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Lynne Rolls brought the mission of Upcounty Prevention Network to the Lions Club. Family Album on page 2 shares more pictures.



These MES kids helped the school get a green award. Read more in Tidbits on page 8.



Ride 'em, cowboy! Max Embrey's wild ride on the bull was only part of the Springfest fun. More pictures on page 15.



Falcons Gwen Boe, Maddie Burnette, and Ali Ransom. Read about their season in Youth Sports on page 17.

Monocacy River Bridge to be Named for Dickerson Marine

By Rande Davis

On Saturday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m., the bridge on Route 355 that spans the Monocacy River, almost in the center of the Monocacy National Battlefield, will be named in honor of Dickerson's Kirk Bosselmann, a 2001 Poolesville High School graduate.

Born in Brampton, Ontario, Canada, his family moved to the area in 1990, with Kirk becoming a United States citizen the summer of 2003. The marine corporal was just twenty-one years old when he was killed in action on November 27, 2004 during Operation Iraqi Freedom in a battle at Fallujah, Iraq. He was part of the 1st Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Marine Corps Basecamp Lejeune, North Carolina. He was a sniper scout whose actions the day of

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Marine Corporal Kirk Bosselmann, PHS 2001 graduate, will have the Monocacy Bridge named in his honor on May 26.

Historic Center of Poolesville Getting Makeover

By Rande Davis

The heart of Poolesville's original main street is in the process of undergoing a long-anticipated facelift worthy of the historic role of the buildings that fill the area. The Old Town Hall and Bank Museum, possibly the most photographed building in Poolesville, along with the town's first commercial establishment, the John Poole House and trading post, which is slightly hidden to the north of the bank, have long served the community as reminders of the roots of the town. Civil War photographs of this location show the 8th Calvary Minnesota in the winter of 1862 harnessing their horses at the store fronts and in front of the beautiful homes of Dr. Thomas Poole (now housing the Blue Hearth) and Frederick Poole. Nearby are other Civil War-era buildings, including the

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Local artist, Karen Kouneski, painting a mural on Bassett's east face. Residents are asked to make suggestions for the fourth image.

Family Album



Heavy spring rains grounded White's Ferry, but flood levels were far below past high-water marks.



Rain, mud, and suds aside, Springfest was a great success as Val Dickerson celebrated with the dynamic duo who managed it all, Cathy Bupp and Preston King.



Winning at the Potomac Hunt races cannot be dampened by the weather or the mud!



Our local GOP ladies enjoyed a luncheon with Maryland's first lady. Joyce Davis, Patsy Dillingham, Yumi Hogan, Sharon Bauer, and Laura Davis.



Upcounty Prevention Network at a Monocacy Lions Club meeting. From UPN are Lynne Rolls, John Rolls, Connell Oberman, Juanita Jaramillo, Meg Oberman, Ethan Rolls, and Andrew Sojka.



Families and kids shared in the joy of the Potomac Hunt races. The kids may have liked the mud more than their parents.



The students at the Barnesville School celebrated the great weather with a maypole swing.

Town Government

2019 Budget Approved by Commissioners

By Link Hoewing

With very little discussion, the commissioners unanimously approved the FY2019 budget for the town (Commissioner Valaree Dickerson was absent). As reported earlier, the new budget would maintain the existing tax rate of 17 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation and result in total spending of almost \$3.6 million in the coming fiscal year. The new budget will be implemented starting on July 1. The budget was open for public comment, but no one opted to testify or submit written suggestions.

After approving the budget, the commissioners turned to discussing a new guidance document, introduced at their last meeting, that outlines water conservation measures, technologies, and strategies that the town believes are significant going forward. The town has adopted the water conservation measures used by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) and incorporated them into its charter. The new document the commissioners discussed is not legally binding but outlines in some detail critical water conservation strategies such as appropriate technologies for use in homes and businesses. It also describes how the town should respond in the event of severe drought and establishes, for the first time, a public announcement strategy to alert the public in the event water restrictions need to be implemented. The document was unanimously approved for release.

In his town manager's report, Wade Yost noted that a significant number of complaints had been coming into town hall regarding trash collection. Yost said the private contractor who runs trash and recycling pickups, Bates Disposal and Recycling, recently lost two drivers, and the new employees who filled those positions seemed to have misunderstood the routes they were supposed to have run. Complaints included trash that fell out of receptacles onto streets and failing to pick up trash. Yost said he had repeatedly fined the company and recently had a meeting with the new supervisor for Poolesville for Bates to push for improvements.

Yost also said that the town has recently been having trouble attracting contractors for some town projects. It has been having little luck trying to fill two new positions open in its departments. John Strong, the town engineer, said that the recession in 2009 hit smaller contractors hard, and the recent economic recovery has meant that existing contractors are having a hard time meeting demand. A new contract proposal for the town will go out for bid soon, and both Yost and Strong said they are hopeful they can attract bidders.

The commissioners were briefed next on the coming introduction of a new wireless technology (called 5G) that might affect how the town manages rights-of-way and access to existing town and utility structures such as light poles. The new technology will allow the transmission of speeds over wireless networks far in excess of today's systems, rivaling even currently available landline broadband networks.

Town attorney Jay Gullo pointed out that he had recently attended a meeting where the new technology was discussed. It is very likely that at least part of the new deployment strategy will involve installing small transponders that send wireless signals to phones on light and utility poles and the sides of buildings.

Gullo said that this is far different from most of the infrastructure that is deployed today which uses large transponders placed high up on structures like

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Rande(m) Thoughts The Hero Who Walked among Us

By Rande Davis

Our headline story reports that a very special honor will be given to one our own, Dickerson's Kirk Bosselman, a brave and beloved true son of the Monocacy. In his entirely-all-too-brief time among us, Kirk was noted for his love of the land that we share, driven by a profound sense of purpose to voluntarily give back to his chosen country and community. An avid outdoorsman and equestrian enthusiast—even at an early age and while still a high school student—he voluntarily accepted the dangerous duty as an Upper Montgomery County volunteer firefighter. When his spirit of adventure sent him to California after graduation, he sought to contribute as a wildfire firefighter. Eventually, he decided to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps, choosing once again, a more dangerous duty as a sniper scout. Born in Canada, he and his family came to our area in 1990, and in the summer before he was killed in battle, he became a naturalized citizen.

I have read the firsthand account written by James Mendenhall, the sniper for whom Kirk was his spotter,

about the intensity of the close-quarters fight that went on for four to five hours that last day. He wrote of Kirk's skill and bravery that day but also about "the many heroic things he did" in the months even before this final battle "and the many lives he saved while there"—things about his character that would not surprise family or friends.

How fitting then that his name will be fixed to the bridge that spans the Monocacy River on Route 355. How fitting that it will be near the center of the Monocacy National Battlefield, the location of a minor but extremely important Civil War encounter between the North and the South that is noted not for its size but for its role in saving Washington, D.C. from being overrun by the Confederate Army.

The Native American word "Monnockesey" translates to "the river of many bends." Like the river itself, Kirk's short life had many twists and turns in his fleeting journey, from his move from Canada, to venturing west, to becoming a marine. Each change—each bend in his journey—marked his willingness to serve others, his community, and his adopted country. This historic spot now will be marked in Kirk's name as long as the river flows and the bridge spans it, and a nation and a community will be forever reminded of his life and his time among us, and they will be grateful.

Local News

GOP Candidates Came to Poolesville

By Rande Davis

At the invitation of the Potomac, Rural, and Upper Montgomery Republican Women's Clubs and Republicans of Legislative District-15 PAC, primary candidates convened at the Poolesville Town Hall on May 22.


The forum provided each candidate with an opportunity to introduce themselves and talk about their backgrounds and priorities. Questions from the filled venue were then accepted.

The only Poolesville resident on the June 26 primary ballot, David Wilson, is running unopposed in the Republican primary for state senator. Wilson is a twenty-three-year veteran of the U.S. Army (lieutenant colonel) and served two tours in Iraq. He is the owner of Response Masters, LLC, a privately-owned security management company helping organizations prepare for the unexpected crisis by customizing crisis management plans and training. He also is a substitute teacher at John Poole Middle School. Wilson was the first recipient of an Active Duty Scholarship Award at Fairmont State College where he earned a bachelor's degree in education. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from the West Virginia University ROTC program and earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University. His campaign emphasizes public security, especially in schools, expanded HOV solutions for Route 270 and has a theme of speaking truth to power, meant to promote the need for straight talk on the issues.

At the GOP forum, his major issue for discussion was working with Governor Hogan to correct district gerrymandering. He noted that "while every vote is counted, not every vote really counts." He promotes the concept of one representative for each district.

The issue of gerrymandering was understandably an issue on which all candidates shared concern.

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May 10
The Maryland State Flag was lowered in honor of Kevin Kamenetz, County Executive of Baltimore County, who died on May 10.



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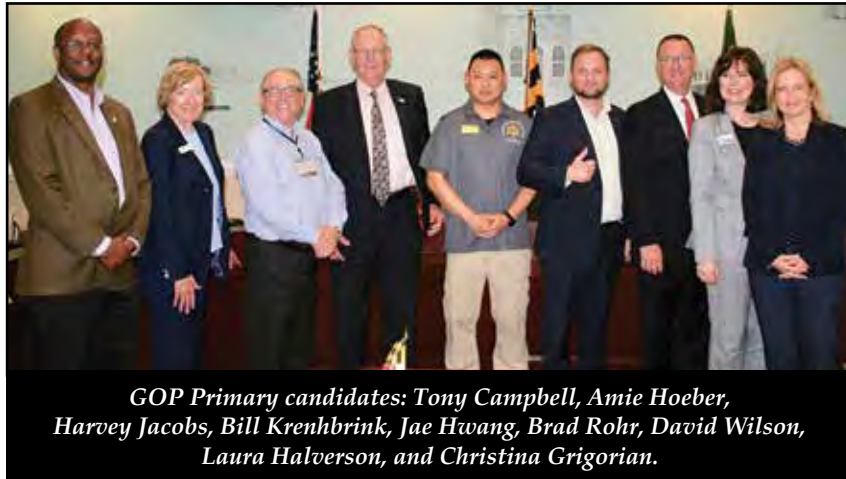
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GOP Candidates Came to Poolesville

Only three of the eleven GOP primary candidates for U.S. Senate attended: Potomac resident and attorney Christina Grigorian, Towson University professor Dr. Tony Campbell, and Bill Krehnbrink, public school teacher by education and head coach of Morgan State lacrosse club.

Grigorian, a first-generation American whose parents immigrated from Poland, spoke of her priorities in education, transportation, economic growth, and public security. Campbell, who teaches courses on politics and religion, metropolitan studies, and is the author of two books, emphasized education reform, security, and economic growth. He is a retired army chaplain. Coach Krehnbrink is focused on what he refers to as his EGG campaign, "everybody's gotta go."




GOP Primary candidates: Tony Campbell, Amie Hoerber, Harvey Jacobs, Bill Krehnbrink, Jae Hwang, Brad Rohr, David Wilson, Laura Halverson, and Christina Grigorian.

Potomac's Amie Hoerber, a graduate of Stanford University, a Deputy Secretary of Defense in the Reagan Administration whose company advises government and private sector defense industry on matters of homeland security, is also the author books on security issues. Her priorities are transportation, the opioid epidemic, public safety and security, and, with her close working relationship with Governor Hogan, continued job growth in Maryland.

Brad Rohr, a real estate agent from Germantown has degrees from UMBC in financial economics and accounting. Self-described as supported by the Tea Party, a strong supporter of Trump, he emphasized issues of economic growth, security, and grassroots representation.


The House of Delegates had three attending candidates: Laurie Halverston is currently the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioner, former PTA leader, was named White House Champion for Change by President Obama's administration, and Governor Hogan appointed her to serve his commission to review Maryland's use of assessments and testing in public schools; Harvey Jacobs is a lawyer and consultant, advising clients on a wide variety of issues from real estate issues to high-tech and emerging technologies, is a columnist for the *Washington Post* on commercial and residential real estate issues, and his priorities are transportation, education, and redistricting; Marc A. King—unable to attend, but his wife stood in for the candidate who was out of town—is an army veteran retiring as a lieutenant colonel, cites as his priorities, transportation, education, redistricting, and job security.


Boyd's resident Jae Hwang is the sole candidate for county sheriff. He is a graduate of Walter Johnson High School, the University of Maryland College Park, and the University of Baltimore Law School. The army veteran is currently the lieutenant in the sheriff's department and is deputy commander of the fifth district in Germantown as a lieutenant. His priorities are: strong leadership, respect for citizens, sanctity of the constitution, and zero tolerance. As an elected official, the sheriff is the only police officer directly and solely answerable to the public.



May 15

All flags were lowered to mark Peace Officers Memorial Day, held in honor of federal, state, and local officers killed or disabled in the line of duty.







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Local News

Izaak Walton League Recognizes PHS Seniors for Environmental Work

By George Coakley

On May 10, nineteen seniors from the Poolesville High School (PHS) Global Ecology Studies Program were recognized for the achievement of their senior projects. The ceremony, hosted by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (BCC-IWLA), brought together several Upcounty ecology-based organizations to honor those students whose keystone projects best meshed with their group's values.

Joining the BCC-IWLA were the Monocacy Garden Club represented by Beth Poss and the Maryland Bluebird Society represented by Linda Pepe, Stan Fisher, and Anne Sturm. Representing the BCC-IWLA Chapter were president Jim Tate and award committee members Andy Wight, Frank Parker, Mark Gochmour, and George Coakley. Erin Binns, Head of House at PHS, thanked the organizations for their support of the global magnet program.

The awarded projects and students were:

~ **Feeding the Growing Population**

Loren Fernandes, Brigit Shields

~ **Beautiful Bluebirds:**

The Great Sparrow War
*Kelliann Lee, Zoe Welch,
Rachel Macairan*

~ **Relieving the Burden on Native Avian Species**

Charlie Brill, Jason Hsu, Caius Kim

~ **Drainstorming:**

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Erin Green, Haley Harkins



*Honorees: seated Haley Harkins, Loren Fernandes, Brigit Shields, Connell Oberman, Sophie Skanchy, Renee Quaranta, Navya Chintala, Taylor Byrd
Standing: Rachel Macairan, Zoe Welch, Kelliann Lee, Erin Green, Roger Yerger, Benjamin Gherman, Jason Dutton, Caius Kim, Charlie Brill, William Field*

~ **Effects of Marine Plastic & Possible Alternatives**

Navya Chintala

~ **Effects of Residential Development – Dry Seneca Cr.**

William Field, Connell Oberman

~ **Non-chemical Treatment – Varroa Destructor Mite**

*Renee Quaranta,
Sophie Skanchy*

~ **Project Wild**

Taylor Byrd, James Dutton

~ **Wood Quality vs. Sound Quality**

Benjamin Gherman, Roger Yerger

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Meadow Valley Homeowners' Association scheduled for April 23, 2018 was not held due to a lack of a quorum. In accordance with Sec. 5-206 of the Maryland Non-Stock Corporations Act ("the Act"), all members are hereby notified that a subsequent Annual Meeting will be held on June 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Poolesville Town Hall located at 19721 Beall St, Poolesville, MD 20837. Those present will constitute a quorum and will have the authority to decide on all proposed actions as authorized by the Act. There will be an election of the Board of Directors at this meeting.



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Garden

Move Over Flowers

By Maureen O'Connell

If you always wanted a vegetable and herb garden, but you thought that you did not have enough room for it and a flower garden, who says that you can't intermix vegetables and herbs with flowers? Take a walk around your yard, front and back, and you will be surprised at how many places you could tuck in a few tomato plants, some peppers, and some attractive herbs. This symbiotic relationship is the core of "companion planting," a method of growing specific herbs, flowers, and vegetables in close proximity to each other, thereby enhancing the growth of all three types of plants. They all have something to offer: increased yields; repel harmful insects; encourage pollination; attract birds, butterflies, and bees; and provide shelter for beneficial insects.

I have several flower beds that share the soil with an assortment of herbs and vegetables. Over the years, I have noticed that these plots had healthier plants with fewer diseases and fewer harmful insects and a thriving population of birds, butterflies, and bees. You could suggest several reasons, but I believe that it is the result of natural symbiosis. Do not look at a vegetable garden and a flower garden as two separate species; they are: The Garden. For centuries, the French had a formal, decorative, and functional potage or kitchen garden, in which there grew flowers, vegetables, and herbs together. In medieval times, wealthy Englishmen devoted a good-sized part of their estate landscape to similar style gardens. Closer to our time and to home, the arboretum at the John Poole House in Poolesville houses a collection of trees, shrubs, herbs, and flowers indigenous to western Montgomery County before 1850. This garden provided the John Poole family with food and medicinal plants, as well as plants for covering floors, quelling insect bites, dyeing fabrics, flowers for the home, and other household purposes.

Vegetables and herbs are everywhere in all my gardens. Colorful rainbow chard dances in the same summer sun was the golden yellow black-eyed Susan Rudbeckia, the bright red blooms of the *Crocsmia* 'Lucifer,' the tall and stately *Allium* 'Purple Sensation,' and the pale yellow flowers of *Coreopsis* 'Moonbeam.' Several varieties of basil in another plot thrive next to green and banana pepper plants. It is claimed that growing basil next to these

peppers boosts their flavor and helps to repel some common garden pests, such as aphids, spider mites, thrips, mosquitoes, and flies. Chives, parsley, cilantro live among four foxgloves plants and four coral bells. Bright red radishes add wonderful contrasting color to a small garden with the daisy *Leucanthemum x superbum* 'Becky' and its large white flowers. Four majestic, four-foot tall, Oriental lilies, 'Casa Blanca,' are underplanted with four varieties of lavender, rosemary, Mexican tarragon, three kinds of sage, two David Austin roses 'Olivia,' and the gorgeous and long-blooming *Alstroemeria* 'Inca Ice.' In another small bed, *Gaura* 'Belleza Dark Pink' offers sharp contrast to its bedmates, rainbow chard, dark green oregano, and feathery fennel. This is just a small snapshot of my happy companion plants.

As I have said in previous columns, I no longer use insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, or any other "cides" in my gardens. It is survival of the fittest, but with a big help from their friends: herbs and vegetables. Let's take a closer look at them and see exactly what they can do. Some plants exude chemicals from roots or aerial parts that suppress or repel pests and protect neighboring plants. An often overlooked benefit is providing beneficial habitats. Companion plants offer a desirable environment for beneficial insects and other arthropods, especially predatory and parasitic species which help to keep pest populations under control. They include ladybird beetles, lacewings, hoverflies, mantis, and non-insects such as spiders and predatory mites.

Chives improve growth and flavor of carrots and tomatoes. They can keep aphids and Japanese beetles away. Chrysanthemums kill root nematodes. Its flowers, containing the repellent pyrethrum, have been used for centuries as botanical pesticides. Dill is your best friend for lettuce, attracting hoverflies and predatory wasps. Plant garlic next to roses to repel aphids. Geraniums repel cabbage worms and Japanese beetles; plant around grapes, roses, corn, and cabbage. Lavender is a workhorse of a plant; it repels flies and moths and nourishes many nectar feeding and beneficial insects. Don't forget its wonderful scent. Marigolds deserve much credit as a pest deterrent. White flies hate their smell. French marigolds are great for killing nematodes. Mexican marigold (also called Mexican tarragon) is the most powerful of the insect-repelling marigolds. It is believed to overwhelm weed roots of the obnoxious bindweed. My large upper garden, which is beautifully

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Tidbits

By Kerri Cook

StandUpcounty Political Forums

"The sky is falling. The time to vote is now," so says Stephanie Graves of StandUpcounty, an organization aiming to get more folks voting in local elections this June and November. This election year, many of the local seats are up for grabs. According to Graves, only sixteen percent of our area, the Upcounty, voted in the last primary election. To give Poolesville residents a chance to hear from their candidates and then make an informed decision to vote, StandUpcounty has scheduled forums right here in Poolesville. Each Tuesday night, the Watershed Café will host three or four local candidates, from the Maryland State Delegate race to the Montgomery County Council race. An in-house audience and one streaming live online ask questions of the candidates every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. through June 5.

Poolesville School Cluster Concert

On May 12, a lovely but hot morning on Whalen Commons, Poolesville Elementary, John Poole Middle School, and Poolesville High School delighted an audience on blankets and in camping chairs with choral and instrumental music. Headed by Heather Sprague, one of the JPMS bands played an amusing "Medieval Legend." Choral Director Amanda Lyon and her orange-and-black-clad PES chorus brought to life a mix of songs from various countries including the peppy "Cielito Lindo." Probably one of the day's scene-stealers was when the guys of the PHS chorus gave a fun and student-led version of Billy Joel's "For the Longest Time." Many onlookers said this was the first concert of its kind they had seen on the Commons, and they were impressed with the amount of musical talent that exists in our community. Perhaps the tagline on the shirts the JPMS kids all wore said it best: "Without music, life would Bb."



Poolesville Cluster musicians performed at Whalen Commons.

Monocacy Elementary School Green Award

In April, Monocacy Elementary was given the official nod to be named a Certified Green School by the State of Maryland. With this award for MES, the full Poolesville school cluster certification is now complete. The driving force of the project came from Principal Kristin Alban and staff development teacher Annette Coates. According to Alban, three tenets of conservation were employed for the award: strong support through the school curriculum, a plethora of student sustainability practices, and a wide array of community partnerships. Principal Alban added, "I am really proud of the way parents, students, and community members came together and shared a common need to take care of our environment." The official award ceremony will take place on May 31 at Sandy Point State Park.

Another Agnew Baby?

Félix Bays is proud to announce the arrival of his baby brother, Léon. They make their home in Panama City with their parents Drs. Matthew and Alicia (née Agnew) Bays.



Félix, holding two-day-old Léon.

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Local News

Wildlife Habitat For Poolesville

By Kerri Cook

Poolesville is a beautiful, friendly town. Don Street and the town's Sustainable Poolesville Board are working towards it being a green town, too. Sustainable Poolesville (the "Green Team") has partnered with the National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat Program. The goal of the effort is to encourage a "healthier, greener, and more wildlife-friendly" community. This is achieved through NWF certification of individual properties, businesses, organizations, schools, farms, and/or any other type of property within the town limits. Properties with gardens and landscapes earn NWF "points" for adhering to a set of practices that keep the wildlife of the area in mind. Specifically, the aim is to provide places for wildlife to eat, drink, and seek shelter in a habitat.

Street, who created a solar-powered bird fountain at the Poolesville Town Hall (a certified wildlife habitat), has been involved in the education piece of the initiative by promoting this program on social media, speaking to small groups, and disseminating pamphlets all over town. "It's quite easy to get certified," says Street. "Plant native plants. Hang a birdfeeder or two. Grow an organic tomato garden. Restoring wildlife habitats in suburban-to-rural areas is good for the beautification of the area, but it's also great for connecting the community."

According to Street, the town currently has forty-four certified habitats in the 20837 zip code area. These include thirty-seven residences, all three of the schools within the town limits, and six non-residences: Rocklands Farm, the Buddhist Temple Peace Garden, Stevens Park, Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, Poolesville Town Hall, and the Izaak Walton Conservation Farm. A specific effort to encourage more farms to undergo certification is underway as they provide more of the NWF points for the town. The total number of points needed for certification (for a town population between 5,001 and 10,000) is 150. Poolesville is currently at the seventy-point mark, and Street knows the goal is attainable. The town also has plans to install some pollinator gardens which will elevate the numbers towards certification as well.

Another aspect of the Wildlife Habitat Program is fostering community planning through activities focused on resilient environments, like community cleanups. One such activity is happening Saturday, May 26 at town hall as residents will gather to help clear out invasive species plants on the property. Don Street and the Green Team know that Poolesville is already a beautiful place to live and work (and garden!) and hopes that, through these efforts, it will only become more so. Anyone (residents, businesses, farms, stables, or ranches) looking for more information on the program can get their questions happily answered at the project email: poolesvillecwh@gmail.com or by visiting nwf.org/CommunityWildlifeHabitat.

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Poolesville Area Senior Center

(PASC Events – Poolesville Baptist Church)

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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.

May 26

Special Event: Dedication of the Monocacy Bridge

Honoring Dickerson's Marine Corporal Kirk Bosselmann, killed in action on November 27, 2004 in Falujah, Iraq. Bridge dedication ceremony at the site is by invitation only. Community celebration of Corporal Bosselmann at Whalen Commons. Noon to 2:00 p.m.

May 27

The Boyds Historical Society Reception

Celebrating the completion of repairs to the *Boyds Negro School, 19510 White Ground Road, Boyds*. Special guests include State Delegate David Fraser-Hildago, State Senator Brian Feldman,

and contractor Clarence Williams. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

May 29

Book Discussion

Enjoy and discuss *The Mirror Thief* by Martin Seay. Copies will be available at the Circulation Desk. Please note: The book discussion will take place at *McDonald's*. 7:00 p.m.

May 29

Library Special Event: Pajama Family Storytime

A 25-30-minute program designed to delight children of all ages. Filled with diverse stories and activities that promote and develop language skills and imagination. This program encourages children to develop a lifelong love of reading and learning, and introduces them to the culture of reading. Craft included. Wear your pajamas! Repeat of Thursday, May 10, program. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

May 31

Tweens Eat Books

Join us at the library for this month's selection, *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library*. Copies available at circulation desk. For grades 5 through 8, no registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

June 1, 2, and 3

The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

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June 2

Ballet: Pocahontas

The spring performance of Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, featuring *Pocahontas*. Youth, seniors, and active military: \$16; adults: \$19. *PHS auditorium*. 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

June 5

PACC Montgomery County Council Candidate Forum

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

June 4

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

June 7

PACC Monthly Network Breakfast

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June 8

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Historic Center of Poolesville Getting Makeover

Jamison Real Estate offices and the Veirs-Stevens house (once referred to as the Hand Maiden, which previously housed a gift shop).

With the historic significance of all this on their minds last fall and with concern over a deteriorating appearance, the town commissioners felt compelled to address the rundown appearance of parts of that area, especially the old Williams Store (west of Poolesville Tire and Auto) and the Frederick Poole House (current location of Poolesville Framing and Reva's Crafts-A-Plenty).



This August 16, 1923 fire started in the building that predates the current Williams Store next to Poolesville Tire and Auto.

Despite losing historical structures to fires in the early and mid-1900s, the town held on to hope for the historic area. Through the initiative of the new owners of the Williams Store and Bassett's Restaurant, the town's old town center is getting a makeover that will refresh the appeal of the area.

When the issue over town blight was first raised last fall by town commissioners, the Williams Store was specifically cited as an eyesore. Alex Markoff, of Calleva Outdoors, which had purchased the building only a few weeks earlier as a home office for the high adventure and farming concern, agreed publicly that the building was in need of refurbishment. Markoff assured the community that Calleva shared the concern with its appearance and planned to complete most of the work by spring. They began to restore and rejuvenate the building on the interior during the winter, and recently have begun residing the exterior of the building.

Originally, the property was the Hoskinson General Merchandise store which served the town from the end of the 1800s through the turn of the twentieth century; however, on August 16, 1923, a fire broke out in this location that devastated a number of other buildings, resulting in the loss of over \$6,000 of inventory. At the time, the value of the building was given at \$3,000. Harry and William Williams then bought the property and built the current building in 1927.

Alex Markoff gave the *Monocle* a tour of the progress in the interior explaining that the first floor will house executive offices for Calleva, a large work area for employees, a small conference room, and a kitchen and break area. "We also hope to open a retail store featuring fresh breads and produce from the Calleva farm," reported Markoff.

Perhaps the most striking new look is actually an old-time log cabin facade that is being installed on the rear of the building that will give a historical ambience to the facility.

Across the Anytime Fitness parking lot, on the east face of Bassett's Restaurant, Karen Kouneski, best known locally for her mural artistry in the town hall's commissioner meeting room, is busy painting mural depictions that honor three of the area's most well-known and beloved scenes: White's Ferry, the sunflower field, and Sugarloaf Mountain. The fourth panel remains undecided as the owners hope that the final selection will come from the community. The notion to add murals to the exterior wall came from new owners, Eric Rose and Jeff Greenberg. Do you have an idea as to what the final mural should depict? You may leave a message on Bassett's Facebook page or email a suggestion to bassettrestaurant@verizon.net.



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Youth Sports

No-Hitter, Senior Day Fireworks Highlight Falcons Baseball Season

By Jeff Stuart

The PHS baseball team finished the regular season with a 10-6 mark. A no-hitter against Walter Johnson and a big first inning Senior Day rally against Einstein were among the season highlights. Senior Brady Pearre was a part of both.

“We are hitting the ball really well,” said Pearre, scoring ten runs a game. “It’s just kind of nuts. My best game was definitely the no-hitter at Walter Johnson. At the plate, my best game was probably Wheaton. I went two or three that game and hit a home run and a double. Luke Trythall, a sophomore, is definitely a big story this year. He’s hitting, like, .600. He is doing a great job of coming up to this level and performing—and Colin is playing great defense.

“I am looking to win the states. We have a great offense. We’ve got a shot. I know we can win our region. We’ve just got to get past the first game, have our pitchers throw strikes, and keep hitting the ball.”

Brady struck out thirteen during the no-hitter, and he hit a couple of batters, but both were caught stealing, so he faced only the minimum twenty-one batters. After seniors Zack Walker and Zach Wiedenhofer walked in the bottom of the first against Einstein on Senior Day, he hit a three-run homer. Then senior Ryan Haddaway tripled and scored when the throw to third went out of play. After Trythall tripled, senior Colin Metz scored him with a sacrifice fly. The Falcons had five runs on the board, and senior Matt Convers doubled home two more in the second inning.

“We started out kind of strong offensively and defensively,” said Convers. “Problem is: we weren’t pitching very well, and every game we’ve lost we’ve had too many walks—and we ended up beating ourselves. We didn’t play our best on Senior Day, but it was a fun time. I’ve grown up with these guys. I’ve been around them for a long time, and it was fun being with them. We hit the ball really well in that first couple innings.”

“We have struggled a little bit,” said third baseman Haddaway. “We lost a few guys from last year pitching-wise, but, coming into the playoffs, we are hitting well. My best game personally was against Paint Branch. I hit a homer. We pulled that one out in extra innings.”

“We have lost four or five games by one run, two of them in extra innings,” said Coach Steve Orsini. “We are hanging in there, but over a five-game period, we walked, like, sixty-seven batters, and we actually won two of those games, so that is a good thing, but we need to not walk people. That was the difference last year. We didn’t walk people. Against Damascus we probably had nine or ten walks and a couple of errors. They got their first run, and they didn’t get the ball out of the infield. We should have had a 1-2-3 inning. We lost 5-4. They are a good team. I am not taking anything away from them, but it’s what’s been happening to us.

“I think the win over Walter Johnson was probably the best game we played all year. They had their horse, Kyle Peterson (1.37 ERA and 40 strike outs) on the mound. He did a tremendous job. He only gave up two hits and a bunt—and we

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Yeas and Neighs

Clear as Mud: A Day at The Potomac Hunt Races

By Andie Devynck

After eight days of mostly cool, unrelenting rain, the 66th Potomac Hunt Races experienced a sudden turnabout in weather that literally saved the day. The bright sunshine, puffy clouds, mid-eighties heat, and summer-like humidity, however, were pitted against the soggiest of footing, providing quite the contrast in attendee apparel above and below the knee.

Picture race-goers to the Derby or Preakness, with fancy hats and pretty spring dresses—or tidy polo shirts with khaki shorts—paired with mud-splattered knee-high Wellies. Any sort of rugged boot at all, in fact, proved the best offense to safely (if not dryly) traverse the fields of mud that, in certain spots, threatened to swallow small dogs and children whole.

The same challenging conditions held true for the real stars of the day: the horses. Despite the blissful lack of rain, the equine athletes had two enemies with which to contend: heat and mud, both in ample supply. As a result, several horse-and-jockey pairs scratched (withdrew, for those of you unfamiliar with the term). Still, each of the eight races that afternoon provided the crowd with thrilling displays of speed, rivalry, bravery, and endurance that are the hallmarks of this multi-faceted event.

Held yearly at Bittersweet Field on Partnership Road, the Potomac Hunt Races celebrate the sport of steeplechase, a form of horseracing that originated in Ireland in the eighteenth century and spread rapidly to England and to the United States thereafter. In a time when church steeples were often the highest landmark in a neighborhood, racing from an agreed-upon starting point to the church over whatever lay in between—ditches, fallen timber, and the like—was raw excitement. Nowadays, steeplechase races are conducted on regular racecourses and generally vary in length between two and four miles.

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No Hitter, Senior Day Fireworks Highlight Falcons Baseball Season

are a good hitting team. They had three errors and that's how we scored. Brady had the no-hitter for us. He hit a couple of guys. That was a great first inning on Senior Day, but they came back even though we won. That's what we have a tendency to do: Pretty much, every game, we are up, then we just start walking people, then we sub and there are more walks and a hit or two. That's how it's been happening. If I had to point to one guy that surprised me, it would be Trythall. He has hit the ball tremendously and been huge for us—and he is only a tenth grader, so there are good things we expect from him."

On May 10, the Falcons won their first Class 2A West Sectional playoff game against Middletown, 13-11; however, they lost to Walkersville on May 12, 12-4.



Falcon baseball 2018 seniors: Ryan Kasten, Colin Metz, Brady Pearre, Ryan Haddaway, Jimmy Dutton, Zach Widenhofer, Matthew Convers, and Zack Walker.

May 21, 2018

The Maryland State Flag was lowered in honor of Police Officer First Class Caprio of the Baltimore County Police Department who died in the line of duty on May 21, 2018.

May 22, 2018

All flags were lowered as a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated on May 18, 2018 in Santa Fe, Texas.



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Clear as Mud...A Day at the Potomac Hunt Races

Amidst this year's thundering hooves and soaring horses were a diverse collection of race-related activities, including mounted police demonstrations, the Potomac Hunt Club foxhound parade, a kid zone with a petting zoo, and a vendor village next to a food concession area tailored to hot-weather needs and wants. Race regulars, however, tailgate—in the best sense of the word. From catered feasts to tiki bars to potluck picnics, the tradition of reserving a space by the rail at which to park your vehicle, and in which to put up the canopy and set out the food and beverages for family and friends never gets old with steeplechase fans. Some returnees deck their spots in ever-changing themes, such as one Irish gathering, replete with a horseshoe-shaped rainbow (and a pot of gold coins by its side) through which the invited guests entered, and to which several of Ireland's most popular beverages were served inside the Irish-flag-sided tent.

The day's lineup of races included the Washington, D.C. International and the Preakness Amateur Rider (both for three-year-old horses and up, running one-and-three-quarters and one-and-a-half miles, respectively, around the grass track). These were followed by two races over timber fences (one for three-year-olds running two miles and the next for five-year-olds running over two miles).

The one-mile exhibition sidesaddle race can appear to the newcomer as a throwback to the 1800s, with ladies in long skirts riding their mounts with both legs on the same side of the horse (or aside rather than astride). The Stick

Horse races follow, providing the crowd cute and comic relief from the adrenaline rush. Held for the youngest of children, the event is sponsored by the Surrey and is free to all children who want a chance to gallop their wooden mounts from one line of parents to the other.

The Preakness Open Hurdle (four-year-olds and up) and the Open Timber (five-year-olds and up) constituted the last of the adult races over fences. The eighth and final race of the day saved the best for last: the kids on their ponies (small and medium in one group; large ponies in the other) dashing for all their worth a half-mile from start to finish line.

Each year, the Potomac Hunt partners with a charity which benefits from the proceeds of the races. This year's recipient is the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), a national organization providing compassionate care for the families of America's fallen military heroes. TAPS has offered support to more than forty thousand surviving family members of fallen military and their caregivers since 1994. TAPS provides peer-based emotional support, grief and trauma resources, grief seminars and retreats for adults, Good Grief Camps for children, case work assistance, connections to community-based care, online and in-person support groups, and a 24/7 resource and information helpline for all who have been affected by a death in the armed forces. Services are provided free of charge.

If you've never been to the Potomac Hunt Races, consider giving it a go next year. Visit the Potomac Hunt Races Facebook page for directions and parking, as well as for fees, what to wear and bring, and updates on the weather. Be prepared to get hooked—you may find yourself starting your own tailgating tradition!



Great day for the mudders at this year's Potomac Hunt races.

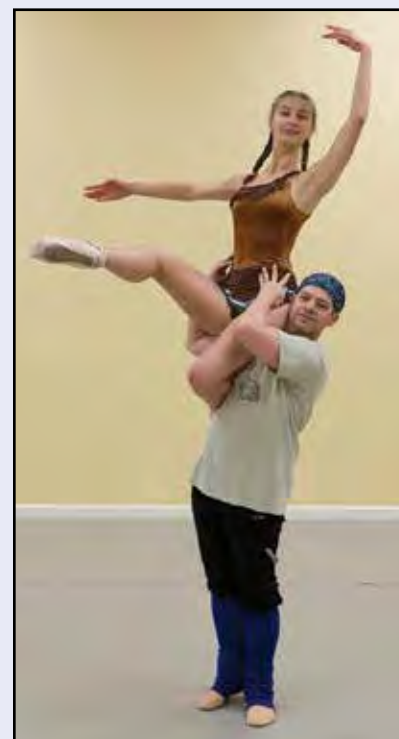
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Tidbits

Pocahontas: HGCBT Spring Ballet

On June 2, 2018, Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre will celebrate its ten-year anniversary with *Pocahontas*, a ballet adaptation of the story of the princess heroine of the Powhatan and of Jamestown. While the story is over four hundred years old, Artistic Director and choreographer Fran Ichijo interprets the highlights of the historical accounts of both settler John Smith and of the Sacred Oral History of the Mappatoni Tribe of Virginia—a balancing act. The audience will be sure to enjoy the beautiful dancing, exquisite costumes, and family-friendly content of the story portrayed through this classical ballet, including the grand "Pas de Deux" from the ballet *Sylvia*.

Performances are at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Poolesville High School Auditorium. Ticket prices are \$16 for youth/senior/active military and \$19 for adults.



The Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre featured spring production is *Pocahontas*.



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Youth Sports

Falcons Softball Team Grows

By Jeff Stuart

They faced brutal early season weather and a tough schedule that featured nine 4A schools, including undefeated Sherwood, the top-ranked team in that division and the fourth-highest-ranking team in the state, as well as Northwest who won the 4A state championship last year. With no seniors, the young Falcons softball team nevertheless persisted, finishing 6-11 overall. They were a respectable 3-3 in the 3A/2A division and grew a lot along the way. They only lost to Sherwood, 9-4, and a lot of underclassmen got a lot of playing time throughout the season.

"We felt good going into the season," said junior and captain, Gwen Boe. "The people on this team really have been great at picking each other up."

"Our season went pretty well," said another junior captain, Al Ransom. "We are still a very young team, and I am proud of what we have done so far, and I think we are going to be even better next year." Ransom was second on the team with nine stolen bases.

Sophomore shortstop Jenna Stroud led the team with a .434 batting average. She had four doubles, two triples, and four RBI. She also led the team in stolen bases with ten.

Right fielder Clare Wilson, a junior, had a .367 batting average, three doubles, two triples, and a home run, and twelve RBI. Freshman Helen Matia batted 333. Ainsley Hagen batted .302 and had a .920 fielding percentage. First baseman Casandra Maier, a junior, batted .296 with a home run and a team-leading sixteen RBI. She had seven stolen bases as did freshman center fielder Catie Gallant. Gallant led the team in runs scored with seventeen and in walks with fourteen. Maier and Gallant led the team in fielding percentage as each had a .931 mark.

Junior catcher Convers had two hits against both Seneca Valley and Watkins Mill, scoring seven runs in those two games. Raines, also a DP (new DH term), had three hits against Seneca Valley. Alaina Shields had two hits against Walter Johnson.



The Falcon softball team was in a rebuilding year.

Junior Meghan Dower had a batting average of a .250. This was her first full year on varsity. Junior outfielder Maddie Burdette appeared in six games and stole a base. She missed most of the season recovering from an injury.

"Overall I think it was a good season. Every player on the team improved as the season went on, and we really came together as a team," said Coach Laurie Wohnhas.

The traditional picnic held after the last game near the entrance to the stadium usually coincides with Senior Day, so this year it was somewhat different, but there was a lot to celebrate.



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Burglary: 15800 block of Darnestown Road.

Trespassing: 19400 block of Cissel Manor Drive.

Recovered Stolen Property: 19800 block of Beallsville Road.

Vandalism: 17600 block of Darnestown Road.

Past Crime: 1930

Montgomery Police were investigating a Brookeville woman's claims that she had been assaulted in the kitchen of her home. She told Chief Moxley that she had been talking on the telephone when the man appeared and started to bind her wrists. She screamed, and the man ran off. Her neighbor reported that she did not hear the screams, and the only description that the victim could give was the color of the man's hat.

When police raided the home of James Duffin in Rockville, they found that they did not have a man small enough to get into a crawlspace under the floor of the kitchen. Officer Poole then drove to his residence and got his eight-year-old son and brought him back to the scene. Young Gordon Poole was able to slip through the crack and see that crates of illegal whiskey were there. Duffin had used a system where he called a neighborhood boy named Chinch to get the liquor when he needed it. Poole helped the officers lift the

whiskey out of the sub-cellar. Duffin was charged with violations of the liquor laws.

Clarence Williams of Montrose was arrested and charged with manslaughter after the car he was driving went off the road and struck a tree on the Darnestown Road at Hunting Hill. His passenger was killed. Chief Moxley went to the scene and interviewed Williams. He then placed him under arrest and took him to the Rockville jail.

Sgt. Leroy Rodgers had had enough of it. His substation was receiving so many complaints from residents of neighborhoods about boys and men discharging fireworks all night long that he drove to Rockville and met with the states attorney. After the meeting, Rodgers announced that anyone detected detonating fireworks after 10:00 p.m. would be arrested no matter what his age.

Two men called at the home of Mrs. Willard Miller in Silver Spring. They claimed that they were selling sheep fertilizer, so Mrs. Miller bought a truckload. After they left, she discovered it was sawdust. She called a friend, who called her husband, who called his attorney, who then called the police. Officer Joseph Nolte showed up and, within an hour, had found the sheep fertilizer men in the same neighborhood.

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

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Monocacy River Bridge to be Named for Dickerson Marine

the house-to-house, close-quarter battle led to a number of military honors and awards.

Kirk is remembered by friends and family as an adventurous individual who was drawn to the outdoors whether on horseback or as a hunter. His sense of purpose led him to join the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department prior to enlisting in the marines. After graduating from PHS, he moved to Napa, California to become a wildfire firefighter.

Due to limited space at the site, the official dedication of the bridge over the Monocacy River is an invitation-only event. Speakers at the dedication will be Maryland Secretary of Veteran Affairs, George W. Owings, III and State Delegate William Folden, who was instrumental in getting the bridge named in Kirk's honor.

Following the sign unveiling event at the bridge site, the assembly will reconvene at Whalen Commons in Poolesville for a communitywide, public celebration and remembrance of Kirk that is open for all to attend. The celebration will start at noon and conclude at 2:00 p.m.

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Remembrance

Roland Leon Hockenbery



Roland Leon Hockenbery

Roland Leon Hockenbery, 84, of Clarksburg, passed away on May 8, 2018. Born in Blairs Mills, Pennsylvania on June 10, 1933, he was the son of the late Bryan T. Hockenbery and Verneta Rhoda Clark.

Roland was the loving husband to Judith A. Hockenbery. Surviving are his three children: Kimberly A. Barnes (Richard), Pamela S. Windon (Rick), and Roland L. Hockenbery, Jr. (Michelle); eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one brother, Paul M. Hockenbery (Shirley); and numerous nieces and nephews. Roland is also remembered by Judith's children, Jeffrey Stine and James Stine.

Roland is preceded in death by his first wife, Delores Marie (Hornsby) Hockenbery, one brother, Warren C. Hockenbery, and one sister, Linda K. Ammerman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hyattstown United Methodist Church, 26121 Frederick Rd., Hyattstown, MD 20871; or Nossville United Methodist Church, Lottie Yocum, Treasurer, 18369 Mountain Foot Rd., Blairs Mills, PA 17213.



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the town's water tower and on very high towers or high-capacity electric poles. While the new technology is not imminent, Gullo said that it could result in the deployment of many smaller transponders on poles and buildings throughout a municipality. This would have implications for how local governments manage and charge for access to poles and other facilities for the location of transponders and how they might control the potential installation of privately-owned poles. It could mean that poles might be placed on private land adjacent to houses or even on yards in local neighborhoods.

While the implications of such installations raised concerns, Gullo said that deployment was most likely to occur first in major cities. Gaithersburg already had developed a set of ordinances to manage the installation of the new technologies, and he was working on possible draft ordinances for some of his other municipal clients. He recommended that the town stay on top of the situation but wait until he had completed his research and work on the issue for his other clients. He could then discuss possible ideas in more detail. The commissioners agreed with his suggestion.

At the close of the meeting, it was announced that Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski has been elected to chair the Montgomery County Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League (MML). The MML is an association of local governments that represents the interests of municipalities at the state and county levels, promotes professionalism in municipal government, and does research on municipal affairs that can be used by town leaders to help improve operations. Most Montgomery County towns are members of the MML.



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Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) Predicts Geographic Shift in Pet Parasites

Adapted by Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

A 2018 forecast shows where pet owners and veterinarians need to be on alert against heartworm, Lyme disease, anaplasmosis, and Ehrlichiosis. We will see invasion by land (ticks) and by air (mosquitoes). Four of the most common pet diseases will show up in more places this year and will pose a higher risk to pets and their humans.

It is becoming more important than ever to keep your pets vaccinated against Lyme disease with the CR Lyme vaccine (Vanguard Cymric Lyme vaccine). Year-round (yes, 12 months) protection for ticks and fleas is also essential as the range of ticks and their pathogens expands. Ticks can become active when the temperature goes above 45 degrees Fahrenheit, even in the winter.

CAPC's disease breakdown is as follows:

HEARTWORM:

Prediction: Above average nationwide. Early evidence of resistance present in the lower Mississippi River delta region

Potential: "Hyper-endemic prevalence seen in the lower Mississippi River region will be more active than normal. Clients and veterinarians in the norther tier states from Washington State to Vermont should be on the alert as this area may see a problematic rise in heartworm infections among their pets.

LYME:

Prediction: Oozing into non-endemic areas.

Potential: Clients and veterinarians living close to Lyme's endemic boundary lines (the Dakotas, Iowa, Missouri, Southern Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, and North Carolina) should be on high alert. Western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, West Virginia, and the Appalachian region in Virginia need to prepare for an active year.

Good News: Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, and eastward (including the Delmarva area) and the Boston/Cape Cod area are expected to see a little relief this year.

ANAPLASMOSIS:

Prediction: Average across much of the United States.

Potential: Northwestern Minnesota is forecasted to have an active year.

Good news: Wisconsin and Minnesota border areas as well as the Boston/Cape Cod region should expect to see less activity than normal.

EHRlichiosis:

Prediction: Southern Virginia and Northern North Carolina are forecasted to be more active than normal.

Potential: The rest of the United States is expected to see about normal prevalence in 2018.

CAPC forecasts and parasite prevalence maps are available at: www.petsandparasites.org.

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