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*Keeping an Eye on Local News*

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## *The 2017 Inductees to PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Honored*

By Rande Davis

In 2012, the Poolesville High School Athletic Department, in partnership with the school's Athletic Booster Club, established its High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Inductees are honored with plaques displaying their likeness on the Hall of Fame Wall in the physical education/athletics hallway, a very special place of honor for the school's most outstanding interscholastic athletes, state champion teams, and significant contributors who have demonstrated an exceptional support for school sports and athletes.

### The 2017 Inductees

#### *Coach Jon Leong*

Jon Leong has been PHS's swimming and diving coach since 2006. During this time, Leong was named 2015 *Washington Post* All-Met Coach of the Year, and is a two-time recipient of the Allen Murray Coaching Award. Jon has coached the Poolesville swim teams to six Maryland State Championships for the boys' team, four Maryland State Championships and two Maryland



*Assistant Athletic Director Gina Grubb with 2017 PHS Athletic Hall of Fame inductees: 2002 Field Hockey State Championship Team (represented by Jamie Morningstar, Emily Stovicek, Shannon Ferdock, and Amanda Bettinger), 2002 Girls' Soccer State Championship Team (Christina Mann and Coach Scott Mathias), Kirk Jackson (swim team), Amy Defnet (field hockey and softball teams), and swim Coach Jon Leong.*

State Finalists for the girls' team, six region championships for the boys' swim team and six region championships for the girls' team. Under his guidance, many of his swimmers have advanced to swim at the college level. Jon says his greatest achievement is to have coached so many fine and up-standing swimmers and divers at Poolesville High School. He is hopeful

that the state championships will continue for years to come.

#### *Amy Defnet*

While attending PHS, Amy was a four-year varsity letter winner for both field hockey and softball. Amy stood as one of the best goalies in the county and state. She was recognized by the *Washington Post* as a First Team

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## *Dickerson Methodist Church Celebrates its 130th Anniversary*

By Rande Davis

The Dickerson United Methodist Church (UMC) celebrated its 130th anniversary on September 10. The celebration was organized by long-time church member Gay Roberson and Pastor Yujung Hwang and was attended by many church members shown in the photo on the front steps of the current church. Part of the celebration was erecting a new commemorative sign at the location of the original church building and at the historic cemetery along Mt. Ephraim Road.

The Dickerson church was started in August 1887 on a plot of ground at the top of a small hill purchased from church members John and Sarah Maxwell for \$75. Carpentry was

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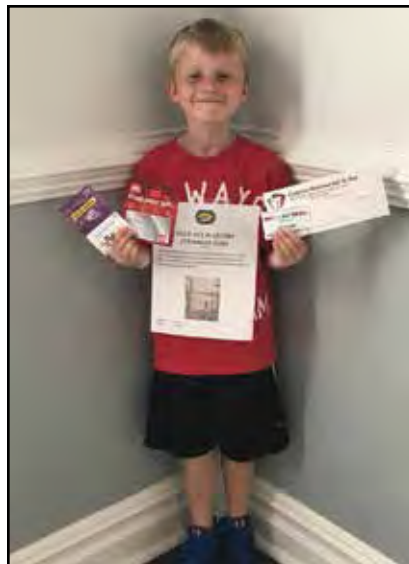
*Congregants of Dickerson United Methodist Church recently celebrated 130 years of church history.*



*David Trone shared his secrets to success at a PACC networking event. See more event pictures in Family Album on page 2.*



*Dick Willis, Don Wood, Alex Jeffrey, and Steve Chaikins shared a very important message at a meeting. Find out what, why, and when in Local News on page 6.*



*Kellan Martin was a smart winner! Find out why in Tidbits on page 7.*



*She gazed at the old man in complete awe. Details in Tribute on page 13.*

# Family Album



Showing support for PHS Poms are Jennifer Singh, Michele Mirowicz, Julee Brower, Gayle Partain, Mackenzie Lawrence, Elise Graf, and Carol Efdimis. The women's shirts show the name of Mayra, alumna of the pompon team from the class of 2000.



Gina Beck, Saundra Hudnall, Gail Lee, Faith Etheridge, Laura Davis, Jennifer Singh, and Eleanor Bateman at PACC network event sponsored by Fine Earth Landscaping.



Doug and Charlotte Boucher, Peg and Rick Arnold, Lynne Rolls, Dave and Sarah Ashley, and John Rolls help share a fond well for the Arnolds who will soon be moving to Colorado.



Falcon fans, Falcon flag, and Falcon drum: Do we get a Hail to the Falcons?



Friday night Falcon football in big sky country – Poolesville!



PACC members, Jan Schultz, and Cherry and William Price, at tent party hosted by Fine Earth Landscaping.



Showing their iteration of a PHS Falcon tailgate party are Zak, Micah, Ricky, Penelope, Ben, Livy, and Emmy.

## Town Government

### Town Commissioners Hear Report on Cost Impacts of Town's Solar Array

By Link Hoewing

The commissioners again had a light agenda with no new or old business items at their meeting on October 2; however, they did hear a report from town manager Wade Yost detailing the performance and costs of the Town of Poolesville's solar array that provided some interesting facts about the technology.

Poolesville installed the solar array near the wastewater treatment plant in late 2014. At the time, officials suggested that they had moved forward with the project for a number of reasons, including potential cost savings from the electricity that the array would generate, helping to reduce the impact of town operations on the environment, and providing a learning opportunity for the community and students. When the array was installed, Poolesville was one of the first three municipalities in Maryland with its own source of renewable solar energy and the only municipality in Montgomery County with such a system.

Yost put together the report on the solar array's cost impacts on town operations at the request of the commissioners. The report was prepared based on actual bills and costs that electricity generators, like Potomac Edison, and the solar array operator, UGI Corporation, generated. Yost explained that the calculations were complex because some charges assessed by Potomac Edison, such as charges associated with "peak demand times," had to be assessed based on an assumed multiplier. In addition, the total amount of usage at the sewer plant and for the town's well systems has not increased over the last few years because the investments made by Poolesville to improve efficiency have reduced overall demand—this despite the town's continued growth.

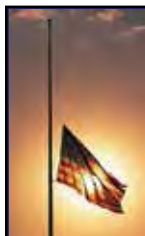
Yost said that, overall, the town's actual costs for electricity in 2013 (before the solar array was completed) were a little over \$141,000. Actual costs in 2017 (including the solar array) were almost the same, but, excluding the solar array, costs in 2017 would have been almost \$177,000, a savings of around \$35,000. This savings is almost exactly the amount the town saved annually because it does not have to pay a Montgomery County energy tax that does not apply to renewable energy systems. The tax was adopted in part as an incentive to encourage investment in renewable energy technologies.

Yost said that these numbers can, however, be misleading. This is because variables such as reduced electricity usage due to the increased efficiencies of town water and sewer operations can vary the results. To help correct this shortcoming, he calculated a kilowatt-per-hour figure that helps equalize anomalies and make comparisons more accurate. Based on this assessment, the actual costs for each kilowatt per hour was ten cents in 2017 versus over-thirteen cents for the same year if the solar array had never been installed.

Overall, the report makes clear that while renewable energy systems can have important impacts on costs and the environment, they are only a part of the strategies the town can use to improve in these areas. The town's investments in improving its sewer plant operations and reducing inflow into the sewer pipes throughout town have had a significant impact on costs, and numbers like taxes and incentives (i.e., the Montgomery County energy tax) are an important part of the equation as well. The report points to all of these conclusions.

While there was no new or old business to consider during the meeting, a number of items were discussed that are of importance to town residents. Yost added that Poolesville's Sustainable Maryland certification (i.e., a recognition granted by the nonprofit Sustainable Maryland organization to municipalities that want to go green, save money, and take steps to sustain their quality of life) is up for renewal in the next year. The committee founded by the town to support the initiative has already begun mapping out programs and reports that it can submit to show that it deserves to be recertified.

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As a mark of respect for the victims of the senseless acts of violence perpetrated on October 1, 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada, Pres. Donald J. Trump has ordered that the flag of the United States shall be flown at half-staff, effective immediately, until sunset, Friday, October 6, 2017. As a matter of protocol, the Maryland flag is lowered to half-staff, as well; no flag may be higher than the United States flag.

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## Commentary

### Things I Don't Understand

By John Clayton

The mass shooting in Las Vegas was awful, but I don't understand the honorable senate majority leader's contention that it's too soon to discuss ways to reduce gun deaths in the United States. If he says it's too soon, when will he be ready? Will he tell us when he is ready, or will we have to ask?

McConnell also said something to the effect that he doubted if legislation would stop such killings or if indeed anything would. I get that, and actually agree with it for the most part. I'm totally hip to the fact that there is nothing we can do to keep angry white men from shooting people. What I don't understand is why he thinks that is the question. The question is: What can we as a society do to reduce gun deaths? No other democracy has this problem to anywhere near this magnitude. We suffer over thirty thousand per year, with mass shootings on the upswing. I don't understand why our leaders can say, "Gosh, there's just nothing we can do!" and that's the end of it.

I don't understand why there are actually people out there who think we can realistically ban guns. Get over it. We can't, we won't, and we wouldn't like any of the steps that followed. It's just the way it is. The guns are already out there. That isn't how gun violence is going to be reduced.

I don't understand how Speaker of the House Paul Ryan says that this is a mental health problem. Do we have ten times the rate of mental illness of other countries? I don't know if our mental health treatment is worse than that of other countries', but it can't be that much worse. If all our gun violence isn't because of rampant mental illness or ineffective treatment, I don't understand what it could possibly be. Could it simply be that the choice is black and white: no guns or lots of gun deaths? Why we don't analyze the problem and discuss it like concerned adults is beyond me.

I don't understand why we don't have a tipping point. It's not school-aged children; it's not churchgoers; it's not college students; it's not

country music fans. Maybe it has to be someone you know.

Enough about guns. I don't understand why Bernie Sanders and all those wannabe Democratic presidential candidates want free healthcare for everybody for which the government (the taxpayer—us) pay. I remember when this came up during his debates with Hilary Clinton, and Sanders explained that everyone would get free healthcare and they would pay for it with higher taxes, and that (here it comes) no one would mind. I don't understand why he thinks that everyone would be okay with this. What does he think this is, Sweden? Americans, some more than others, hate paying taxes and expect the government to do everything anyway. For example, consider the federal gasoline tax, frozen in the amber of the distant past, and our infrastructure crisis, which we expect the government to fix. Bernie, it isn't going to happen here.

I don't understand why we don't appreciate the irony that the horror of Obamacare (Thank you Mr. Ryan and Mr. President) is clearly the best healthcare plan anyone has come up with, easily defeating all those cut taxes and cut Medicaid plans from the Republicans, and this single payer nonsense from the Democrats. Check the polls if you don't believe me.

I don't understand why conservatives are outraged by Maryland's shameful gerrymandering, but the conservatives of the Supreme Court appear to be just fine with gerrymandering in general, and specifically in Wisconsin. I do understand that I am oversimplifying this, and the justices' legitimate concern is over what a workable remedy would look like, but be that as it may, spare me the sanctimony about Maryland for a while.

I don't understand why the really smart people think it will be okay for the first wave of driverless cars to require a little of our attention to be safe. We're driving that way now, folks. It's got to be all or nothing. Keep them off the roads until we can watch cat videos in peace. Mark my words.

Lastly, I don't understand why people don't see that Secretary of State Rex Tillerson is the perfect person to negotiate with North Korea's Kim Jong Un. After all, if Kim thinks Trump is a dotard, and Rex thinks Trump is a moron, it could be the beginning of a beautiful relationship.

## Local News

### Honeybee Colony Saved from Local Historic Site

By Susan Petro

Damascus area beekeepers, Jim Fraser and his sons James and Andrew, from Maryland Honey Company, along with assistance from Poolesville's Joe Long of Honey Effects, recently removed a large honeybee colony occupying a sizable section of wall space in the Loving Charity Hall (LCH) that is located at the Warren Historic Site near the corner of White's Ferry Road and Martinsburg Road.

The LCH building was built in 1914 and is one of three buildings located at the Warren Historic Site which also includes the Warren United Methodist Church built in 1903 and a one-room Martinsburg Negro School built in 1886. "This site is important because it may be the last intact African American community center in the state," said Sarah Rodgers, the Executive Director of Heritage Montgomery, a county- and state-funded nonprofit. The hall was used as both a social hall and a benevolent society that provided

insurance and benefits to its members.

The colony of bees, which occupied the wall space for many years, needed to be removed as the building will soon be disassembled and rebuilt using all of the original materials that are salvageable with replacement pieces for damaged materials. The restored building is projected to be reopened during the 2018 Heritage Days.

During the removal process, Fraser and his sons carefully cut section by section of the active nest full of bees and placed them into newly-constructed frames housed in a bee box. Each section must be placed in the correct position or the developing bees will be destroyed. As the sections were removed, the sons kept a careful eye out for the queen bee which is necessary for the survival of the colony. Amazingly, the queen was spotted by son, Andrew, and was carefully placed into the bee box along with the sections of honeycomb. The queen can be hard to spot as the other bees quickly move to cover her for protection.

Removing and relocating honeybee colonies can lead to bee stings, but these bees were surprisingly calm and mostly docile during the removal process. Although the Fraser family wore protective suits, hats, and face

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**Honeybee Colony Saved from Local Historic Site**



*Bees being removed from historic Loving Charity Hall in Dickerson.*

protection, they didn't all wear gloves. Getting used to stings is just part of the job.

The bees will be housed at the Maryland Bee Company's apiary over the winter months with plans to relocate in the spring to the nearby Button Farm, a heritage farm that interprets the lives of African American farmers in the 1850s and is open to the public.

"Heritage Montgomery, a local nonprofit group, has been active in the restoration efforts for over ten years," said Rodgers. "Preserving these sites is important as they reflect the diversity of county history and tells the story of the many people who helped build it."

Just as many hands have taken part in the preservation of the historic site, quite a few individuals took an interest in preserving the bee colony, as well. When a resident pointed out the

colony to local beekeeper, Joe Long of Honey Effects, he notified Elsie Thomas, Director of the Warren Historic Site, who then put in a call to Heritage Montgomery. "As the hive was found in the Agricultural Reserve, we felt strongly that we should save and relocate the bees," said Fraser. "This move is an example of protecting the county's stressed and diminishing pollinators." Additionally, Fraser emphasized the importance of showing folks how to care for and protect the bees that are vital to our agriculture.

Fraser met with officials from the Montgomery County Beekeepers' Association during this year's county fair and they expressed interest in the project. The association put out a request for a volunteer, and Fraser responded. Fraser has been working with bees since the age of five. His father kept hives in the same Upcounty area in which the Warren Historic Site is located, and he was quite familiar with the location. Although an engineer by trade, Fraser now manages 150 full-size hives and also sells both honey and beekeeping equipment. "I also teach new beekeepers and am active in several local county beekeepers' associations," said Fraser.

Joe Long volunteered to assist the removal by providing a generator, bee-safe vacuum, and a tall ladder to reach the nest on a section of wall space approximately sixteen inches wide by five feet tall. Additionally, Long videotaped the removal process to share at upcoming Warren Historic Site events.

As the Loving Charity Hall undergoes careful restoration and the bees are safely overwintering in the Maryland Honey Company's apiary, stay tuned for future articles detailing the progress of this and other projects dedicated to preserving and protecting our history and precious assets in the Agricultural Reserve.

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**Town Commissioners Hear Report on Cost Impacts of Town's Solar Array**

Commissioner Chuck Stump remarked that the owner of the shopping center across from Whalen Commons (the Magruder Companies) has begun to discuss with the Planning Commission some redesigns it is considering as it works with Dunkin' Donuts on a possible new store to be located in the center. The discussions have only begun, but Stump made it clear that the Planning Commission has let the center's owner know that the town has strong design concepts in its Master Plan that are intended to protect the town's small town character.

Finally, Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski announced that the school superintendent will be revealing his proposals for school construction and renovation (the so-called Capital Improvements Program or CIP) on October 27. The town and its citizens will be watching closely to see if Poolesville High School will be included in the CIP plan.

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## Local News

### Stark but Essential Facts about Opioid Abuse and Addiction

By Rande Davis

The Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN), in partnership with the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County health representatives, and Poolesville government, held a town hall-like meeting at Poolesville's United Memorial Methodist Church to discuss the impact in our area from opioid abuse and addiction. The evening's theme was: "In Our Own Backyard: A Community Dialog about Drug Abuse and Addiction."

Town Commissioner Valaree Dickerson, a longtime public activist on matters of drug abuse, was the emcee for the meeting. She noted that progress will be achieved "by one person, one family, and one community at a time." Success will come from the ground up. The issue of prescription drug misuse has reached fever-pitch nationally, with Governor Hogan, in remarking that Maryland has six overdoses per day, declaring a state of emergency within Maryland.

UPN plans to host many other such meetings throughout various venues in the community to garner widespread community awareness and understanding about the issue and its impact on children, students, and adults in the region. By sharing and disseminating knowledge, Charlotte Boucher, chairperson of UPN, said, "We have an important and discreet opportunity to promote knowledge of the problem and available resources for help" to promote individual health, strengthen the future prospects for youth, and foster an overall more joyous living experience for all abusers, their friends and family, and the community at large. She added that UPN is bringing together all sectors of the public, education, government, law enforcement, medical, civic- and faith-based groups, to build a wall of prevention before the scourge of the problem ravages the community. When asked why the high school was not holding the event, she answered that the educational process is ongoing and, while the school has and will continue to be active in the process, it is important to reach out and include as many other sectors of the community as possible if the goals of prevention are to succeed.

Montgomery County Police District 15 Commander Dave Anderson spoke first and warned that "making arrests

alone will not solve our problem." The most important objective of the police is to save lives, not simply to make arrests. Deaths from crack and cocaine in the 1980s and '90s came mostly from the violence involved in dealing the drugs, while this epidemic "will kill you."

He admonished the group by emphasizing that "your kids will not tell you. You will have to figure it out by staying involved in their lives, being aware of even the slightest changes in their behavior, and understanding that the police are there to help." He was supported in this comment by attorney Steve Chaikin, a former prosecutor for the Montgomery County state's attorney's office. Mr. Chaikin brought up the new Good Samaritan Laws that prioritize saving lives over making arrests. He advised attendees to understand that persons involved in drug use (for example, attending a party where drugs are being used) and at the same time witnessing an overdose will get automatic immunity if they call the police or emergency medical personnel to prevent someone from dying of an overdose. "Anyone, especially teens, need to know that they can call for help without fear of prosecution."

Much of the meeting focused on the personal experiences of parents who lost their children to opioid abuse. In telling of their heart-rendering experience and putting their severe personal pain aside, they managed to try to explain what happened to their children, how it came about, and what things they missed that might have prevented the tragedy.

Poolesville's Lisa Esich described in excruciating detail the night her daughter Lisa wound up a quadriplegic from using heroin the very first time. Lisa also spoke of her pain and regret and tried her best to explain how she got to where she was. As a young teenager, she went from marijuana experimentation to using heroin within one year. "Marijuana is a gateway drug. Using it made me unafraid and more willing to take risks. I wish I could have stayed afraid."

Parent Don Woods, struggled to tell his powerful and insightful reflection as to how his son, a popular high school quarterback who completed college, still ended up in the throes of opioid abuse and died in his early thirties. It visibly hurt him to explain how his son, Alex, started smoking and using marijuana in middle school. His only sense of peace comes from hoping his story will prevent some else's crisis.

Dick Willis, a twenty-three-year U.S. Navy veteran and cryptologist for the

National Security Agency, lost his daughter despite multiple warning signs. He and his wife went to great personal financial hardship to place their daughter in medical care. She would doctor-shop, gaining prescriptions from many different medical professionals. Her only explanation as to why it happened was that depression and anxiety overwhelmed her, and drug addiction was what could "make her feel normal."

It was the personal story of Alex Jeffery, though, that perhaps startled the most. He is a recovering addict who, as a youth, had it all: loving and caring parents, a wonderful home life, appreciative friends. Still, boredom, desire for experimentation, hanging around the wrong crowd, using alcohol, then marijuana, moving up to cocaine, and then finally oxycodone turned him into a full-blown addict, stealing from family and friends to get drugs. Starting out as a chronic relapser, he eventually came to accept help at the Clarksburg Correctional Facility. His mother once said the only quiet night of sleep she got was when he was in jail—at least she knew he was safe. Recovery was a long process through successes and failures to where he has been clean for two years and is now working with the Montgomery County

Police as a Peer Recovery Coordinator for the Maryland Treatment Center where he is called upon in emergency room overdose cases to speak and work with others experiencing an overdose in the heat of the moment.

There were three key bits of information from this painful but essential up-close and personal look at opioid abuse: First, if a child's behavior causes a parent to even be the slightest concerned, then get help as denial is deadly; secondly, the key symptoms of rapid and wide mood swings, unexplained drowsiness, depression, anxiety, hanging around new and nonpreferred friends, getting caught in even small lies are all indicators strong enough to get help—a call to 911 can get a parent in touch with a host of discreet groups and agencies that can help; thirdly, make sure you and your child understand they are protected from prosecution for drug use while reporting an overdose incident. Young people do not need to fear retribution if they witness an overdose and call 911 for help. Knowing that, when available at the right time, Narcan can prevent an overdose death, the incident, although tragic but non-fatal, could possibly lead to full recovery and a full life.

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### Tidbits

#### Famed Washington Post Columnist Visits Poolesville

Washington Post columnist Courtland Milloy visited Poolesville on Saturday 22 to meet with local African-American historians Gwen Reese and Skip Etheridge. For the interview, they prepared to discuss the history of the local African-American residents from the area. In the nearly one-hour meeting, they presented Mr. Milloy with a great deal of family and historical information about the proud history of Sugarland, a community of former slaves, its post-slavery vibrancy and growth as a community, intriguing facts during its reconstruction era experience, and the struggles of integration.

To their surprise, the column focused more on their reactions to the NFL American flag/kneeling incident. The Post missed an opportunity to tell of a much more uplifting and hopeful story. His column ran in the September 26 issue of the Post.



Washington Post columnist Courtland Milloy, Gwen Reese, Skip Etheridge, and Jim Brown at an interview at Poolesville Town Hall.

#### Clarissa Sears Catalog Kit Home Celebrates 100 Years

Barnesville's William and Cherry Price recently celebrated the hundredth anniversary of their Clarissa Sears home. Arriving at the Selman station, the Sears, Roebuck, and Company catalog kit home was shipped to O. K. Poole.

The style of the Prices' home was called the Clarissa model. The original built-in cabinets are still in the dining room as are the original pocket doors. The homes were priced from \$1,357 to \$2670.

The interior woodwork has never been painted, and most surfaces have the original varnish intact. Over the years, the home the Prices refer to as "the old girl" has had a few updates. One winter, Cherry and William could not take it any longer and installed new windows to tighten things up. They updated again after the visit of an exchange student from Finland when the decision was made to finally install central air conditioning.

The Prices are hoping their original home will be around to celebrate the next hundred years.

#### Local Boy Wins Town's Scavenger Hunt

As part of the 150th anniversary of the Town of Poolesville, town officials offered a fun scavenger hunt to some of its historical buildings to promote the special occasion and to share part of its history.

Each building had a flyer with a special code number printed on it, and persons understanding a clue placed on the town Facebook page would then have to visit the building in person, record the number, and submit their entry in a contest to win a \$150 gift certificate to a locally-owned business.

The winner was Kellan Martin, son of Maggie Martin, and he chose to divvy his winnings up between various businesses in town as follow: \$50.00 each from Mexican Grill and Cugini's, and \$25.00 each from CVS and Dollar General.




The Price home in Barnesville is one hundred years old. This is the copy of the original Sears catalog ad.




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## Local News

### Environmental Activists Meet to Discuss Coal Plant Water Pollution

By John Clayton

A public hearing took place on September 27 at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department to discuss the continuity of operations at the Dickerson Generating Station, a coal-fired power plant. The plant is operating with an outdated permit which allows it to pollute the Potomac River and its unnamed tributaries, as well as those of the Little Monocacy River, up to a certain level, using water for cooling and for discharge. The plant is owned by Gen-On Mid-Atlantic LLC and NRG Energy, Inc. NRG is a Fortune 500 Company that bills itself as “the leading integrated power company in the U.S., built on the strength of the nation’s largest and most diverse competitive electric generation portfolio and leading retail electricity platform.”

Montgomery County councilman Mark Erlich told the *Monocle* after the meeting that he anticipated a resolution in the council supporting the efforts to reduce pollution by the generating plant.

According to the Sierra Club, a national environmental activist group, the plant’s wastewater is the number-one source of water pollution in Montgomery County. The Sugarloaf Citizens’ Association (SCA) and the Montgomery County Alliance (MCA) partnered with the Sierra Club in presentations that highlighted their concern for water pollution from coal toxins, stating that wastewater discharged from coal plants is the number one source of toxic water pollution in the entire country, and that toxins, including arsenic, selenium, lead, and mercury accumulate in stream beds, fish, and our bodies, and can cause serious health problems. The plant has three coal-fired boilers and two fracked-gas units, and draws more than four hundred million gallons of water per day, according to the Sierra Club, which the *Monocle* estimates is well over six hundred Olympic-sized swimming pools.

According to the Sierra Club, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has not updated the permits, thus allowing the facility to release these toxins into the public waterways since 2014. As a result, the plant continues to operate with an expired permit, which the MDE is expected to renew. The Sierra Club regards the renewal permit as inadequate for protecting the river, “a source of drinking water, fisheries, and economic revenue for the county.”

The proposed renewal permit, as reviewed in draft at the meeting, would allow the facility to continue operations which allow the discharge of cooling water, intake screen backwash, and other discharges. The advocates implored attendees to lobby Gov. Larry Hogan and his administration not to renew the permit as proposed.

The Dickerson Generating Station’s neighbor, the twenty-two-year-old trash incinerator, operated by Montgomery Covanta, and known as Montgomery County’s second largest polluter, is also in the SCA’s sights. The contract with Covanta to operate the incinerator expires in April 2021, and SCA and other groups are marshalling forces to prevent the renewal of its operating permit.

The facility was in the news late last year for a series of uncontrolled trash fires at the plant. Covanta, admitting that the aging plant could use significant upgrading, has committed to new safety procedures and additional funding for repairs and maintenance.

The battle over the two Dickerson facilities has been the signature cause of Upcounty environmental groups and residents in proximity to the plants, who live with the consequences of burning fossil fuels and trash to generate the electricity county residents all need.

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# Garden

## Thoughts of a Passing Summer

By Maureen O'Connell

Another summer is slowly departing our Monocacy gardens and letting fall slip in with its brilliant beauty and softness. It has not been a Goldilocks, just-the-right-amount-of-everything season; it rarely is. We experienced a roller coaster ride of climatic conditions. There were periods of frequent rainy days and cool temperatures in the spring and many days of extreme heat with the heat index well over 100° F. in July and August—but we have no right to complain, in light of the destruction, misery, and loss of life inflicted on Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean islands by Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

Our gardens lived through the summer and sometimes amazed us with their resiliency. For my hydrangeas, the deciding factor affecting their blooms or lack thereof was the late March heavy frosts that killed the just-emerging buds on my 'Endless Summer' hydrangeas. Their flowers form on the current year's growth as well as on old wood. Usually, the ten large plants are covered with beautiful medium blue blooms all summer; this year, I had a mere handful. Their foliage was very healthy looking, but they lacked their glorious plumage. Only 'Little Limelight,' a *Hydrangea paniculata*, bloomed as usual, as it is very cold-hardy, sets its buds later, and blooms from July to September. It is not as spectacular as 'Endless Summer,' but you pay a price for its reliability.

The bees, insects, and the birds were very busy this summer with their pollination activity, with help from the wind. They are the four ways that

seeds of growing plants can be resown in areas near and far from the original plant. I found new plants in areas of my garden where I never planted them. Lamb's Ears (*Stachys*) were everywhere, especially the variety 'Big Ears.' I don't really mind as they are irresistible to touch. *Crocsmia* 'Lucifer,' with its erect sword-shaped leaves and brilliant wands of fiery scarlet, can be difficult to get established and is quite an introvert, but, this summer, he did a bit of traveling, visiting areas of the Upper Garden. Now he is a tough plant, growing from corms, but he can self-seed to invasive proportions where he is happy. Lucifer must have an angelic girlfriend in the UG. Herbs usually stay put, but here again, there are exceptions. For many years Lemon Verbena lived amongst the hostas and ferns under the old white dogwood tree. He spread a bit every year, but the hostas kept his boundaries under control. This summer, he decided to move some of himself to live under the tall American Holly near the barn. He is healthy and happy and scents the air with his lemon cologne.

This is my third year of not using insecticides, fungicides, pesticides, or any other "-cides" in my gardens, and I have been very pleasantly surprised as to how they have fared; very well, thank you. Better Living without Chemistry! Now, as I have previously mentioned, my choice of plants has something to do with their success. I deliberately choose plants that are highly-resistant to diseases and pests and are tolerant of heat and drought conditions. The biggest challenging question was: Could my three David Austin 'Olivia' roses survive without the chemicals. I am pleased to say that they did. They suffered a bit of black spot, but they gave me many pink rosettes all summer. I am tempted to increase my rose population next year.

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## Yeas and Neighs

### What's the Pointe?

By Andie Devynck

Well, in Great and Small's case, horses helping humans is. To be more specific, equine-assisted activities and therapies (EAAT) are the whole point of the nonprofit, community-based Great and Small Therapeutic Riding program founded in 1998 and located on Montgomery County's Rickman Horse Farm, an M-NCP&PC property, on Moore Road in Boyds. Even more to the point, their upcoming year-end benefit event, Horses on Pointe, will feature dancing pairs of horses and riders, all in support of the diverse array of services offered year-round by Great and Small.

Great and Small provides multiple therapies to children and adults of all ages affected by a range of physical, developmental, emotional, and learning disabilities. Rachel Neff is Great and Small's center director. A welcoming, upbeat, and poised young woman, Rachel graduated from Murray State University in 2010 with a B.S.A. in Agribusiness and minored in both Equine Science and Spanish. Rachel was the farm manager at Great and

Small prior to becoming center director, so she knows the program's needs and abilities from several vantage points. She has also served as treasurer and secretary of the Maryland Council of Equestrian Therapies.

Rachel lists some of many services at Great and Small as therapeutic riding, speech therapy utilizing hippotherapy (riding astride a horse and using its movement to stimulate the body's internal systems) through a partnership with REINS Therapeutic Services, and mental health services, including equine-facilitated psychotherapy through Ten Ten Counseling. She explains that Great and Small, through its staff of five instructors, numerous volunteers, and nine leased or donated horses and ponies, provides a supportive and therapeutic engagement with horses to strengthen and empower riders, helping them develop their full potential. The center serves up to seventy participants weekly across all of its programs. In addition, Great and Small also hosts related special programs and camps.

A highlight of Great and Small's spring this year, the organization was named One of the Best as part of the Class of 2017-18 in the *Catalogue for Philanthropy's* Greater Washington division. The *Catalogue*, celebrating its fifteenth anniversary this year, helped



Great and Small instructor Peggy Itrich watched while rider Taylor worked with volunteer Linda and pony Ducky to master a new skill.

select seventy-six charities to feature in its print edition. "People want to know where to give, and they need trusted information. Based on our in-depth review, we believe that Great and Small is one of the best community-based nonprofits in the region," says Barbara

Harman, founder and president of the *Catalogue for Philanthropy*.

Rachel describes the upcoming benefit, Horses on Pointe, as an evening of dancing horses where attendees can sip beverages and enjoy

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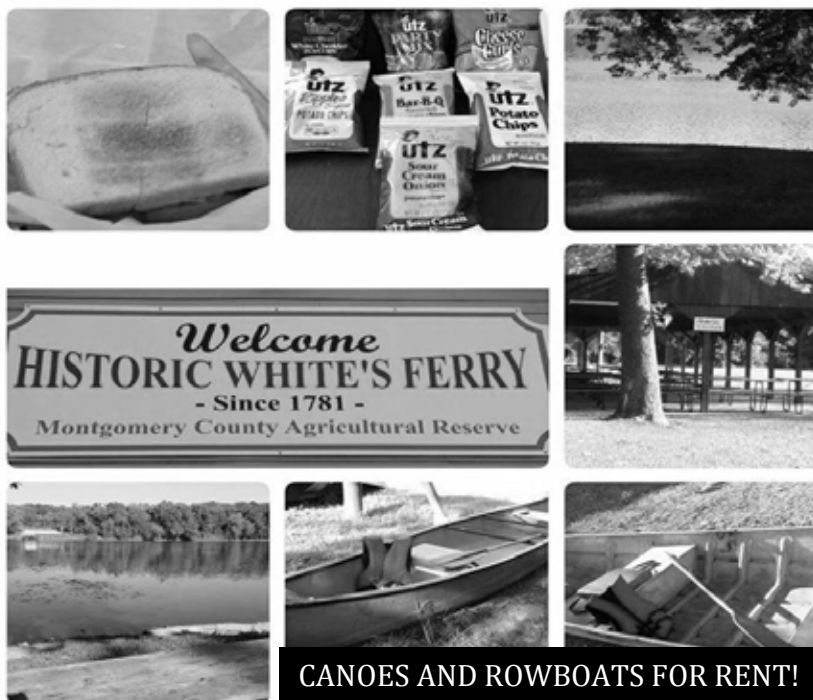
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**Game Day:** Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church

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

### SAVE THE DATE:

**October 21:** Annual Poolesville Oktoberfest and WUMCO Walk

**October 21:** Great and Small Therapeutic Riding Center's Benefit Event

**October 27:** Barnesville School Open House

**October 28:** St. Mary's Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner

### CURRENT EVENTS:

**October 6**

#### PHS Home Varsity Game

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

**October 6 and 7**

#### Markoff's Haunted Forest

25th Anniversary of one of America's premier Halloween special events. Fast Passes available at Cugini's, House of Poolesville, and Bassett's.

**October 6, 7, and 8**

#### The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

Featuring on October 8 – M.A.D. BBQ and Common Ground (11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) local produce and craft market. Blue Hearth: Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

#### Pumpkin Chunkin' for Charity

Shoot pumpkin cannon at target in pond. Proceeds all go to charities. *Lewis Orchards*. Friday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**October 7**

#### Torchlight Productions Special Musical Concert

A musical showcase of local singer/songwriters, the best in local folk and country balladeers. Bring your lawn chairs, family picnic basket, or pick up carryout at local restaurants. Free. *Whalen Commons*. 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

### Pig Pick'n Dinner and Bluegrass Gospel Concert

Starring the Barretones, award-winning bluegrass artists Randy Barrett on the banjo with Rickie Simpkins on the fiddle. Bring a side dish to share. Free. *Barnesville Baptist Church*. Dinner: 5:30 p.m.; concert: 7:00 p.m.

**October 8**

#### UMCVFD Open House

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and fun for the whole family. Hay rides to the pumpkin patch, see fire engines up close, test your "Hands Only CPR" skills, enjoy hot dogs and drinks. *Firehouse in Beallsville*. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### 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, and \$15 for junior riders ages 12-16. For more information, visit [RideForTheReserve.org](http://RideForTheReserve.org).

**October 11**

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Tennis. Whitman. 3:45 p.m.

#### Poolesville Planning Commission

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

**October 12**

#### PHS Varsity Home Games

Volleyball. Gaithersburg. 6:30 p.m.

**October 12, 13 and 14**

#### St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale

Household items, clothes, jewelry, linens, crafts, toys, baby stuff, electronics, movies and music, art and pictures, antique and vintage items, pet items, tools, camping, sports, gardening, and much more. Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to noon.

**October 13**

#### 2nd Barnesville School Golf Outing and Concert

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**October 13 to 15**

#### Farm to Gallery

Countryside Artisans Fall Gallery and Studio Tour. Brochure and map at [CountrysideArtisans.com](http://CountrysideArtisans.com).

**October 14**

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey. Springbrook. 10:00 a.m.

#### Farm Tour and Talk at Soleado Lavender Farm

Explore the grounds while owners, Sophia and Kevin, give an overview of the farm's history along with how and why they grow lavender and their essential oil distillation process.

Professor Christine Rai will give a lively talk exploring lavender and culture, including history, music, poetry, and folklore. Participants will receive 10% off product purchases with ticket purchase. 23611 W. Harris Rd., Dickerson. 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**October 16**

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

Would you like to announce a meeting, club, or upcoming event in **Things To Do**?

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## Youth Sports

### PHS Girls' Soccer Surprises in the Early Season

By Jeff Stuart

Before the start of the fall season, PHS's girls' soccer coach Rod Nubgaard knew he had a younger and smaller squad.

"There will be a couple of surprise wins in store I am sure," he had said—and there have been surprises already, with a win over Quince Orchard and a tie against Damascus. They lost to both rivals last season. Add 6-0 wins over Magruder and Watkins Mill, and a 3-0 win over Rockville, and the Falcons are 4-1-1 in county competition and 3-0-1 in 3A/2A.

"I think we are really great this year," said senior captain Zoe Welch. "It is one of the favorite teams I have played on. We have good communication. We are good on the field. We all like each other. I like our pregame rituals. It's awesome. I really like it. The Damascus and Quince Orchard games were our best games. We worked our butts off during the QO game. I was really proud of the whole team for rallying and holding on. I thought that I played well against Damascus and our defense played well. I am looking forward to playing with each other and definitely getting the rings when we win the states. We want to beat Blake. That is an important game coming up. If we win it, we win the division. We want to win the division for sure."

"Just before the match starts, I have a few words to the team," says Coach Nubgaard. "Then the team goes through its own rematch talk, pump-up, and then team cheer. They have developed their own special routine that they seem to enjoy."

"This year has been different than last year," said starting goalkeeper Rachel Tievy, a sophomore in the Humanities Magnet Program at Poolesville. "We have really good chemistry. We work really well together. We are really positive with each other and that helps us on and off the field. The Quince Orchard game was a real team win...they were probably more technically-skilled than we are, but we worked off each other and played to our strengths. I am looking forward to

working with each other and growing as a team."

"This is a very special group this year," said the coach, "and I am very committed that none or all get recognized for their achievements this year. I need all sixteen players. There are occasions when you have a core group that carries a team, but this is not the case this year. All sixteen players fought their hearts out for a win against QO, a team with over twenty top-flight players. This is one of the best groups of players I have coached from a team chemistry aspect.

"There are no stats that show who played while fighting a cold or injury or for those who played critical shift in a position they have never played before. Goal scorers helped us but could not without the work of the others. Against Rockville, we had only thirteen players available, and at least half of those were fighting a cold. Some were starters and others were off-the-bench players. All of them put forth an incredible effort, winning a tough game.

"I have six defenders who share time on the field. All six are an integral part of the team as a whole. I am proud and honored to be the coach of this team."

"All are a part of our Sweet Sixteen": Tievy, seniors, Killian Carney and Rachel Macairan; juniors, Sarah Mullikin, Ashwini Thirukkonda, Sammie Thomas, Ali Markoff, and Saran Kaur; sophomores, Rachel Onderko, Heather Robinson, Sabrina Edwards, Lauren Penn, Jessica Volkle; and, of course, our senior captains: Zoe, and midfielders Kelliann Lee and Maria Phelps.



Falcon captains Zoe Welch, Kelliann Lee, and Maria Phelps.



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## Tribute A Hero Reflects On Normandy

By Rande Davis

In 1993, while still active in the United States Navy Reserve, a group of sailors and marines bonded together, identified as CLF DET 206 (Commander in Chief, Atlantic Fleet, Detachment 206), and ultimately began meeting in formal and informal events ever since. Their most recent gathering was held at Calleva on September 16, and the featured speaker was one of the few men still alive who landed at Normandy.

Dickerson's Nick "Chief" Markoff, an Annapolis graduate (played football with Roger Staubach) and retired fighter pilot, was appointed the organizing leader with two titles. The one title we can use in the newspaper was President of the Mess. Chief explained they have been a fun-loving, rowdy group just wanting to have fun together, share memories, with some good-spirited razing of each other, and they get together each year in the tradition of the military's dining out, a formal dinner that includes spouses and friends and others not necessarily in the service.

As the years go by, the group's number has naturally diminished, but each dining out brings a chance for the members to hear from some very special heroes like a World War II bomber pilot or Blue Angel pilot.

The afternoon of September 16 began with the naval tradition of "parading the beef" led by a bagpiper, plenty of formal and informal toasts offered, most often with great humor and at other times with appreciation and fondness. The music for the night featured the sounds of the 1940s for good reason. Their guest speaker was a very special hero, Retired Corporal

Anthony Triantis, a veteran of World War II who was part of the amphibious landing at Normandy and the Battle of the Bulge.

The attendees were mesmerized as Corporal Triantis reflected on hearing about World War I at the knee of his father and the impact of those stories on him right after the attack on Pearl Harbor. "Recruitment lines were sometimes a mile long after the attack. I was so relieved to turn eighteen so I could sign up. I didn't want to wear civilian clothes. I got my self-respect back."

As it turned out, the corporal became part of the 745th Tank Battalion, shipped to England, where every day was "practice, practice, practice for what was at the time top secret, a planned attack at Normandy. We never knew when or where we were to go, but one night, instead of coming back to England, we kept going and, in the morning, the sky was black with bombers (over 13,000 airplanes supported the mission). Then the soldiers were told 'the president wants to speak to all of you,' and Roosevelt gave the now-famous 'the eyes of the world are upon you' speech."

"Oooooohh, the Germans were not very receptive. A lot of boys were never to come home. You know it. You read about it." His battalion supported the 1st Infantry Division throughout the war. He reflected on the dichotomy of a tank soldier: At one moment, glad not to be like the infantryman walking alongside his tank completely exposed to the enemy down a road of uncertainty, and the next moment realizing he is riding in a "steel coffin." If they were to die, they most likely would die together all at once.

After the fierce fighting at Normandy, they began their movements inland. "We got excited about going to Gay Paree, but we were told it was reserved for 'de Gaulle and the Free French.' Then just as we thought we might actually get to Paris, we had to turn



Nick "Chief" Markoff, Corporal Triantis, grandson Nick Gerakis, and Maj. Gen. Peter Cook (retired).

away only to head into what was to become the Battle of the Bulge."

One listener wanted to know how he and his buddies handled fear. He answered the question with a question, "How does anyone handle fear?" He wouldn't say it, so we answer for him: With courage—unimaginable courage.

Corporal Triantis received a number of special awards at the convocation.

He was awarded the Order of St. George medallion, the top award given to members of the army's mounted force by the United States Army.

Association of the United States Army. He received a letter from the current general in command of 745th Tank Battalion in Texas, a 1st Infantry shirt and cap, and a flag flown over the U. S. Capitol.

From the awe-inspired eyes of a young girl to the heart of a hardened combat pilot, the attendees gave extended applause of appreciation as he humbly accepted their gratitude. As one of our greatest generation spoke, all the others, inspired by him, stood, united in their appreciation. Not surprisingly, no one kneeled.

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## Local News

### Clarksburg Boy Charged with Six Burglaries

By Jack Toomey

Detectives from the 5th police district had been investigating a rash of burglaries that had taken place in the Clarksburg area. In each case, someone had entered an open garage and taken a bicycle. One of the victims notified detectives that his bike was being offered for sale on the OfferUp application. Detectives then went to the seller's home and interviewed a

juvenile male. He admitted that he had stolen numerous bikes from houses in Clarksburg.

A search warrant was obtained for the residence and, in addition to a stolen bike, police found a GPS device that had been stolen from an unlocked car.

Police were able to trace eleven bikes that had been sold by the juvenile who is sixteen years old. He was charged with six counts of burglary and released to his parents. Police believe that the five remaining bikes had not been reported stolen by their owners.

MCP reminds residents to lock vehicle doors and windows, and to remove or hide from view items of value (to include garage door openers). Also, it is important to secure and lock all garage access doors to the home.

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#### What's the Pointe?

desserts as the performances unfold. She stresses the importance of events like this as crucial to supplement the programs. "Participant fees account for approximately one third of the annual budget. We cannot exist without donations of time, talent, and money." The event will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2017 at Wyndham Oaks, on Bucklodge Road at the end of Moore Road. All proceeds benefit therapeutic riding at Great and Small. More information and tickets are available, and reservations are required, so visit [greatandsmallride.org](http://greatandsmallride.org) to learn more, reserve tickets, or make a donation.

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## Police Blotter from the Past 1918

By Jack Toomey

Hartley Fellows, the seventeen-year-old son of Winfield Fellows, was a passenger in an automobile-truck traveling on the Rockville-Poolesville Pike when he changed positions with another passenger. He fell off of the truck into the path of another auto and, as a result, suffered a broken leg. The group was on its way to a football game in Poolesville.

Sheriff Aud received word that there was trouble in the Dickerson area of the county. He traveled there and made an investigation. He learned that a thirty-five-year-old man, who had been arrested a few days before for taking indecent liberties with a teenage girl, was being threatened by townsfolk who had gathered around his house at night. Aud thought it best if he took the suspect to Rockville and lodge him in the county jail for his own protection.

Four Washington men were injured when their automobile capsized on the Rockville Pike. It seems that chauffer

James Diggs encountered a rough spot on the road and swerved to avoid it, causing the auto to overturn. All four men were trapped under the vehicle until passersby came to their aid. They all were taken to the Emergency Hospital for treatment.

The state motor vehicle inspector was in Rockville to administer a driving test to Herbert Filer. As Filer motored around the streets of Rockville, he ran over James Wallach, a seventy-two-year-old farmer of Germantown, and Perry Waters, the county tax assessor. Mr. Wallach suffered broken ribs and was put aboard a car for Washington where he was admitted to the Emergency Hospital.

Two fifteen-year-old boys, residents of Washington, stole the auto of Admiral Jewell from in front of his residence on 21st Street. They motored into Rockville where they hailed retired Sheriff Viett and asked him directions to Frederick. Viett became suspicious and took the boys to Sheriff Aud. Aud communicated with the D.C. police who sent Detective Springman to take custody of the car and of the boys.

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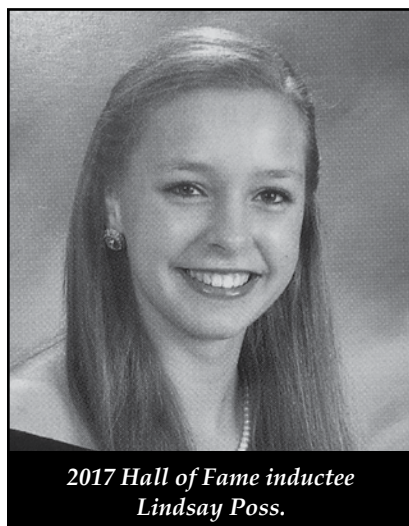
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### The 2017 Inductees to PHS Athletic Hall of Fame Honored

All-Met in 2011, and Honorable Mention in 2009 and 2010; *Frederick News Post* First Team in 2009 and Honorable Mention in 2008. Through her four years, she was a part of one state finalist team, one region championship team, and two division championship teams and recognized by her peers as the Most Valuable Player for two years.

For softball, Amy was named two-time First Team All-Gazette and one-time honorable mention and she still holds the record for most doubles and triples at PHS.

Amy's field hockey high school coach, Hall of Fame member Regina Grubb, says, "Amy was the best goalie to come out of PHS. She worked hard to always improve her game but also build up and help support her teammates to get better. She carried that work ethic over into the classroom and was a strong student throughout high school. Throughout her high school years, even though she was very successful, she remained a very humble leader, and to this day she has remained humble."



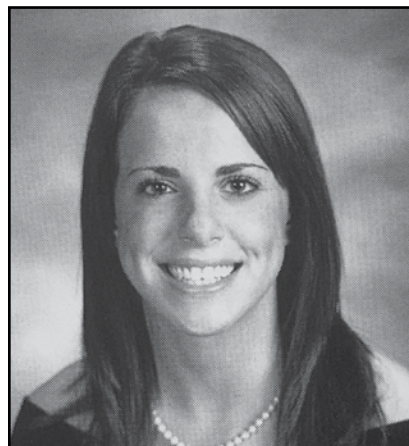
2017 Hall of Fame inductee  
Lindsay Poss.

#### Lindsay Poss

At PHS, Lindsay participated in basketball and field hockey and excelled in both as a top-notch athlete. During her four years on the basketball team, Lindsay scored over one thousand points and holds the all-time leading scorer record with 1,296 points. She was named *Washington Post* All-Met Honorable Mention for two years and was chosen to play on the Montgomery County All-Star Team. While playing field hockey, she helped dominate the defense and was a part of one Maryland State finalist team, one region championship team, and two division championship teams.

Lindsay attended Carnegie Mellon University and was a four-year starter for the varsity program and scored over one thousand points during her time there.

Lindsay's basketball coach, Hall of Fame member Fred Swick, says, "Lindsay was a very driven athlete that worked very hard at improving her game each year at PHS. As a basketball player, she was very confident in her abilities, and was always willing to push herself to the next level. She graduated PHS setting records of most points in a game and most points in a career, becoming only the second girl to score over one thousand points."



2017 Hall of Fame inductee  
Meghan Rose.

#### Meghan Rose

Meghan was a three-sport athlete participating in soccer, indoor track, and lacrosse. She won eight individual state medals including the 1A State indoor title in the 4x400 and 4x200 relay, 500 meter (three years in a row), 300 meter (two years in a row), and 800 meter. She was named *Washington Post* All-Met Honorable Mention in 2006 and 2007; All-Gazette First team 2007, Second Team 2005, 2006, and Honorable Mention 2004; and named to the All-Decade team for Mocerunning.com. For soccer and lacrosse, she was a top-notch player, recognized by the *Gazette* for multiple years, and was recruited and played Division 1 Lacrosse at Vanderbilt University.

Meghan's indoor track coach, Hall of Fame member Scott Mathias, says, "Meghan was an incredibly-gifted athlete. She excelled in all three of her varsity sports at PHS. I was lucky enough to coach her and witness the truly exceptional athlete she was. With these accomplishments, Meghan Rose secured her spot as one of the top indoor track athletes, not only in school history but in Maryland State history."

#### Kirk Jackson

In 2007, Kirk Jackson set the MCPS

and Metropolitan Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championships record in the 200 freestyle and was named first team All-Gazette as well as All-Met by the *Washington Post*. Due to his achievements in 2007, Kirk qualified as an All-American in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. Kirk still holds the record for men's swimming in the 200 freestyle, 200 IM, 500 freestyle, and 100 fly, and has the top ten times for MCPS in the 200 and 100 freestyle and 100 fly.

Kirk's swimming coach, Hall of Fame member Jon Leong, says, "Kirk was a swimmer who just needed a lane... no matter the race, he would always give it his best and inspire the rest of the team. Once Kirk made up his mind, he would give one hundred percent entire effort into accomplishing any task including breaking multiple swimming records."

#### Teams

The two teams honored this year had some of the finest and most talented female athletes in PHS's history. During 2002, Montgomery County was very close to cancelling the end of the fall season for teams due to the sniper. During this time, the teams had multiple games cancelled, and had to practice indoors to keep the season going. Through perseverance, dedication, and hard work, these two teams kept getting better and better and, in the end, came out on top.

#### 2002 State Championship Field Hockey Team

Amy Harmon, Courtney Horan, Jamie Abbaticchio, Marianne Lalonde, Holley Marchwicki, Ellen Carson, Abby Johnson, Jenny Langevin, Melissa Martin, Jessica Reynolds, Lauren Lee, Laurel Caywood, Emily Stovicek, Michele Repass, Ashley Loh, Jamie Morningstar, Kiri Jimerson, Kasey Marchwicki, Kellie Ray, Amanda Bettinger, Shannon Ferdock, Christina Cain, Katie Better, Jenn Gost, and Robin Miller.

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#### 2002 State Championship Girls' Soccer Team

Bryann Benton, Caitlin Evans, Andie Shartel, Becky Fielding, Samantha Menke, Kristin Fink, Erin Moore, Cody Worthington, Christina Mann, Skylar Worthington, Gretchen Auer, Stephanie Tafel, Sarah Furr, Annie Sowinski, Samantha Robinson, Emily Rose, Caitlin Beroza, Anna Treado, Stacie Payne, Justine Hoewing, Jenny Smith, Christine Lee, and Megan Turner.

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### Thoughts of a Passing Summer

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For the third year in a row, I have noticed—appearing almost overnight in early September—a two-to-three-foot grass-like weed with seed heads in two of my flower gardens. It is not Johnson Grass; it might be a type of sedge—I don't know. It is very difficult to get rid of, as it has deep roots. I will have to pay more attention to it next year. This has been a banner year for another weedy pest, bindweed. Keep it ripped out or it can quickly take over a plant.

My report card for my Garden 2017 is a B-plus. I am happy with that. If getting an A means having to control nature by potentially harming the ecosystem, I will take my B-plus. No need to be greedy.

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## Remembrance

### Mark A. Arnold

Mark A. Arnold, 49, of Frederick, died suddenly on September 20, 2017.

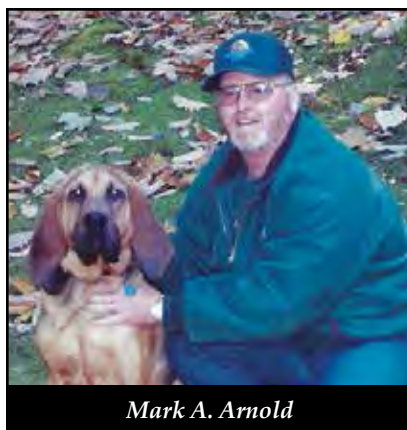
He was the loving husband of Barbara Arnold. Born on June 26, 1968, he was the son of the late Earle Lee and Ellen Virginia (Cole) Arnold, Sr.

Mark grew up in Dickerson and was a carpenter for the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing. Mark also enjoyed bowling when he was younger and was a member of a local bowling league. His great passions were his love for family, being a dedicated Washington Redskins and Baltimore Orioles fan, and sitting on the his front porch of his log home listening to bluegrass music.

Surviving besides his wife are two stepdaughters, Heather Scartocci and Lauren Foerster, both of Frederick; three brothers, Earle L. Arnold and wife Beverly of Frederick, Edward Arnold and wife Carolyn of Adamstown, Raymond Arnold and wife Andrea of Frederick, and one sister, Patricia Herald of Woodsboro.

Mark was preceded in death by one sister, Virginia Arnold Tompkins, and a brother-in-law, Bobby Herald.

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## MATTERS

by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

### WUMCO at Poolesville Day

The annual Poolesville Day celebration was a great success last month, with record crowds and an amazing parade. Many people stopped by the WUMCO booth, and we sold a record number of raffle tickets. The Kindle Fire donated by Covanta was won by Rick Sheetz, the toolbox donated by Tractor Supply was won by Michelle Halbrook, the gift certificate donated by Mama Lena's Restaurant in Germantown was won by Art Montez, and the gift certificate donated by Dollar General was won by Jaclyn Kozlowski. Congratulations to all the winners, and our thanks to our generous donors. Thanks also to all who bought raffle tickets and supported WUMCO's work. Special thanks to Weronika Kitlinska for drawing the winning tickets.

### WUMCO Walk and Octoberfest

Join us on October 21 from noon to 6 pm on Whalen Commons, Poolesville, for a day of fun, activities for kids and adults, live music by Alte Kumpel with DJ Blake, good food, and booths for local businesses, organizations, and crafts. The annual WUMCO Walk will gather at 11:30 am and begin at noon on Whalen Commons. Print out the registration form for the Walk at [WUMCOHelp.org](http://WUMCOHelp.org). The Beer Tent will feature German beer, wine, cider, and mead. There will also be costume contests for kids and pets, scarecrow making, pumpkin painting, carnival games, corn hole game, moon bounce, rock wall, basket auction, and more! The scarecrows are set up on Whalen Commons. They will be judged and three great prizes will be awarded at Octoberfest!

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In 1930, construction was started on the current church building with the cornerstone laid in June by masons from the Poolesville Masonic Lodge No. 214. The contractors for the relocated church were Piney Day and Jess Gossard, who once again were helped with donated time and effort from the community to complete, at a cost of \$2000, the larger church. The new building was dedicated in January 1931, and the wood of the old building was sold for \$140 to local residents Page and Moxley, who tore down the building and reused the wood on their farms. In 1939, following organizational consolidation, the church became the Dickerson Methodist Church, and in 1968, additional reorganization renamed the church as the present United Methodist Church. The cemetery at the original site continues to be maintained by Dickerson UMC.

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### **When Will These Allergies Go Away?**

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This summer and early fall season have been exceptionally wet for the Northeast and our area especially. Water tables are high and, even after three weeks without a drop of rain, we still have growing grass and, more importantly, growing weeds. The weeds that are growing now are typically done for the season, but because of the exceptional moisture, they have continued to produce the pollens, spores, and seeds to which many of us and our furry friends are allergic seasonally.

If you look at the allergy charts for this area of the country, we are in the Red (exceptionally allergic) area still. This is allowing many of us and our animal friends to continue to react to the allergic components in the air.

Allergies are a fact of life for many people and animals. People get runny eyes and stuffy noses, but your small animal friends respond to allergenic agents by getting itchy, red, inflamed skin. They lick, chew, and scratch the skin until there are injuries. Once the skin barrier is damaged, the bacteria that naturally live on the skin have a chance to colonize the wounds, and an infectious allergic reaction begins to take place secondarily. This can create oozing, crusty sores that spread rapidly and are painful to your pet.

It is very important that you not let red, itchy skin go untreated for too long. If caught early, there are amazing new medications and biological agents that can stop the itch quickly without side effects. These new agents are highly targeted to the itch receptors of the skin so they do not affect other aspects of the body. Older medications such as steroids are effective, but they produce significant side effects. Some of the side effects can be increased water intake, increased need to urinate, nervous behavior, increased aggression, changes to kidney and liver function, and twelve other potential side effects.

If an allergic inflammation to the skin does become a bacterial infection, there are now great long-acting antibiotics that your veterinarian can give as an injection. This frees you from having to remember to forget to give an antibiotic once, twice, three times, or even four times a day.

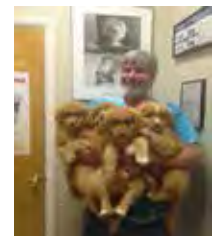
So while the allergies of the fall are in extended full swing, please keep a special eye on your pet's skin. If you have any concerns, check with your veterinarian for further help.

Lastly, do not use any over-the-counter allergy treatments on your pets unless your veterinarian has recommended them to you. If any other kindhearted people give you a recommendation, ask them nicely where they got their veterinary degree. If they say they saw it on Google, that does not count.

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