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*Keeping an Eye on Local News*

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*This man stormed Normandy on D-Day. Learn more in Family Album on page 2.*



*These young volunteers visited Poolesville Town Hall hoping to do some volunteer work. Read about them in Tidbits on page 3.*



*The music on Poolesville Day got the feet moving! More pictures on page 10.*



*This delightful little girl danced her way down the Poolesville Day Parade route. See more parade shots on page 11.*

## Largest East Coast Electric Car Show Ever— In Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Joyce Breiner and J.D. Taylor of Poolesville Green, a local environmental concern group, reported that the group's electric vehicle show on Poolesville Day was a huge success. The show was part of the 2017 National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) and was the largest gathering of electric vehicles ever on the East Coast. This was the second year in a row the Poolesville event held this distinction. The local EV show was the third largest out of 286 events, nationally. Poolesville Green partnered with the Town of Poolesville to bring this event to the Maryland/DC/Virginia area.

Over 129 electric and plug-in electric hybrid vehicle (EV/PHEV) owners signed up to come out and enjoy the day. The event featured mostly EV owners volunteering their time to help educate the public about what it is like to own an EV/PHEV. Visitors were encouraged to talk to owners and test drive or ride in many of the cars.



*The EV Car Show on Poolesville Day was one of the biggest in the nation.*

Manufacturers and local dealerships also participated from Tesla, Ford, Nissan, Chevy, and more.

Visitors were able to learn facts about EVs, view many different makes and models, and discuss with owners the advantages and disadvantages of both. Also, the Classic Car

Show returned this year and shared the location with the National Drive Electric Week show. Ms. Kitty, the Hello Kitty Smart EV car was also on static display at the Poolesville Green booth in the middle of all the Poolesville Day action on Fisher Avenue.

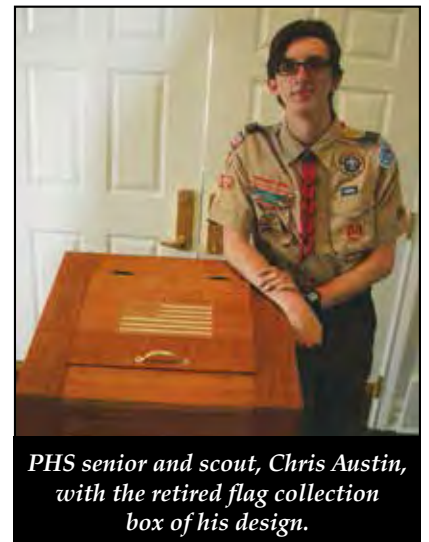
## Beautiful Collection Box for Retired American Flags Presented to the Town of Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Last spring, Christian T. Austin, a senior at PHS and a member of Poolesville's Boy Scout Troop 496, was seeking a project that would take him on a path toward Eagle Scout. He approached the American Legion Post 247 in Poolesville, and they welcomed the opportunity to support the project. The Legion recognized the inadequacies of a previous collection container at the town hall and were impressed by Chris and his proposal. The American Legion and the local Boy Scouts have long collected worn-out, damaged American flags to respectfully retire them from service in a way that properly honors the symbol of the nation.

The tradition of properly retiring an American flag stems from the long history of honoring the flag as a symbol of patriotic service to the country, most often military service. Respecting the flag includes never allowing it to touch the ground, and while some burn the flag as a symbol of protest, the procedure of retiring a flag in need of replacement results in a ceremonial process for formally burning the flag and reverently burying it. The flag is not simply burned. It is cut into specific sections keeping the blue field intact, symbolizing the unity of the states that form the union.

The beautiful, hand-crafted United States Flag Retirement Box was designed



*PHS senior and scout, Chris Austin, with the retired flag collection box of his design.*

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## Family Album



*U. S. Army Cpl. (retired) Anthony Triantis, a distinguish World War II veteran and participant in the amphibious landing at Normandy, was the recipient of the prestigious Black Medallion of the Order of St. George, an honorary recognition by the Cavalry and Armor Association from Maj. Gen. Peter Cooke. The event, held on September 16 at Calleva, will be fully reported on in the October 7 issue of the Monocle.*



*The ladies had a great time at the recent St. Peter's Church hoedown dinner dance. Pat Brown, Rev. Vikki Clayton, Perry Kapsch, Barbara Andreassen, and Tracey Forfa.*



*The Poolesville Day Committee: Front row: Joyce Breiner, Lori Gruber, Cathy Bupp, Faith Etheridge (chairperson), Sandra Hudnall. Second row starting third from left: Paul Harney, John and Lynne Rolls, Alex Markoff, Kathy Bassett, Gayle Partain, Carol Cabrera. Third row, second from left: Zach Etheridge, Skip Etheridge, Martin Radigan, and Christina Nanof. Members from the committee missing are Link Hoewing, Kevin Schramm, Bernie Mihm, Gina Beck, J.D. Taylor, and Tom Kettler. Other well-appreciated festival volunteers joined them onstage for the photo.*



*The Maisel Family completed their eighth year of helping the PACC and Monocacy Lions with its annual 5K Poolesville Day race.*



*Scouts from Troop 496 and Crew 496 cleaned up Whalen Commons after Poolesville Day.*



*The parking lot at St. Peter's became an elegant outdoor evening experience for a good old-fashioned line-dancing hoedown.*



*Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz and Jeff Stempler were kept busy handing out t-shirts to the 263 runners in the PACC 5K race.*



## Tidbits

### Dan Miller Attended Boys State Program

Poolesville's Daniel Miller, the son of Ralph and Colleen Miller, received a scholarship from the Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247 in Poolesville to attend the American Legion's Boys State Program in Annapolis this past summer.

While at Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges, and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on learning about the structure of city, county, and state governments. Boys State activities include participation in mock elections, legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses, and recreational programs.

Local Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, individual expenses are paid by a sponsoring post, a local business, or another community-based organization.

The rigorous five-day study starts under the direction of counselor/instructors (all veterans) who guide the youth from a "faux dictatorship to democracy" that will lead to setting up township structures where the boys run for office, then begin legislative and other governing tasks.

Structured similarly to a military organization, the summer program teaches camaraderie and fosters relationship-building through arduous bonding experiences.

The daily schedule began with air horns at 5:00 a.m., leading to room and personal cleanup, breakfast, and classes from 8:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Lectures and seminars continued in the afternoon and went straight to dinner time. In the evening, the boys broke up into their various townships, and activities included sports and recreation. They continued these programs until just before 11:00 p.m.

Despite the rigor of the program, Daniel was very grateful for the experience and profoundly thanked Post 247 for affording him this opportunity.



*Ralph Miller and Daniel Miller, and American Legion Post 247 Commander John Robinson.*

### Visitors to Poolesville Seek Volunteer Opportunities

Some young men associated with Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc. recently visited Poolesville and stopped by the town hall hoping to find opportunities to do volunteer work for the town or area churches.

Rehabilitation Opportunities, Inc. (ROI) is a nonprofit organization serving adults diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Its mission is to provide excellence in vocational, social, and adaptive skill development to help adults with these disabilities achieve their fullest potential for independence and self-confidence.

The young men were cheerful, passionate individuals who seek organizations or groups who can use their abilities in janitorial work, assembly line style work, yard cleanup, and many other basic tasks as volunteers or employees. Such work

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## Commentary

### A Good Day All Around

By John Clayton

Poolesville Day was glorious, was it not? The weather was beautiful, the sun was bright, and there was a gentle breeze, but not a gale blowing *Monocles* all over the town. I had a great time. Many people came by the Monocle booth to say hello and offer a comment about the paper, generally positive, and kids and adults alike were exceedingly polite when they came up to get our free candy. As usual, our booth was in a good spot, so we had plenty of traffic and a short walk to the Methodists of Memorial United who were dealing hot dogs and walking tacos, as usual.

The parade was one of the best ever, in my humble opinion. I have seen hundreds of Poolesville Day parades, give or take, and this one stood out. Jerry Klobukoski made a fine grand marshal—a well-deserved tribute for a dedicated example of what a public servant can and should be.

Speaking of public servants, we were overrun with political office seekers. Someone asked me if there was an election this year, and I blurted out, "Yes, I believe there is," which of course there isn't, so the day wasn't perfect. I foolishly double-checked this falsehood with the nice women at the booth next door from the Montgomery County Board of Elections and they set me straight—and I'm sure they thought, Hmm. Newspaper guy?

Be that as it may, the parade may have had more political candidates than horses, which would be a disturbing trend if it continued. I tried to keep a log of all the candidates marching past, but I'm not sure I got them all, so I will abstain from listing them.

One candidate who may have influenced the parade as much as anyone this side of the Poolesville Day Committee is Boyds resident Robin Ficker. He has achieved fame and notoriety on a number of fronts over the years, but is there anyone that has had more of an impact on local political life this past year? I allude, of course, to his successful referendum to place term limits on the county council and the county executive's office (Note: I was against this). I think something like two-thirds of the votes were in favor of his amendment (Note to the president: that is what a landslide looks like).

His term limits shut the door on four county councilmembers in the next



Candidate Robin Ficker  
on the march.

election, whenever the heck that is, although some may have left anyway. It also shut the door on the county executive, but he was definitely leaving; nevertheless, I'm still giving Ficker a lot of credit for the herd of candidates flooding that parade.

Mr. Ficker was not only in the parade, but he was, resplendent in a suit and flag tie, carrying a pole with a campaign sign on top. That square pole and sign looked heavy, the edges appeared sharp, and he had nothing to cushion his hands. As far as I could tell, he carried it the whole way. Did I mention it was hot out there? I remain very impressed. I have trouble at Redskins games holding a Bud Light in the air for the duration of Hail to the Redskins, and he's older than I am. Debate him if you will, future opponents, but don't challenge him to arm wrestle.

While I otherwise avoided political discussions, I did have a good visit at the Rural Republican Women's Club booth with a couple of friendly acquaintances, both highly active in local GOP affairs, who gave me the benefit of the doubt and said my centrist tendencies offered them some hope I might make a fine Republican someday. I may have fed this thread with some grumpy comments about the Democrats' current flirtation with so-called single-payer healthcare (don't get me started), but I should have mentioned there is a long list of things the GOP would have to address before I defect. The sun was hot, but it wasn't that hot.

All such nonsense aside, it behooves me to mention that events are complicated, and it takes a lot of effort to make things go right. A lot of people worked very hard to make this day the success that it was. I also noticed that every fundraising effort was for Hurricane Relief. In the midst of all this bounty in our beloved Upcounty, people remember what matters.

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#### Tidbits

activity broadens their knowledge of communities and other social environments that can enrich their personal life experience.

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#### PHS Seniors Named as Semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit® Scholarship Program

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of approximately 16,000 Semifinalists in the 63rd Annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These academically-talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32 million that will be offered next spring. To be considered for a Merit Scholarship® award, semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition. About ninety percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and about half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

Congratulations to the following Poolesville High School Seniors: Joon Bang, Mitchell Fream, Benjamin Gherman, Esther In, Caius Kim, Daniel D. Lee, Parth Oza, Justin Park, Gavin Prebilib, Jagan Prem, Eric Qian, Samuel Rosenberg, Kevin Shen, Kevin Su, Sreya Vangara, and Claude Zou.

#### PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees for 2017

The Poolesville High School Athletic Department announced the next class of Athletic Hall of Fame inductees who will be honored at a ceremony on Friday, September 22 during the Blake-PHS football game. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

- Amy Defnet, Class of 2012
- Kirk Jackson, Class of 2007
- Jon Leong, Swimming & Diving Coach
- Lindsay Poss, Class of 2012
- Meghan Rose, Class of 2007
- 2002 Field Hockey Team, Class 1A State Co-Champions
- 2002 Girls' Soccer Team, Class 1A State Champions

The Booster Club will hold a meet and greet for its newest inductees at 5:45 p.m. on the stadium track adjacent to the main gate. Hall of Fame members from past years are also invited to be recognized and to welcome the newest members.

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#### Beautiful Collection Box for Retired American Flags Presented to the Town of Poolesville

and assembled by Christian with the guidance and expertise of St. Joseph's Carpentry Shop. St. Joseph's is highly regarded for its specialty cabinetry and carpentry craftsmanship. Its clientele includes many churches and religious institutions. The Vatican commissioned St. Joseph's to build the altar, pulpit, and papal chair used by both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis during their visits to our area. The flag collection cabinet in the town hall has a United States Flag engraved in the top lid and a larger door in the front to retrieve flags which have been placed inside.

The box is now located in the vestibule of Poolesville Town Hall to allow citizens to drop off their damaged flags. Boy Scout Troop 496 will conduct the formal flag retirement ceremonies with the appropriate dignity and solemnness our national ensign deserves.

Although it was initially sought to be Chris's Eagle Scout project, he subsequently took on a larger project for his Eagle Scout project, but, having made a promise to the town, Chris was determined to fulfill that commitment. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski remarked, "This says a lot about his character, recognizing that a promise made is a promise to be kept. As a result, the Town of Poolesville honored Chris by presenting him with a Certificate of Appreciation."

Chris is the grandson of Poolesville's Frank and Louise Austin.

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## Local News

### PACC 2017 5K on Poolesville Day

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce teamed up with the Monocacy Lions to present a successful charity 5K this year. With 263 runners this year, about a ten percent drop from last year, the wide range of participants proved this to be a popular event for the whole family. Some of the youngest participants rode most of the race in a stroller. PACC is grateful to all the Lions and members of the 5K committee, co-chairs Kathy Mihm and Rande Davis, as well as Bill Jamison, Jeff Stempler, Jennifer Singh, Zach Etheridge, Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz, and Roger Brenholtz, and the Josh Maisel family.

The results were, by category:

#### MALE OPEN

1st—Jordan Psaltakis (17:35),  
2nd—Bradley Sponaugle (18:38),  
3rd—Sam Bodmer (19:10)

#### FEMALE OPEN

1st—Karyn Comfort (22:04),  
2nd—Mara Haynes (22:35),  
3rd—Anna Bodmer (22:53)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 1 - 13

1st—Zach Schneider (22:21),  
2nd—Kevin Hsu (24:18),  
3rd—Jack Dominici (24:36)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 1-13

1st—Jessie Rothenberg (25:24),  
2nd—Sarah Frazin (26:34),  
3rd—Kaviya Kandaswamy (27:00)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 14-19

1st—Elias Izmirlian (19:22 ),  
2nd—Patrick Wang (19:35),  
3rd—Ethan Groboski (19:40)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 14 - 19

1st—Mikayla Durr (23:13),  
2nd—Emily Li (23:38),  
3rd—Caroline Courbois (23:39)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 20 - 29

1st—Zach Etheridge (23:04),  
2nd—Turner Pepper (23:47),  
3rd—Robert Geyer (25:59)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 20-29

1st—Kelsey Siegel (24:16),  
2nd—Leigh Peper (27:59),  
3rd—Kelly Hughes (28:09)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39

1st —William Vancise (19:11),  
2nd—Chris Kaplan (21:17),  
3rd—Blake Monson (21:34)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39

1st—Becca Kinney (23:35),  
2nd—Bernadette Morrow (23:46),  
3rd—Andrea Elliott (23:59)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 49

1st—Jason Bodmer (20:45),  
2nd—Donald Patti (21:49),  
3rd—Momodou Bojang (22:57)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 49

1st—Paula Korzeniewski (23:51),  
2nd—Jessica Bodmer (25:15),  
3rd—Ashley Muldoon (25:27)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59

1st—Wade Blair (21:57),  
2nd—Psaltakis (22:16),  
3rd—Gary Comfort (24:32)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59

1st—Paula Galliani (24:33),  
2nd—Kathy Cea (25:07),  
3rd—Catherine Michaels (29:10)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69

1st—John Patterson (25:12),  
2nd—Matthew Bent (25:23),  
3rd—Scott Dewey (37:48)

#### FEMALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69

1st—Pamela Bent (42:00),  
2nd—Christina Williams (42:25),  
3rd—Andrea Sypeck (49:52)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 70 - 79

1st—Richard Jefferson (25:34),  
2nd—Frank Sypeck (45:58)

#### MALE AGE GROUP: 80 - 99

1st—Ray Hoewing (45:16)

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Richard Jefferson, from Germantown, took first place in the men's 70-79 age bracket, coming in at a very-impressive 25:24.



Once again, the PHS varsity cross country team packed the front of the starting line for the 2017 PACC 5K.



Riding in a stroller until the last hundred yards is a pretty good way to do it, too.



PHS 2011 graduate and former Falcon cross country runner Jordan Psaltakis won the 2017 PACC 5K, clocking in at 17:34.



Poolesville's Pam Bent took first place in her category.



Dickerson's Caleb Bodmer, 10, finished with a remarkable 28:23 time.



The PACC 5K drew runners of all ages including: Zoe Hornyak (202), Zosia Mirowicz (111), and Jerome Hobard (63).



PHS cross country girls just before the start of the race.



## Garden

### Bewitching Witch Hazels

By Maureen O'Connell

As we head into the fall season, think about planting a new tree in your yard. Is there some corner or open space that looks boring and lacks four seasons of interest? What you might need is a witch hazel tree. It is often overlooked as a landscape specimen, but this unusual, magical tree will light up your garden from month to month. Climate plays an important role when determining the proper time to plant a new tree, but I prefer to do it in the fall. A tree does best when exposed to moderate temperatures and rainfall and has time to root and acclimatize before the onset of the intense heat and dryness of summer or the freezing temperatures and cutting winds of winter. In our Monocacy area, the weather in October and early November is usually fairly predictable and stable.

What is so special about the witch hazel? White Flower Farm describes it as "an antidote to winter," for it is the rarest of plants: Its flowers bloom in mid-winter. Witch hazels (*Hamamelis*) are a genus of flowering plants in the family *Hamamelidaceae*, with four species in North America (*H. mexicana*, *H. Novalis*, *H. virginiana*, and *H. vernalis*) and one each in Japan (*H. japonica*) and China (*H. mollis*). They can be grown as deciduous shrubs or small trees. In some areas, they enjoy the distinction of being both the first and last flower of the year. The native species, *H. virginiana*, blooms from September through November after its leaves have fallen, while the other species bloom from January into March. In Robert Frost's poem "Reluctance," he laments that the season is finally over when "The last lone aster is gone; The flowers of the witch hazel wither." Its ability to bloom in the very cold winter season might seem magical, but its name actually derives from, not witchcraft, but from the Middle English word "wych" meaning pliant or flexible and "hazel" from its similarity to the common hazelnut. Native Americans used the plant's spring wood to make bows and the leaves and bark to make an astringent to control bleeding and to take the sting out of insect bites. Its forked branches were often used as divining rods to locate underground water which, to some, made the plants seem bewitched.

At first glance, witch hazels do not look terribly special. True, they are hardy, maintenance-free, and are ignored by most pests, and they have handsome oval leaves that are sometimes downy on the underside and turn all kinds of shades in the fall; however, their crowning glory cannot be overestimated: The shaggy, ribbon-like, spidery winter blooms in shades of yellow, orange, and red clustered up and down the bare branches, oozing a deep, wonderful fragrance. Do you now see why you must have this plant in your yard?

Of the four types of witch hazel, I think that the Japanese Witch Hazel (*H. japonica*) and the Chinese Witch Hazel (*H. mollis*) have the most striking fall colors, unique flowers, and most enduring fragrance. A hybrid of the Japanese witch hazel and the Chinese witch hazel was bred called *H. x intermedia*. It offered enhanced qualities of flower (larger and better color), intense fragrance, and brilliant fall color.

What are some good varieties that would fare well in our area?

*H. x intermedia* 'Jelena' is regarded as one of the best all-around cultivars with a vase-shaped structure, strongly-fragrant orange flowers, and fiery fall color. *H. x intermedia* 'Aphrodite' has exceptionally large burnt-orange flowers and blooms in late winter. *H. x intermedia* 'Diane' shows off red flowers with fall foliage in shades of red, orange, purple, and yellow. *H. x intermedia* 'Arnold' can grow to a height of twenty feet and is a heavy bloomer with yellow flowers in March. *H. mollis* 'Brevipetala' lights up the landscape from January through March with bright yellow blooms.

Witch hazels perform best in full sun; however, in our very hot and sunny summers, they would do better in filtered shade. They prefer good soil and regular watering. Once established, they are fairly maintenance-free. Many varieties reach ten to twenty feet high and wide at maturity. You can keep them smaller with pruning once they are finished blooming. They can be underplanted with such companion plants as hellebores and snow drops.

I try to plant a new flowering plant, shrub, or tree each year. I have always wanted a witch hazel, so this year I have staked out where 'Jelena,' 'Arnold,' and 'Diane' are going. They will get good morning sun with dappled afternoon rays. I can't wait to see their magical blooms all winter.

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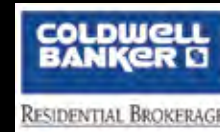


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**Game Day:** Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church

**Zumba Gold:** Every Wednesday in gym, 1:00 p.m.

### Save the Date

#### October 8

### Montgomery Countryside Alliance's Ride for the Reserve Special Fundraising Event

Gourmet picnic at Kingsbury's Orchard. Live music by Justin Trawick. \$60 for members, \$80 for non-members, \$15 for junior riders, ages 12-16. For more information, see RideForTheReserve.org.

#### October 12, 13, and 14

### St. Peter's Rummage Sale

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#### October 13 to 15

### Farm to Gallery

Countryside Artisans' Fall Gallery and Studio Tour. Brochure and map at CountrysideArtisans.com

#### September 22

### PHS Varsity Sport Home Game

Football. Blake High School at 6:30 p.m. Annual Hall of Fame game.

#### September 23

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer. Magruder. 12:00 p.m.

#### September 25

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer. Watkins Mill. 7:15 p.m.

#### September 26

### PASC Special Event

Flu shot clinic and movie night. Flu shots and light dinner in the café. Bring your insurance cards. Movie: *Undercover Grandpa*. 6:00 p.m.

### PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' tennis. Quince Orchard. 3:30 p.m. Field hockey. Seneca Valley. 7:00 p.m.

Sustainable Poolesville Meeting.

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

#### September 27

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball. Northwest. 6:30 p.m.

### In Our Own Backyard: A Community Dialog about Drug Abuse and Addiction

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### PASC Special Event

T'ai chi. Poolesville Baptist Gym. 10:30 a.m.

#### September 28

### PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer. Rockville. 7:15 p.m.

#### September 28 to 29

### Markoff's Haunted Forest Opens

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#### October 1

### Pumpkin Chunkin' for Charity

All proceeds will be donated to charity. *Lewis Orchards*. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### October 2

### Monocacy Lions Club Annual Charity Golf

*Bretton Woods Country Club*. Registration: 11:00 to 12:15 p.m. Tee off at 12:30 p.m. See details in ad this issue on page 14.

### PHS Varsity Home Games

Field hockey. Quince Orchard. 7:15 p.m.

Girls' tennis. Clarksburg. 3:30 p.m.

### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

#### October 3

### PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' soccer. Seneca Valley. 5:15 p.m.

Boys' soccer. Seneca Valley. 7:15 p.m.

Girls' volleyball. Churchill. 6:30 p.m.

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**Things To Do**

**October 5**

**PACC Network Morning Meeting**

Meet other chamber members for coffee, light refreshments, and brief presentations. *Town Hall*, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

**Special Maggie Nightingale Library Event: Family Storytime**

A 25-30-minute program designed to delight children of all ages. Filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. This program encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning, and introduces them to the culture of reading. 10:30 am.

**PHS Varsity Home Game**

Boys' soccer. Blake. 7:15 p.m.

**October 6**

**PHS Varsity Home Game**

Football. Rockville. Homecoming. 6:30 p.m.

**UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo**

Featuring cash and gift cards: 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshments are available for purchase. Please do not bring outside food or beverages. \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m. UMCVFD, 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville.

**October 6 and 7**

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**October 6, 7, and 8**

**Pumpkin Chunkin' for Charity**

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**Blue Hearth Market Weekend**

Find unique and beautiful decorating items for your home or for gifts. The Blue Hearth in the Historic Dr. Thomas Poole House. Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5:00 p.m.

**October 7**

**AARP Safe Driving Course**

Tune-up your driving skills, learn safe driving strategies, and update your knowledge of the rules of the road. Learn about normal age-related physical changes and how to adjust driving to allow for these changes. Some insurance companies operating in Maryland consider drivers who take the course qualified for an auto insurance premium reduction or discount. Registration required. This course is from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please arrive by 10:15 am for administrative matters. The classroom course is \$15 for AARP members (please bring your membership card) and \$20 for non-members. Checks should be made payable to AARP the day of the class. Registration ends on October 5, 2017. For more information, please stop by the Maggie Nightingale Library or call 240-773-9550. 10:15 am.

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**Saturday Night in the Country**

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## Youth Sports

### Records and Wins Lead Off Fall Sports

By Jeff Stuart

At the Brunswick High School Invitational Cross Country Meet at Brunswick High School on September 2, Poolesville junior Nandini Satsangi and sophomore Logan Rohde finished first and fourth, respectively, literally getting the PHS fall sports season off to a running start. Both broke the previous course record. Nandini finished in 18:59.97 and Logan in 19:33.82, setting a personal record. "Brunswick is a challenging course," said Satsangi. "It has a lot of hills in the third mile. It was particularly muddy in that third mile and raining on and off. I knew I was probably going to win the race coming into it. I didn't know I had the record, but I had a feeling that I was going pretty fast—and that was my goal, to break the record. I did a lot of training over the summer. I went to a running camp. It was a lot of fun. We ran a lot of miles there. That helped me build my speed up. I knew Logan was right there behind me. That was a motivation. I can't let her beat me. I think I helped her a little bit, too, with motivation." The junior ran over a minute faster in the rain than she did as a sophomore at Brunswick, pulling away in the final mile.

"It was rainy and cold," said Logan, whose time was nearly a minute and half better than the time she ran as a freshman at the invitational. "I really didn't know what to expect going in or who I was going to be racing against. I was really nervous. I was trying to stay with Nandini. She does motivate me. Brunswick was the closest I have been to her. I was only thirty seconds behind her. I was glad I broke the course record, but I am disappointed that there were three girls ahead of me. If they weren't there, the record would have been mine."

The PHS football team definitely provided a highlight with a 41-0 win over Einstein in its home opener on September 8. Junior Ethan Gaddis threw two touchdown passes to junior Zed Tejada. He completed six of nine passes for 126 yards overall. Senior Connell Oberman rushed for two touchdowns and

112 yards. Ryan Kasten recovered a blocked punt for a touchdown in the third quarter. Charlie Brill had a seventy-five-yard interception for a touchdown.

The Falcon field hockey team won its home opener, defeating Rockville, 3-1, on September 8. Goals by Sapna Boglekotkar and Haley Harkins put Poolesville on top, 2-0, at the half. Haley Harkins added a goal in the second half.

On September 11, the girls' volleyball team picked up its first win of the season, beating Kennedy in three sets. "We served much better this time and were starting to incorporate more shots and smarter play," said Coach Daniel Duvall. "We still have a lot of work to do, and I'm trying to find the right position for people. I moved my libero Kristen to right side and my outside Michelle to libero. Still playing my two freshmen all the way around."

The girls' soccer team also won its first of the season at home on September 11. "It was an inspirational performance by the entire team," said Coach Rod Nubgaard. "We took the lead in the first half on a well-struck penalty kick. In the second half, we scored another goal to take a 2-0 lead. A very talented QO team charged back and made it 2-1 halfway in the second half. They poured on the pressure and did not stop. The game was played with playoff intensity, and we preserved a well-earned win. All sixteen players on the roster had a hand in the win. We have no stars but are just a cohesive team looking to put forth their personal best. I could not ask for any more."

The boys' soccer team lost to Wootton on September 7—"but our Falcons displayed a new style of soccer which showcased physical play, determination, and hard work," said new Coach Mike Wills. The first half ended and the score was 1-0. "We moved the ball really well and had a few chances to even the score before the Patriots scored two near the end of the game. Adiat Muyeen, Jay Doshi, Brad Blair, Dominic Lanasa, Zack Fedders, and Alex Firestine played a fantastic game on defense, while scoring chances were provided by Andrew Tarus and Tyler Roy. On September 11, we hosted Quince Orchard, a team that dominated us last year. They scored two goals in the first ten minutes. Then we figured out how to slow down their attack." Tyler Roy, John Thompson, Trevor McFall, and Andrew Tarus started to even out the control of the midfield by winning fifty-fifty balls and connecting more passes. "I would have liked to connect on a few of the set plays we had, but this is something we will work on. I'm excited to see what this team can do. I feel we are so close to breaking through."



2017 Falcon Varsity Soccer Team.

Front Row: Jay Doshi, Jason Daniels, Hrishi Chintagumpala, John Thompson, Tyler Roy, Timmy Bentz, Josh Windenhofer, Eric Jung  
Back Row: Adiat Muyeen, Trevor McFall, Brad Blair, Hayden Sabas, Alex Firestine, Vitto Corbo, Dominic Lanasa, Colin Staszewski, A.J. Poore, Logan Sarr, Alexei Mozolin, Zack Fedders, and Andrew Tarus.



## Yeas and Neighs

### It's Back-to-School(ing)!

By Andie Devynck

So the kids are back in classes—hunt seat equitation and jumping classes, that is! Did you know that there is a national organization, the Interscholastic Equestrian Association (IEA), that gives middle- and high-school-aged students the chance to ride multiple ponies or horses and compete in shows throughout the school year? Furthermore, did you know that barns across the Agricultural Reserve participate in the IEA, and that one of those barns is located right here in Poolesville?

Our nation's horse industry rivals any other you'll find in diversity of focus given the plethora of breeds of horses, styles of riding, and variety of activities there are in it. Many an equine advocacy association exists—all promoting their own vision and goals. The specific mission of the IEA is to introduce students in private and public middle and secondary schools (primarily ages eleven through nineteen) to equestrian sports. For student equestrians in grades six through twelve, the IEA was established in the spring of 2002 and held its first annual national finals event the following year in Willoughby, Ohio. A nonprofit organization, the IEA has grown both exponentially and geographically each year. Beginning with just two hundred participants, the IEA now has over 13,500 members in forty-two states across North America.

Poolesville's IEA representative is Alex Jadovich of Poplar Hill Stables. Ms. Jadovich's barn as a group attends horse shows year-round, but during the school year, she hosts IEA events and takes participating students to other IEA-sponsored shows at barns around the county. A twenty-eight-year-old from New England, Alex has ridden horses since childhood. She knew in high school that she wanted to ride competitively in college, which she did in Lynchburg, Virginia, under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association. After graduating, she trained extensively with Olympic riders, trainers, and coaches, Joe Fargis and Frank Chapot. Recently, Alex moved to Maryland and



Back to "school" with Alex Radovich and one of her students.

established Poplar Hill Stables with co-owner and manager Katie Bremen, a fellow Lynchburg College team member, with the hopes of introducing riders to all aspects of the hunter/jumper world, including "catch riding" formats such as IEA competition.

The IEA supports two disciplines: Hunt Seat and Western. Poplar Hill Stables trains its horses and riders in the former only. The unique aspect of IEA competitions, both at the local and national level, is that none of the riders will supply their own horses or tack. Instead, the host team arranges for the

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## Police Blotter from the Past 1917

By Jack Toomey

The report that a five-year-old girl had been kidnapped threw the county into an uproar. It seemed that the five-year-old daughter of the housekeeper for Dr. Willis Moore was playing in the front yard of Dr. Moore's farm near Rockville. A gray touring automobile pulled up out front, and the girl was seen climbing into the backseat. Doctor Moore got into his car and, with the help of a farmhand, began chasing the car but soon lost it due to its high-powered engine. Mrs. Moore telephoned the information to Sheriff Gaither who had soon marshaled his deputies and sworn in a posse. The men blocked all of the roads leading in and out of the county. Within an hour, the same car pulled into the driveway. The little girl got out and excitedly told her mother that she had ridden in an automobile with the men. It turned out that it was her first time riding in an auto. The men were friends of Dr. Moore, and it was decided that no harm had been done.

A storage building owned by William Pumphrey was damaged by fire. The volunteer fire brigade was called out and, with the aid of neighbors, the building was saved. Some furniture stored in the building was damaged.

S. H. Montgomery, a motorman on the Rockville and Washington Railway, was injured when he was hit by a rock thrown by a man who had just been ejected from the car for drunkenness. The car had been traveling through Alta Vista when the incident occurred. Montgomery's facial wounds were dressed by Dr. Manner whose home was nearby. The assailant disappeared into the woods and no arrest was made.

A crowd gathered at the jail yard in Rockville upon news that Judge Henderson had ordered that Reuben Dove be whipped for abusing his wife. Dove's hands were tied over his head and his feet were tied together. Sheriff Gaither applied ten lashes using a cowhide. Dove wore only a light shirt. Deputy Sullivan took count of the lashes. After the whipping, Dr. Manner examined the man and treated him for lacerations to the back. Afterwards, Dove was released from jail. Dove was the fifth man to be whipped in two years.

By order of the local Exemption Board, Sheriff Aud went to Poolesville to look for William Hall who had failed to report for military service. Hall was located and Aud took him to Camp Meade and turned him over to military authorities.

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

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**It's Back-to-School(ing)!**

horses and equipment to be used in the competition. Since the horse is new to the rider, the scores are based upon horsemanship and equitation. The phrase "catch riding" refers to this process of challenging riders to quickly figure out the personality and way of going of each horse assigned to them. All IEA disciplines offer a variety of ability levels from beginner through advanced. Students have the opportunity to earn scholarships toward their college education through awards in competition and through sportsmanship activities.

Alex explains the competition format further: "Each show can host up to two hundred riders during the season. Each rider gets five horse shows, typically riding in two classes per show. This kind of riding and competition give the student a chance to sample the collegiate riding team experience and decide for him or herself if that's the kind of activity they want to pursue at the college level."

At present, Ms. Jadovich is preparing her students for their first IEA show of the season at Featherdown Stables on September 30. While she can accept new IEA program students until the first of November, Alex takes on new riding pupils and hosts locally through A-Rated horse shows at her barn all year round. If you think a youngster you know could benefit from exploring the world of riding lessons and IEA "catch riding" competition, you can find more information about it, Alex Jadovich, and Poplar Hill Stables on their Facebook page. There's still time to join this season!

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Edith C. Lambert, 84, of Brunswick, Maryland, formerly of Poolesville, passed away on September 8, 2017. She was the wife of the late Jasper T. Lambert, Sr. who passed away in 1986.

Born on August 16, 1933 in Maryland, she was the daughter of the late William K. and Emma R. Carlin.

Edith worked as a bank teller in Poolesville for thirty-five years. She loved bird watching and was an avid reader.

Surviving are: her daughters, Sherri K. Farr and husband Don of Poolesville, and Catherine A. Angell and husband Robert of Brunswick; five grandchildren, Brian and Evan Lambert, Karen Conway, Kimberly Cochran, and Angela Best; and four great-grandchildren.

Edith was preceded in death by one son, Jasper T. "Jack" Lambert, Jr., two sisters, Frances Carlin and Mary Stephens, and one brother, William K. Carlin, Jr.



Edith Catherine Lambert

### Howard "Hap" Russell Albertson, Jr.

Howard "Hap" Russell Albertson, Jr., 75, of Frederick, passed away peacefully at the Kline Hospice House on August 29, 2017. Born on November 8, 1941 in Pennsylvania, he was the loving son to the late Howard Russell Albertson, Sr. and Mildred (Palmer) Albertson, and was a loving husband to Catherine Albertson.

Hap graduated from Michigan State with a degree in hotel and restaurant management after which he went on to become the owner of the Blue Fox Inn. Hap loved playing golf with his friends and was a loving father with a great sense of humor.

Surviving along with his wife are: his four children, Sandra Gray (Jim), Danielle Randolph, Monica Lawson (William), Michael Albertson (Angela); twelve grandchildren,

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#### Have your veterinarian perform a confirmatory test

Some intrinsic inaccuracy is present in all tests, making it difficult to resolve conflicting results with absolute certainty; nonetheless, confirmation is essential.

#### You and your cat are not alone

In a recent study of 62,301 cats from 1,396 clinics and 127 shelters, the prevalence rate for FeLV-positive tests was 3.1% in North America. This translates to about 3 million cats. Adult age, outdoor access, clinical disease, and sexually intact male status were risk factors. The rate of infection is similar to the last decade, meaning that prevention and surveillance have been somewhat unsuccessful due to the high feral cat populations.

This preventable virus places cats at risk for an array of diseases and premature death. Every cat should be tested, and at-risk cats should be vaccinated.

#### There are several options for what happens next.

Viral infection with FeLV can result in a variety of outcomes. Some cats contain the infection and show regression and even remission, while others stay highly infected and succumb to the infection within a few years. In regressive infection, cats cease producing productive virus and circulating p27 antigen but still carry provirus detectable by PCR tests. These cats initially test positive and then revert to antigen-negative status, do not shed infectious virus, and are less likely to develop FeLV-associated diseases. Regressive cats can still shed virus via blood transfusions and may occasionally relapse into productive infection and illness; thus, healthy FeLV-positive cats should be treated like any other healthy cat and kept indoors.

#### Investigate your treatment options

With the advent of many antiretroviral therapies in the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), a number of these new drugs has been proposed for FeLV. Properly designed trials and clear evidence of efficacy, however, remains elusive.

The focus of treatment for FeLV-positive cats with clinical signs of illness remains focused on looking for underlying disease. Anemias, for example, should prompt your veterinarian to look for *Mycoplasma* species before initiating glucocorticoid therapy to which some cats respond.

A diagnosis of lymphoma may carry a more guarded prognosis; nonetheless, a typical chemotherapy protocol should be undertaken.

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