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Helping Our Veterans, One Fly Fishing Rod at a Time



This famous general came to Poolesville by mistake at the urging of a president. Mystery History on page 4 explains.



Where in the world is Eco Evie? Maybe she can be found in Local News on page 5.



Artist Carien Quiroga knows that journeys, like ceramic murals, begin one step at a time. Read about the project on page 8.



Wonderful recognition for a wonderful couple. Check out Tidbits on page 10.

By Rande Davis

The American Legion Post #247 in Poolesville held its March 7 meeting at Calleva's new headquarters in Poolesville, next to Anytime Fitness. The site was recently offered by Calleva free of cost for the use of the vets and provides a larger venue for the group that has been expanding its size and mission over the past few years.

Post 247 has been seeking to increase its mission in helping vets, locally and nationally, as it expands its membership in the coming months and years. At this meeting, representatives from Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Inc. (PHWFF) and the Potomac Valley Fly Fishers Club were there to speak of their joint mission to assist vets in need of physical and mental rehabilitation through the therapeutic process of fly fishing and all its related activities.

The speakers were Dave Wooster, an organizing volunteer from the Frederick Chapter of PHWFF, and Larry Forte, president of the Potomac



Larry Forte, Paul Kelly, and Dave Wooster brought the message of Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing to American Legion Post 247.

Valley Fly Fishers Club. The Potomac Valley club was started fifty-two years ago for fly fishing enthusiasts. Six years ago, they began hosting wounded warriors from Walter Reed Medical Center at their fishing sites in the

Catoctin Creek area. PHWFF, with national headquarters in LaPlata, Maryland, began in 2005 and has served over 8,500 vets through local

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Loving His Job

By Susan Petro

Corporal John (J.R.) Howard, a thirty-three-year veteran of the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), still loves going to work every day. As the second in command of the 1st District Traffic Squad of the Rockville Station and also a member of the motorcycle squadron, Howard loves that he gets paid to ride his motorcycle at work—weather-permitting, of course.

Howard has been a police officer for his entire career. He was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in Wheaton. Other than a three-year stint living in Virginia to attend George Mason University, Howard has spent his entire life in the county and has spent his entire career doing a job he loves.

"I always wanted to be a police officer," said Howard, who was initially



Corporal John (J.R.) Howard

hired by the park police before accepting a position as an officer for MCPD nine months later on his birthday.

Soon after being hired by MCPD, Officer Howard and his wife, Annette,

moved to Poolesville where they raised two daughters and a son. The Howards were active in the baseball,

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Family Album



They had fiddles, vittles, ales—and a whole lot of smiles.



Steve Dean brought the spirit of St. Patrick to the C&O Canal annual meeting.



How many Irishmen does it take to boil a potato? Hey, I'm Irish! I can joke.



The Smith kids showed their Irish in their smiles and dress.



Typical friendly Irish greeting with smiles and waves.



"Sure n b'gora," everyone had a grand time at St. Mary's annual St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Town Government

Commissioners Hear from Councilmember Riemer and Set Public Hearing on Small Cell Technology

By Link Hoewing

The Poolesville commissioners heard from at-large councilmember Hans Riemer at their regular meeting on March 18. Riemer is the last councilmember to appear before the commissioners who have reached out to county leaders and community leaders to better understand their concerns and advise them about the town's priorities. The commissioners also set a public hearing on draft legislation designed to give the town tools to help regulate the deployment of small cell or 5G technology.

Councilmember Riemer is chair of the Planning and Housing Committee and is involved in economic development issues and planning for new parks and recreational facilities. He also sits on the Transportation Committee and is involved in discussions concerning the expansion of I-270 and improvements to the American Legion Bridge.



Councilmember Hans Riemer with the town commissioners at the meeting. All county councilmembers have now met with the town on the proposed multiuse school.

In response to questions, Riemer was sympathetic to the efforts being made to modernize Poolesville High School. He is starting to hear more positive comments from the superintendent but also pointed out that a multiuse facility could "end up costing as much as \$150 million." He understands that Poolesville does not have the level of services available elsewhere in the county. He pointed to affordability as a challenge for such a project and suggested that if the current study of the services needs of Poolesville comes up with a project proposal before the school system develops a modernization proposal for PHS, the community should consider moving ahead with the services facility.

Riemer went on to say that his exchanges with the commissioners and the Fair Access Committee have been fruitful. "You've got my 110 percent focus," he said. Getting the county executive to include a services study in his budget and promoting the multiuse facility is a "prerequisite to making anything happen in the county." The Fair Access Committee and the community should focus on ensuring the money and the study stay on track. It would also be useful, he added, to support new services that the county may be able to offer in the short term somewhere in town.

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Rande(m) Thoughts The Biggest Changes Coming to Town And the Area

By Rande Davis

Last issue, we announced our celebration of the start of our fifteenth year of publication. The headline featured predictions of the biggest changes expected for Poolesville as of March 5, 2004.

This issue, I find myself wondering what the future holds for Poolesville. Have you given much thought about how our community has been able to maintain its reputation as a great place to live, decade after decade? Most would say that Poolesville has continued to be a charming small town, a community of primarily commuters with an exceptional high school and scores of community service groups. So far so good.

It's hard to determine exactly what the town's population is today; the 2010 census had us at 5,400. As we move toward fulfilling the town master plan to grow to over 6,500 residents, the pace has been slow and somewhat erratic. Based on households averaging 3.2 persons each, the working number is thought to be 5,600 today, but we'll know better with the next census.

We have around another hundred homes on tap with emphasis on the sixty-six now breaking ground on West Willard Road. That leaves 100 to 150 more homes to be built. Of course, this is all somewhat conjecture as the new master plan, due out in 2021, may keep the goal or change it. It is very unlikely to go up, but there will be pressure to lower it.

Of course, we have undergone significant changes in just the last half dozen years, but not without a lot of heated discussion. Did all the heat make much difference? Who remembers the vitriol about Dollar General? Oh, how some hated the very thought of Poolesville becoming such a town. What about the concern over a Tractor Supply? Oh no, they screamed, it will put Poolesville Hardware out of business. Then there are the ham radio towers on Partnership Road. What an abomination! Have you even noticed them recently? An ice hockey rink on the same site was stopped in its tracks, even though most were rooting for it.

Then there are the new townhomes by the elementary school. Many residents voiced disgust at their construction. Yet how many of us today are upset or even think about it? Time has a way of altering our focus.

For better or worse, we have had a way of getting very worked up about change, haven't we? What about the Willard Property? I am not even going to go there.

My main point is simply to not panic about our future. As in 2004, I will list what I see in my crystal ball. Some of which you may like and some you might not. Here we go:

A variation of a multiuse school will be built for up to 1,500 students, smaller than hoped-for right now, while using much of the current structure to meet the goal. Don't look for ground-breaking before 2030. With the new school, PHS will initiate an Ag Studies Program that will draw students from throughout the county and give MCPS much national acclaim (okay, so I am prejudiced on this one). The county's interest in the wine press will move forward. Homes will be built on the Willard property, smaller, one-story, not as many as previously proposed but enough to fire up the public discourse again. A Poolesville resident will finally get elected to state office. Poolesville will add a new and exciting celebratory event to its already stellar lineup. The *Monocle* will survive public ridicule over its current predictions and somehow keep publishing in this new brave world of no-print news (with diminishing print media, what are we going to do with all the extra trees?).

If the past is a prelude, then the simple question now is: How'd we do in our prognostications a decade and half ago?

Here they are, you decide:

March 5, 2005: Poolesville will build a new town hall (completed in 2008). Woodstock Equestrian Park will be completed (yep, it happened). Barnesville would restore its town hall (isn't it pretty?). St. Peter's will build a large new addition (this is the church, this is the steeple, open the door and see all the people). Comus Inn would be wonderfully renovated. A farmers' market will be introduced in the park (mixed results). New luxury homes will be built on the old Polo Grounds (nope, didn't happen). Finally, we boldly predicted the *Monocle* would prove to be the biggest and brightest new change to the area. Far from me to judge that one. You decide.

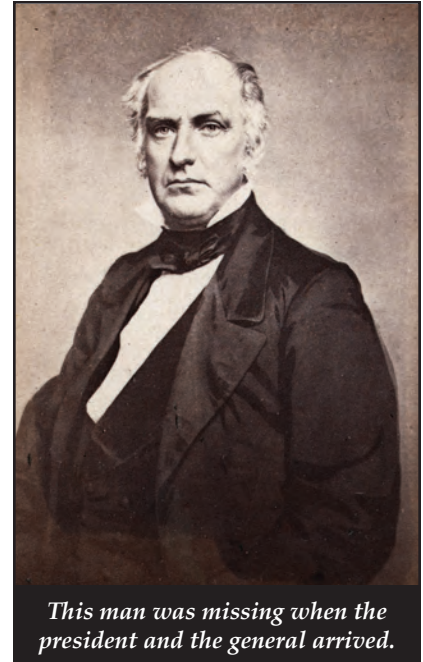
Mystery History

The Day a President Brought a Great War Hero to Poolesville—by Mistake

By Rande Davis

The late Frances Poole Williams loved to tell the story of the day that President Truman toured the Battlefield of Ball's Bluff with Gen. George C. Marshall. It was in this battle that Senator/Colonel Edward Baker, the only sitting member of the senate killed fighting in the Civil War and, by some accounts, in any war for that matter, was killed and his body was taken to his headquarters in Poolesville. Truman and Marshall decided to pay their respects at the gravesite.

The two crossed the Potomac via White's Ferry to Poolesville to locate the burial site, and it was only then that they discovered they were around ninety years too late. Mrs. Frances Poole Williams, a direct descendant of John Poole, Sr. who still lived in the home built by her great-grandfather (next to Bassett's), had to tell them the bad news. Baker, who had been called the Gray Eagle and had been highly-regarded nationally as a "great orator and poet" and who also was the best friend to President Lincoln, had lain in



state briefly in her home awaiting removal to California. After funeral services in Washington, D.C., New

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Local News

Have You Seen Eco Evie?

By Rande Davis

“Where in the World is Eco Evie?” As part of her Girl Scout Gold Award project, local Girl Scout, Jessica Mense, a sophomore at Poolesville High School, has launched a social media scavenger hunt featuring a simple cartoon character of a bear she named Eco Evie—Flat Stanley and the Poolesville Bear inspired her. She has invited people all around the world to take and post a photo of Eco Evie doing something Earth friendly. Her hope is that by joining in the fun of taking photos and seeing the photos posted by others, people—especially children—will think about how easy it is to make choices throughout their day to help the environment.



Jessica Mense wants to know: Where in the world is Eco Evie?

As of March 6, 2019, Eco Evie has logged 246 eco-friendly acts in forty-three U.S. states, two U.S. territories, sixteen countries on seven continents, and on an eight-mile-high NASA mission. She's even been SCUBA diving! With only seven states missing, maybe readers can connect with friends or family who may be able to find her in those states: Arkansas, Delaware, Kentucky, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, and North Dakota. If you know of anyone living in or visiting any of the missing states, please let them know about Eco Evie and ask them to consider taking and forwarding a photo of Eco Evie doing something good for the environment. They can post them here or email them to ecoevie.gold@gmail.com.

The project's Facebook group of 391 members (www.facebook.com/groups/EcoEvie) has photos of eco-friendly actions and a map showing their locations.

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Historic Homes of the Agricultural Reserve

By Maureen O'Connell

On Sunday, March 10, the Historic Medley District, Inc. hosted the second event in its Speakers Series with featured speaker Kenny Sholes at the Old Town Hall Bank Museum in Poolesville, Maryland.

With a slide show of text and pictures, he brought to life eight historic manor homes in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve for the fifty people in the audience. He grew up in Poolesville and, currently, he, his wife and two children, and his parents reside in town.

Sholes began his presentation by saying that recently his son Sawyer asked him, "Why do you like old houses?" He replied that, as a youngster, while driving through Poolesville many times with his family, he was fascinated by the many fine, old brick homes on large tracts of farmland he passed every day. When he grew older, he went off to college and the army. When he came back to Poolesville to live and raise his family, he noticed that the manor homes he had admired as a child were still there, and the streets in many of the new housing developments all around town were named after the area's old families—Chiswell, Wootton, and White—but the stories about these people—the homes they had built and had lived in and the land they had farmed—were becoming a fading legacy, a fading memory. Many of the new town residents had little recollection or interest in the men and women who years ago raised their children in the area, supplied food for the community, and fought and died in the Civil War. Sholes wanted to enkindle in the adults and children of Poolesville and the surrounding towns an interest in and appreciation for the historicity of what many of us often take for granted or forget.

The legacy of Poolesville lives in the long list of old family names and the manor homes in which they lived, the wars they saw and died in, love of family and perseverance, civil service, and slavery. Sholes reminded the audience: "We should strive to understand the past, despite all the new technological innovations of today." In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, people communicated without cellphones, tablets, and the internet. Children attended school and learned spelling, grammar, mathematics, and

history without being attached to their iPhones.

Sholes's slideshow presentation highlighted many homes in the Poolesville area of the 1700s and the 1800s. The lockhouses of the C&O Canal were an integral part of the era of canal transportation, sheltering the lockkeeper and his family. His children probably attended the one-room Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road. Poolesville was a very different place than it is today. Agriculture was the main supporting activity. The large plantations and their homes were expensive and were owned by wealthy, white farmers who grew tobacco. The early settlers came to the area from southern Maryland, bringing with them their slaves and southern way of life. In the 1860s, nearly a third of Montgomery County's population was composed of slaves. As Maryland did not secede from the Union, the state was not included in the Emancipation Proclamation of January 1, 1863 which declared that all slaves within the Confederacy (but not those in border states like Maryland) would henceforth be free.

Maryland voted to abolish slavery in 1864. The majority of the population living north and west of Baltimore held loyalties to the Union, but most of the citizens living on large tracts of land in the southern and western areas of the state were sympathetic to the Confederacy. Many young men crossed the Potomac to join the Confederate Army. The Battle of Ball's Bluff and Gen. Jubal Early's unsuccessful attempt to take Washington, D.C. were launched from Montgomery County.

The historic manor homes about which Sholes spoke are all near Poolesville. Intermarriage was common during this time of history. Over generations, the bloodlines of many of the families intertwined, and the same middle and last names appear in ownership of many of the homes. Today, some are inhabited, and some are abandoned or cared for by the county.

Chiswell's Inheritance was built in 1796 by Joseph Newton Chiswell, and he lived there with his wife Eleanor Smith White Chiswell and their children. MaryAnn Kephart, the founder of Historic Medley District, lived there from 1956 until her death in 2009.

Inverness on Route 28 in Beallsville was built in 1818 by Benjamin White.

The fine red brick home on White's Ferry Road, East Oaks, was built by Henry Claude Young in 1829. The large farm was well known for its innovative farming techniques.

Chiswell Farm was built during the timeframe of 1830 to 1880 by Edward Jones Chiswell. He was a Southern



Kenny Sholes shared his research on some of the grand homes of the Ag Reserve.

sympathizer and was very active in the community.

On the road to White's Ferry, you can still see on the right side of the road the plantation farm Annington, built in 1813 for Stephen Newton Chiswell White and his wife Ann Belt Trundle White. At this time, farming was making a transition from tobacco to wheat. There are many interesting stories about this house and its residents. Some say that the ghost of Stephen White still lurks in the shadows of the home's many rooms. During the Civil War, Union soldiers used the house as a lookout point across the nearby Potomac River.

Rocklands on Montevideo Road was built in 1870 by Benoni Allnutt. It still stands today, and the land is operated as Rocklands Farm Winery.

The Joseph C. White House was built in 1824. This federal-style house is not inhabited today and is owned by the county.

The last historic home in Sholes's presentation was Stoney Castle. By the turn of the century, the tract on which the home is situated was part of the large landholdings of George Peter of Georgetown. In 1831, Stephen Newton White purchased 705 1/16 acres of this land and brought his young family to

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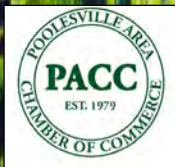


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School News

Seniors Create Mosaic as Gift to School

By Rande Davis

Poolesville High School seniors took part in a PTSA-sponsored cultural arts activity to design and construct a mural made of small individual mosaic pieces. The project is under the guidance of artist Carien Quiroga, who is part of the Artist in Residence program. Each student made a one-inch piece, then the artist and students placed these pieces together to form the larger picture. The finished product will be given to the school as that graduating class's gift to the school. They really are beautiful!

Ms. Quiroga also worked with the 2018 senior class. That class designed a "Poolesville Sunset" scenery. This year's class is adding onto that with a "Celebration" theme. Last year's mural is hanging outside the front of the building. This year's will be added to it.



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The MOOseum: Railroads and Milk

By Jon Wolz

On March 9, 2019, the MOOseum held its 9th annual joint meeting of the Board of Directors and Advisory Board. Susan Cooke Soderberg gave a presentation on "How the coming of the railroad affected dairy farming in Montgomery County."

On July 4, 1828, the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad Company began building a railroad between Baltimore and Wheeling at the Ohio River that would be a quick way to transport products and people as compared to the horse and wagon. It was completed in 1853.

The Metropolitan Railroad Company was formed in 1853 to construct a rail line from Washington, D.C. to Point of Rocks, Maryland where it would connect with the main B&O line. This line was completed in 1873 and became known as the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O Railroad.

There were nine stops between Washington and Point of Rocks: Terra Cotta, Silver Spring, Knowles, Rockville, Gaithersburg, Germantown, Boyds, Dickerson, and Tuscarora. The train line eventually expanded to twenty-eight stops for mills, dairy farm depots, and new housing developments.

The railroad line enabled farmers to quickly send their products to market, including larger towns and Washington, D.C.

The building of the railroad was no easy task. A 700-foot-long, 96-foot-high bridge was built over the Monocacy River, and trestle works were built over the Little Monocacy River and the Great Seneca and Little Seneca Creeks. The chief engineer for the bridges was John Greiner. Virtually all of the station houses were designed by architect Ephraim Francis Baldwin of Baltimore. Of the original station houses, Kensington, Rockville, Gaithersburg, Dickerson, and Point of Rocks still remain and are designated as historic sites.

Dairy farmers took their milk in milk cans to train stations for pickup where they were taken to Union Station. Once there, they were offloaded onto waiting horse-drawn wagons and later trucks for transport to milk processing plants for bottling. Some of the largest bottling plants in Washington, D.C. included Thompson's Dairy, Chestnut Farms Dairy, and Chevy Chase Dairy. Milk trains arrived late in the evenings so milk could be unloaded and processed for delivery the next morning to customers. A train of empty milk cars with cans departed early the next day for the return trip to the train stations along the Metropolitan Line. Most of the milk was traveling by highway trucks in the 1960s.



Susan Soderberg at the annual MOOseum meeting.

March 13
Maryland and town Flags were lowered in honor of the 57th governor of Maryland, Harry Hughes, 92.

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Tidbits

Bassett's Public Art Mural Project

Eric Rose, Jeff Greenberg, and Bob Marshall, the owners of Bassett's Restaurant, have been very active in contributing to the community since day one when they stepped forward to voluntarily pay for the streaming feed so that local residents could watch the final state high school girls' basketball championship. Since then, they have held numerous charitable discount days for local nonprofits. Last spring, they contracted with local muralist Karen Kouneski to create a beautiful mural highlighting popular local scenes, turning that into a fundraiser for local food bank, WUMCO Help, Inc.

Without fanfare, they recently dedicated the mural to the previous owners of the restaurant, Leo and Betty Bassett, beloved proprietors of Bassett's from 1993 to 2018. A plaque is now in place, honoring the couple as well as thanking the Town of Poolesville, the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce, and the patrons of their restaurant for helping to fund the mural project.

New Officers Elected at American Legion Post 247

The Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 American Legion in Poolesville has recently elected its 2019 leadership team. John Robinson just stepped down as commander after two years, during which time the organization saw significant increase in membership and community involvement. Julien Singh is the new commander. Singh has been the host and driving force behind the annual celebrations for the birthday of the U.S. Marine Corps at Cugini's.

Commander Singh told the *Monocle*, "I am honored to be elected as the new post commander for the American Legion post 247. We have a good core group of legion members here in Poolesville, and I would like to continue to build the post's membership. There's a lot of veterans in our community, and we need to reach out to them to join the post."

Other new officers in the legion are Nick "Chief" Markoff as vice commander, Dave Wilson returns as adjutant, and Rande Davis will be treasurer. Steve Gibson will retain his role as the legion's chaplain.

The American Legion recently moved its meeting place from the Old Town Hall Bank to the new headquarters of Calleva at 19936 Fisher Avenue (Reva's former Crafts-A-Plenty store). They meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m.



The Jeffers-Daniels Post 247 now meets at the Calleva store and offices in Poolesville on the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Watershed Open to New Ideas

Ever since Ben Ritter of Watershed Café opened his doors, he has not ceased experimenting with creative changes to his menu, décor, and in finding ways to serve the community. During the campaign season, he opened his place for Facebook streaming of interviews of candidates who were interviewed by Christina Nanof.

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Tidbits

This Sunday, March 10, Watershed introduced its version of Poolesville's Got Talent, with an open mic for the evening. They offered dinner buffet for this inaugural talent showcase. Singer-guitarist Brian Jamison sang some of his eclectic favorites as Torchlight Productions' Common Ground trio sang some original ballads with some favorite covers.


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The Blue Hearth is now open every weekend.

March 23

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' tennis. Walter Johnson. 10:00 a.m.

Boys' lacrosse. Springbrook. 2:30 p.m.

Annual Presbyterian Rummage Sale

Clothing: 50 cents apiece or 3 pieces for \$1. Jewelry, household items, toys, crafts, tools, sports items, small furniture, and more! Everything priced to sell quickly! *Poolesville Presbyterian Church, 17800 Elgin Road.* 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Bruster's Ice Cream Customer Appreciation Day Event

Get a free small waffle cone with or without wearing your PJs. *19631 Fisher Avenue* (parking lot of Poolesville Self Defense). 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 25

PASC Special Event

Chair/Slow flow yoga class. *17750 West Willard Rd.* 11:00 a.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Boys' tennis. B-CC. 3:30 p.m.

March 26

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Boys' lacrosse. B-CC. 3:30 p.m.

March 27

PASC Special Event

Quarterly birthday celebration: Sing into Spring. All are welcome, and those born between January and March will be honored. Musical entertainment by pianist Alyson Nadon-Ortega, light refreshments. *17750 West Willard Road.* 1:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Volleyball. Blair. Coed at 5:30 p.m., boys at 7:00 p.m.

March 28, 29, and 30

St. Peter's Annual Spring Rummage Sale

Household items, clothing, jewelry, linens, crafts, toys, baby stuff, movies & music, electronics, art & pictures, antique & vintage items, pet things, tools, camping, sports & gardening, and

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Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

March 28

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Blair. 3:45 p.m.

March 29

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Girls' tennis. Quince Orchard. 3:30 p.m.

Sneak Peek at the Calleva Farm Store

A happy hour reception and fundraiser in our new office with the authors of the Bread & Beauty cookbook. Food inspired by the book will be provided by Calleva, along with wines from Rocklands Farm and beers from Waredaca Brewery (which will be for sale by the glass). Signed books will be available for sale during the reception. A \$10 minimum donation will reserve your spot at this event. All proceeds will support Manna Food Center. *19936 Fisher Avenue.* 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

March 30

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Magruder. 10:00 a.m.

April 1

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Watkins Mill. 10:00 a.m.

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 2

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Boys' tennis. Blake. 3:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Volleyball. Seneca Valley. Coed at 5:30 p.m., boys at 7:00 p.m.

April 3

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

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

MUMC Community Dinner

Meat lasagna (gluten free and vegetarian options will be offered), garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, and lots of homemade desserts. Free. *Memorial United Methodist Church, Poolesville.* 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

April 4

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

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

April 5

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Boys' lacrosse. Margruder. 7:00 p.m.

A Monocle Mystery Contest



Can you identify this building? There is a clue that appears in both pictures. Do you see it? There's another clue in Mystery History.

Email your answer to rdavis@monocacymonocle.com. Correct answers will be drawn to win a \$20.00 gift certificate to the Watershed Café.

Winner and answer will be revealed in Tidbits in the April 26 issue of the *Monocle*.



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Youth Sports

PHS Wrestler Alex Carbonell Goes Out on Top

By Jeff Stuart

Senior Alex Carbonell already had 171 wins, the most in Poolesville history, when he walked onto the mat for the 120th state championship match at the Maryland Class 2A/1A State Wrestling Championship at the Show Place Arena in Upper Marlboro on March 2. His 1-0 victory over Loch Raven senior Marquis Kemp capped off his stellar career. He became the first wrestling state champion from Poolesville in thirty-five years. Bo Pierce won the 112-pound Class C state title in 1984, defeating Kenny Rhodes of Williamsport, 17-4. Carbonell had lost a 1-0 decision to Smithburg's Shane Hovermale in the region final a week before. Alex had beaten Shane at the Dorsey Duals in January.

Following is a question-answer session the Monocle recently had with Alex:

How old were you when you started wrestling—and with whom?

I started wrestling in third grade when I was eight years old. I got introduced to the sport by my track coach, Chris Brown, who also coached the Clarksburg intramural wrestling team. He told me he thought that I would really like wrestling and that I had a good mindset for it, and since I wasn't a very fast track runner, I decided to give it a shot and ended up falling in love with the sport.

Any weight-cutting horror stories?

Actually, I don't really have any cutting horror stories myself. I try to cut consistently, so that I never have to lose a lot of weight the day before or day of a match. The closest thing to a horror story would be the day of the Rockridge Duals. Virginia and Maryland work differently for weight allowances, so we thought we would get plus-two pounds because of the weather, when really, we only got plus-one. We didn't know this until the day of the match, so a couple of other guys and I who were close were cutting weight in the hotel gym before we went over to the school for weigh-ins.

How do you keep yourself distracted from the stresses of wrestling season?

Actually, wrestling is the stress relief that keeps me distracted from



Coach Damian DeVriendt with State Champion Alex Carbonell and Coach Tim Tao, Coach Kevin Dorsey, Xavier Kresslein (third place), Kevin Fultz (fifth place), and Coach Blake Godsey.

my academic stresses. I'm in the SMCS magnet program at Poolesville High School, so it was almost therapeutic to go to wrestling practice and forget about my homework and upcoming tests for three hours.

Do you have any hobbies that don't involve wrestling?

Other than wrestling and homework, I also play a few instruments,

specifically the saxophone, bass guitar, and piano. I play in a rock-and-roll band with a few of my friends, and we perform at local restaurants, bars, and charity events. I also am involved with the music programs at my church, and play the saxophone and piano during mass.

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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 *Crococsmia* '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

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Youth Sports

PHS Winter Playoff Wrap

By Jeff Stuart

The girls' basketball team finished the season with a 19-5 record, clinching the division on the final day of the regular season by beating rival Damascus at home, 53-39. In that game, senior Allie Haddaway had scored fourteen points, senior Sarah Mullikin had thirteen, and junior Makayla Lemarr, ten. It was the Falcons' second straight division title. These two teams would meet again in the second round of the playoffs. Poolsville won again in their final home game of the year, 36-29. It was their thirteenth straight victory. Their only home loss of the year was to Whitman on December 20.

In the playoff win against Damascus, the Falcons broke out to a 7-0 lead and, as the quarter wound down, it looked like neither team would score again, but Makenzie Crigger and Clare Bradshaw of the Hornets hit late threes to close to 7-6, and then PHS hit a free throw. It was 8-6 after one. Sophomore Mackenzie Magaha scored ten points

in the first half, and junior Logan Rohde had five. The Falcons led by eleven at the half. In the second half the Falcons continued to create turnovers but missed shots. Mullikin hit a third-quarter three and then followed that with a steal and a layup to seemingly break it open. The Falcons led by thirteen. A late three by Rohde clinched the game for PHS.

In the section final, however, the Falcons fell at top-seeded Middletown, 44-32. Mullikin led the Falcons with nine points. Junior Mary Hobbs had seven. Haddaway and Magaha each scored six.

The boys fell at Damascus in the first round of the playoffs. Senior James Lang and junior Nick Zehnle had outstanding seasons. Although the JV does not have a playoff game, it is worth recalling the JV boys' efforts in their final game of the season against Rockville as it bodes well for the future. On Monday, February 4, JV's Colin Gross, a sophomore, hit a three-pointer with little time left on the buzzer to give the Falcons a hard-fought, 48-47 comeback win. Freshman Dylan Lemarr hit two three-pointers in the final minutes and some key free throws. His last free throw tied the game.

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In Your Own Backyard

Exploring Parts Less Traveled along the C&O Canal

By Jon Wolz

When the leaves fall and after the first hard freeze, all of the green undergrowth dies back along the C&O Canal. When this occurs, I often wander off the towpath and explore remote areas of the park. During colder months, there are no insects or snakes to fear. To help plan my adventures to parts less traveled, I sometimes use Google Maps to scout for potential locations. I have investigated most of the woods near the Monocacy Aqueduct; however, there were more parts that piqued my curiosity.

In Thomas Hahn's *Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal*, he tells a story about a man named "Squirrely" Lambert, a squatter who lived on park property and avoided eviction from the 1940s until his death in 1967. One day, Squirrely was arrested and appeared in court in Frederick where he was convicted and fined \$500 for habitual bootlegging. Upon passing sentence,

the judge asked if he had anything to say to the court. Squirrely replied, "Yes, sir! I'm going to have to raise the price of my liquor to pay this fine!"

During my walks in the woods near the Monocacy Aqueduct, I had never come upon a place that could have been where Squirrely Lambert once lived. After looking at Google Maps on a frosty morning in late January, I set out alone through the woods around the Monocacy Aqueduct toward a new-to-me location. After entering the woods, off in the distance, I saw something reflecting in the bright sunshine. As I approached the spot, I realized I was looking at the remains of the front end of a 1940s automobile. It still wore a weathered coat of turquoise paint. Nearby, there was odd metal junk, a couple of piles of clear jars, and many empty beer bottles. There was even a large red metal chest cooler of the type used to hold bottled drinks. I had to wonder whether this was where Squirrely Lambert had lived. On a subsequent walk to this area, I took Steve Horvath with me. On that day, we discovered an old road coming up from near the canal. We walked along it, and it headed up towards the Mouth of the Monocacy Road. Going down the road towards the canal, it forked left towards the Little Monocacy River

and to the right towards the current parking lot. Turning to the right, we discovered a rusted truck from the early 1920s. The truck still had some of its tires and had wood spokes. It was near the old Monocacy Village post office and general store. Was the truck a casualty of the great 1924 flood that had resulted in permanently closing the C&O Canal?

George Washington traveled along the Potomac River and crossed the Monocacy River when he was a surveyor and when he fought in the French and Indian War. From his travels, he developed a concept of developing a navigable water route from the Potomac River to the Ohio River. In 1790, while president, he stopped by the mouth of the Monocacy River on his trip up the Potomac River to explore possible sites for our nation's capital. Congress finally settled on the location which is now Washington, D.C. because it was below the falls of the Potomac River. It took several years after the death of George Washington to begin construction of the C&O Canal on July 4, 1828 near Little Falls. The construction of the Monocacy Aqueduct began in 1829 and was completed in 1833. To build the aqueduct, it took a total of 235 men performing a variety of labor-intensive



Little evidence remains in the woods of what once was the Monocacy Village near the Monocacy Aqueduct.

jobs. In 1830, a post office was established at what became Monocacy Village near the Monocacy Aqueduct. The first postmaster was Gasaway Sellman. Next to the post office was a store that served the community. People from Loudoun County used the post office at the Monocacy Village because it was closer than traveling to Leesburg.

In 1757, a ferry crossed the Potomac River near the Little Monocacy River. By 1833, John Spinks purchased the ferry, and it became known as Spinks

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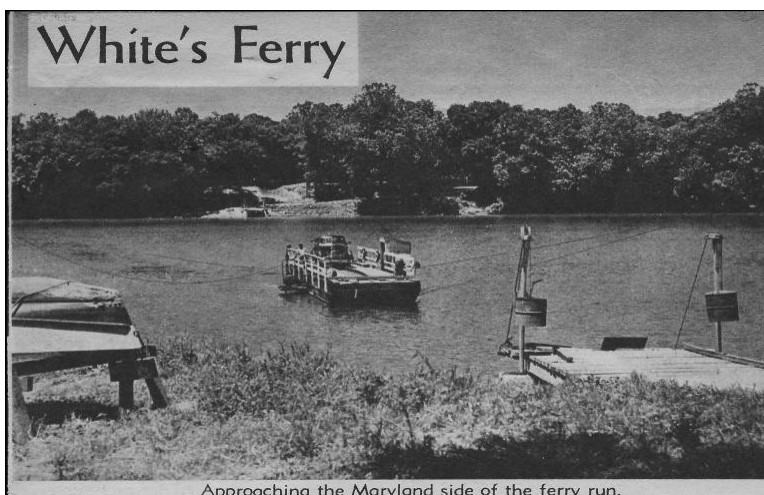
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Local News

A Farewell Message from Pastor Broadhurst

By Rande Davis

Pastor Jace Broadhurst moved on to a new congregation in Indiana in February. While we missed the transition then, we want to provide the pastor with a chance to say farewell to the community. This is his message:

More than twelve years ago, I took a pause in my academic ambitions to come pastor of a small church in Poolesville. I had planned to be there for a year or two, but something happened in my heart. I fell in love with this little town and especially with Poolesville Baptist Church. We bonded in a way that I still don't understand. I love this town. I wasn't just a pastor to the 180 or so in our church, but to many others who sent questions, came for counseling, and enjoyed the many camps and outreaches that we offered—and I

hope I wasn't just a pastor; I truly thought of most of them as friends—and the congregation itself: Wow! Together we became a group of people who disagreed on politics, ethics, and a lot of how we do life, but we unified around trying to follow Jesus and love this town he put us in.

I didn't leave because the church was dying or hostile. In fact, we were thriving and very unified. Poolesville Baptist was truly a joy to be a part of, and it was doing great things. I don't think that is going to change. We are bringing in a new pastor in early April, and he is definitely the man for the job. I couldn't be happier with their choice, and I am convinced he will lead us to new heights. I think the reason God led me out of Poolesville was so I could restart. I lost my wife three years ago, and it wrecked me. I needed the church more than I could have known, but now I think I also need to get out of my comfort zone. Everyone needs an adventure, and it was important for my own health that I start afresh.

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Exploring Parts Less Traveled along the C&O Canal

Ferry. By the time the canal opened, a pivot bridge helped travelers cross the canal near Lock 27. This ferry stopped operating just prior to the Civil War. At Lock 27, there is a lockhouse that is still intact. Across from Lock 27, there remain ruins of an old store, and on the berm side (on the opposite side of the towpath), there is an old road that leads to the Little Monocacy River. From there, travelers forded the river to travel to the Monocacy Village or if they were coming from the village to the ferry. Spinks Ferry Road is still in existence on the Virginia side of the Potomac River, surrounded by scenic farms. On the Maryland side, Spinks Ferry Road and its surrounding farms are now lost to the powerplant, incinerator, and composting facility. Lock 27 and culvert 69, which carried the Little Monocacy River beneath the canal, were destroyed by Confederate soldiers in 1862 during their Maryland campaign.

After the Civil War, Otho Trundle built a granary in 1865 that is next to the Monocacy Basin in the canal. This basin was 500 feet long and 100 feet wide. Today, the basin is filled with trees; however, during the winter months, it can be clearly seen. During

its operation, farmers from nearby Frederick and Montgomery Counties loaded their wheat and other crops directly on to canal boats for transport down the canal. Today, the stone ruins of the granary can be seen.

Monocacy Village always stayed small because of the constant threat of floods. By the early 1900s, Monocacy Village was home to thirty people, including a grain dealer, a miller, physician, and several farmers. There was a daily stage to Dickerson. After the canal permanently closed, the population of the Monocacy Village slowly declined. From the time the canal closed, shacks and fishing shanties were built, and a few old D.C. Capital Transit Cars were used as housing at the Monocacy Village. By the late 1960s, the Park Service removed all of the structures, returning the area to its once-natural state as we see it today. Just off of the parking lot, what remains of the post office and store can be seen.

Some of the historical information in this article was obtained from the book *C&O Canal Companion* by Mike High; a pamphlet titled, "Granaries at White's Ferry and Monocacy Village" put out by the NPS; and a book *Monocacy Aqueduct* by Robert and Elizabeth Kapsch. I included my own observations intertwined with the historical narrative in this article at times.

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Helping Our Veterans, One Fly Fishing Rod at a Time

chapters that teach vets in need to fly fish, to tie flies, good casting techniques, to make fly rods, and to learn overall about the sport of fly fishing. The PHWFF owns a 400-acre site called Freedom Ranch in Wise River, Montana where it hosts a variety of fly fishing events and educational programs throughout the year.

Wooster told the American Legion post members that he welcomed the opportunity to serve veterans through PHWFF and regards doing so as a very high personal honor.

Organizing just last October, the Frederick branch currently meets at the Trinity Methodist Church at 703 West Patrick Street the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. PHWFF has been invited by the Frederick American Legion to use its location for meetings in the future (see Facebook Project Healing Waters, Inc. Frederick). After starting with just one participant last fall, the group has grown every month since. Its primary purpose of meeting with the local American Legion was simply to help spread the word of its mission.

Paul Kelly, until just recently a Poolesville resident and now living in Frederick, arranged the meeting locally. Paul was a founding member of the Poolesville Military Support Group (PMSG), highly regarded locally for its mission of sponsoring a fishing outing every year at White's Ferry for wound warriors from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. PMSG recently ceased its annual program for a good reason. The number of wounded warriors returning from combat and recovering at Walter Reed has diminished to the point that they could no longer carry on with that mission.

In talking about PHWFF, Paul Kelly told the legion, "I have been participating in the program for three months and have been amazed by their volunteers' passion for sharing their knowledge of the sport. It's almost overwhelming. Words won't do it to describe the appreciation and excitement we (vets) feel. I am really thrilled about their service and their interest in looking out for those who, otherwise, can find it difficult to be around others or even in a crowd. Being in the group has left me feeling great after each meeting. All this, and I still haven't been on the river with them yet."

It has been said that no man steps into the same river twice. It's never the same river, nor the same man.

One doesn't need to be a fisherman to understand the healing power of the peaceful solitude fishing can bring and the restorative strength it offers, especially to those in mental need. There are things the river can do that one can never do in group therapy. It is an environment that is consistent by allowing one to share with others the experience that is calming and brings them the peace they desire.

It is hoped that *Monocle* readers will help spread the word, especially to vets they personally know, about PHWFF as well as the mission of the local American Legion Post #247 to strengthen its outreach to fellow vets. Post 247 meets the first Thursday of every month at Calleva headquarters in Poolesville at 7:30 p.m.

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A Farewell Message from Pastor Broadhurst

Since early February, I have been serving as pastor of Warsaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Indiana. It is the orthopaedic capital of the world as Zimmer Biomet and DePuy Synthes (among others) call this their home. I lead a staff of ten and care for a few hundred people here about an hour off Lake Michigan and equidistant between Chicago, Indianapolis, and Detroit. Despite this new call, I won't easily forget Poolesville, and I will be back far too often. Two of my boys still live there, the bench dedicated to my wife is there, and my family—my church family—is there. While I am serving elsewhere, this will always be my home. I miss you guys and love you all.

You absolutely have to go hear the new guy at PBC. He rocks.

Pastor Jace

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Things to Do

April 6

SCA Annual Meeting

Please come to the Sugarloaf Citizens'

Association Annual Meeting to commune with neighbors, get an update on our activities, and hear from County Executive Marc Elrich. A continental breakfast will be served. *Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Rd, Dickerson. 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*




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Yeas and Neighs

K'mon! It's Time To KonMari Your Horse's Kondo!

By Andie Devynck

Practically anyone who has, in the last decade, ever mulled over the fate of a personal item, wondering whether to keep or to chuck it, has heard of Marie Kondo. The Life-Changing *Magic of Tidying Up*, her 2011 book on the Japanese art of decluttering—her version, the KonMari method—has internationally inspired scads of hoarders and packrats to pitch personal items left and right. Ms. Kondo's motto, "Keep only those things that spark joy!" has become the battle cry, the sharp edge of the katana that overwhelmed and paralyzed masses now wield, turning mere mortals into superheroes, able to sever ties with all material goods that no longer deliver said joy.

What does this have to do with you and your horse? Now that this week's spring equinox (see? horse references really are everywhere!) has heralded in the new season, bringing the warmer

weather with it, it's time to enact Phase 1 of the spring-cleaning process, putting the KonMari method to the test where it may never have been introduced before: your tack room—and your feed room—and the main aisle of the barn—and your horse trailer—and your other horse trailer, your tack trunk, your attic, your basement, your mudroom, your truck and tow vehicle(s). Any place we're missing here?

Clearly, not everything connected to your horse's upkeep and welfare (or with your riding habit) may "spark joy!" Spring cleaning involves far more in the way of practical decision-making and elbow grease than that, but when it comes to that which is non-essential—sometimes the hardest items with which to part!—ask yourself not only how long it's been since you've last used it, but also if it does, well, bring you joy? If it's been over two years since you've put it to use, and nope, no joy here, it's time to place it on the gotta-go pile.

Start with the tack room. Everyone loves a clean and organized tack room. Bring music and something to drink. Throw away old or broken items (or get them fixed) and sell or donate unwanted tack. Clean out and sort items in tack trunks. Wash and cull

winter blankets; choose those to keep, those to sell, and those to donate. Last but not least, if you find you need the energy of others to motivate you, consider having a tack room cleaning party for your clients, or with your fellow boarders, where they come on a designated day, you provide light snacks or lunch, and they go through all of their belongings. It could turn into a tack swap where you find (or give away) something that—yes, that sparks joy!

Now rinse and repeat with every other area of your horse's world (listed above) in which there is an abundance of items that need a once-over eyeing. Remember to check inside the medicine cabinets in the feed room or bathroom; be sure to get rid of any expired items. When you're finally finished with the very last bastion of clutter, you should have three distinct collections and a good idea of what needs to be done with each. First, there's what you're keeping (and either you're leaving it as is, cleaning or fixing it, or putting it into seasonal storage), what you're selling (these may also need some attention first), and what you're giving away.

Now what? This is a good time to assess your space. Are you using it to its best advantage? Brainstorming



Start with the tack room.

about organizing while cleaning makes both endeavors more fun and fruitful. Once you've returned what you're keeping to its proper place, it's time to clean and/or fix what's going to be sold or given away. Here's a list of places in and around Maryland that would be ever-so-grateful to receive your items to sell on consignment (or be bought outright by the dealer), and those you wish to donate to worthy causes. Oh, and keep an eye out for the annual spring tack swap or sale

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Loving His Job

softball, football, and field hockey scene as their kids were growing up. Recently, a second grandson was added to their expanding family.

Howard says he has a very simplistic view of the role of police officers: a good guy versus a bad guy. "We're out here so your mom and dad can go out to the grocery store and not be taken advantage of," said Howard. Early on in his career, many interactions ended up with the arrest of the bad guy. Today, policing has changed, and arrest isn't always the desired outcome. "We've added layers to policing," Howard explains. For minor infractions, citizens might get a citation versus being arrested. There are many services available in the county now that can help area residents find the resources they need.

Communications equipment and other technology used by the police department have improved over the years. Now, patrol cars are equipped with computers, and all officers are outfitted with body cams. "Technology has changed the way we do policing, but not necessarily why we do policing," said Howard.

Over the years, Howard worked many different shifts and held a variety of positions including field training and undercover work. His favorite job, by far, is working on the motorcycle squad where he plans to stay until he retires.

As part of the motorcycle unit, Howard is involved in many details throughout and outside of the county, such as presidential and funeral escorts, and greeting military survivors at the airport. Howard also spends some of his time catching up with administrative duties.

Of course, being a part of the traffic enforcement squad has a few downsides, especially when the department gets a call or complaint regarding a local neighbor or resident. According to his wife, Howard has become a familiar figure in the surrounding area. He often patrols and makes traffic stops for excessive speed which then turn into a friendly meeting. Sometimes it is a friend or peer of one of his adult children, Madison, Nicholas, or Morgan. He uses these encounters to give a slow-down/don't-speed talk, too.

The overall goal is to keep our community safe whether it be unsafe drivers or criminal activity. Luckily,

Howard says that our community has very few problems compared to other cities and towns. Howard adds that most residents handle neighborhood complaints civilly amongst themselves.

Although the way officers police has changed over the years, Howard's goal remains the same: to ensure the safety of residents while going about their day-to-day activities.

When not at work, Howard enjoys traveling, going to the beach, hunting, fishing, and other outdoor activities. He also enjoys spending time doing yardwork and gardening. He loves living in the Poolesville area and will often cover local community events like Poolesville Day, the wine festival, and other outdoor activities at Whalen Commons. Although he doesn't partake in the festivities, he enjoys interacting with the community and helping to keep everyone safe.

Howard, like many Poolesville residents, believes our community is the best-kept secret in Montgomery County. Even when he finally decides to retire a few years down the road, Howard plans to stay in the community for years to come, especially since the grandchildren live close by.



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Commissioners Hear from Councilmember Riemer and Set Public Hearing on Small Cell Technology

Appearing in the Open Forum section of the meeting was local citizen Patrick Ishii who lives on Beatriz Avenue near the water tower in the center of town. Ishii had made some posts on Facebook about the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals to approve the location of some new transponders for a wireless internet service on the tower alongside the many transponders cellphone companies already own. He expressed concerns about the health impacts of the new transponders. Town Manager Wade Yost said that the town had done monitoring of radio frequencies when the original transponders were installed, and it was pointed out that all wireless transmitters for public communications must meet guidelines for power and signal strength set by the Federal Communications Commission.

Yost next discussed an analysis he had prepared regarding salary and compensation levels for town workers who manage the sewer plant and the water system. While the town is not

trying to match larger jurisdictions such as Rockville or agencies such as the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), it is trying to stay competitive to keep experienced workers. Yost’s analysis shows that staff in Poolesville in various positions can have salaries that can be thousands of dollars less than those with comparable positions in Rockville or the WSSC.

Yost acknowledged that the sewer and water systems, which operate using fees from usage paid by residents, are traditionally supposed to be supported from the fees alone and not from general tax revenues; however, the town has for years supported these systems from general revenues both for operating expenses and most importantly for capital spending on buildings and physical infrastructure.

In order to minimize the impact on the general revenues paid by taxpayers, Yost suggested raising water rates by as much as ten percent. In doing so, he noted that water rates in Poolesville are already much lower than those in WSSC jurisdictions. He also said that the total increase on each bill for the vast majority of users would only be between \$3 per quarter and \$26 per quarter depending on usage levels and on the amount of increase

to which the commissioners agree. The commissioners agreed to consider the proposal as part of the budget discussions coming up in April.

The commissioners asked the Planning Commission to draft a set of regulations to help the town manage the deployment of 5G wireless technologies a few months ago. The new technology promises major improvements in speed but also requires the deployment of lots of new poles and equipment throughout neighborhoods. The Planning Commission reviewed ordinances in other towns and came up with a proposal—Ordinance 212—that the commissioners would like to adopt. They set a public hearing for the Ordinance for April 1. Depending on whether the proposal attracts any comments, it could actually be adopted by the town that same night.

Yost concluded the evening by reminding the commissioners that the new budget for the coming Fiscal Year must be adopted by May. He proposed that a presentation on the budget be made to the commissioners and the public at the town meeting on April 15; that a public hearing be held on May 6 to gather any input; and that the commissioners adopt the proposed budget on May 20. The commissioners accepted the recommended timetable.

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PHS Winter Playoff Wrap

In wrestling, Alex Carbonell placed second in the region before winning in the state final. Two other Falcons placed at the state final, including Xavier Kresslein (third place at 170 pounds) and Kevin Fultz (fifth place at 132 pounds).

Kresslein won first place in the region with a 6-5 decision over McClain Butler of Liberty. Sam Hull placed third, and Fultz placed fourth at 145. Kieran Barney finished fourth at 195, and Jacob Zeranski finished fourth at 220.

In indoor track, Nandini Satsangi is the state champion! She won both the 1600 and 3200. In the west region, Satsangi also won in the 1600 and 3200, and she placed second in the 800. Sophomore Chris Stallard qualified for the state championship in the 3200 with a personal record of 10:17.39. He placed sixteenth in the state. Sophomore Trevor Riggs placed fifth in the 300.

In the girls’ 300, freshman Rachel Daniels was second, and she placed ninth in the 500. The girls 4x800 relay team of sophomore Lillian Hsu, junior Kenna Krueger, junior Lydia Ruan, and senior Macy Palmer finished eleventh.



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

DUI Arrest: 15300 block of Barnesville Road.

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Past Crime: 1951

Four horses escaped from the Meadowbrook Stables and led police on a four-hour chase through Silver Spring. District police were called to assist since the horses were zig-zagging back and forth between Maryland and the District. The chase ended when a Montgomery officer and a District man threw a lasso over one of the horses in the parking lot of the Hot Shoppe in Silver Spring. Seeing this, the other three horses surrendered.

The son of Montgomery County's police chief was robbed at gunpoint and locked in the bathroom of the gas station where he worked in Gaithersburg. He was first made to throw the station's receipts onto the floor of the station and then he was led to the bathroom. Five minutes later, his

shouts were heard by a customer who freed him.

Six men were charged with inciting to riot after their train was stopped at the Silver Spring Station. Police said that the conductor of the train had radioed ahead after fighting and brawling started between members of a Harlem sect on the express train to Chicago. Three Montgomery County officers were injured trying to quell the disturbance.

County Police got involved in a cattle-rustling case after Ruben Mills of Quince Orchard reported a cow stolen from his farm. Plaster casts were made of tire tracks found in a field, and then detectives visited various cattle auctions in Maryland and Virginia until they found their man.

County Police pursued three escaped convicts through the woods and fields near Norbeck. All three had escaped from a trustee camp in rural Virginia. Acting on a tip about three strange men, police closed in on the suspects but were only able to capture one as the other two were still hiding out.

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

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PHS Wrestler Alex Carbonell Goes Out on Top

Were you relieved you didn't have to face Hovermale in the state championship?

Not really, as I knew that the kid I would have to wrestle had beaten Hovermale, so he was definitely a talented wrestler in his own right.

If you could go back and re-wrestle any match, which would it be and why?

If I could go back and wrestle any match, I would go back and wrestle my sophomore year county finals match which I lost in overtime. I would want to re-wrestle this particular match because it was such a close loss, and if I had been a little bit more aggressive in overtime, it might have ended in my favor. Also, winning that match would have made me a three-time county champion.

What are your most memorable matches? The most memorable moment in your career?

My most memorable match is definitely the state finals match. Not only was it the state finals, but it also was the last wrestling match in my high school career, so being able to win it was incredibly awesome.

The most memorable moment in my career is when I ran back to my corner after winning the state finals, seeing Coach Dorsey standing up in his suit and tie, and giving him a big hug.

Do you have any pre-match rituals?

I like to start warming up at least four or five matches before my own. I have a pre-match playlist that is mostly Metallica and Van Halen, and right before I go out on the mat, the last song I listen to is always "Working Man" by Rush. It just puts me in the mindset to go out there and wrestle one hundred percent.

What do you eat after weigh-ins?

After every weigh-in, I always eat a peanut butter and honey sandwich, as well as some fruit, most often a clementine. Also, I drink a bottle of half-and-half Gatorade and water mixture.

Are you involved in any other extra curricular activities at Poolesville?

In the fall, I run cross country, which is a lot of fun, and also really prepares me for the wrestling season in terms of conditioning and endurance training.

You come across as stress-free and laid back. What's your secret?

I guess my secret is being able to

hide that I'm actually really stressed. In all seriousness, I try to go into every match with the mindset that I'm going to go on the mat and wrestle as hard as I can. That way, win or lose, I know that I gave one hundred percent of my effort.

What are your plans after high school?

After high school, I plan to earn a degree in mechanical engineering and possibly double major in business.

Tell us about that state championship match.

I knew going into the match that it was going to be an extremely tough match. My coaches and I had videoed his semifinal match. We reviewed that before the finals, so I had some idea of what his wrestling style was like and what moves to watch out for; however, the video didn't show how strong he was, so that was definitely a surprise. In the second period, I knew I had to escape in order to stay competitive. In my region finals match the week before, the deciding factor in the match was that I was unable to escape from bottom, and I didn't want to make the same mistake in this match. Once the second period was over, I knew that I had to ride him out in order to win. That was probably the longest two minutes of my entire life.

Tell us about the Poolesville Experience, coaches and teammates that influenced you or maybe even teachers.

The Poolesville community is incredibly supportive and engaging, and our Poolesville wrestling team is a tightknit family who support and inspire each other on and off the mat, specifically: Coach Kevin Dorsey: Definitely my biggest inspiration and driving force; Coach Tim Tao: Most of the setups and moves I use come from Tao, and he also built up my confidence in myself and my wrestling ability; Coach Blake Godsey: Taught me to be more offensive and aggressive in my wrestling; Coach Damian DeVriendt: Helped me with scouting and studying the other wrestlers, seeing what moves they like to do and how to prepare to counter it; Coach Prasad Gerard: My cross country coach and chemistry teacher, super supportive of my athletics and academics; Kevin Fultz: (fifth place in the states at 132 pounds), the best practice partner I could ever ask for; and Xavier Kresslein: (third place in the states at 170 pounds), an awesome co-captain who was always there to bounce ideas off of for match strategies.

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What then?

1. You can join the Facebook group and post them directly to the group: www.facebook.com/groups/EcoEvie
 2. You can email your photos to ecoevie.gold@gmail.com and Jessica will post them
- ** Whichever you choose don't forget to tell us where Eco Evie is and what she is doing!!

Some clues as to where you might find her: Have you seen her recycling? Picking up trash? Composting? Conserving water? Walking to school or work? Taking public transportation? Turning off the light when not using it? Planting native plants? Removing invasive plants? Eating leftovers? Eating locally? Using a reusable water bottle instead of plastic? Bringing a reusable bag when shopping? Buying used items? Learning about an environmental issue?

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**A Monocacy Moment
Lost in Time**



The carcass of an early 1920s truck near the site of the old post office that served what was once Monocacy Village on the C&O Canal. The truck could have been a casualty of the great flood of 1924 that permanently closed the canal.

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Move Over Flowers

bindweed. My large upper garden, which is beautifully overflowing with Oriental lilies, *Agastache*, Russian sage, peonies, cosmos, daylilies, roses, irises, and *Coreopsis*, last year was overrun with bindweed. It is very difficult to get rid of as its roots are long and deep. You can pull them all up on Monday and on Tuesday there are still more. This year, I planted six Mexican marigolds throughout the garden. I hope to see results. Peppermint repels white cabbage moths, aphids, and flea beetles. It is its menthol content that acts as an insect repellent. Put some pots of it around your garden and patio, as it can become very invasive. Other easy-to-grow beneficial plants are: rosemary, sage, sweet alyssum, summer savory, petunias, parsley, and peas.

An important quality of edible landscaping is that gardens should be beautiful as well as bountiful. Mixing flowers and vegetables is an integral part of a garden's design. This integration imparts visual grace while also helping beneficial insects accomplish more. You don't need harmful chemicals to protect your garden. Use what nature provides for free and do the ecosystem a big favor.

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Historic Homes of the Agricultural Reserve

live there. Their second son Elijah Viers White became a prominent military commander of the Company B of the 35th Virginia Cavalry.

After the war, many of the Confederate veterans returned to their farms, but the land and many farm buildings were heavily damaged by scavenging Union and Confederate soldiers. Some entered politics and served in the state legislature. The many who died in the war were buried in the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville.

In closing, Sholes asked us "not to forget." Across Montgomery County, many historic homes have been bulldozed to make way for homes and shopping centers. When we lose these important landmarks, we lose many cultural resources and much of our history. We owe a debt of gratitude to Royce Hanson, the leading voice for the creation of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. We must treasure and preserve this land, or we will lose it.



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SNEAK PEEK @ CALLEVA FARM STORE

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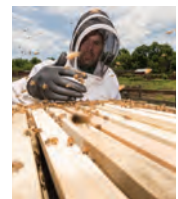
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Remembrance

Stanley Wilson Munday, Sr.

Stanley Wilson Munday, Sr. passed away on March 11, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, after a very tenacious battle with dementia. Stan's beloved spouse, Jane Munday, predeceased him on February 12, 2016.

Stan was born October 9, 1942, in Dickerson, to the late Turner G. and Lillie (Painter) Munday.

He grew up in Olney, and at the age of nineteen joined the U.S. Army. Stan was honorably discharged in 1968. Following his enlistment in the army, Stan became an accomplished carpenter and enjoyed making one-of-a-kind pieces for his family. In Stan's spare time, you could often find him cruising on his Harley Davidson motorcycle, flying his plane, or enjoying a nice meal with his wife. Although Stan was an accomplished carpenter, his true passion was aviation. He enjoyed flying the skies of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina or visiting his family in Maryland.

Stan will be remembered by his sons, Stanley W. Munday, Jr. (Cathleen) of Thurmont and Richard W. Munday, Sr.; his grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Stan is also survived by his beloved friends, Tim Duncan of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Harvey Moore of Adamstown.

He was predeceased by his son, David E. Munday, and his brother, Walter G. Munday.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Stan's name to the Alzheimer's Association or a charity of the donor's choosing.



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The Day a President Brought a Great War Hero to Poolesville—by Mistake

York City, and Philadelphia (where he lay in state at Independence Hall), his remains were returned to San Francisco for burial at the national cemetery at the Presidio. He had only been a senator from Oregon for two years, and the family regarded California as home.

Despite their tardiness, the two paid their respects within the walls of the Frederick Poole home to the man who not only rode with Lincoln in his carriage to his first inaugural swearing in, but also was the man to first introduce Lincoln as president of the United States in the White House.

How close was Baker to the great man? Ol' Abe named his second son after him. The two became friends when they opposed each other for the Whig nomination for Congress. Baker won.

How great and flowery an orator was Baker? Judge for yourself from this quote from his speech announcing his decision to join the military to fight for the Union cause.

"If it be reserved for me to lay my unworthy life upon the altar of my country in defending it from internal assailants, I declare here today that I aspire to no higher glory than that the sun of my life may go down beneath the shadow of freedom's temple and baptize the emblem of the nation's greatness, the Stars and Stripes, that float so proudly before us today, in my heart's warmest blood."



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Five **MORE** Tips to Help You Give Your Senior Pets More Quality of Life

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

As our friends age, there are often issues that begin to be more common and create some troubling issues for the Pet Parent. Here, in part two of our senior pet tips article, are five more tips to help you and your furry older friend.

5. See Your Veterinarian Twice a Year: Aging dogs and cats typically need to be evaluated on a bi-annual basis to keep track of changing metabolic and physical issues and to adjust treatment.
6. Watch for Signs of Pain: Arthritis and degenerative joint disease become more common with age. Over 80% of dogs and 50% of cats have some arthritic changes by 8 years old, so watch for signs of pain such as trembling, not putting weight on a leg, crouching, changes to appetite, restlessness, or changing resting locations.
7. Get Your Furry Pal a Comfy Spot to Sleep: Orthopedic pet beds provide better weight displacement over a larger area. It is also important for them to be in a warmer location in the house during the winter months. Do not use human heating pads, as they can be put on settings that can cause burns to your pets' skin.
8. Care for Your Pets' Teeth: It is very hard to brush your pets' teeth on a regular basis. If possible, you should do so, but we have to be real about this. Oral disease is much more common as pets get older. Tartar can loosen teeth, and older teeth have softer enamel that can more easily be cracked or break. Check to see if your furry pals are only chewing on one side of their mouth or acting resistant to chew.
9. Adjust Your Pets' Diet and Consider Supportive Supplements: Consult with your veterinarian to determine the optimal food for your pets' stage of life. There are wonderful targeted foods to help reduce stress on organs, joints, and to improve cognitive abilities. Supplements recommended by your veterinarian can also provide added support against discomfort, stress, and other issues. Be sure to discuss any new therapies you are considering from Dr. Google before you begin. There can be interactions with medications prescribed for your pet.

Taking a few extra minutes each day to observe your four-legged buddy can give insight into changes in their activity, behavior, and comfort level. In older pets, the sooner you take proactive steps, the longer you can keep your friends' quality of life where you and they want to be.



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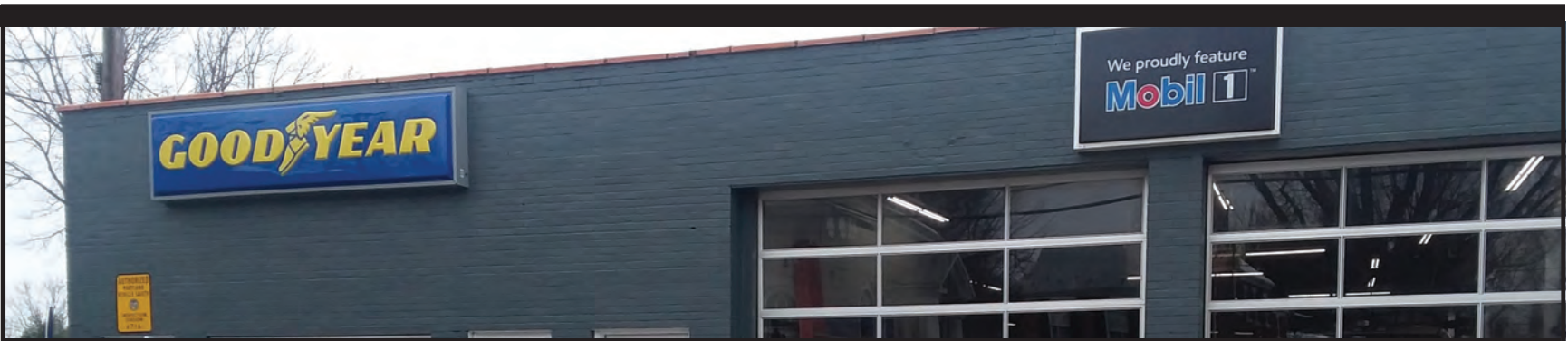
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