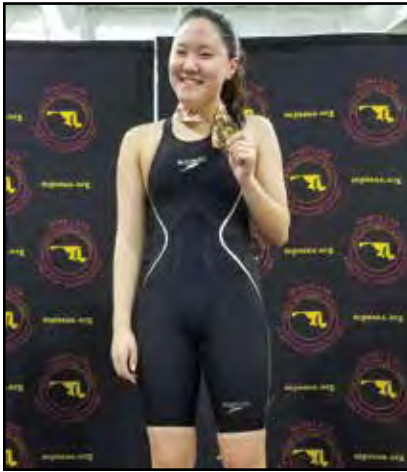


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She and her teammates are state champs! See more of the dynamic PHS Swim and Dive Team in Family Album on page 2.



This special flag and plaque were awarded to the JPMS Ambassadors. See Tidbits on page 4 for details.



Coach Fred Swick as seen on giant-screen TV at Bassett's. More of the 2018 championship team on page 10.



Coach Tao, Colin Savage, Coach Dorsey, Alex Carbonell, and Damian DeVriendt after the awards ceremony at the state championship with their bronze medals. See more in Youth Sports on page 16.

Undefeated CHAMPS!

By Jeff Stuart and Rande Davis

How sweet it is. On March 10, at the SECU Arena on the campus of Towson University, the Poolesville girls' basketball team defeated Queen Anne's County High School, 63-27, completing a rare unbeaten season while winning the first ever girls' basketball state championship.

While the Falcons rallied bigtime at Towson in front of a large and loud supportive fan base, back home in Poolesville, the town congregated at Bassett's and Cugini's in front of the big-screen live stream thanks to the new owners of Bassett's. When it looked like those unable to go to Towson would be out in the cold for viewing the game, Eric Rose and Jeff Greenberg stepped forward to put up the \$750.00 broadcast fee. When the final ten seconds began to run down, the fans at Bassett's joined in the countdown, and then downed Lime Drop Shots, generously provided by Bassett's in a toast to our newest champions.



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Back in Towson, when a reporter jokingly asked at what time the parade would occur, one of the girls answered, "Five-fifteen!" The cue was given, and the town responded

and turned out. As the unbeaten ladies traveled down Fisher Avenue to the high school gym entrance, hundreds lined up from the House of
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Back to the Future—Poolesville Basketballers Champs Again after 56 Years

By Link Hoewing

Everyone knows that Poolesville's girls' basketball team just won the state championship. What is less well known is that this is the first state championship in basketball for the high school since 1962—and probably even fewer know that one of the members of that 1962 team, Beallsville resident Ron Magaha, is the grandfather of two of the girls, Makayla LeMarr and Cookie Magaha, who helped Poolesville take the state title this year.

Ron attended many of this year's games to watch his granddaughters, and he was there during the playoffs—and at the title game—to cheer them on. He says it made him proud to see them doing so well, and it brought memories of his own appearance at

the University of Maryland's Cole Field House playing for the state title in 1962.

Ron said that the boys on the 1962 championship team all lived on farms or homes in the areas outside Poolesville. They came from Martinsburg, Jerusalem, Big Woods, and Sellman. None of the boys had athletic shoes, so their coach, Robert Mowen, who had been in the military and was hired on the spot by the principal at Poolesville High School, bought them Converse All Stars.

Poolesville was then a K-12 school and had only about three hundred students. There were only thirty-three students in Ron's class, and most of the boys on the team (who now are in the

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1962 boys' basketball state champ Ronnie Magaha, with granddaughters Makayla LeMarr and Cookie Magaha, members of the 2018 state championship girls' team.

Family Album



Winner of 200m freestyle and 500m freestyle, Moshelle Borjigin.



500m freestyle champion, Kenny Song.



State champions as the finals begin: All for one, one for all!

STATE CHAMPS, AGAIN!!



First place in the 400m freestyle: (front) Katarina Lechner and Julia Wang; (back) Moshelle Borjigin and Rachel Ryan.



200m medley team members: (front) Helen Narisu and Katarina Lechner, (back) Julia Wang and Moshelle Borjigin.



Senior captains, Chrisan Fuhrman, David Umansky, Roger Yerger, and Zack Nachod.



Senior captains, Katarina Lechner and Julia Wang.



200m medley team members: (front) Jisu Kim and David Umansky; (back) Kevin Song and Kenny Song.

Town Government

Commissioners Fill Vacancies in Key Town Commissions and Agencies

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville commissioners' main order of business at their March 19 meeting was to confirm several nominees for key town commissions and advisory bodies. The town relies on local citizen volunteers to help it manage its park and road systems, review and advise it on local zoning issues and development proposals, and even run its elections. In all, nine citizens were approved by the commissioners to fill positions in these important agencies.

Kevin Schramm's tenure on the Planning Commission was slated to end on April 1, and he was re-nominated and approved for a new four-year term. Four members of the Board of Elections whose terms were to end on April 1 were approved to serve new two-year terms including Andrea Stump, Maggie McCarthy, Laura Dunlop, and Jocelyn Harris. Two members of the Board of Zoning Appeals, which considers proposals for special exceptions with regard to local zoning ordinances, were selected to serve new three-year terms, Ralph Hitchens and Patricia Wolford. On the Parks and Streets Board, sitting commissioner Doug McKinney was approved for a renewed four-year term, and a new commissioner, Morgan Kessler, was nominated and approved to serve for four years.

Correction: In the March 9 edition of the *Monocle*, I wrote that the town was considering the use of a "Quick Take" legal instrument to take over Fisher Avenue. I plead old age in not hearing the term correctly. I should have written "Quit Take" and apologize for the error.

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Rande(m) Thoughts I Can Only Imagine

By Rande Davis

What do we call it when the heaviest snow of the year falls on the first day of spring? How about getting snow on Halloween as we did two years ago? Still more recently, when a #16 seed team beats the #1 seed to start another round of what is rightfully called, more than ever before, March Madness. Here is a tip of the hat to that person who first said, "Expect the unexpected."

Oh, how much we love our certainties in life. Well, except for death and taxes, I suppose. Nor'easters aside, I am certain that spring will very soon burst upon us once more with its perpetual call for refreshment and renewal. Let's face it, while New Year's Eve is perfectly timed for a great party in the midst of the dark, cold, dreary days of winter, it's spring that is really the start of a new year.

As I shoveled out carefully so as to not disturb the daffodils peeking through the top of the snow drift with yellowy hope, something in my mind kept running its way across my forehead like the old-fashioned news-reel Times Square banner sign: "Remember, oh man, that thou art dust." It was as if Lenten's clarion call resurfaced just in time for Easter. Maybe it was simply the heightened heartbeat of an old guy shoveling

snow. Either way, my certainty to take it easy and go inside was a wise one.

Snow on the first day of spring is not simply so much a climate anomaly but a warning not to be so certain of your certainties. It's a true road sign of life, reading, "Don't put so much faith in yourself." Our airwaves, the internet, and even in print media (yes, Virginia, there really still is a print media) are rife with a horde of expressions of sanctimonious certainty.

This past year, I think more harmfully than ever, we have all been so filled with our own certainties that it's as if our ears have been clogged to listening. We scorn each other for the certainties we do not share. In many ways, it seems 2018 is destined to be socially, culturally, and politically the acerbic extension of 2016 and 2017. Dialogue has been replaced by accusation. As a conservative, I can assure all that I have never been moved to change my mind by evil adjectives of my persona. I am sure progressives feel the same way.

Here's my new hopeful certainty. As a conservative, I am absolutely certain my heart is not hateful. If others can accept that, then for my part, I am ready to listen. Perhaps I need to learn of the liberals' certainty that will bring about a smoother path to improved dialogue. I am open to that notion, too.

In the meantime, expect the unexpected. This spring may just be the start of a refreshing new beginning with honest dialogue, without name calling, so wonderful as to be unimaginable. As someone once said, "I can only imagine."

Tidbits

JPMS Steps Up to Support Our Troops – Again

Students from John Poole Middle School who participate as Timberwolf Ambassadors, recently received a special gift from the soldiers who received special holiday gifts from the students last fall. The Timberwolf Ambassadors sponsored the special drive with a contest called the TAP Challenge to pit grades in competition to see who could bring in the most gift items to the troops.



The JPMS Ambassadors held a drive to help our troops overseas. Those appreciative soldiers thanked them with a very special flag.

Over forty-seven boxes of gifts were sent at a cost of \$900.00 for mailing to the troops. They received a note from Lt. Christopher Dykes after the boxes were

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School News

JPMS PTSA Learns about the Potential of Agricultural Sciences

By Rande Davis

The John Poole Middle School PTSA welcomed David Miller of the Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation (MAEF) at its March 13 meeting in the school's media center. Mr. Miller was attending as a guest speaker to present the MAEF's agricultural education program entitled Curriculum of Agricultural Science Education (CASE) to the group. He was asked to attend the meeting by PTA member and cluster representative, Kevin Schramm, who is also a participant in another town committee seeking to enhance the possibilities of improving the facilities of Poolesville High School.

As reported in the March 9 issue of the *Monocle*, the committee to develop a multi-use high school facility headed by town commission president Jim Brown seeks to develop PHS into a dual use (high school/community center) facility that would then enable funds to be obtained from other governmental agencies besides just the Montgomery County Board of Education. Such funds would be used to help renovate and/or add an addition to the school. A second committee working with Miller is seeking to bring a new educational program on Agricultural Science to offer a robust new educational pathway for PHS students which will hopefully build upon the current student population of the school. The mission of both committees, if successful, is designed to assist in raising the level of support by the MCPS Board of Education in its capital budgeting for the needs of the school which, for the time being, appears to be on hold.

David Miller, a former assistant superintendent for Computer Sciences and Technology for Frederick County Schools, is also a retired Montgomery County Public Schools teacher. His message to those attending focused on the breadth of the CASE program in reaching students with an exciting school experience for students with differing educational goals, from high school diploma to those with plans to go on to post-graduate studies. He discussed the bright future for those Ag Science students enrolled in any of the CASE program's educational pathways such as Agricultural Production—Animals, Plant Systems, Food and Fiber Processing, Environmental Services, or Natural Resources.

At a time when many college students have found it challenging, to say the least, to find suitable employment after college, he noted that here are 37,000 college graduates in Agricultural Sciences in the nation within an industry with nearly 60,000 college-required openings.

Adding to the testimony about Ag Sciences was student Cahlen Cheatham, a 2017 graduate Frederick County's Oakdale High School where he studied Agricultural Sciences. He is a current regional vice president for Future Farmers of America (FFA), an organization that makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education.

As an officer in the FFA, Cahlen has taken this year off from schooling to follow through on his duties with the organization which will end in June. In this past year, he has traveled extensively throughout the U.S., attending and speaking at many conventions, including the national convention in California this past October which had over sixty thousand Ag Science attendees. Cahlen reported to PTSA members not only about his personal fulfillment and enjoyment of the educational process in Ag Sciences, with its specialized internships and beyond-classroom study experience, but also about the soft educational training within the program that advances study in business management, leadership, public speaking skills, marketing and promotion, and other skill sets so important to future employers.

The Maryland House of Delegates very recently approved a resolution, 130-0, in support of expanding and encouraging growth in agricultural studies within the state. A similar bill is also up for vote in the State Senate.

The attending participants voiced enthusiastic support of Miller's goal of bringing Ag Science to Poolesville with PTA president Ashley Muldoon encouraging Miller to return so that a more detailed investigation of the possibilities can be obtained by the parents. Town Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, attending the PTSA meeting, also invited Miller to attend a future town commission meeting to present the new educational initiative to them. Dawn Albert from the PHS PTA, who as at the middle school meeting to speak about the magnet program

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Your Health

Stories of Personal Health Choices

This begins a new column within the *Monocle* sharing the stories in our area of citizens on their journeys to better health. As individuals deal with their own goals or health needs, knowing that others have succeeded can be motivating. We are pleased to bring such stories in future issues.

The first one is from Kirstyn Clark, best known as KC, who made club membership her choice for healthy lifestyle improvement. She joined Anytime Fitness in Poolesville late last fall and already is experiencing satisfying results. Although she was active in college, her work at a desk job has taken a toll on her strength and energy, resulting also in some new weight concerns.

KC's experience at Anytime Fitness has been different than past club memberships. "I always felt lost and isolated in the other club," she explained, "but found staff assurances through a commitment-free trial and a full explanation of the equipment most comforting. I find my one-on-one sessions with my advisor/trainer Jen motivating and tremendously helpful." Another bonus for her has been joining in her trainer's group sessions as well.

"Anytime Fitness Poolesville offered me a free one-on-one session with Jen, a personal trainer, and since I am new to Poolesville, it was a great chance to meet other locals."

When it comes to past health programs, KC reported a history of not staying as motivated as she would like. "I have always struggled with motivation to exercise, to go to the gym."

Now, she has appointments with Jen and her groups and finds that instead of loathing an exercise event, she loves walking through the door and being personally greeted by staff persons like Joy. "I feel like I have so much support from the staff and my friends at the gym. It keeps me motivated and accountable, which is extremely important to me."

The other benefit she sees through her club experience is the educational aspects. "Since I have started, I've learned a lot more about my body and how to work out effectively for me. I've also gotten some pointers on healthy eating. I've seen an increase in my energy and feel great in my clothes. It's been a short time, but I love the results and I cannot wait to see what the future holds for me."



KC Clark during one of her personal training sessions at Anytime Fitness.

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JPMS PTSA Learns about the Potential of Agricultural Sciences

application process, also encouraged Miller to bring his advocacy to the high school parents as well.

Mr. Miller will be taking his message to the Monocacy Lions Club on March 26.

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Garden

Create a Low-Maintenance Garden from Scratch

By Maureen O'Connell

Look out the window: You might see a sad lawn, overgrown shrubs, maybe a small dirt plot with some marigolds or geraniums from the local garden center, or maybe nothing at all. Whether you are a new homeowner with a clean slate of a backyard or you have a bedraggled inherited one, you are missing one of nature's simplest and most beautiful offerings: a flower garden. Many people think that gardening is too much work or that they don't have the time to devote to it. Today, I am going to walk you through creating a beautiful, eco-friendly, low-maintenance flower garden. Depending upon the size of your property, it can be a small plot near the kitchen door or a series of gardens scattered horizontally across your lawn; size is not important. I have, in my backyard area, twelve flower gardens, ranging in size from four by six feet to nine by sixty feet.

It is possible to plan, prepare, and plant the garden in early spring and be enjoying it by summer. Everything is in the planning. You want to garden with less watering, less weeding, and less work, while at the same time providing a natural space brimming with beneficial bugs, birds, and butterflies. Aim to weave a collection of flowers that bloom throughout spring, summer, and fall. Many plants can provide a strong and interesting silhouette during the winter months—a true garden for all seasons. They can be short in height with compact flower heads or tall and airy with many little seed heads. Think if you were a bird, butterfly, or flying insect, you need a built-in landing platform from which to collect pollen and nectar from the lovely flowers you visit. A simple flower, rather than a fancy cultivar, is easier to access.

Just as in real estate, the location of a garden is everything. You want to be able to see it from your windows and smell it upon stepping outside. I find that wide, geometric borders across the garden space rather than just at the sides are more pleasing. It is for looking into, across, and through. It is for your pleasure, not your neighbor's. Consider carefully the natural lighting in your yard. Don't select sun-loving plants if your yard lives in the shade. There are many that prefer the shade and others that thrive in the sun. A garden is more sustainable when you match each plant with a suitable space and use those that are happy in each other's company. Don't put a pushy, bully flower next to a shy, delicate one.

I prefer to fill my flower beds with perennials. You can start with a small plant in May, and it will slowly grow over the summer months, but it usually will not become invasive. Plant in groups of three or more in the same color. It is said that it is easier for flying insects to spot a desirable plant to land on for pollen and nectar if there is a repetition of plants. Busy insect activity helps the garden thrive. Lacewing and ladybirds hunt out sap-sucking aphids. Birds are on the lookout for slugs and snails. In a balanced ecosystem, chemical remedies become obsolete. I have completely stopped using insecticide in my gardens; I carefully choose plants that are highly disease and pest resistant. Put variety in your flower beds. There are tall, airy plants; medium-high, compact ones; and short delicate ones. Don't line them up like a parade of wooden soldiers. Tall flowers stand out in the back of the border, but don't hesitate to mix things up; place the tall Russian Sage (*Perovskia*) 'Blue Spire' in the front to capture your attention.

I am going to suggest some plants that I have in a bed five feet wide by sixteen feet long. I find this a manageable size in which you can plant flowers in a variety of sizes and shapes. In the back along the fence line, there are: *Achillea*, *Allium* 'Purple Sensation,' *Agastache* 'Blue Fortune,' and *Perovskia* 'Blue Spire.' In the middle grow spring-flowering hyacinths, three kinds of sage plants, *Achillea*, and *Salvia* 'East Friesland.' Hugging the front of the border are several lavender plants 'Hidcote Blue,' *Geranium* Delft Blue, *Coreopsis* 'Moonbeam,' and *Echinacea* 'Pow Wow Berry' and 'White Swan.' This bed receives morning and afternoon sun. With the heat of our summers, I prefer cool shades of blue, white, lemon yellow, light pink, and a splash here and there of dark lavender. Start planning now, for you too can enjoy the beauty of flowers all year.

Do you have a garden-related topic you would like to read about?
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Free Form Movement: Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. in Rm 129.

Zumba Gold: Wednesday in gym at 1:00 p.m.

Mahjong: Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the café.

March 23

Knights of Columbus Lenten Dinners

Featuring baked salmon, fish sticks, baked ziti, salad, garlic bread, French fries, dessert, and water. Assorted beverages available for donation. \$9 per person, \$30 per family. *St. Mary's Pavilion*. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' lacrosse. Springbrook. 7:00 p.m.

March 24

PHS Varsity Home Game

Baseball and softball, Montgomery. 1:00 p.m.

Wine and Cheese Fundraiser

To benefit SEED—"Sustainable Education Every Day"—sponsored by Friends of Ten Mile Creek. *Black Hills Visitor Center, Boyds*. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

March 26

Book Discussion

Enjoy and discuss *The Secret Place* by Tana French. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

March 29

Special Library Event: Owl Prowl

Many people consider it a tremendous thrill to catch a glimpse of a mysterious owl as it flies across a dark country road at night. A state park ranger will show three owls in this 45-minute presentation. All ages welcome. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 1:00 p.m.

Owl Craft—See Like an Owl!

Learn how owls see by constructing your very own Owl Eyesight Viewer. All ages welcome, most suitable for ages 5 and up. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:00 p.m.

March 31

10th Annual Kites over Clarksburg

Come fly your own; buy or bring a kite; kids' art projects and games.

Discover many local businesses and clubs, bring your own picnic or lunch. Bring a donation of canned food, used eyeglasses, hearing aids. *Ovid Hazen Wells Park, 12001 Skylark Road, Clarksburg*.

April 2

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 3

PHS Varsity Home Games

Baseball. Bethesda-Chevy Chase. 5:45 p.m.

Girls' lacrosse. Churchill. 7:00 p.m.

April 4

PHS Varsity Home Games

Outdoor track and field. Damascus and Northwest. 3:30 p.m.

Softball. Bethesda-Chevy Chase. 3:45 p.m.

Community Dinner

Open and free to all, featuring breakfast for dinner with lots of desserts. Join for the fun, food, and fellowship. To request a ride or delivery of food, call 240-994-8011. *Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church*. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 5

Special Library Event: Family Storytime

This 25-30-minute program is 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. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 10:30 a.m.

April 5

Special Library Event: 1000 Books before Kindergarten

Come celebrate with us as we kick off our 1,000 Books before Kindergarten Program! This is an ongoing program for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and pre-kindergartners to read 1,000 books before they enter kindergarten. We will have fun activities and crafts. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m.

April 6

UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo

Featuring cash and gift cards plus door prize drawings, 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Enjoy an evening of relaxing fun while helping to support your local fire department. Bring a friend! Refreshments available for purchase; please, do not bring outside food and beverages. \$20.00. *UMCVFD, 19801 Beallsville Road*. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 7:00 p.m.

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PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' lacrosse. Damascus. 10:00 a.m.

Baseball and softball. Whitman. 1:00 p.m.

April 6, 7, and 8

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Meet and Greet with Roger Berliner

Candidate for county executive. *The Blue Hearth*. 5:00 p.m.

April 9

PHS Varsity Home Game

Tennis. Churchill. 3:30 p.m.

April 11

PHS Varsity Home Games

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

Volleyball. Watkins Mill. Boys at 5:30 p.m.; coed at 7:15 p.m.

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Mystery History

The Days When The Big Tent Came To Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Despite snow and ice on the first day of spring, we can't help but look forward to the coming days of summer and the events of the town for our entertainment. What if we think back eighty years? There were no Fridays on the Commons, no movie nights or park concerts. There was, however, something grand right across from Poolesville High School. Sound confusing? Let me explain. There must be something about the land where the Poolesville Baptist Church is located. How else do you explain the property's long history as a cultural, musical,

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All Fun and (Mounted) Games

By Andie Devynck

Our girls are going to Great Britain to play games—Mounted Games—and this isn't their first time at the international rodeo, so to speak.

Leaving in mid-June for New Forest in the south of England, seventeen-year-old Steph Chong, her besties seventeen-year-old Eliza McBane and her fifteen-year-old sister Sadie, and their two teammates from Pennsylvania, fifteen-year-old Caroline Barberra and thirteen-year-old Senya Siesper, will head straight into a week of practice once there before competing against fourteen other teams from around the world. The Southern Games, hosted by the Mounted Games Association of Great Britain, will take place the weekend of June 23 to 24, so the U.S. team is pulling their ponies out of their winter vacations and getting them ready for the competition season.

Chong and her teammates have been playing mounted games for at least five years, and for a couple of the girls, it's closer on to a decade. Steph, Eliza, and Sadie were all in Pony Club together, and it was there that they were introduced to the sport. Steph and Eliza first went to England for the World Individual Mounted Games Championships in 2016, where they placed second in the team competition, and nabbed second and third places, respectively, in the individual.

The modern sport of equestrian mounted games is far more popular in Europe since it originated in England, but Steph claims it is becoming much more well-known here in the States, particularly in the Mid-Atlantic region. In fact, she trailered her former competition pony, Mouse, to United States Mounted Games Association (USMGA) tournaments in Ohio and Kentucky in recent years. While she no longer rides Mouse and is borrowing another competition pony, Sky, with whom she will practice before the trip abroad, she and the team won't be shipping any of their ponies across the Pond for the event. They'll be borrowing five ponies from generous hosts in New Forest.

What exactly are mounted games, anyway? Here in the U.S., the organization that these riders belong to and compete as a part of is called Mounted Games across America, and they have a detailed description of the rules and regulations in their handbook, based on the International Mounted Games Association's rule book, but with some amendments. Steph explains that there are too many individual types for her to illustrate and it's best to visit the USMGA website to find full descriptions and videos of riders and ponies in action. In general, however, mounted games are hour-long sessions in which ten different games are played, and each competition weekend is comprised of three to four sessions. In these team events, all five horse-and-pony partners work together to complete a series of challenges.

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Steph Chong astride Mouse.

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Back to the Future—Poolesville Basketballers Champs Again after 56 Years

high school's Hall of Fame) could only practice on basketball hoops nailed to the sides of barns. While the team was small, they were quick and played great defense. They took on bigger schools throughout the county and even went as far as Harper's Ferry to face down opponents. The team began winning in the fall of 1961, and Ron said, "The whole town came out to our games." At that point, the town only had a population of three hundred people itself.

The state playoff was held at Cole Field House, and Poolesville faced off with Crisfield High School, an Eastern Shore school. Using their speed and strong defense, Poolesville dominated the game and won, 67-47.

Fast forward fifty-six years and Ron's granddaughters played on the girls' basketball team that took the state championship this year. Ron remarked that some of the girls on the team today are taller than the tallest boy on his high school team (he was about six feet tall).

What has impressed Ron about the girls' team is how well they work together and how they always seem to find someone on the team "who can take up the slack when needed." He said it has warmed his heart to see his granddaughters have the opportunity to be with a great team of supportive and team-spirited girls.

Ron also pointed out that Poolesville has changed a lot since he played, but, as with his family, he is happy to see there are still families in the Poolesville area with roots that go back generations. All of his own children live in the area. He said it has been a blessing to be able to see his grandchildren grow up and feels very fortunate to be able to witness history repeat itself in Poolesville. He hopes his granddaughters take away from this victory the knowledge that they have been fortunate to be with a great group of girls who helped each other and are good sports.

Makayla and Cookie said that they knew about their grandfather's team and its triumph and were awed that they could duplicate his team's feat. They did admit that they had a little bit of difficulty imagining their grandfather as a speedy, young basketball player, "But we always knew he loved basketball." They could see their grandfather's eyes light up when he talked about being on the championship team. "He was like a kid talking about it," said Makayla.

Both girls also commented about the positive atmosphere on their team and the way everyone supported each other. Cookie has played with many of the girls on the team in leagues before she ever got to the PHS team. Makayla spoke about the way everyone "has a good sense of humor and laughs a lot but knows when it is time to be serious."

Ron, too, said his memories go back to how his team "worked together and enjoyed our games." The experience of playing for the state championships was one he will never forget; "it is so great to be able to see my granddaughters winning state, too."

The girls may have their work cut out for them. The boys at PHS back then not only won state in 1962, they won the next year, too. Makayla, who is in tenth grade, and Cookie, a freshman, both plan to be back next year. Will Poolesville see back-to-back wins again? Here's hoping.

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Youth Sports

Satsangi, Lockett Lead Indoor Track

By Jeff Stuart

Junior Nandini Satsangi took first place in the 3200-meter run at the 2A Indoor State Championships in Landover on February 19, setting a personal record. She finished fourth in the 1600-meter at the state competition. She won the 1600 at the West Region at Hagerstown Community College on February 3 with another personal record (PR). She also won the 3200 at the Region, and she also took first and ran a PR in the mile at the Last Track to Philly event at Georgetown Prep on January 20.

Senior Ryan Lockett took second in the 800-meter run at the county indoor meet on January 20 at the Prince



PHS Track Team

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"Ryan also ran in the prestigious Millrose Games Championship Mile," said Coach Prasad Gerard. "He ran a 4:13.63 for fifth place in a highly selective field."

The Millrose Games were run at the New Balance Track and Field Center in New York on February 3, the same time as the Maryland West Region. Ryan ran both the mile and the 1500 meters in which he finished sixth.



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Youth Sports

Poolesville's Carbonell, Savage Third In State, Kresslein Third in Region

By Jeff Stuart

Poolesville finished the regular dual meet wrestling season with a 10-4 mark. They took third place in the Magruder Mad Mats Tournament in December and second in their own Dorsey Duals Meet in January. The featured individual performer in the post season was 113-pound senior Alex Carbonell who won his first county championship. Alex earned his hundredth victory in his first match of the home Dorsey Duals in January. He finished third in the region and third in the state, defeating Adam Roberts of Rising Sun, 4-2, in the state consolation final.

"It's been a pretty good season," said Carbonell. "I came into the season with something to prove." Alex placed second at the county and region last year. "I wasn't very happy with that. I wanted to try to do better and place better. I had a couple of tough matches early this season. That was good preparation. I wrestled Blake Jury (41-6) of Huntingtown, a tough kid and a good wrestler. It was a very close match. I won in overtime. I wrestled Logan Gwin (34-9) of Glenelg, the Howard County champion last year. I won that by one or two points, and I wrestled Will Guida of St. Paul's at the Mad Mats Tournament. That was another tough guy... At the end of the season I really wanted it to step it up and bring it." Bring it, he did, defeating Yoseph Yilma of Wheaton, 1-0, in the semifinal to win the county championship.



From front: Kieran Barney, Xavier Kresslein, Alex Carbonell, and Colin Savage; back row: Dillon Trent, Paul Szafranski, Coach Tim Tao, and Sam Hull.

In the team's final dual match of the year, Poolesville competed against a solid Paint Branch team. "We pulled it together and won a couple of close matches and came out on top," said Carbonell. "That felt really good to go out with a win in that last match." Actually, the Falcons won their last three matches in a row.

Alex took third in the region after losing a 2-1 decision to Smithsburg's Shane Hovermale in the semifinal. He lost again to Hovermale in the state semis.

Sophomore Xavier Kresslein (160 pounds) finished second in the county.

"I had a good season, too," said Kresslein. "I was 26-3 going into the county. I lost in the finals, but I wish the competition during the year had been a little bit better to prepare me better for the post season. In the Dorsey Duals I went 9-0 and won the award for outstanding wrestler in the upper weights. As a team, the

Dorsey went well for us. We lost a tough match to Oakdale in our dual and finished second. I agree with Alex. Pulling out that win against Paint Branch in that last match was a big way to finish the season."

The first period of the county championship match saw Kresslein shooting on Damascus's Timothy Ferguson (40-3) often. He hit a roll from bottom which appeared to gain him an escape in the second period, but it was waived off. The difference in the match came from back points earned by Ferguson. Kresslein continued to push in the third. Ferguson was called for stalling, but won his second county championship by a 4-2 decision.

Xavier also finished third in the West Region, defeating Troy Blessing of Winters Mill in the consolation, 5-3.

Sophomore Colin Savage took third in the state. He pinned Silas Filliaux of Rising Sun in the third period of the consolation final.

After taking fourth in the county, he lost to Camren Ritchie of Mountain Ridge by a tight 5-4 margin in the region final to place second. He won by a fall over Josh Creegan of Damascus to advance to the final.

Poolesville finished sixth overall out of twenty-five teams in the county tournament. Junior Kieran Barney was fourth at 182, junior Sam Hull took fifth at 132, and senior Paul Szafranski (14-14) took sixth at 170.

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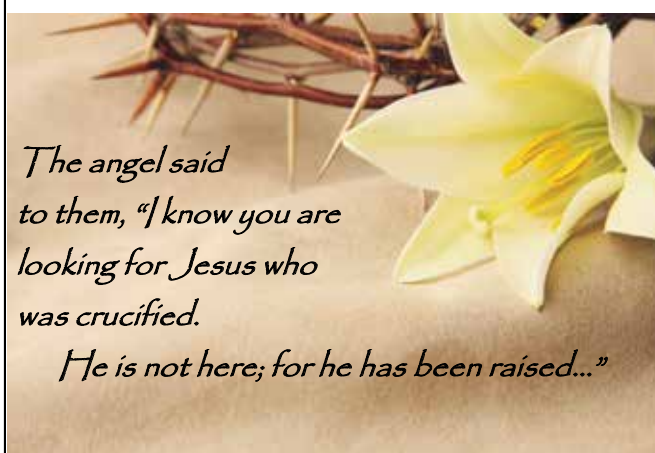
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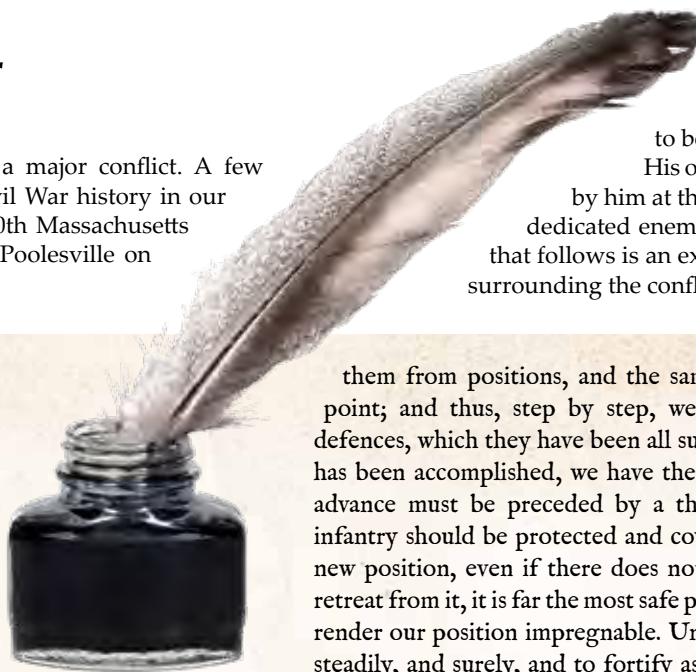
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To the Editor of the *Chelsea Telegraph*:

Friend Editor: Affairs at Edwards Ferry remain precisely the same as before the battle. The usual monotonous routine of drill and guard duty is varied only by some slight preparations for the greater comfort of man and beast, which the near approach of cold weather renders necessary. Quite a number of substantial log houses have been erected, the spaces between the log chinked with mud, and the roof covered with boards. Tents will probably be dispensed with when we go into winter quarters. The 20th Mass. Regiment has two ovens in operation, which turn out as good bread as can be made in the best establishments at home. The ovens are built under the level of the ground, with a bake-house adjoining, and, by working two sets of hands, furnish the whole brigade with warm bread every day. Every enterprising company has built some kind of a shanty, which answers for a cook-house. The favorite form is a frame of poles covered with mud; considerable skill is sometimes shown in thatching these so the rain cannot penetrate. The horses are also sheltered from the weather by some sort of a covering. The best stable I have seen was made by throwing out the dirt to the depth of four feet, and then setting the roof over this. The horse is led down into this on an incline plane, and the roof being thatched, nothing better could be desired. Fire-places have been built in almost every tent; but as I have seen very particular descriptions of the different methods of construction in the papers which come from home, I will omit a description. The underground tunnel is the favorite method just now.

The battle of Ball's Bluff has not ceased to be the exciting topic. Gen. Stone without exception blamed. Every one says that we might, as well as not, have been in possession of Leesburg if it had not been for the criminal mismanagement shown, in not providing sufficient transportation. The resignation of Scott gives satisfaction. The army has long felt that McClellan was its proper leader. Now that he has full command, an advance movement is every day expected. But not such an advance as the papers at home have been predicting for the last two months, not a simultaneous advance of the whole line from the Atlantic to the Mississippi. We have not such troops for such a movement, and I question if we could raise enough. Such an advance is impossible. Along the whole line the rebels have a chain of fortifications carefully chosen, so as to command the country through which we must pass, and bristling with cannon. Every bridge over which we must pass has been destroyed; every railroad track torn up; every road either rendered impassable or swept by a masked battery. To march a naked line of troops against such a line of fortifications, through such a country, would ensure certain defeat. It would be simply a repetition of Bull's Run and Ball's Bluff. We must wrest their strongholds from them one by one. By a sudden concentration of our forces at some point, and a rapid advance, we can drive



them from positions, and the same process repeated will give us another point; and thus, step by step, we can drive them back from the line of defences, which they have been all summer preparing; and then, as soon as this has been accomplished, we have them at our mercy. To ensure success, every advance must be preceded by a thorough reconnaissance. The advance of infantry should be protected and covered by artillery. Whenever we occupy a new position, even if there does not at the time appear any probability of a retreat from it, it is far the most safe plan to throw up such a breastwork as would render our position impregnable. Unless I am mistaken, to go forward slowly, steadily, and surely, and to fortify as he goes, is the policy of McClellan; and unless he is forced by rash and impatient men, to what they are pleased to call "more vigorous movements," I have no doubt he will soon succeed in crushing this rebellion.

I walked down to the river the other day, to take a look at the late battle-ground. When within a quarter of a mile of the stream, the notes from a rebel band of music came swelling out, clear and lively, from behind a little patch of woods which concealed the regiment marching behind. A few soldiers were straggling about, curiously examining the field of the late conflict. An officer rode out in sight while I was looking and then disappeared behind a house. The breastwork we had thrown up seemed to have been destroyed, but some of the booths we had made to keep off the rain were still standing. The pickets on either shore are in nearly the same places as before; they see each other often, sometimes talk across the river, and occasionally exchange shots. The day I was down, the rebels fired twice at one of our pickets, but their balls did not come more than three quarters across. The shots were returned with about the same effect. The heavy rain of last Sunday raised the Potomac to such a height that it overflowed its banks until the river and canal were one. Part of the canal was washed away, and until it can be repaired nothing can pass.

Gen. McClellan has ordered that each soldier shall drill one hour each day with a knapsack packed and strapped upon his back. This order is strictly observed, and gives general satisfaction. The men are glad to have the opportunity to accustom themselves to this exercise. Every one who has carried a knapsack knows that the reason why the knapsack rides so heavily that it chafes the muscles which are not used to the labor.

This company (sharpshooters) has nothing to do, just now, but to keep their guns in order. Gen. Lander has gone to Washington, thus relieving us of the rather severe duty of guarding head-quarters. Capt. Saunders has gone home, and letters received from him state that three companies are being raised to join us and stand by us in action. We are to be furnished with a revolver apiece, and then I should think the whole would be a "whole team." We can pick the rebels off with our rifles at a mile distant! Those who are to join us can engage them at shorter distance; and at close quarters we can receive them with our revolvers and bayonets; so let them come on!

While the Captain is gone, the command rests with Lieutenant Gleason, a gentleman, and a good officer. He has the good-will and respect of the men, and we should be sorry to part with either our captain or first lieutenant.

E. Bicknell.

(*Chelsea Telegraph and Pioneer*, November 23, 1861, Pg. 1, Col. 3.)

Boyd's Presbyterian Church Holy Week Services



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March 25

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March 29

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sent. "We have received your care packages, and they are great! Thank you again so much for your generosity. It definitely cheered up my guys during this holiday season!"

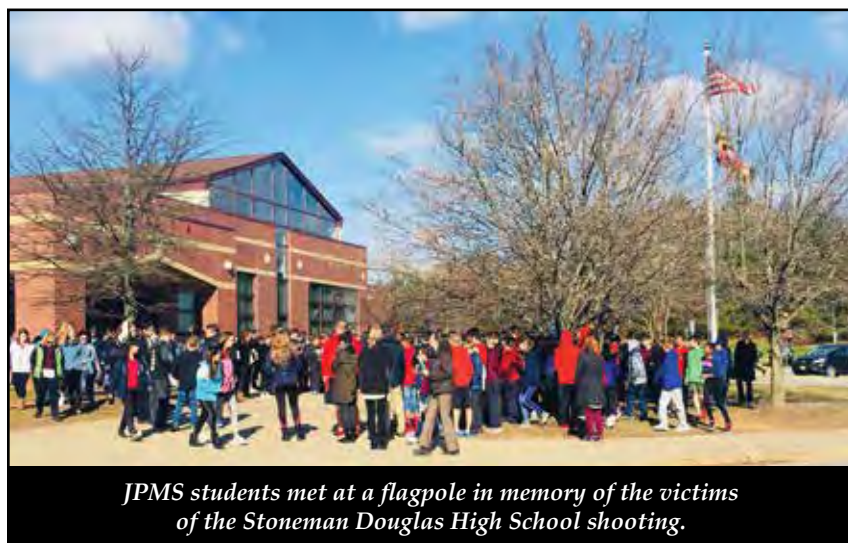
This past month, as a gesture of appreciation, the school received a triangular-folded and framed American flag with the following statement of appreciation to the students: "This flag was flown on CH-47F Tail #12-08143 in Afghanistan by members of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade. It bears witness to the relentless resolve of the American Armed Forces and our sincere gratitude for your support. May it serve as a reminder of the effort and sacrifices made by the men and women of the United States Military to keep our country safe from all who challenge freedom—2 February 2018." Battalion Chaplain Capt. Corey L Reed wrote the students, saying, in part, "As I send the flag to you on behalf of our whole battalion, I do so with the utmost gratitude for your generous support. I hope that every time you see it, you know your efforts were and are appreciated."

Local Students Join in Support of Florida School Students

Students from Poolesville High School and John Poole Middle School participated in an officially-approved student "walkout" in support of the students at the Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and their call for legislative action to address school violence issues. The names of the seventeen students killed were specifically honored through a roll call.



PHS students congregated at the football field.



JPMS students met at a flagpole in memory of the victims of the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting.

Opportunity to Serve Your Community

The Town of Poolesville has one vacancy on the Parks and Streets Board and four on the town's Board of Elections. To volunteer for these positions, submit a note of interest to townhall@poolesvillemd.gov. Must be a resident for at least the past six months.

Cat Missing, Cat Found

Patsy Smallwood, whose cat went missing in January, has reported back to us that it has been found, thinner than before but healthy. She wants to thank all those in the area who responded to her plea for help in finding the cat through flyers and an item in the *Monocle*. Her special thanks to Jane Horvath and Carol Hansen for their sharp eye in spotting her near the Dollar General.

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Barnesville Baptist Church Easter 2018 Schedule

Sunday, March 25 Palm Sunday
❖ **Worship 10:45 am**

Friday, March 30 Good Friday
❖ **Good Friday Service 7:00 pm**

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday
❖ **Easter Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain 6:15 am**
❖ **Worship 10:45 am: "Calvary's Love" Easter Cantata**

Sunday, April 8
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Undefeated!

Poolesville through Whalen Commons, cheering wildly as the new state champions passed by.

During the championship game, the Falcons scored the first nine points of the game and never looked back. In the state tournament, you look for your team leaders to step it up—and they did. Senior Erin Green had twenty-one points and twelve rebounds against the Lions.

In the championship game, Poolesville led, 20-5, after one period, delighting their fans at Towson and those catching the internet streaming of the event at Cugini's and Bassett's in Poolesville. Playing with the intensity fans have come to expect, they led, 55-19, after three.

Lingering memories of this magical season include images of Lee driving the ball up court at full speed, Green hitting her sky hook or a layup with a feather touch, and senior Madeleine Thompson hitting a three-pointer. There was lots of strong defense to look back on, too. The girls were constantly picking each other up. It seemed like there was a different hero every night.

"The success this season was a complete team effort," said Coach Fred Swick. "In our last four playoff games, we were led by a different player each night. It was tough for opponents to stop us because we had multiple players capable of scoring double figures any night. We also had a strong bench as a couple of those players also hit double figures during the season. Defensively, we were one of the top teams in the county, yielding only thirty points per game. All in all, it was a 'perfect season.'"

Ed Cody, who played for the Poolesville boys' team in the 1970-71 season, watching the game at Cugini's, recalled that the boys' team was in the playoffs just about every year from 1967 to 1971 and that in 1967 they lost to Gwynn Park in the semifinal, so he had an even stronger rooting interest in the home team.

Poolesville can lay legitimate claim to being the best overall team in the county since they beat 4A semifinalist B-CC by fourteen points. There were no county semi-finalists in the 3A class.

More importantly, this team and these girls caught the interest of the community in a major way—and the girls were grateful for that support.

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Palm Sunday, March 25

Mass Saturday at 5 pm

Sunday at 8, 9:30, & 11 am

Outdoor Procession for 11 am Mass

Holy Thursday, March 29

Morning Prayer at 9 am
Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 pm
Adoration in the Repository 8:30 - 11 pm

Good Friday, March 30

Morning Prayer at 9 am
Confession at Noon
Stations of the Cross at 3 pm
Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, March 31

Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
Easter Vigil at 8 pm with the Solemn
Easter Fire



Easter Sunday, April 1

Sunrise Outdoor Mass at 6:30 am
(bring your chairs, blankets & maybe a flashlight)

8, 9:30 & 11 am - Mass

10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt

All are Welcome!

Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Vandalism: 20000 block of Hickman Way.

Theft: 15700 block of Berryville Road.

Fraud—Confidence Game: 20600 block of Beallsville Road.

DWI Arrest: 20900 block of Beallsville Road.

Past Crime: 1926

Special deputies Lawrence and True arrested William Raleigh of North Carolina on a charge of attempted rape. The officers had responded to a home on Bradley Street in Rockville where screams had been heard. They caught Raleigh as he was leaving the scene. Murray was said to have worked at the home for a short time but then returned in an attempt to steal valuables. When the lady of the house surprised him, he struck her over the head with a gun.

Charles Cooley, who served for a short time as Sergeant of Police on the county department, had been convicted on several counts of driving a motor vehicle while drunk. He decided to appeal his convictions; however, his attorney talked him out of it when a plea deal was struck that would suspend a thirty-day jail term. He paid a \$300 fine instead.

John Melvin of Derwood was reported to be in serious condition at the Washington hospital after a collision on the Rockville-Gaithersburg Pike. It was reported that Melvin was driving on the pike when he came up behind a wagon being towed by a horse, both owned by Doctor Selby. Melvin was not able to see the wagon because it had no lights displayed and struck the rear end. A barrel of cider fell off the rear and added to Melvin's injuries. A farmhand employed by Dr. Selby was in charge of the wagon.

Police Officers Jones and Burdine visited the Toll House Tavern on the

Colesville Pike and found that patrons were dancing on that Sunday afternoon which was prohibited by Maryland's Blue Laws. Stuart Browne, the owner, was arrested and taken to Rockville where he was fined by Judge Riggs. Browne protested that his establishment had been taken over by a group of fifty merrymakers from Washington and that he could not control their actions. The officers informed the judge that there had been dancing on other Sundays at the Toll House.

Members of the Chevy Chase Citizens' Association banded together to support a janitor who worked at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church on Chevy Chase Circle. It seemed that two Maryland officers had come to the church and arrested Jefferson Davis on the strength of a warrant sworn out by his wife alleging that he had beaten her. The citizens' group said that the church was located inside the District of Columbia; therefore, a Maryland warrant could not be executed in the city (even today there are locations on Chevy Chase Circle where it is not clear where the demarcation line between Washington, D.C. and Maryland is located).

A Washington couple were so intent on marrying that they went to the Rockville Court House in the evening after the building closed. A helpful police officer on duty at headquarters directed them to the home of Deputy Clerk of the Court Watkins who lived in Gaithersburg. They somehow persuaded Watkins to get out of bed and accompany them back to Rockville. Watkins did so and issued them a marriage license. The couple then needed a preacher to marry them and found the home of Rev. Goode. Goode called Sheriff Moxley who determined that Goode was under no obligation to marry anyone at that hour; however, in order to get rid of the pair, Goode married them in his parlor.

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

Extra Tidbit

Entry for Monocacy Lions Club Scholarship Now Due

With scholarship applications due by March 28, the Monocacy Lions Club wants to encourage any high school seniors interested in seeking one of its annual scholarships to apply now. Last year's winners were:

Monocacy Lions Club Earl Shreve Memorial Scholarship: Caroline Leng, University of Pennsylvania

Monocacy Lions Club Scholarship: Luke Terrell, University of Maryland

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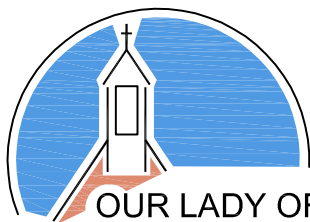
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Easter Egg Hunt - Come enjoy this time with us on Easter Sunday at noon.

And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." - John 20:22

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The Days When The Big Tent Came To Poolesville

of music, recreation, education, and inspiration. For three full days, with two complete performances a day, Mr. Radcliffe would bring to town his Chautauqua, an assembly of education and lectures on serious topics, and entertainment featuring band, a plays, a chorus, etc. Adult season ticket holders (\$2.00) would have a pass to attend all the afternoon and evening performances. For those choosing to be more selective, each performance went for 75 cents.

Each afternoon performance would start off with a musical concert or one-act play and would be capped by a thoughtful and inspiring lecture presented by different doctoral professors. Typically, the music of the performance would be a male quartet singing and playing instruments or a comedy novelty act. Each performance ended with lectures with titles such as "That Something Within," "Broken Barrier," or "The End of the Rainbow." These inspirational speakers were the forebears of today's Tony Robbins and other motivational speakers.

The evening performance was similar to the afternoon performance except that the serious lecture was held first and the entertainment selection would end the night. They didn't want the serious stuff too late to prevent dozing off. Guess they wanted to make sure there were no walkouts on such topics as "The Better Tomorrow" or the "Dawn of Civilization."

The Chautauqua was held in huge circus-like tents, and the musical selections would come from cello soloists, selections on a xylophone, and featured their leading artist on "the beautiful silver-toned Swiss Hand Bells." Poolesville's Dots Elgin told us one time that she fondly remembers her favorite part being the dancers arrayed in fabulous costumes doing the can-can or slipping into the Charleston in their flapper outfits. The Plymouth male quartet sang in blended voices, played instruments, and brought the crowd to its feet with impersonations.

After three days and nights, the Chautauqua would slip out of town and move elsewhere to find an eager crowd thirsting for inspiration and entertainment. The field would go empty, the grass would begin to recover from its trampled state, the people of Poolesville would have memories of the thrill of the pretty dancing girls, the handsome men, and the drama of the very special four-act plays. The ground would stay still until the time the Baptists built their church and the air filled again with the sound of music.

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Easter Season celebrations at Poolesville Presbyterian Church

March 25
Palm Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

March 29
Maundy Thursday, Agape meal at 7:00 p.m.

March 30
Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 1
Easter Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mt. at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service at 10:30 a.m.

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All Fun and (Mounted) Games

Steph has a few favorites which convey the fun and spirit of the event overall. She describes one in which each pair takes a turn galloping down the arena, where the rider jumps off his or her pony, grabs an item off the ground such as a ring or even a sock, and vaults back on, racing back to the start line so the next pair can blast off. The signature game is named after the sport's founder, Norman Patrick. Once again, the pairs line up at the start, and one at a time, dash off towards the far end of the arena, but this time, each must carry a letter of the founder's name which he or she will slide over the top of a vertical PVC pipe until the name "Norman Patrick" can be read from top to bottom. The first team to correctly complete the task wins.

What Steph likes most about mounted games is the camaraderie of the tight-knit community. She says that while they compete against one another, they also root for one another, and they are very supportive of each other's practice and training. "We're all friends, and we keep it low on the drama." She also likes that the sport draws kids that don't necessarily have a lot of money to spend. Many ponies come from rescues and auctions. Riders' outfits are colorful but relaxed and simple. Only regulation helmets are required—and no crops or spurs are allowed! The ponies sport plain tack, as well, just common English saddles and bridles, with simple snaffle bits and sometimes a few other items just to hold everything in place given all the twisting, turning, and flying about at speed. Steph adds that the sport is very inclusive; some riders in the lead-line division are still in diapers, and their moms have gotten them started as they used to play mounted games themselves.

One way to keep abreast of the girls' progress and competition results is through the Poolesville Equestrian Group Facebook Page. If you would like to ask the young ladies on the team about how to get involved with the sport locally, post your questions there, as well. For more information about mounted games here in the States or across the Pond, check out the USMGA website at www.usmga.us or the British association at mgagb.co.uk.



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Remembrances

Virginia Palmer

Virginia Mae Palmer, affectionately known as "Jenny," passed away on March 3, 2018.

Virginia was born on December 24, 1934 in Poolesville, the oldest daughter to the late Joseph Imes and Clara Hebron. Jenny was married to the late Forest Edward Palmer, Sr. With this union, they had eleven children.

Virginia was a lifelong resident of Montgomery County and was educated through the Montgomery County Public Schools.

Virginia retired from Arnold's Deli and Dee Dee's Diner where she was employed for years. She enjoyed taking care of her grandkids and raising them as if they were her own. She also enjoyed spending time with family, playing bingo, and serving her God. Her favorite hymn was "Ride out the Storm," and within this last year, she definitely rode it out.

Virginia is survived by her seven beloved children Joan Gross, Sharon Harris (Morris Harris), Estelle Martin, Peggy Palmer, Penny Palmer (Kevin Butler), Robert Palmer (Shellie Palmer), Darlene Palmer (Craig King); her adopted grandson Tyrell Palmer; and daughter-in-law Tina Addison; her two siblings Berta Hebron "Tiny" and Johnny Simms "Pete"; forty-three grandchildren; 115 great-grandchildren; and twenty-six great-great-grandchildren; and many loving nieces, nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Clara; husband Forest Edward Palmer, Sr., her sisters Emma Williams and Florence Randolph; two daughters Betty Powell, Judy Palmer "Boo," two sons Larry Palmer and Forest Palmer, Jr. "Jr"; son-in-law Charles Gross; and her niece Regina Epps.



Virginia Mae Palmer

Betty F. Allnut

Betty F. Allnut, 94, of Darnestown, passed away March 15, 2018, at the Kline Hospice House.

Born February 17, 1924, in Herndon, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Charles Thomas Reed and Edna Grace (Soper) Reed. In May 1942, she was united in marriage to the late Clarence Leonard "Buddy" Allnut.

Betty worked for National Geographic from 1969 to 1987. She loved to spend time with her family and friends. She loved to can vegetables out of the garden, bake, crochet, solve word puzzles, and work arithmetic problems with the grandkids.

Surviving are: her son, Charles "Charlie" Leonard Allnut; her granddaughter, Laura Shelton and husband, Kevin; two great-grandsons, Christopher James "CJ" and Chad Thomas Shelton, and two great-granddaughters, Kaylie Nicole and Holly Christine Shelton.

Betty was also predeceased by four sisters: Mary Virginia Reed, Annett Louise Reed, Edith Reed, and Charlotte White Reed; and two brothers, Franklin E. Reed and William T. Reed.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Kline Hospice House, 7000 Kimmel Rd., Mt Airy, MD 21771.



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Lumpy, Bumpy, On My Skin

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The skin, also known as the integument system, is the largest single organ of the body. Many people do not think of the skin as an organ of the body like we think of the heart, lungs, liver, spleen, and other organs that keep us alive. It is the skin that keeps us from losing all our fluids. It is the skin that protects us from excessive heat and cold. It is the skin that protects us in part from infections and parasites. Skin is one of the most important adaptations over the history of life on this planet to give us and our furry friends protection from the world around us.

When we and our furry family members are young, the skin is very elastic and very responsive to damage and changes. As we age, our skin cells become older also. The aging of our skin cells reduces their ability to repair damage and changes when they occur. One of the most important changes is the sudden appearance of lumps and bumps on the skin.

It is important to note that the immune system our body and that of our furry friends is very efficient at identifying and removing abnormal cells (cancer cells) when they first appear. Once a group of cancer cells reaches over 100,000 cells, it is too large for the immune system to remove; progression of the cancer can then continue.

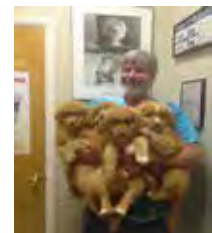
Recognizing a lump, bump, or other atypical skin lesion early is very important to determine if treatment is needed. As skin ages, the turnover (replacement) of cells slows down. This allows for some groups of cells to grow to larger sizes than normal. These grouping of cells often present as a lump or bump on the skin. Many skin changes are not a concern and there is no need for concern; however, some skin changes can be an indication of a more serious metabolic disease or a primary skin tumor, left untreated, can create a serious local issue or spread to other organs, creating a life-threatening experience.

If you notice a change on the skin of your animal pal, please schedule an appointment with your veterinarian so he or she can examine the area, take samples and/or do blood work. Your pet's doctor can then give you a better opinion on what steps, if any, need to be taken to treat the problem. Waiting should not be an option. Comparing the skin change to a picture on Dr. Google should not be an option. Talking with your veterinarian should be your choice of action. Better to know early and take action than wait until later and have no chance for successful treatment.

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