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Town Releases Public Notice for Town Manager

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville released its public notice seeking nominations to fill the position of town manager. The four-page document includes a description of the town and its surrounding areas, an overview of key issues the town manager will need to address, a review of the town manager's responsibilities, and a proposed salary range. The private human resources firm, the Mercer Group, is leading the search effort.

The notice says that the town manager is responsible for: managing staff and coordinating all departments; preparing and implementing the operating and capital budget; maintaining the operations of the sewer and water systems; providing oversight of contractors including trash pickup, engineering, and legal services; attending all public meetings of the commission; facilitating the ongoing development of a "state of the art information technology system for all town departments;" and acting as the "public information



Wade and Theresa Yost are all smiles as his retirement is celebrated at a town government farewell and tribute to his service.

Photo by Jim Brown.

officer" for the town. While the town has substantially improved its communications and information systems, including a beefed-up website and enhanced communications networks for the water system, some of its existing systems for billing and customer records are still largely managed in hard copy form.

While this description is extensive, it leaves out some of the key duties of a successful town manager. For example, while the town manager is the "public information officer" for the town and often its public face, as the notice states, he or she also must

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Barnesville Accepts Donated Land for New Park

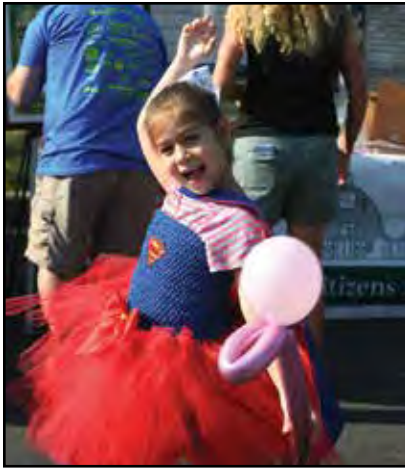
By Rande Davis

Jan Lillard Burdette has donated a lot owned by her family since 1937 at the corner of Route 109 and Barnesville Road in the Town of Barnesville for use as a passive park. Jan's grandfather, J. Robert Lillard, purchased the lot for \$600 in 1937. At that time, Mr. Lillard used the property for his stockpile of bricks, stone, and coal, as part of his trucking business, to provide materials for local roads, driveways, and other construction projects. A well, situated on this and the neighboring property, was a cooperative project between Mr. Lillard and the Hays brothers at some time in the 1930s. The next generations of Lillards enjoyed raising a small herd of sheep on the property for several years.



Jan Lillard Burdette (center) with Barnesville commissioner Holly Larisch (left) and Mayor Mildred Callear at future town park that will honor the benefactors, the Lillard Family.

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Poolesville Day is especially fun for kids (kids of all ages!). See them celebrating the day in Family Album on page 2.



Did Julia Child help folks celebrate birthdays? Yep, but there is more to learn in Tidbits on page 3.



Poolesville Day 2019 raised our spirits sky high as seen in our annual photo collage on page 12.



Fall means field hockey. Read about our Falcons on page 14.

Family Album



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Tidbits

PASC Robust Attendance Continues



PASC continues its expansion of involvement by area seniors. If you haven't attended before, it's time to take a look at what this community group has to offer.

The Poolesville Area Senior Center has continued its robust growth with its latest Quarterly Social, featuring historical living history performer, Mary Ann Jung, portraying Julia Child. Originating as a celebration of birthdays of area seniors, the gathering, while still honoring those with recent birthdays, now emphasizes its social and fellowship value as an event. At the recent gathering on September 18, over seventy-six residents joined in the fun.

Celebrities Visiting on Poolesville Day

With Poolesville Day now being well-established as a last-days-of-summer community festival, it should not surprise anyone to know we get some real celebrities among us on that day. A few years ago, Supreme Court Justice John Roberts spent time sharing the day with us. Of course, Gov. Larry Hogan was a big hit making the parade and shaking a lot of hands last year.

This year, Lt. Gov. Boyd K. Rutherford made the day. He was unable to make the more high-profile parade but still wanted to come out to visit the town and greet people. He got here in the afternoon, and commission president Jerry Klobukowski gave him a tour of the town, as they walked together through the main street, greeting residents and vendors alike. Thanks for stopping by, Second-Guv.

Sneed Steps Aside as Planning Commission Chair

Cal Sneed, chairman of the Poolesville Planning Commission, recently resigned from that position as he and wife, Brenda, have sold their home and will be relocating in the near future. Cal said he was "not sure how many years it's been (perhaps too many!), but they've been fun, and whatever successes have come from it are due to the outstanding

efforts and contributions of town staff, countless volunteers to the commission and boards who have come and gone over the years, and its outstanding vendor/contracted personnel. It was a great run, and I very much appreciate all the support. I want to especially thank town manager Wade Yost for his guidance and leadership for so long."

The *Monocle* will be doing a departing tribute to Cal when the Sneeds return from vacation. It's said things come in threes, so with Yost stepping down, and now Cal, do we have any guesses for the third?

UPN to Take Up Concerns about Vaping

The Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN), a volunteer organization of parents, educators, and concerned citizens, has been the point group for building local awareness and support for youth dealing with issues of substance abuse. In the coming weeks, UPN will be expanding its work with youth on vaping issues. If this subject is of concern to you, check out UPN on Facebook to get updated information and to obtain contact information.

Global Youth and Troop 496 Scouts Did It Again

Poolesville Day always brings out a large and festive group every year, and while it can be said crowds here are extremely well-behaved and relatively fastidious and responsible in properly discarding their trash, two youth groups are essential in maintaining Poolesville Day as an environmentally-clean and pristine celebration.

The blue bucket brigade of local PHS global studies students patrolled the festival grounds picking up everything they could find that could be recycled. The bags of recycled material piled high at the end of the day.

Still, no matter how conscientious people today can be on such matters, at the end of the day, the beautiful Whalen Commons unavoidably ends up with dropped trash scattered about. During the entire history of Poolesville Day, scouts from Troop 496 have traditionally gathered on Sunday morning at the Commons to police the trash in the park, lining up in overlapping columns to walk the length of the park and back again so that, by early afternoon, the town community venue is clear of trash once again, even though thousands of people visited, ate, drank, and sat there, listening to the popular musicians onstage.

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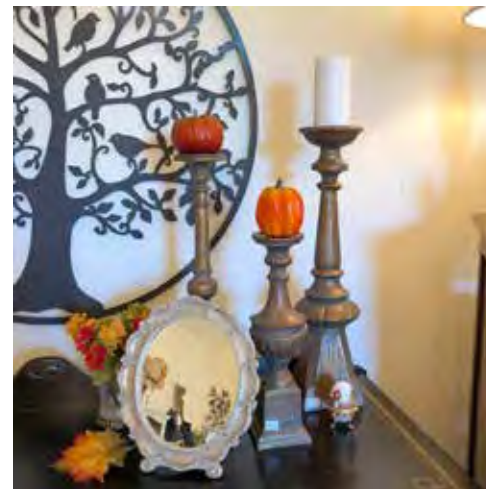


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Rande(m) Thoughts Historic Medley District, Inc.: Is This Our Golden Parachute?

By Rande Davis

What does the John Poole House and the Old Town Hall and Bank Museum mean to you?

I ask this question because of two events held within the past two weeks that highlighted both and got me thinking. The first happened at a meeting in the Old Town Hall and Bank Museum when a lifelong area resident remarked that he had never been in the building before. It's hard for me to realize that happens. The second was the dinner on Whalen Commons that was held as a fundraiser for Historic Medley District, Inc., the guardians of not only these two iconic buildings but also the Seneca School House on River Road.

The dinner, with 128 people coming together (after paying a substantial sum of \$250 per couple) to help HMD was a glimmer of hope that we, as a town, may finally come to really understand the importance of preserving our historic buildings and history. That we still have longtime residents discovering them for the first time points to how far we have to go.

As a person who has proudly embarrassed himself on occasion to dress up as John Poole, Jr. as a living history player, I sometimes want to cry out to you about the importance of preserving our history through such buildings. As a volunteer with HMD for over thirty years, a member of its BOD for twelve, and even, in the recent past, its executive director, I feel compelled to lecture you a bit on the value of the role of HMD and the importance of holding onto local history.

For those not too keen on history, I think there is another reason, an economic reason, you should want to help preserve our buildings over and above maintaining local history.

The answer can be found in San Antonio. It was said that the San Antonio River was a curse to the city. Springing up from the city's mid-town, the river so often flooded the city that every step of progress forward got wiped out by floods. Through the decades, there were many attempts to work with it, but to no avail. That was until someone one day proclaimed that the river was not the curse of the city but its golden parachute. How? Very long story-short, 1.5 million tourists come to San Antonio to enjoy the tamed San

Antonia river and its internationally-famous river walk.

I wonder, can HMD be a bit of a golden parachute to Poolesville? Can a combination of our iconic buildings with local history, fact, and lore be something cultural, social, and, most importantly, economical to aid the local economy? The notion of more homes and people to help local businesses has been rejected. What if we developed into a significant day tripper town? Could that happen?

Think about it: With enough funds, volunteers, and dedicated community, both buildings might be the venues of:

1. A vibrant living history trading post sharing with visitors a replication of post-Colonial America;
2. A historical cornerstone heralding the role of farming in Montgomery County;
3. A Civil War museum recounting the compelling role that the town played to save the Union;
4. A mini-cultural center of art, poetry, lectures/seminars, flower shows, craft shows, writing/publishing seminars, and more;
5. Could the John Poole House's beautifully-landscaped grounds, highlighting the natural and historical plants, trees, and herbs of Maryland be a nice place of respite? a venue of small weddings, reunions, and old-fashioned picnics?
6. A hosting venue for ghost tours and house tours or walking history tours;
7. A convenient and unique meeting place for small groups;

The reason I think HMD could become all of these things is because at one time or another, all of these things have already been sponsored by HMD, and some are happening even as we write. If all of these things were supported by the Town of Poolesville's government financially, by the residents comprehensively as volunteers, by students educationally, Poolesville could become a day-tripper draw something like New Market was for antiques in its heyday when it was renowned as the state's premier antique market.

I believe if we commit to this vision, the shops, boutiques, and craft-and-art stores will follow in proper scale. Our existing restaurants will prosper. Our community will become even more the "envy of the county" as a place where even more people would want to live. This could have a profound and positive impact on housing prices.

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Youth Sports

Three PHS Teams Open Fall Season With Third Coach In Three Years

By Jeff Stuart

The athletes on the PHS football, field hockey, and girls' volleyball teams will all be playing for their third coaches in three seasons. That is quite an adjustment.

"In terms of newcomers, everyone is a newcomer to me," said new football coach Tony Nazzaro. "I think our impact players will be Sam Allgood, Aaron Brown, Colin Hemingway, Logan Marsh, and Zach Onderko. Up front, we return a few starters in Jacob Zeranski, Aidan Olcott, and Jacob Kasten." Managing a very small roster will prove a challenge for the coach.

"Honestly, I am just looking forward to a winning season, hopefully making it to the playoffs and rebuilding," said junior quarterback Brown. "It is really tough learning three offenses in three years. It's not fun and not easy, but we are getting used to it. I am looking forward to the Seneca and Rockville games."

"I am looking forward to my senior year," said Allgood. "We have been working since February in the weight room. We have all been working really hard to try to bring a home playoff game to Poolesville High School."

"It's definitely hard having three coaches in four years," said Hemingway. "The offense is a little different. The way Coach Nazzaro calls plays is different. The terminology is different. The energy is different, but we are getting used to it. I am looking forward to my final season and playing with my friends that I have known for a while and to try to enjoy it as much as I can. I am looking forward to the Seneca Valley game and the Walter Johnson game."

"I am looking forward to one last season playing with the guys that I have been playing with forever," said Onderko, "and hopefully a winning season with a home playoff game for Poolesville." The Falcons play Seneca Valley at home on September 26. Homecoming is October 11 against Magruder.

"My starters, for now," said first year girls' volleyball coach Michele Naughton, "are Ainslee Barger, Sofia Lopez, Bryanna Sellers, Christine Kim, Kendall Griffith, Maire Brennan, Mackenzie Magaha, and Solomiya

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Garden

Land of Tulips And Windmills

By Maureen O'Connell

In early September, I traveled by train through the north and mid-area of the Netherlands, en route to Strasbourg, France. I began my journey in Amsterdam, the capital of the Netherlands. It is a large city, but it has the feeling of many small villages. Its people are very friendly, and it is very easy to get around the city by foot, tram, or bicycle. It has been many years since I visited the city, but, in many ways, little has changed. It is still vibrantly alive with its artistic heritage, elaborate canal system, and narrow houses with their gabled facades, a legacy of Amsterdam's seventeenth century Golden Age.

In the Museum District, one of the most popular attractions is the Rijksmuseum, founded in 1809 to house the country's huge collection of rare art and antiquities, including those of the titans of Dutch painting, Vermeer and Rembrandt. In 2019, the museum kicked off Holland's 350th anniversary celebration with its exhibit "All the Rembrandts of the Rijksmuseum." When I was visiting the museum, there was a live renovation project in progress of Rembrandt's masterpiece *The Night Watch*. This painting has lived at the Rijksmuseum since 1808 and has not been restored since 1975.

A few blocks away is the Van Gogh Museum which has the largest collection in the world of this Dutch artist. The main exhibition chronicles the various phases of Van Gogh's artistic life and the permanent collection includes *The Potato Eaters*, *The Yellow House*, *Self-Portrait*, and *Sunflowers*.

There is always a long line at the Anne Frank House Museum, located on a canal called the Prinsengracht. It is dedicated to the all-too-short life of the world's best-known Holocaust victims. During World War II, Anne Frank and her family hid from Nazi persecution with her family and four other people in secret rooms at the rear of this house. Climbing the narrow steps and opening the hidden door to the small attic room where Anne wrote her heart-touching diary is an extremely moving experience that is hard to forget.

The historical center and real heart of Amsterdam is Dam Square. Here, the Royal Palace, the Nieuwe Kerk, and the War Memorial overlook this vast and bustling open space.

Amsterdam is known for its fervor for flowers, especially the tulip, the national flower of the Netherlands. It is an integral part of Amsterdam life and culture. This flower originally came from the Ottoman Empire, and its name literally means turban. It is indigenous to Turkey, Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other parts of central Asia. In 1593, Carolus Clusius of the University of Leiden introduced the first tulip bulbs in Holland. The fame of this unusual bloom spread rapidly, and the flower was immediately popular with the upper classes. A number of socioeconomic reasons led to this development, and the tulip became a luxury item and a status symbol. It was not just for the wealthy; people of all classes were willing to pay vast sums of money for a single bulb. It was called Tulipomania. In 1636, stock exchanges were established to trade in bulbs and their future options. Trade blossomed and people sold land, houses, and valuable objects to invest in the tulip. As with many economic bubbles, the good times never last, and in 1637, the market crashed.

The Dutch flower markets survived, and the Dutch still love their tulips. Dutch tulip growers still dominate the world tulip bulb industry. The flower fields of Holland are more than aesthetically beautiful; they are also economically important to the country. A significant proportion of the country's agricultural exports are derived from the sale of fresh-cut flowers, bulbs, and mature plants, making up around two-thirds of the world's total floral sales.

Today in Amsterdam, flower gardens, flower markets, and auctions are an integral part of the soul of the city. You can visit the Amsterdam Tulip Museum, which details Holland's fascinating horticultural story. About a half an hour



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Barnesville Accepts Donated Land for New Park

The park will be named in honor of the Lillard Family. The town has access to grant funds for park development through Program Open Space. At the state level, this program is funded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. In Montgomery County, the county's park department administers the program. With small amounts allocated to Barnesville over the years, which have never been used, a total amount of approximately \$36,000 is now available. The proposed park will, at a minimum, consist of walkways, bench seating areas, possible pollinator gardens, and the existing evergreen tree and historic well. It is hoped that the park design will be reflective of the cultural history of the Town of Barnesville and the surrounding Agricultural Reserve.

Mildred Callear, the Mayor of Barnesville, stated, "This donated land is of special significance to Barnesville residents because it is located at the main intersection in the town and represents the heart of the community: it is here that the town Christmas tree has stood for decades and where Santa has visited the children; it is where the iconic Barnesville town well is located, today enshrined in the town seal; and near that well is where the citizens buried a time capsule more than twenty years ago on the 250th anniversary of the first settlement of the town in 1747. The Monocacy Garden Club placed a memorial marker acknowledging Dorothy Menke's dedication on the site. The generosity of the Lillard family in donating this special plot of land for future generations to enjoy helps ensure that our town's heritage and sense of community will be preserved. We are privileged to live in this beautiful little corner of the universe, and this park will help us reinforce that sense of place for Barnesville."

Barnesville is soliciting proposals for park design services. Please see its website, www.barnesvillemd.org, for more information.

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In Your Own Backyard

The Furnace Branch Trail

By Jon Wolz

On a glorious, sunny September afternoon, Steve Horvath and I decided to go for a hike. We visited the Furnace Branch Trail located in the Monocacy River Natural Resources Management Area (NRMA) which is a Maryland State Park. The park area is 1,800 acres of wooded and farmland areas that borders Route 28 on the south, Park Mills Road to the west, vaguely Ed Sears Road on the north, and the eastern border is jagged and not defined by any public roads. There are other parking lots on Park Mills and Ed Sears Roads. Sugarloaf Mountain begins its ascent in the northeast corner. The park is primarily used for hiking, horse-back riding, hunting, and fishing. Dogs are allowed in the park but must be kept on a leash. This was our first visit to the park.

Approaching the Route 28 bridge on the east side of the Monocacy River, there is a sign pointing to Trailhead Parking. The parking lot is small and a good portion of it is being used by the state for the bridge repair project. I had read that the Johnson brothers had built an iron furnace, a lime kiln, a grist mill, and other structures (as well as having quarries) beginning in the 1780s near the Furnace Branch stream that flows through the park. The area was once known as Furnace Forge. The Johnson brothers included Thomas, Jr. (first governor of Maryland and close friend of George Washington), James, Baker, and Roger (who built the Rock Hall home in 1812 for his son Joseph that is owned by the state). The brothers were enterprising and owned eighteenth-century industrial businesses that included (among other ventures) different furnaces across Frederick County including the Catoctin, Green Spring, as well as the Johnson Iron Furnace near the Monocacy River. By the late 1790s, Roger Johnson was running the Johnson Iron Furnace and wrote, "The ore was brought from the banks at Point of Rocks in boats on the Potomac and by wagons, and the output was from twelve to fifteen tons of good grade pig iron per week."

At the parking lot, there is no mention of the park or what a visitor may find inside the park. We followed a path that appeared to be an entrance path. Once



Remains of the Johnson brothers' lime kiln along the Furnace Branch Trail in the Monocacy River Natural Resources Management Area.

away from the parking lot, there was a narrow brown marker about thirty-six inches tall with a small blue sign with an arrow that read: Monocacy NRMA Furnace Branch Trail. On our walk, we came across a few of these signs and an occasional tree that had a blue stripe painted on it. At times, the path is narrow with undergrowth on both sides that brushed against our legs; at times, the trail widens. The trail is not marked well and twice on our walk we made a wrong turn. After several minutes of not seeing a blue stripe on a tree, we would turn around, retracing our steps to find the blue-blazed trail. Near the beginning of the walk, the area is flat and there is a wood-planked, covered bridge to carry us over the Furnace Branch. Two more times, we crossed streams by stepping on rocks. Fortunately, it had not rained recently because the water was low when we crossed the streams. We both had walking sticks and used them to knock down spiderwebs and to keep an eye out for snakes on the trail (we did not see any snakes). The hike went through forests with tall trees and along the streams

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Historic Medley District, Inc.: Is This Our Golden Parachute?

If my vision is something you share, and you would enjoy bringing this history to life, I would be thrilled to help organize a group focusing on this goal and resurrecting Poolesville in History Day from a few years ago. From there we could help explore, explain, and tell our history and find ways to assist HMD. As they say (or used to say), drop me a line.

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Three PHS Teams Open Fall Season With Third Coach in Three Years

Brannman. Maire is a transfer from Fairfax. I have two freshmen on varsity, Jasmine Duan and Mary Tang. All my starters are players to watch but especially Mackenzie and Maire." Coach Naughton and the girls have faced a very tough early season schedule.

The annual Dig Pink fundraising main event is on October 3 when the Falcons take on Damascus. You will see the girls working hard to raise funds for breast cancer research. October is breast cancer awareness month.

Senior night is October 10 against Clarksburg.

Led by three goals from senior Ariana King and two from senior Maya Rosenbaum, the Falcon field hockey team (3-1) picked up its first win of the season, shutting out Wheaton, 9-0, on September 10, giving new coach Taylor Bowen her first win at PHS. Seniors Jessica Mense and Ellie Bean, sophomore Alaina Sorrell, and senior Mary Deffinbaugh also scored.

The next home game will be on October 3 at 7:00 p.m. against Clarksburg High School.

The cross country team, fortunately, does not have to deal with a new coach. "Some of the athletes to watch are Sam Bodmer, Chris Stallard, Logan Rohde, and Anna Bodmer," said coach Prasad Gerard. Stallard and Bodmer placed seventh and seventeenth, respectively, at the Brunswick Invitational on September 7.



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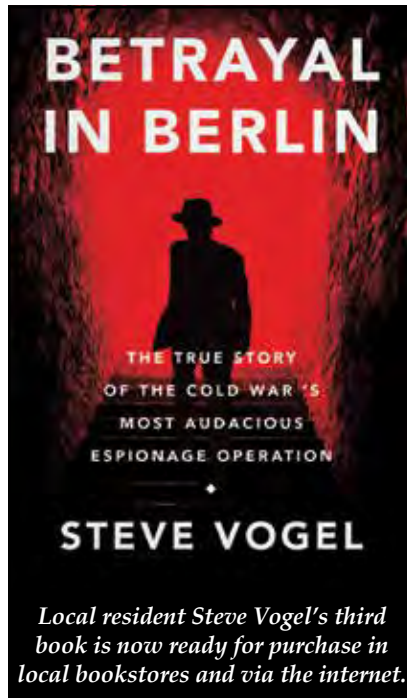
Tidbits

We Love Seeing Friends on TV

Barnesville's Sharon Bauer, President, Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women, was interviewed by local TV Channel 5 on September 18. The group recently held a rally expressing its opinion on the local controversy relating to issues emanating from the county's position as a sanctuary county. She recently advanced from her current position as president of the Rural Women's Republican Club and, although new to the spotlight, did a remarkable job answering questions live. Hey, Sharon, can *Meet the Press* be far behind?



Barnesville's Sharon Bauer was recently interviewed on television.



Local resident Steve Vogel's third book is now ready for purchase in local bookstores and via the internet.

New Book by Vogel

Barnesville resident Steve Vogel's third book, *Betrayal in Berlin: The True Story of the Cold War's Most Audacious Espionage Operation*, was published September 24 in the U.S. and the U.K. The book tells the story of the Berlin Tunnel and its betrayal by the British spy George Blake. Vogel's previous books include *The Pentagon* and *Through the Perilous Fight*. Information about *Betrayal in Berlin* is available at stevevogelsite.com.

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Youth Sports

PHS Field Hockey Scores Big Wins Over Damascus And Quince Orchard

By Jeff Stuart

On September 12 at home, junior left forward Ellie Bean scored a goal against rival Damascus with 13:07 left in the game to put Poolesville on top, 2-1. That lead held up, giving new coach Taylor Bowen her second win at PHS. It was the biggest win of the fall season for Falcon athletics. Did Ellie think it was the game winner? "Honestly," said Bean, "yes. The game was close the whole entire first half and most of the second half, too. It was a really good connection from senior captain Makayla LeMarr to senior Ariana King to me and then into the goal. It was beautiful!" she enthused. "So far, I have really been impressed with Angelina Sachar. She is also a junior. She also plays left forward or right forward. She was really shy her freshman and sophomore years. She didn't really take control of the ball, but her stick skills have improved, and

she is a lot more aggressive this year and she is doing really well." The team did not play Damascus last year because of the large number of rainouts.

"With three coaches in three years, there has been a lot of inconsistency," said senior captain Maya Rosenbaum, a center forward. "Every year you have to restart, but it's okay. It's good to experience different kinds of coaching styles. It is still fun. The win over Damascus was exciting. I always love beating Damascus. I like it very much. The game went well for us. I felt that we could have played better actually. We lost a lot of really good seniors last year. It is going to be hard to recover from that, but for me personally, this year has not been that different from all my other years playing field hockey."

"I think our team looks really good, really strong," said senior captain Kenna Krueger, "and I think we work well together on the field, so I think the season is looking up from here."

Lemar, a right midfielder, has a positive take on playing for her third coach in three years. "Every year has been different, and we have learned different things," said Makayla. "All the coaches are good, and I think it actually might have made us a little bit better, just learning the three different styles, and now if we can combine them altogether in my senior year, we



Field hockey captains: Makayla Lemarr, Kenna Krueger, and Maya Rosenbaum.

can go out with a bang. I was really looking forward to the Damascus game, and I am glad we beat them."

The girls were also hoping to beat nemesis Quince Orchard, and on September 18, their collective dream was realized. Bean scored another "beautiful goal" at Quince Orchard with 3:34 left in a scoreless game. The

girls who had all looked forward to that matchup would have more cause for celebration, but the coach urgently reminded the players that the game was not over. The Falcons held on for a 1-0 win. The game was live streamed over the Quince Orchard Athletics website.

QO had many penalty corner opportunities but could not convert. An apparent QO goal with twenty seconds left in the first half was disallowed because of a referee's whistle. The Cougars spent a lot of time in front of the Poolesville goal, but in the last ten minutes, it was the Falcons who were dominant.

The Falcons' record in the early season stood at 3-1. Coach Bowen is the Falcons third coach in as many seasons, but the tradition of wearing warm up jerseys with a slogan printed on them remains. This year's shirts are emblazoned with "F.O.C.U.S." which stands for "Follow One Course until You Achieve Success."

Other seniors are Kyra Bertonlini, Priyanka Madhavan, Jordan Rendzio, Eleanor Jansen, and Maddie Folk. Other juniors are Jessica Mense, Kaitlyn Juratta, Meghan Gregorio, Dora Kreitzer, Gabby Cayzedo, Mia Santorocco, and Gina Miller. Alaina Sorrel, Jolie Orns, and Emily Bupp are sophomores.

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October 7

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The Furnace Branch Trail

that had pawpaw trees. Occasionally, we could smell the fragrance of the fruit. The path could have been the base of an old road that was once used to lead down to the Monocacy River and to the ford, known as Furnace Ford, that once crossed there before the bridge was built. On our walk, we noticed evidence of heavy flooding that occurred along the stream. There was thick undergrowth in the vicinity of where the iron furnace was supposed to be, but we did not see any evidence of the structure. A Maryland Historical Trust document from 2004, noted that the furnace was no longer standing, "likely due to floodplain buildup from Furnace Branch."

On one of our trail detours, we came upon an unusual earthen rectangular mound in the woods that was about one yard deep. Walking farther up the blue-blazed trail we came to the Johnson lime kiln, an impressive structure. It is a rectangular shape, made of stones, and built into the side of a hill. It is high above the stream that flows below it. There are two openings near the ground in the wall by the path. As I was taking photos, Steve met a very tall, muscular man who was carrying a long pole with a curved tree saw attached to the end of the pole, resembling a long-handled sickle. He said he had stopped at the park to scout out a hunting spot because hunting with guns was beginning in a few days. He advised us to stay out of the woods until hunting season was over. If we did come back during hunting season, we should wear bright clothing and stick to the trail. We did not see anyone else on our walk. I walked around to the top of the kiln and looked down into the inside. It is filled with dirt with plants and trees growing. There was not a sign saying what the structure was. We had been out for an hour and forty-five minutes and decided to head back to the parking lot. Our return walk took an hour. We both agreed this was a wonderful hike and that we would return in the winter for more exploring and to view the old historic structures we may come across in an area that was once a thriving late-eighteenth- and early-nineteenth-century thriving industrial site.

Sources for this story: The History of Carrollton Manor by William Jarboe Grove, 1928; Atlas of Frederick Co., Maryland by C.O. Titus, 1873; and the "Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form" prepared by R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates, Inc., 2004.



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Town Releases Public Notice for Town Manager

spend a significant amount of time dealing with citizen complaints and consumer and service problems. Recent problems with trash collection are a case in point. Dealing with these types of issues is sensitive and requires a candidate who is calm, clear headed, and patient.

In describing what it is looking for in a candidate, the town’s notice offers a number of characteristics, experience, and background that are considered important. The notice says that the ideal candidate “will be an experienced leader with a background in town or city management, local governance, or public affairs.” It goes on to say that “five years of progressively responsible experience in municipal management is preferred.” The current town manager, Wade Yost, was hired originally to manage the sewer plant and worked his way up to town manager. The notice uses the words “ideal” and “preferred,” so it suggests there is some wiggle room in these provisions.

The notice goes on to say that the successful candidate “should”—again not “must”—have a “bachelor’s degree in Public or Business Administration or a combination of work and/or relevant military experience and education.” It appears the word “combination” means private sector work experience, since the notice also asserts, as noted, that “ideal” candidates should have government experience. The notice uses the words “and/or” with reference to “combination” which suggests that if the candidate does not have a degree, he or she needs to have a combination of private sector experience and military experience and education in order to meet the town’s requirements. Whether the prior language in the notice about the “ideal” candidate having government experience suggests that a candidate with private sector experience would rank lower on the scale of eligible candidates is not clear.

The notice states that the “successful candidate for the position must be ... politically astute but not political.” This is a critical point because the town has a manager-commission form of government in which five elected commissioners decide the policies that the town will follow. Managers must implement those policies without bias, so they must avoid becoming involved in political debates or taking sides. Even so, they must be sensitive to the politics in the town and understand how the politics on a given issue are shaping it. In this way, they can provide informed advice to the commissioners without being biased.

The notice finally offers a comment about where the candidate would live once chosen. It does not say the candidate must live in the Town of Poolesville, but it does say that it would be “ideal” if the candidate “lived in Poolesville or in the immediate vicinity of the town” once hired. It is quite possible that if the notice had required candidates to live in town, it would have dampened interest and narrowed the field of candidates significantly. The salary range of \$99,420 to \$126,630 for the position is high compared to other town employees, but the median cost of a house in Poolesville is high (approximately \$445,000) and so is the cost of living in Montgomery County. It appears the commissioners understood that fact in drafting their notice.

In the section of the notice that discusses “Issues Facing the Town,” a number of issues are highlighted. The notice suggests that “continuing the high level of service delivery” is key. It also says that completing the negotiations and the handover of the state and county roads that the town has been working on for many months is a priority. It highlights the importance of helping the commissioners develop a “strategic plan” for the town and “promoting economic development while maintaining the ‘small town feel’” of Poolesville.

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By Jack Toomey

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Drug Arrest: 19800 block of Fisher Avenue.

Past Crime: 1964

Montgomery County detectives were searching for an eighteen-year-old woman whose car was found abandoned on Seven Locks Road. Edith Williams was separated from her husband who professed to not know where she was. Three weeks later, her body was found in a pigsty near the Scotland community on Seven Locks Road. The case went cold until the 2010s when two detectives decided to take another look at it and, after a series of interviews, they were able to prove that a man who lived in Scotland at the time was responsible. It turned out that he had forced another woman off the road on the outskirts of Poolesville in the 1950s and had raped her. After he was released from prison, he killed Williams. Since the suspect was deceased, no charges could be placed.

Chief McAuliffe ordered his officers to make periodic checks of retail establishments to determine how many pinball machines were present. A newly-passed law limited the number of machines to two per establishment. The owner of the pinball machine

company said that he hoped to test the constitutionality of the law, but first there had to be an arrest. McAuliffe said that he favored the new law because he believed that pinball contributed to juvenile delinquency.

An eighty-year-old Rockville woman was the victim of a flimflam game. She was shopping in a Rockville store when two women approached her, and one said that she was in trouble and needed \$3,000 for an attorney. The women convinced the older woman to withdraw \$3,000 from her bank and put it in an envelope. They then told her that they also had obtained \$3,000 and, as a show of good faith, they all prayed over the money. When the prayer was over, the two women left and the eighty-year-old lady realized that she had an envelope of torn up paper.

A young sailor was being questioned at his home in Gaithersburg concerning stolen cars that happened to be parked behind his house. While he was talking to detectives, he suddenly jumped out of a second-floor window and roared away in a Corvette. The detectives fired shots at the car to no avail. A high-speed chase ensued which led all over the county and finally ended when the sailor wrecked. The case was one of the first in which an airplane was used in a search.

Several traffic tickets were voided by the police chief when he found out that traffic officers were using an unmarked police car to enforce traffic laws. The main problem was that the car displayed New Jersey tags, and there had been some criticism in the newspapers about that tactic.

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

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She lived for twenty-nine years in her Buckeystown home she called Farmview, a Victorian home which she restored, overlooking the Mayne Tree Farm. Her strong interests in flowers and plants led to the extensive gardens and plants at her home, including a Maryland Master Gardener's certified pollinator garden.

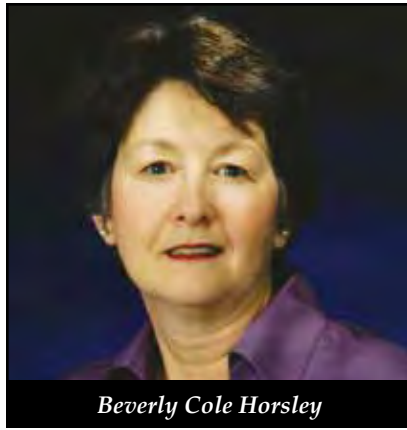
Beverly was an active member of Poolesville Baptist Church in Poolesville from 1977 to her death. Her service there started with backyard Bible studies for community children and included many years as a Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School teacher/worker, girls' auxiliary worker, and an always-ready volunteer for whatever needed to be done in Jesus' name.

Her early working career included federal service with the IRS and the U.S. Navy. She received a degree in Computer Science from Montgomery College in Rockville. Beverly completed her working career with the U.S.

Naval Medical Command in Bethesda and at Headquarters in Washington, D.C., where she retired as a Computer Specialist in 2005.

She is survived by her adoring family: husband of fifty-four years, Wiley "Pete" Horsley; daughters Jennifer Adley Suhr and Clair Marie Horsley; grandchildren, Justine Adley Willard and Xavier Alexander Willard; sisters, Cecile Sims and Patricia Cole; brother, James; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of or in addition to flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Frederick County, PO Box 1799, Frederick, MD 21702.



Beverly Cole Horsley

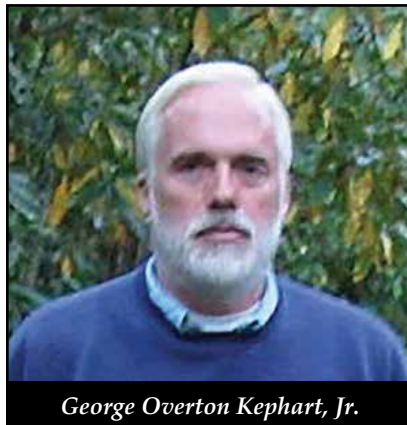
George Overton Kephart, Jr.

George Overton Kephart, Jr. died August 18 in Moore County, North Carolina at age 75 after a long illness. He joins his beloved niece, Sarah Frazer Prestemon, and his parents, George and MaryAnn Kephart. He is survived by his sisters, Ann-Frazer Brown and Elizabeth Perry Kapsch, his devoted aunt, Barbara Kephart Crane, and his niece and nephew, Amanda Brown and Simon Brown, and great-nephew, Overton Kephart Brown.

A lifetime of creative engineering began at age eighteen months when, to his mother's dismay, he disassembled and rebuilt a toy pump to work more efficiently—and it did. In his adult life, he founded several businesses, most notably MacTherm, an innovator in the use of geothermal heating. George built computers to run zoned heating systems and invented solutions to plumbing, heating, and other engineering and building challenges. His Peugeots, tractors, vans, and other machinery were a study in inventive longevity.

George grew up on the family farm, Chiswell's Inheritance, in Poolesville where he and his father raised beef cattle for many years. His schooling included the Landon School, Georgia Tech, and the University of Maryland from which he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. George joined the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. As an operating room orderly, his penchant for greater efficiency through creative solutions was notorious throughout the MASH unit. Along with his father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.

Known as widely for his generosity as his eccentricity, he tirelessly contributed his time, his building skills, and his engineering expertise to many organizations such as Helping Hands, Inc., Habitat for Humanity, WUMCO, Historic Medley District, Frederick Mission, Odd Fellows, Lions Club, and to both Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church and St. Peter's Parish in Poolesville.



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Important Tips When Considering Buying a Purebred Dog

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

I must start by saying that there are far more dogs in shelters and rescues that need a loving family to call theirs. Some people, due to family history, previous experience, or feel they have a better chance of a matching personality, whatever the case: before you shell out upwards of \$3,000, look below for my list of **Must Remember Tips When Selecting Your Purebred Dog**.

1. Buyer beware: In the dog-breeding industry, nothing is usually as it looks.
2. Thoroughly research the breed you're interested in to learn behavioral traits and get an idea of what a breed standard for that breed looks like.
3. You may want to have two or three options for dogs you are looking at in case potential genetic diseases and traits do not fit with your plans.
4. Talk with your veterinarian before you finalize your decision and buy the dog. Your veterinarian will likely have real world experience with the breed and give you tips on what to look for when you first meet your new puppy.
5. NEVER buy or ship an animal online.
6. NEVER meet at a location that is not the breeder's home. You want to see where the puppy was raised at the breeder's home. Great breeders are happy to show off their places. They should be clean and support a positive environment for socialization.
7. Never take a puppy before 8 weeks. Make sure it stayed with its mother and siblings for the entire 8 weeks.
8. Visit several times before you take home your puppy. This gives you a chance to see the puppy mature and see if any behavior concerns may be cropping up.
9. Obtain reliable contact information and address of the breeder. Then independently check online the location and any recommendations or negative feedback.
10. Make sure the breeder's phone number is listed.
11. Have the veterinarian that examined the puppy for health, transfer the records to your veterinarian along with vaccinations given and results of parasite testing.
12. NEVER buy from an online classified ad. This is the number one way in which puppy mills and puppy smugglers (yes, that is right, people smuggle puppies and kittens from Canada and Mexico) try to sell their animals.
13. Have a contract and all relevant information about the breeder. Be sure the contract allows you to bring the puppy back for a refund (unfortunately, your family falls in love with the puppy in 2.4 seconds, so that is a very hard thing to do). Maryland's Door-to-Door Sales act allows for 72 hours before a contract is in effect. Maryland's Lemon Law also gives you some protection for disease. You must file within 2 weeks of purchase. Hereditary conditions adversely affecting the health of the pet give you 180 days to file.
14. Be sure to take your new puppy and a fecal sample to your veterinarian within 24 hours of getting your new friend. Breeders will sometimes tell you everything was done so no need to see a veterinarian. That is a red flag. Let your veterinarian decide if everything is up to date for your new furry friend.



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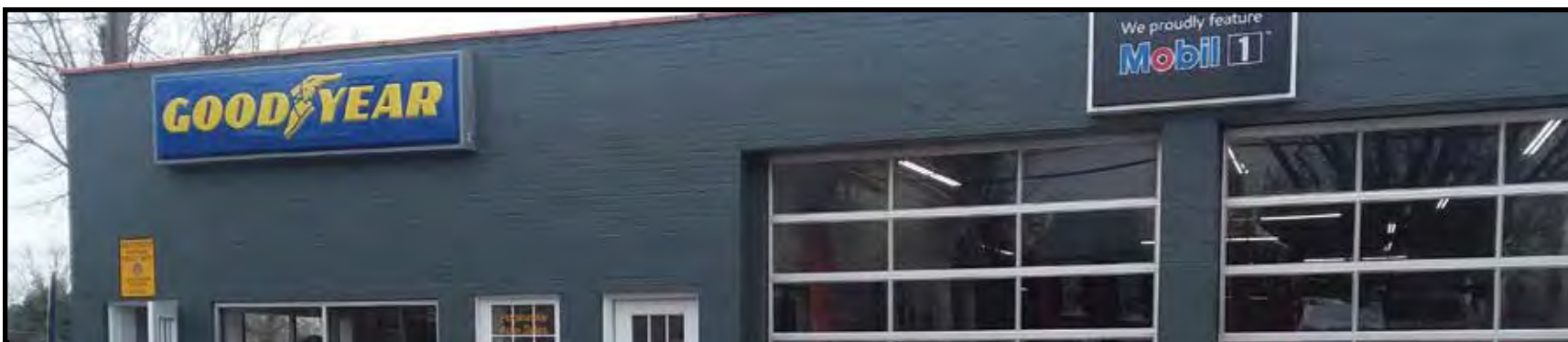
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