro

The Poolesville community may have hit the jackpot when Marc Kohn moved to a rented property not far outside the town limits. Kohn had what some may call a crazy dream to build an ice skating rink (in memory of his beloved daughter, Melanie, who passed away in July) where members of the community could join him for impromptu ice hockey games. Of course, finding a property owner who is open to the idea of having a rink built on his property is not a simple task. It took over a year for Kohn to find the right property on which to build a rink that offered enough space and room for the community to join in. When Kohn invited enthusiasts to his rink on the Town of Poolesville's Community Information Facebook page, the support was overwhelming, and the rink was an instant success; however, Mel's Rink was not exactly legal. County codes did not allow for a public operation to take place on private property—at least not in the scope that Kohn envisioned. Soon, county officials came knocking, and the news was not good—at first. Although Kohn was forced to shut down his operations, the huge outpouring of community support made the desire for a skating rink clear. County officials responded by doing some research of their own. On April 6, 2015, at Poolesville's Parks and Planning meeting, Gabriel Albornoz, Montgomery County's Director of Recreation, came forth with a proposal to fund the entire cost of building a synthetic skating rink, hopefully within one of Poolesville's existing parks.

Albornoz envisions partnering with the Town of Poolesville to plan a rink that best suits the needs of the community. The proposal is for an approximately-2500-square-foot rink which is slightly larger than Kohn's backyard rink. A rink of this size could fit around twenty people at one time, not big enough to host regulation-type games, but more for walk-in, pickup-style practices.

The synthetic material to be used looks much like a common kitchen cutting board, can be used year-round, and requires minimal maintenance. The surface just needs to be kept clean and requires a monthly application of an environmentally-friendly glycol product that keeps the surface slippery. Albornoz consulted with officials in the town of Minneapolis, Minnesota which currently has seven of these

types of rinks. They are a popular amenity in their communities.

The meeting was attended by a standing-room-only crowd. All but a few attendees came to support having a skating rink built for the Poolesville community; no one came out to oppose the rink. Numerous residents spoke in support of a rink, including Sean Levine, age nine, who told the commissioners how much he would enjoy having a skating rink in town: "Having a rink in Poolesville would be really good because the kids could come out and play whenever they want to."

Resident Joy Zucker-Tiemann spoke in support of the proposed rink but wants to be sure it was located where it benefitted the town as a whole, close to local restaurants and businesses. "If you bring an amenity in, the potential for it to dovetail into existing businesses is very important."

Town of Poolesville Parks and Streets Board member Patrick Trainor questioned why the county does not consider using property owned by the county as opposed to Poolesville-owned facilities. Albornoz explained that the county envisioned working with the town to have the rink built as close to the town center as possible and also close to Marc Kohn's existing rink. "There does seem to be a lot of interest just within the town," said Albornoz; however, he added that if working with the town officials falls through, the county's next step would be to look for available locations outside of the town limits such as Owens Park, located across from the firehouse in Beallsville, or the Poolesville Golf Course which is outside the town limits.

"This will be a test for us," said Albornoz. "We're viewing this as a pilot. Our hope would be to test this out and if it does garner a lot of interest, there is a possibility that this will be replicated in other parts of the county."

The parks board concluded by motioning to support the exploration of the building of a rink contingent on working in cooperation with county officials. Dillingham Park was discussed as being the best location for the park.

One conclusion was unanimous amongst the attendees: If Marc Kohn had not built a backyard rink to memorialize his daughter, Mel, and the community had not come together with overwhelming support, talks of building Montgomery County's first synthetic ice-skating rink in our little Town of Poolesville would not have even been in the crosshairs.

Depending on how soon the county and town officials can hammer out an agreement, work on the first synthetic skating rink in the county could begin as soon as this July with a ribbon-cutting planned for the fall. The next commission meeting is April 18 at which the next steps will be determined.



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goals, Obamacare, public and private education, and abolishment of the income tax; Domestic Policy, including how to rebuild trust in government, position on Syrian refugees, abortion, and affirmative action and gay marriage; the Economy with separate questions given to each candidate from improving unemployment rates, his/her position on sequester, comparing capitalism to socialism and how to explain the difference to young people, energy and climate change policy, the role of coal mining in energy policy, and plans to bring jobs to the district; and National Security with questions on what is considered the greatest threat, the recent Iranian nuclear deal, the size of the military, and foreign aid.

While the range of questions was broad, the limitation to having only one candidate answer a specific question did not provide insight into candidate positions beyond the one being asked the question. The large number of candidates and the time restraints resulted in a less-than-fully-enlightening forum. Candidates were not allowed to challenge each other, and no questions came from the audience.

In summary: Terry Baker, a three-term county commissioner from Hagerstown and a retired thirty-six-year industrial arts school teacher, spoke of jobs and the economy as his priorities. In particular, he encouraged the return and emphasis on non-college-required career options such as vocational and industrial arts to boost meaningful employment and noted his advantage of being trained and skilled. As a result, he could "go any way and get employment within twenty-four to forty-eight hours."

Dr. Scott Cheng started college at age sixteen and currently is an instructor at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and is a biomedical medicine expert. His priorities are to improve the economy by reducing taxes and balancing the budget, and to reform the healthcare system.

Amie Hoerber, from Potomac and a Stanford University graduate, emphasized her national security credentials as a former Undersecretary of the Army, supported by many military generals and officers. She has decades of service in the area of managing programs of public protection from nuclear, chemical, and biological threats at the Pentagon and is a business owner of AMH Consulting since 1992. Her other priorities are job creation in the district and support of women's issues, in particular, battered women and children.

Frank Howard, born in Spain and adopted by American parents while his father was serving in the United States Air Force, graduated from Old Dominion University in electrical engineering technology, has been a small business owner for eighteen years, prioritizes controlling immigration, energy independence, economic growth, and supports repeal and replacement of Obamacare, and offers a ten-point program to reform Congress. He promotes his support from former Maryland governor, Robert Ehrlich.

David Vogt, the first-term state delegate from Carroll and Frederick Counties, is an eight-year marine combat veteran who was named Marine of the Year in 2010 by *Military Times magazine*. He has worked at the Pentagon's Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Office. He highlights his close and supportive relationship with Governor Hogan to reduce taxes and to "ensure common-sense conservative fiscal policies." Legislatively, he sponsored a Troops to Trucks bill that passed and became law which makes it easier for veterans to apply their military skills to gain civilian employment, especially in the transportation industry. His priorities are to cut taxes, reduce burdensome regulations, and control spending. He is an alumnus of the University of Maryland and American Military University.

Robin Ficker, an attorney from Boyds and a perennial political candidate since 1972, attended but did not graduate from West Point, holds a B.S. degree in electrical and mechanical engineering from Case Institute of Technology, earned a J. D. from the University of Baltimore School of Law and a Masters in Public Administration from American University. His stated priorities are to find a way to fund two new reversible lanes for Route 270 and to widen Route 81, and term limits.

Chris Mason, an infantry marine veteran who served in Afghanistan and ended his military career serving at Camp David, is a security consultant. Married with four children, he describes his candidacy as "a low-resume but commonsense conservative" in blunt-speaking everyman quest. He is the author of two books: *Subversive* and *Memoirs of a Marine*. He is an ardent promoter of sweeping reduction of the federal government including defunding of the Department of Education (advocates reduction of public education in favor of private schools), defunding the IRS and GSA, twelve-year term



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limits, and defunding most federal programs. He prefers the Articles of Confederation over the U.S. Constitution and favors a form of consumption tax. He takes pride in his non-conformist style, calls all Democrats traitors and some Republicans traitors (he chooses to not wear suits to symbolize that he is different from the alleged traitors), and will return his congressional salary (after taxes are paid) to pay down the debt.

Harold Painter is a certified public accountant who resides in Allegheny County. He prioritizes the return of jobs to Western Maryland, favors tax cuts for the middle class but not for the wealthy, advocates tariffs on foreign countries lacking regulations on the environment, public safety, child labor, etc.

As to how the candidates may vote in the presidential primary, Howard said Cruz or Kasich, Hoerber said Kasich, Dr. Cheng had no comment, and the rest all said Trump or Cruz. Ted Cruz won the night with 42% to Trump's 32% and Kasich's 26%.

The forum may be seen on YouTube.

## Things To Do

April 15

### PHS Varsity Home Game

*Girls' lacrosse versus Seneca Valley.* 7:15 p.m.

April 15 and 16

### PHS Midnight Players present:

#### *Bye-Bye Birdie*

Tickets: Available on PHS website or box office, open forty-five minutes before performance time. General admission \$8.00; reserved seats \$12.00. Friday: 7:30 p.m., Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

April 15 to 17

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### Book Signing

Boyd's author/dentist, Dr. Carroll James (Dr. Jim Rhea), for his recent release *The Whole Tooth*. Buckeystown Design Co-Op at 3607 Buckeystown Pike, Buckeystown.

April 16 to May 29

### Inside/Outside

The Hyattstown Mill Arts Project presents Inside/Outside, paintings by Risa Hackett. 14920 Hyattstown Mill Road, Hyattstown. Gallery hours on weekends are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

April 17

### The Harley String Band

Am Koler Sanctuary Retreat Center begins its spring series of folk music concerts by featuring the Harley String Band. An open-mic showcase will precede the band. Free event with donations of \$5 to \$15 requested to help support the band. *Am Koler Sanctuary, 19520 Darnestown Road, Beallsville.* 3:00 p.m.

April 18

**Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC):** *Tai chi.* 17750 W. Willard Road. \$5.00 per person. 10:30 a.m.

### PHS Varsity Home Game

*Boys' lacrosse versus Quince Orchard.* 7:15 p.m.

April 19

### PASC Special Event

*Living Young—Defy Your Age.* 17750 W. Willard Road. 2:00 p.m.

### PHS Varsity Home Game

*Volleyball versus Northwest:* Coed at 5:30 p.m.; boys at 7:15 p.m.

April 20

**PASC:** *Tai chi.* 10:30 a.m. \$5.00; *Zumba Gold.* 1:00 p.m. 17750 W. Willard Road.

### PHS Varsity Home Games

*Baseball versus Seneca Valley.* 7:15 p.m.

*Softball versus Seneca Valley.* 7:15 p.m.

April 21

### PASC Special Event

*Book Club.* Poolesville Library. 7:00 p.m.

### PHS Varsity Home Games

*Girls' lacrosse versus Clarksburg.* 7:15 p.m.

*Boys' tennis versus Sherwood.* 3:45 p.m.

April 21, 22, and 23

### Annual St. Peter's

#### Spring Rummage Sale

Thursday, April 21, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

April 25

**PASC:** *Tai chi.* 17750 W. Willard Road. 10:30 a.m. \$5.00

### PHS Varsity Home Game

*Boys' lacrosse versus Rockville.* 6:00 p.m.

April 29 and May 1

### Native Plant Sale

The Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs will be having their annual Native Plant Sale. *Black Hill Regional Park, Boyds.* Friday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information, call 301-869-7212 or visit [www.blackhillnature.org](http://www.blackhillnature.org).

April 30

### Sugarloaf Citizens' Association's Annual Meeting

Featuring guest speaker Casey Anderson, Chair of Montgomery County's Planning Board. Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo will give an update on relevant legislation. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. Light breakfast served.

### Second Annual Montgomery County Greenfest

Inspirational speakers, films, electric vehicles, music, food, activities for all ages, vendors, DIY workshops, and more. Local sponsor: Poolesville Green. *Takoma Park Community Center.* 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Rebuilding Together Seeks Volunteers

Community volunteers needed to help a Poolesville homeowner in need by performing much important repairs on his/her home. Any skill level is appreciated. Come out and help all day or just for a few hours. Contact Bernie Mihm at [bernie@fineearth.com](mailto:bernie@fineearth.com).

### Big Flea

Poolesville's annual community-wide flea market with vendor space still available for \$20.00 (12'x12'). Visit [poolesvillemd.gov](http://poolesvillemd.gov) for vendor applications. Electronics recycling service on-site as well as paper shredder truck from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (sponsored by MainSpring, Inc.) Food available for purchase. *Whalen Commons.* 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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## Harley String Band

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## Local News

### A Day for Time Travel

By Rande Davis

May 7 will be a day for a bit of time travel as we celebrate the history of our area in a very special event on Whalen Commons. Officially known as Poolesville in History Day, there will be exhibits, activities, and entertainment for young and old designed to share the life of our very earliest ancestors right through to the Civil War. This is a family event to test how much of our history you really know and, if you are a new neighbor, remember, our history is your history now.

The highlight of the day is the raising of a full-sized replica of a Civil War observation air balloon. The father of American aeronauts, Prof. Thaddeus Lowe will be interpreted by Capt. Kevin Knapp (U.S. Army-retired). Professor Lowe used the observation balloon to monitor military movement of Confederate troops during the War between the States. It is also reported that Professor Lowe was the model for Oscar Zoroaster Phadrig Isaac Norman Henkle Emmannuel Ambroise Diggs, also known as the Wizard of Oz. Students of history and children of all ages will be enthralled with this display.

The first settlers were Native Americans primarily from the Tuscarora, Piscataway, and Conoy Tribes. Representatives will be there to meet and answer questions about their lives and times in Poolesville when Fisher Avenue was an Indian trail leading to the river.

Of course, there will be a special tribute to our African-American heritage, and it will be proudly presented by the Sugarloaf Ethno Project which recounts the era of slavery, emancipation, and the development of a thriving community with a deep, strong, and abiding family life.

Naturally, there will be a chance to meet and greet encamped Union and Confederate troops on Whalen Commons. Have you ever had a question for those who fought in the Civil War? These military interpreters welcome your inquiries and are well-educated about soldiering during the Civil War. The youngsters should be prepared to learn a little drill and ceremony (proper marching).

Did you know Poolesville played a major part in the Battle of Balls Bluff, which was fought right across the river just south of White's Ferry? Volunteer guides from that National Battlefield



Come see a replica of the Civil War Observation balloon used by the father of America's aeronauts, Professor Thaddeus Lowe at Edwards Ferry in December of 1861.

will be on hand to present our role in that story. The battle was planned in Poolesville, and a very close friend of Abe Lincoln was killed and his body returned to the Frederick Poole House (the present-day Crafts-A-Plenty gift shop). One of America's greatest jurists was wounded? Do you know who? Come to the event and find out.

You probably were not aware that the population of Poolesville during the Civil War was three times greater than its population of today. Yep, up to 15,000 Union troops at one time or another were encamped in and around Poolesville—perhaps in your backyard.

The celebration is honored to host special guests from Baltimore's U.S. Constellation, the Civil War unit of the Ship's Company. They are coming to help raise the balloon and encourage you to visit them in Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

Have you been reading about the historic homes in Poolesville in the past four issues? There are still more to come, and there will be a guided and a self-guided tour of these homes that were built by the mid-1800s.

There will be an exhibit hosted by our own historian, Jack Toomey, to tell the tale of the great fires of Poolesville. Jack is also a wealth of knowledge about many aspects of our history and will be happy to share this knowledge with you.

There will be Civil War-era musical entertainment, food, and Bassett's will offer a very special menu based on the types of food that would have been served at an inn back in the day. Watch the pages of the *Monocle* and Facebook for even more information in the coming weeks. The mission of the day is to raise funds for the Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD), the guardians of the John Poole House, Seneca Schoolhouse, and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum. While the event is offered without charge, donations to HMD would be most appreciated.

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## School News

### Barnesville School Held Art Show at BlackRock

Barnesville eighth grade students and their parents celebrated the opening of an art exhibit at the BlackRock Center for the Arts featuring the students' work.



Younger sister Cecilla Smith proudly smiles at Nelli Smith for winning Best Technique at the exhibit held at the BlackRock Center of the Arts.

As a signature event of the year, the eighth graders prepare for and participate in an art exhibition. They write personal artist biographies,

photograph their art to be juried, learn how to hang their work, and participate in the art show opening.

Working alongside Barnesville art teacher, Mary Waldhorn, BlackRock artist-in-residence at Barnesville, Jaree Donnelly, helped the students throughout the process and also taught them a unit about photography.

Jurors chosen by BlackRock recognized artists with the following awards:

- Drawing Award—Quinn Goletz
- Painting Award—Brendan Goletz
- Photography Award—Benny McLenaghan
- Printmaking Award—Asia Claus
- Best Technique—Nelli Smith
- Best Use of Color—Charlotte Mayer
- Most Complex Composition—Kristianna Howard
- Most Creative Work—Aidan Olcott
- Honorable Mention—Alex Brown
- Honorable Mention—Ryan Parsons
- Honorable Mention—Zak Rutsch

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### 1785 House, Thomas Hall Building, and Stevens House

as the 1785 House at the corner of West Willard Road and Fisher Avenue. The numbers 1785 that are built into the east-facing exterior wall lead many to believe the house was built in that year, an early Poolesville map dating around 1820 does not show any buildings on the lot. Early land records indicate the property on which the house sits was once part of a tract of land called "Difficulty" purchased by James Soper. In 1810, Soper's widow sold the land to Alexander Whittaker who subdivided it into sixteen lots, with two going to each of his children. Conflicting records show that either John or Richard Poole purchased the land and built the house around 1830.

The white brick house was originally two side-by-side houses, each two bays wide, with the taller eastern side built first. The other side was only two stories, with two small windows in the front of the second floor. Additionally, a log kitchen was added to the rear of the eastern portion of the house before being torn down in 1930. Speculation remains that the log kitchen may have been built in 1785.

After Richard died in 1832, the house was sold and has been owned by a series of owners over the years. From 1832 to 1877, the house was owned by Gerhart Metzger, and then sisters Airy Ann and Columbia Jones purchased the home.

The most recent owner of the house was attorney William J. Roberts who used the building for his office. Roberts passed away in 2013, and the home was recently sold. Although the interior has gone through numerous changes and renovations over the years, a few remnants from the past are visible with some exposed beams and original fireplaces in various rooms. The exterior brick was painted white in 1961, but otherwise looks much the same as when it was built almost two hundred years ago.

A placard near the back door indicates that the house is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally, a sign located in the front of the building from the Montgomery County Historical Society details Poolesville's involvement during the Civil War years. There is speculation that the 1785 House was used by Union officers during the Civil War and that General Hooker may have spent a night in the house.

Near the intersection of Routes 107 and 109 are two more historic buildings dating back to the early nineteenth century. The former Thomas Hall building is now easily recognizable as the Charles H. Jamison Real



*The 1785 house dates back to around 1830.*

Estate Inc. building. This long, white brick building with black shutters also looks much today as it did in the second quarter of the nineteenth century when it was known as the Thomas R. Hall building. Thomas Hall bought the property, which was formerly part of "Poole's Right," from Henry Collier in 1830 and built a row of townhouses with a single shared roof. According to *The History of Poolesville*, by authors Dona L. Cutler and Dorothy J. Elgin, the building housed a tailor shop, a shoe shop owned by Jacob Bodmer, a brick meat house, a log kitchen, and a stable. John R. Hall purchased part of the property in 1859.

When Bodmer retired and closed his shoe shop, his part of the building became vacant. The building became a popular spot for the Poolesville men to pitch cards. According to Elgin, the team became known as the "Groundhogs" because they only came out long enough to see their shadows.

A fire in 1953 burned down the stables and the former shoe shop. Older pictures of the building show four front doors, and a row eight windows across the second floor. Today, the building only has six windows across and three doors. The once red brick is now painted white; nevertheless, today's Jamison building looks much like it did when our founding citizens built up the town's center.

Next door to the Jamison building is a red brick house that has probably changed the least since it was built in 1844 by Franklin Veirs. The L-shaped house is three bays wide with black shutters and a black wrought-iron fence. Franklin died that very same year and left the house to his wife, Ann Elizabeth Hall Veirs. The couple had three children, Sarah, Levi, and Lucy.

During the Civil War, much of the town were southern sympathizers despite the heavy presence of Union soldiers encamped in and around the town. During one skirmish where Confederate soldiers attacked a nearby Signal Corps, their captain was killed and a lieutenant was injured. Stories say that the injured soldier made his way to the Veirs house where he hid

underneath a "portly servant" when Union soldiers came searching. The soldiers searched underneath the bed as the occupant loudly objected. The lieutenant evaded capture and was later able to rejoin his unit.

Ann Elizabeth remarried William Walters and left the house to her two daughters. Records show that Lucy Veirs and her husband, Charles Sellman, bought the house in 1888. In later years, the house changed hands a number of times, at one point belonging to Lawrence Stevens. Houses sometimes take on the names of their owners, and many still refer to the house as the Stevens House although the house has changed hands numerous times since Stevens left. Former town clerk, Nancy Fost, owned the house from the early 1990s until 2002. Fost operated a gift shop called the Hand Made'n's until she retired and moved to Florida. Fost was a favorite

amongst local children and adults when Beanie Babies became a craze. While people around the country were clamoring in long lines and paying exorbitant prices for the popular stuffed animals, Fost saved her stock for the local residents and never sold them for more than five dollars apiece.

Today, the house is being used as the offices for a new townhouse development being built nearby.

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, Poolesville is hosting its very own Poolesville in History Day. Residents will be able to take walking tours to learn and see more about Poolesville's early citizens and the historic homes and businesses; however, with spring temperatures rising, today's residents can take advantage of the warmer weather to take a walk through town anytime and take a trip back in time to imagine how our ancestors lived and survived in the town that we now call home.

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### A Wandering Mind Leaves No Path

not rebellion—a somewhat painful way to join the crowd. Forgive me if I still think getting one is not a sign of wisdom, and while knowledge today is exponentially greater, wisdom these days seems to be in truly short supply.

I am not one hundred percent sure the exact moment that childhood started to fade and the road to adulthood

began, but I am pretty sure it was the first time I avoided a mud puddle rather than splash vigorously in it.

As I get older, why is it my thoughts and memories spurt out as if shot from a machine gun? Is it because when I was young I didn't think I had the time to delve on much, or doing so now is just too much detail to absorb? Either way, I guess I don't have much too worry about until the day comes I can only handle one thought a day.

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## Local News

### Poolesville Community Garden, Off to Season Three

The Poolesville Community Garden, next to the Presbyterian Church, is a community-wide collaborative green space containing twenty-four raised beds available to anyone in the community to grow and harvest fresh produce for a small fee per season.

The garden offers area residents several unique opportunities. Residents can grow their own flowers, vegetables, and herbs in a user-friendly raised bed with enriched soil, and enjoy the socialization with their neighbors. They can use the Poolesville Community Garden to teach their children about growing their own vegetables and the joys of doing it.

The Poolesville Community Garden is a park-like, quiet, natural green space that can be used for small, informal meetings, or just a little relaxing. The plantings in the surrounding border offer an educational introduction to Chesapeake Bay area native plants that sustain the region's flora and fauna. It can serve as a background for the Girl Scouts Native Plant Badge, for the Boy Scouts Gardening Badge, as well as educational opportunities for schools to teach about the benefits of native habitat and issues of storm water runoff.

The idea for the garden came about in the spring of 2013 when members of the Poolesville Presbyterian Church decided to convert an empty lot on the church's property into a vegetable garden to benefit the entire community. The first of many monthly organizational meetings with members of Poolesville Green, local business owners, and community members ensued. As a result of the collective efforts, the garden officially opened in May of 2014, and has proved to be an invaluable asset to the community as a center for agricultural/food sustainability education and a shared gardening space



*Gardeners meet at the Poolesville Community Garden to make plans together and plant vegetables and herbs in their raised beds, in preparation for the summer growing season,*

for local residents.

Initially, the concept for the garden evolved from the collaborative efforts of the Poolesville Presbyterian Church (empty lot, how to use?) and Poolesville Green (how can we promote the sustainable use of our natural resources?). Yet the Poolesville Community Garden couldn't have been constructed or be where it is today without the generous support of local businesses, including the following: Dancing Grass Designs, LLC (Denise Graybill-Donohoe, Principal), Bloomstead Landscapes (Matt Glover), Jack Irwin Stone, Calleva, Kettler-Forline Homes, and Potomac Valley Surveys.

Additionally, critical financial contributions came from the Jane Koeser Memorial Fund, the National Capital Presbytery, grants from the county provided to Poolesville Green, the Town of Poolesville, and many other community members. The time and talent of more than forty community volunteers were essential to the construction of the garden. Many hands make light work!

Poolesville has been blessed with a nucleus of Poolesvillians who don't mind getting their hand dirty. Those who are intrigued by the essence of natural habitat preservation and food sustainability are invited to stop by the Poolesville Community Garden or to contact Poolesville Community Garden on Facebook. This spring, Poolesville residents will have the opportunity to purchase pots of locally-grown herbs at a Spring Herb Sale fundraiser.

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#### County and State Roads

to complete a comprehensive examination of the issue, but it is a doable project.

The commissioners expressed strong interest in the idea despite the complexity of some of the issues, but it was also mentioned by several of the commissioners that the town is "not high on the list" in the county when it comes to maintenance, requests for repair, and even proposals to enhanced pedestrian safety. As one commissioner said, if the state or county allows the town to take ownership of a road but tries to impose restrictions on what if any changes can be made to its alignment or surface features, "It is not worth it."

After an extensive discussion, the commissioners approved Yost's proposal for a comprehensive examination of the issue.

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## Youth Sports

### 3A/4A Welcomes Poolesville Wrestling

By Dominique Agnew

Poolesville was the last holdout in Montgomery County. Year after year, right after the county wrestling tournament, the Poolesville wrestling team would bid farewell to its county foes and trek off to compete in another region tournament some county or two or three away. That was until Poolesville became classified as a 3A school based on its school enrollment this past year. "I think we always liked going to a different region to compete, Montgomery County was its own region except for us, so it was exciting to leave the county to compete against unknown competition," said wrestling coach Mark Agnew.

The move to a larger school division could have spelled doom for the wrestling team, but they did very well, nevertheless. The team finished 9-5 in the dual meet season, despite wrestling a tough schedule, but missed qualifying for the 3A/4A dual meet championship after having made it to the 1A/2A dual meet championship for seven consecutive years. "A 9-5 record is not bad; it was a little short of what we needed to

keep the streak alive. I guess we need to start another streak next year," said Agnew.

There was no shortage of excitement during the season, but probably the most exciting match of the season was the match against Magruder on February 2. The dual meet season was winding down, and both teams were gearing up for the postseason run starting in just a few weeks. The match also had some intriguing additional suspense since Poolesville coach Tim Tao was coaching against his brother AJ Tao, Magruder's coach. The match started at 106 with freshman Alex Carbonell getting the pin for Poolesville, giving them a quick 6-0 lead. Then the match went back and forth with several lead changes. Poolesville had fallen behind 26-18 with five matches remaining. Kieran Barney, a freshman who was in his first year of wrestling, went out and won in spectacular fashion, getting a pin in the first period to put the Falcons within two points. Magruder's Coach Tao opted to forfeit to PHS senior Justin Budd in a tactical move to bump his wrestlers up a weight class to give them a better chance to win. At that point, the Falcons led, 30-26, but Magruder had a few more tricks up its sleeve, and they won the next two matches to take the lead, 35-30, with one match remaining. Senior heavyweight Kyle Wilkins, undefeated up



Enjoying the end of the wrestling season with the traditional trip to LongHorn Steakhouse: Coach Kevin Dorsey, Kyle Wilkins, Alex Carbonell, Brian Truppo, Justin Budd, and Coach Tim Tao.

to that point, had to go out and get the pin to win the match, and pin he did, completing an incredibly exciting match. "I was very pleased with the effort and heart the guys put in. They showed the potential the team has and the progress they made. The fact that it was against my brother's team was just icing on the cake," said PHS Coach Tao about the match.

Individually, the team did very well. The Falcons sent six wrestlers to the county tournament. From there, five wrestlers qualified for the region tournament, and four of those went on to the state championship. Freshman Alex Carbonell had an outstanding season at the 106-pound weight class, winning thirty-five matches on his way to a fourth-place finish at the region tournament which qualified him for the state championship. Junior Brian Truppo also had a great season,

finishing third in the region, and he qualified for the state championship for the third consecutive season. Justin Budd was region champion, avenging one of his rare losses from earlier in the season to a Whitman wrestler by defeating him in the region championship at the 170-pound weight class. Budd also went on to place fourth at the state tournament in this, his senior season. Kyle Wilkins, another senior (who had never wrestled before his sophomore year), completed a perfect regular dual meet and tournament season by going 40-0 overall and winning the county and region championships for the second year in a row. Kyle also placed fourth overall at the state tournament and was named to the *Washington Post* All Metro honorable mention team. Kyle will be attending West Point where he hopes to play football.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

Burglary: 17700 block of Elgin Road, 22300 block of Clarksburg Road.

### Past Crime

**April 15, 1893** The first legal hanging in forty-two years happened at Rockville. William Bond had been convicted of raping and murdering Margaret Cephas in November 1891. Scant attention was given to the event as small crowds of men and boys gathered on street corners while some went to a hillside overlooking the jail yard for a better view. At midnight on the night before he was to hang, Bond was baptized by the Reverend Johnson at which time Bond gave a confession to the crime which Johnson wrote down on scraps of paper. Bond blamed alcohol for the crime and claimed that he was drunk at the time that he killed Ms. Cephas. After the hanging, Bond's body was cut down and taken to the Poor Farm for burial.

**April 16, 1895** Quite a bit of excitement was reported in Rockville after Harvey Selby, the fourteen-year-old son of William Selby, was bitten by a rabid dog. Some men armed themselves with rifles and went in search of the animal which they cornered and shot to death. It was feared that the dog had bitten other animals and spread the disease. The town marshal was put in charge of finding any such animals. In the meantime, Mr. Selby and his son boarded a train for New York where Harvey was to enter the Pasteur Institute for treatment.

**April 18, 1896** Martha Washington, the servant of Carrie Geabill of Washington, D.C., was the object of a manhunt by Washington detectives and Montgomery County deputies. Mrs. Geabill had discovered that \$41.00 and

a quantity of clothing were missing from her house. She swore out a warrant and Detectives Helan and Lacy took over the case. They learned that Washington had fled to Rockville, but when they arrived there they discovered that she had fled to the country. After a day's search, they arrived at the farm of Washington's cousin and made a search of the property. They found Washington in a closet covered with laundry. The detectives took her back to Washington, D.C., and she confessed to stealing both the money and clothing.

**April 26, 1893** A young man named Greenfield was seriously injured by the explosion of a gun. It seems that the fellow was calling on a young woman near the community of Beane. He and the lady were sitting in the living room where a gun of some sort was propped up in a corner. Somehow the gun fell to the floor and went off, and pellets from the gun struck the man in the head and back. Doctor Stonestreet was summoned to the house and managed to dislodge most of the pellets from Greenfield's body.

**April 27, 1894** Tramps had supposedly invaded Gaithersburg. They were described as an unusually vicious type. Citizens complained that they were hanging around the train station and tracks, drinking, and insulting passing women. It was suspected that they had burglarized the warehouse at the station, but it was not known what was taken. Baltimore and Ohio Railroad detectives found several boxes broken open. Mr. Lee Lipscomb reported that he had come home from business and had found a vagrant sitting on his front porch. He promptly escorted the tramp off of his property.

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

## Tidbits Of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**April 12, 1922** County Game Warden Clyde Harris let it be known that he took delivery of one hundred rabbits shipped by train for propagation in Montgomery County. Only about half survived the trip, and the other half were dead when removed from the train car. On the other hand, only about five partridges out of six hundred were found dead.

**April 13, 1924** The monthly meeting of the Barnesville Community League was held at the public school building. Recitations were given by Misses Darby and Wood. Wilson Ward spoke on fire protection, and the Washington Grove band provided entertainment.

**April 15, 1923** The annual oratorical contest was held at the school building at Rockville. A boy and a girl, each from Dickerson High, Poolesville, Gaithersburg, Damascus, and other county schools participated. Irving Fick of Dickerson placed fourth while Charles Elgin of Poolesville was also in the top five finalists. The winner, Stonestreet Lamar of Rockville High, gave a speech entitled "The Speech of the Hungarian Patriot Louis Kossuth at Plymouth Rock."

**April 23, 1922** The cold snap of the previous night caught many fruit trees in full bloom, and it was feared that the peaches, apricots, and plum trees may have been dealt serious damage.

**April 26, 1924** A well-attended debate was held at the Poolesville school building. The topic was "That Brains Are of Greater Influence in the World than Beauty." Arguing for the affirmative was Thomas Hall, Jr. while Miss Georgie Huff argued in the negative.

**April 27, 1925** Poolesville High School announced that the following students would graduate: Alice Darby, Florence Fyffe, Margaret Grubb, Matilda Fox, Emma Haller, Georgie Hough, Helen Willard, Boyd Brooks, Reno Darby, John Elgin, and Thomas Hall, Jr.

The Poolesville Woman's Club elected Mrs. A. E. Mann as president.

**April 30, 1922** Plans were announced to start a new Veterans of Foreign Wars Post at Poolesville. Archer Clothier and Charles Bodmer were in charge.

**April 30, 1925** The first of a series of warmup games was scheduled to be played. Glen Echo took on a team composed of players from Boyds, Bethesda, and Dickerson. At the same time, the board of directors of the Montgomery County Baseball League announced that they would go forward with only six teams. Washington Grove had dropped out of the league.



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## Garden

### A Shady Lane Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

In several of my past columns, I have discussed the constant evolutionary state of a garden; a garden is never finished. Plants grow too big or don't grow or thrive at all; some die over time from heat, drought, pests, or diseases. Another factor that can alter a garden's design or choice of plants to grow is the changing light in a garden. As trees and shrubs near flower beds mature, the amount of sunlight reaching neighboring plants is reduced, and plants struggle to reach the light; their growth is gradually affected. Stems become leggy or stretched out; leaves turn brown; leaves are too small; lower leaves dry up; and variegated leaves lose their variegation. Plants with a full sun requirement need eight or more hours of sunlight every day; shade tolerant plants may need only a few hours of sunlight a day to remain healthy and thriving. Unless you are living in the desert or a flat, treeless lot, you will eventually need plants that will grow in partial to full shade. There are hundreds of species that fit the bill, but let's look at some that are a bit unusual and will do well in Monocacy country.

Hostas have been shade garden favorites for many years. I am sure your grandmother had several of the green-with-white-border variety in her garden. Over the last twenty years, horticulturists have bred many new hostas with new colors, sizes, and growth habits. The 'Patriot' has the look of the old-fashioned hostas, but its white-edged green leaves have a crisper look, and they look fresh and clean in extreme heat. 'Dancing Queen' breaks the mold with its generous pie-crusting, unique "quilting" and bright yellow color. A new cultivar, 'Forbidden Fruit,' steals the show with bright golden-yellow centers with deep green-blue margins. Tried and true 'Elegans' has been celebrated for years as the standard in blue-leaved hostas. I must admit that my favorite is the miniature 'Blue Mouse Ears.' Standing at eight inches tall, it is tough and resilient and is considered the best dwarf hosta. It keeps its distinctive soft blue-green colored leaves throughout the summer heat.

Ferns are another favorite for shade gardens, but they too have some new and unusual cultivars. I will warn you that they wither and turn brown with our July and August extreme heat. Enjoy them in May and June when they are in their cool glory. The favorites

in my garden are: 'Ghost,' a hybrid that combines the elegant look of out native Lady Fern with the ghostly silvery-gray coloring of the Japanese Painted Fern. The Cinnamon Fern gets its name from the cinnamon wool on the fertile fronds. This native fern changes color from pale green to dark green and from gold to rich brown in the fall. The Lady Fern is another good fern choice; it is carefree and will do well in full sun (and moist soil) or shade.

If you are a fan of ornamental grasses, you might like *Hakonechloa macra* 'Aureola,' Japanese Forest Grass. Their leaves are long and tapering with a cream background and their edges are suffused with bronze. Growing to twelve to eighteen inches, this deer-resistant, low-maintenance perennial is one of the few grasses that thrives in partial shade.

*Lamium* (Dead Nettle) is a good candidate for our area. This perennial is tolerant of poor soils and thrives in dry shade. It does spread rapidly, but not invasively, so be careful where you plant it. Growing to about twelve inches high, 'Pink Pewter' sports silver-gray leaves with abundant clear pink flowers.

*Polygonatum* (Solomon's Seal) is a native shade plant that does very well in our area. I have several scattered among my hostas and ferns. Its long, graceful shoots with very fragrant small white flowers provide a pleasing textural contrast to the many neighboring ferns.

*Tricyrtis* (Toad Lily) — *T. hirta* 'Miyazaki Hybrids' is one elegant and unusual shade perennial. Its beautifully-shaped flowers appear in the fall when most shade gardens could use a little pizzazz. The upright stems are lined with white blooms that are speckled and spotted with maroon. About ten years ago, I planted six of them among the ferns and hostas and they are still thriving; that is one beautiful plant.

*Heuchera* — I can't say enough good things about the *Heuchera* plant; I love them. Their common name is Coral Bells and they are low maintenance and totally pest and disease resistant. I have about ten of them in my partial-to full-shade gardens. My favorites are 'Georgia Peach,' 'Caramel,' and 'Buttered Rum.' I just ordered from Wayside Gardens the new 'Tokyo' with brilliant red spikes and 'Lime Ruffles.' The latter has exceptional drought and light tolerance.

These are only a few of some exceptional shade plants. Check your garden catalogs and garden centers to see what new specimens can light up your shade garden this year.

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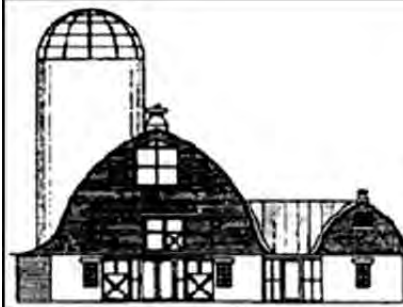




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Look forward to catching up on the 30th!

Beth Daly, President

**APRIL 30TH ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA**

- 9:00 Welcome/Get Acquainted
- 9:30 Greetings and Introduction of Guests – SCA President Beth Daly  
Year in Review – SCA President Beth Daly & Board Members
- 9:50 Election of 2016 Officers & Board Members – SCA Secretary Carrie Laurencot  
SCA Nominating Committee: Krista Abbaticcio, Geri Canty, Carrie Laurencot
- 10:00 Piedmont Environmental Awards, SCA Board Member Jim Brown
- 10:15 Introduction of Guest Speaker, SCA Vice President Steve Findlay
- 10:20 Guest Speaker – Casey Anderson, Planning Board Chair
- 10:45 Questions from the Audience
- 10:55 Maryland State House Update—Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo
- 11:05 Community Announcements and Open Discussion  
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- 11:30 Adjournment

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## Musings by Mama Boe First World Problems

By Pamela Boe

I am under some serious stress these days. I've got blood, sweat, tears, and a lot of preciously saved money in the form of tulips about to emerge in my yard. I've pampered them, I've coddled them, I've patted them lovingly and named them "George," my heart is IN these bulbs. I started planting them years ago to honor my dead father, who also loved tulips, and, in typical Mama Boe style, became obsessed, and went obnoxiously horticulturally overboard. Don't judge.

So now we are on the precipice of the bulbs emerging from the safety of their warm dirt beds, into the dangerous world of frost warnings. This is a tenuous time! While you are peacefully slumbering, I lay awake obsessing that in one foul, bitter-cold swoop, many of my baby buds could be killed, or maimed, or disfigured. My peace of mind is entirely at the whim of Mother Nature. One day it's sixty degrees and sunny, and the next, ice storms threaten the entire eastern seaboard, ratcheting me into DEFCON 4.

Most people enjoy the ease into spring, with very little thought into the fluctuations between thirty-two and thirty-three degrees Fahrenheit. Me? Let us just say that it has not been entirely outside the realm of possibility that my husband will find me at 2:00 in the morning, with my nose three inches from my laptop, cussing prodigiously and creatively at the Weather Channel.

I have a vision, you see, and it starts here at The Little Cottage in Dickerson. But soon, I'll talk my neighbors into letting me plant bulbs along *their* street fronts, and then *their* neighbors' street fronts, and so on, until I have covered Dickerson in its entirety! First stop Dickerson, next stop THE WORLD! BWAaahahahaHAHAAahaahahA-HAAHAAHAAH.

Ahem.

What I'm trying to say is, I cannot confirm or deny that I've lost my healthy perspective for the entire season of spring. Sure, my poor, ignored children huddle around the kitchen table, begging me to come back to them as I press my face anxiously against the glass to better see the mercury in the thermometer. My husband wishes I'd get back to taking care of the house and home as he wonders, for the third time, if he has any clean underwear. But who is to say that this doesn't happen at all the other times of the year?

My mother snickers gleefully, as she watches me alternate between wringing my hands, and flailing them about in worry. She has often told me that ninety percent of everything we worry about comes to nothing. For my nearly 50 years on this earth, she has always been right. It's annoying as heck, frankly. So, yeah, she enjoys watching me sweat over the plight of a couple thousand flowers. But you can bet she is also sending up prayers of gratitude that these kinds of First World Problems are all that currently, immediately plague me. Deep down, of course I know she is right, it could be much, much, much worse than a frost warning.

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### Dennis B. Funk

Dennis B. Funk, 62, of Beallsville, died suddenly on 5, 2016. He was the son of the late Paul and Ruby Funk.

Denny was born on May 20, 1953, in West Virginia. He is survived by his former wife, Reneta Funk of Poolesville; daughter, Ashley B. Funk and her boyfriend Eric Backus of Poolesville; two brothers, Jerry Funk (Mary) of Woodsboro, Maryland, Robert Funk (Patty) of Charles Town, West Virginia; two sisters, Karen Plemmons (Larry) of Frederick and Janet Miller (Edward) of Middletown, Maryland; two uncles, Keith Wiles of Ohio, Don Wiles of Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Dennis B. Funk

In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Hilton Funeral Home for funeral expenses.

### Thomas M. Hanagan

Thomas M. "Mike" Hanagan passed away peacefully at his home in Dickerson on Monday, April 4, 2016. Born January 22, 1958 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Carol Krause Hanagan and the late John Patrick Hanagan.

Mike grew up in Kensington/Wheaton and graduated from Einstein High School. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

An avid foxhunter, marksman, and general outdoorsman, he enjoyed life on the farm in rural Upper Montgomery County until Parkinson's Disease took its toll on his physical abilities. He was a longtime member of the Potomac Hunt Club, the Izaak Walton League, and a lifetime member of the NRA.

He is survived by his mother Carol, his wife, Nellie, of Dickerson, daughters Lela and her son, Chase, of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Catherine of Dickerson, and Melissa and her



Thomas M. "Mike" Hanagan

family of Hagerstown. He also leaves his brothers, Pat, Jimmy, Tony, and Chipper, and a sister, Jacquelyn; and many nieces and nephews.

Donations in his memory may be made to: Movement Disorders Program, Medstar Georgetown University Hospital, Office of Philanthropy, Hospital Administration, 1 main, 3800 Reservoir Road, NW, Washington, DC 20007, ATTN: Meredith Einck Invest in your care.

### Barbara Jean Lewis

Heaven received a very special angel on 29 March 2016, as Barbara Jean Lewis passed on to be with God and Jesus. Born in Olney on 30 December 1931, she is survived by her loving husband of sixty-four years, Doyle, and four children, Elaine Cuthbertson (and husband Rand), Allen Jr. (and wife Becky), Larry (and wife Teresa), and Gary. Through her loving spirit, the world was also blessed with her five beautiful grandchildren, and nine wonderful great-grandchildren.



Barbara Jean Lewis

There was never a more loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She blessed her family with a happy, loving home. Saddened by her absence, spirits are lifted by memories of her soft voice, the twinkle in her eyes, and the deep and endearing love she had for all. She will watch over us until we meet again. Our hearts are broken but forever filled by the

memories of her love which touched all and left the world so much better.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donations be made to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, 19801 Beallsville Rd., Beallsville, MD 20839 or to a charity of your choice. A memorial service is to be scheduled at a later date.

### Vincent A. O'Reilly

Vincent A. O'Reilly, 88, of Middletown, Maryland, died on Wednesday, March 23, 2016. He was the loving husband of the late Joan C. O'Reilly. He was the retired Assistant to the President of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Born on March 16, 1928 in Evanston, Illinois, he was the son of the late Francis and Clara (Lowe) O'Reilly.

Surviving is one son, Rev. Kevin P. O'Reilly of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville; one daughter, Kim Balas of Bernardsville, New Jersey; and three grandchildren, Anthony, Colin, and Brendan O'Reilly.

Vince was preceded in death by one sister, Kathleen Weissmueller, and three brothers, Brother Edmund O'Reilly, FSC, Rev. Hugh O'Reilly, and Cyril O'Reilly.

At a funeral mass attended/officiated by more than a dozen priests, Vince was remembered fondly as a devoted husband and father, diehard union man, and undeniable Irishman. On being admitted to Holy



Vincent A. O'Reilly

Cross Hospital in Germantown, when he was asked if he was Roman Catholic, he replied, "No, I'm Irish Catholic."

Interment was in the St. Mary's cemetery of Barnesville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838 or Holy Family Catholic Church, 7321 Burkittsville Road, Middletown, MD 21769.

### Thomas G. Schaefer

On Monday, April 4, 2016, Thomas G. Schaefer, 48, of Adamstown, passed away peacefully. A lifelong Maryland resident, he attended Dematha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Maryland, and graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park. Tom worked in project management for various corporate and nonprofit agencies in the technology and healthcare sectors.

He was born on May 2, 1967, in Alexandria, Virginia. He was the devoted son of Helene (Ligorio) Keefner and the late George H. Schaefer. He is survived by his loving wife of sixteen years, Ursula O'Donnell Schaefer, and their three children, Carson, Andrew, and Katharine Schaefer; one sister, Lynne (Schaefer) Schneider; and many cherished sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, and nephews.



Thomas G. Schaefer

Contributions in the name of Thomas Schaefer may be made to the ALS Association—DC/MD/VA Chapter, 7507 Standish Place, Derwood, MD 20855.

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## Why Your Dog Needs an Annual Heartworm Check-up

### Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF, FASLMS

Spring, summer, winter, or fall, your pets need year-round prevention to keep them free of deadly heartworms and other parasites. While an annual heartworm check-up with your veterinarian is one of the best moves you can make as a responsible pet owner, it's helpful to understand why heartworm testing and examinations are important.

#### **My dog was just tested for heartworm a year ago. Why does he need a test again so soon?**

Your dog should have a heartworm test once a year to determine if he became infected with heartworms during the previous season. It takes months before a dog with heartworm will test positive on a heartworm test, so testing annually—usually at the time the prescription for his heartworm medication is being renewed—makes sense. As with many diseases, the earlier heartworm can be diagnosed, the better the chances he will recover. If heartworm disease in a dog goes undetected and untreated, the worms can cause progressive and potentially fatal damage to his arteries, heart, and lungs.

#### **If my dog is on continuous heartworm prevention, why does he need to be tested?**

That's a logical question if you're a responsible owner who keeps your dog on heartworm prevention year-round. The reason for annual testing of dogs in this case is to ensure his prevention program is working. Heartworm medications are highly effective, but dogs can still become infected.

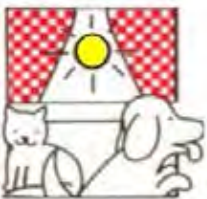
Why? A common reason is simple forgetfulness. Missing just one dose of a monthly medication—or giving it late—can leave a dog unprotected. Even if you do everything right and on time, it's no guarantee. Some dogs spit out their heartworm pills when their owners aren't looking. Others may vomit their pills or rub off a topical heartworm medication. Whatever the cause of missing or delaying a dose, any of these mishaps can put your dog at risk of heartworm infection.

#### **I have several cats as well as a dog. Do my cats need heartworm protection, too?**

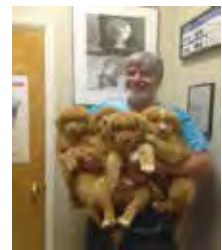
Like dogs, cats get heartworm disease, and while cats are not as easily infected as dogs, it only takes one or two heartworms to make a cat very sick. That's why the American Heartworm Society recommends year-round protection for both dogs and cats.

Because heartworm disease in cats may or may not involve infection with adult worms, the diagnosis can be challenging. Veterinarians typically run heartworm blood tests on cats before putting them on medication the first time, but later rely on procedures such as chest x-ray or ultrasound to confirm diagnoses.

Remember, the best offense against heartworm disease is a good defense. Follow AHS recommendations and Think 12—give heartworm preventives 12 months a year and test your dog every 12 months



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