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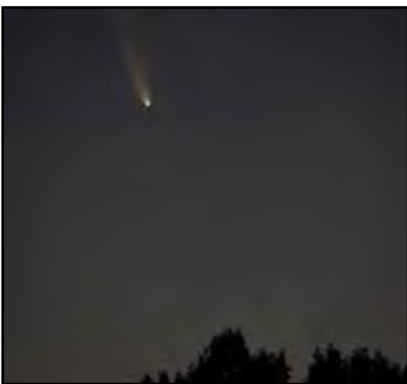
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Many loyal locals came to the Blue Hearth to buy and wish the vendors and owner well. See more pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Lilly Staples was awarded a special scholarship. See page 4.



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's—you'll have to turn to page 6 to find out.



Poolesville's Collin Turner set big records in Texas. His story is on page 10.

PHS Grad Slain in Frederick

By Jack Toomey

When Kelly Meadows attended Poolesville High School, she was known for being a quiet yet friendly girl who could be depended on to help friends with their high school crises. Brett Van Dyke, who now lives in North Carolina, was in Kelly's social circle and knew her as a friendly and reliable friend.

While at PHS, Kelly participated on the pompon team and cheerleading squad. She was remembered as a girl who had a smile on her face and a pep in her step.

Some time recently, Kelly (now Kelly Meadows Serra) moved to Frederick and became a massage therapist. She had two children with her husband. On the morning of July 27, a Frederick City Police officer was making his rounds when he found the body of a white female near Rock Creek at the end of Waverly Drive. Crime scene technicians and detectives descended on the scene and eventually the body was taken to the Medical Examiner's

Office in Baltimore. It was there that it was determined that the deceased person was Kelly Meadows Serra, age 37. Later, the medical examiner determined that Kelly had been stabbed to death and that the manner of death was homicide.

Detectives then began working the case as a murder and interviewed residents of the area. Lieutenant Clark Pennington, the spokesperson for the Frederick Police, said that Kelly died of stab wounds, but there were elements of the case that could not yet be released to the public.

Town commissioner Valaree Dickerson, a longtime friend of Kelly, said, "You could feel the kindness and desire for happiness the moment you spoke to her. She loved all things and just wanted to be loved. She always spoke with a soft, caring tone, hoping to get just that in return. A beautiful young lady that deserved so much more from life, she loved her children, Peter and Parker, with all she had to give.



Kelly Nicole (Meadows) Serra, 37, of Frederick.

I'm so saddened for the pain her family must be enduring to lose someone they loved so much. As lifelong residents of Poolesville, the entire Meadows family hold a very special place in our hearts and are loved so much."

See Remembrance on page 17.

The Blue Hearth to Close

By Rande Davis

When Karen Wilson opened The Blue Hearth in Poolesville in 2013, she had high hopes, a unique vision, and a purposeful mission. At the time, she told the *Monocle*, "We at The Blue Hearth believe wholeheartedly that the sum of our parts is what sets us apart from other vintage stores. We've assembled the most creative group of repurposers, artisans, craftspeople, and home furnishing reinventors out there, and we have provided them with a historic beauty as the setting in which to share their talents." Opening with twelve vendors, a hallmark of the retailer was its beautiful and stylish setting of their merchandise in a cozy, home-like manner.

The retailer, which originally opened one weekend a month, recently tried expanding their operational days, but in the end, it became too difficult to make ends meet.

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Blue Hearth vendors Wendy Pridgen, Karen Falcon, Lisa Garrett, and Kim Brenengen will be setting up in new venues when the retailer closes at the end of this month.

Family Album



Shopping at the Blue Hearth was robust this past weekend.



Where there is the UMCVFD auxiliary, there is a bake sale. You can count on it.



These UMCVFD volunteers took a quick break from making all those barbeque pork and beef sandwiches.



The pavilions at UMCVFD Hillard field were well placed to allow customers to maintain social distancing.



Vendors at the farmers' market specializing in Masks of Many Colors!



Pastries by Sarah and Cozzi Family Farm are two vendors set up at a farmers' market behind Bassett's Restaurant.



These masked fans of the UMCVFD quarterly barbeque waited patiently for their perfectly-prepared meal.

Town Government

Commissioners Continue Deliberating About Diversity Council Proposal

By Link Hoewing

At the August 2 meeting, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville continued discussing a proposal to create a town-sponsored Diversity Council first proposed at their last meeting in July by Commission President Kerri Cook. All four of the commissioners attending the meeting (Commissioner Valaree Dickerson was absent) expressed support for the idea, but the structure, mission, and makeup of the new council remains uncertain at this juncture.

Commissioner Jim Brown expressed support for the council in concept but asked, "What would the council look like? How would it work?" He also said that the town can use its resources and energy to get behind the community's ongoing discussions and work, helping the effort grow and strengthen.

Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski said that a resolution to create the council would need to be prepared and voted on. He said he wanted to learn more about what the community discussions that have emerged in the wake of the June 12 protests are going to propose. He said he would "give them time to work and come to us" with their ideas and said the council needs a mission statement to guide its work.

Commissioner Martin Radigan echoed some of these sentiments and added that the council must be diverse and "led by people of color."

In the end, President Cook agreed with the general consensus that the best next step for the commission would be to call local residents Ed Reed and Chuck Copeland, who have been leading the community discussions, to come before the town and offer their views on the proposal for a diversity council. It is clear the town's leaders believe a town-sponsored body would be helpful in addressing concerns about racism and diversity that have become so prominent in the wake of the murder of George Floyd.

The commissioners also considered and passed a proclamation celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the adoption of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. The proclamation reads in part:

"Whereas, the ratification of the 19th Amendment on August 26, 1920 ensured women could more fully participate in our democracy and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of our nation; and

Whereas, the daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters of the women who fought so hard to vote have been making their voices heard at the polls for nearly one hundred years, and women are running for office in unprecedented numbers; and

Whereas, the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment represents a historical milestone to be lauded and celebrated."

It goes on to designate "the calendar year 2020 to be the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration" and encourages all people in Poolesville to "learn about and commemorate the efforts of the women's suffrage movement and the role of women in our democracy."

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Opening Our Schools: To Do or Not to Do, That Is the Question

By Rande Davis

I am glad the battle between Governor Hogan and Montgomery County Health Officer, Dr. Travis Gayles, over allowing private schools to open this September came to end. Watching this policy “ping pong match” was so head-turning, I was beginning to fear whiplash. For the record, I agree with the results, but not exactly just for the reason you may think.

For those not following the issue, it boiled down to these two propositions: The state government allowed public school systems to make their own decision on reopening; Montgomery County decided to continue with an online-system-only for public and for private county schools as well. They did so for reasons summarized by Dr. Gayles as follows, “At this point, the data does not suggest that in-person instruction is safe for students or teachers.”

Governor Hogan took exception to the decision, stating, “Private and parochial schools deserve the same opportunity and flexibility to make reopening decisions based on public health guidelines” and that “the blanket closure mandate imposed by Montgomery County was overly broad and inconsistent with the powers intended to be delegated to the county health officer.”

The position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offered its best scientific guidance by releasing its newest science-based resources and tools for school administrators, teachers, parents, guardians, and caregivers when schools open this fall. “It is critically important for our public health to open schools this fall,” said CDC Director Dr. Robert R. Redfield. “The CDC resources released today will help parents, teachers, and administrators make practical, safety-focused decisions as this school year begins. I know this has been a difficult time for our nation’s families. School closures have disrupted normal ways of life for children and parents, and they have had negative health consequences on our youth. CDC is prepared to work with K-12 schools to safely reopen while protecting the most vulnerable.”

Last May, in my column, I posited that we had a unique advantage in

deciding what to do about opening schools this fall. I suggested that we did not have to do so blindly, as schools all across Europe were opening, with appropriate restrictions of course, for at least some in-person learning. I used as an example a public elementary school of about 225 students in The Hague, Holland, whose principal, Barbara Minde, is the daughter of a lifelong friend of my wife, Laura. Surely there would be much to learn from her experience.

The details of Dutch school restrictions and guidelines can be reviewed in that column, so I won’t repeat them here; however, the semester has ended, and a month has gone by, and here is what Ms. Minde has reported to me:

“The opening, overall, worked fine. We opened for all children (any parents not wishing to participate were allowed to opt out). No parents were allowed on the playground and in the school at all. Since in-school instruction involved separate morning and afternoon sessions to keep class size to fifteen, no lunch break for students was needed as they would be going home for lunch or staying home until the afternoon sessions began.

“The protocol worked fine, but it took a toll on the staff to work with children ages four through twelve without a break from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. The process was calm, quiet, and manageable, but there was a lot of work to do. One issue is that, in Holland, all children are required to be academically tested a few times a year to measure teaching results to determine how we are doing nationally comparing to other schools.

“The difference now was that we did not just focus on current results but also needing to measure the children’s level after the lockdown and home schooling. This is done to determine needed areas of improvement.

“First, we were very glad to see that there was almost no increase of negative rates.

“Only problem was the children that do not speak Dutch at home had some difficulty picking up the language again.

“Healthwise, no children, parent, or teacher contracted the Coronavirus. There was one administration person who contracted the virus but recovered and had very limited contact with the school staff and has not felt comfortable enough to return.

“There were two families who lost loved ones to COVID-19, but none relating to the school situation.

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Tidbits

Grand Marshal Nominations Ceased

In June, the Poolesville Day Committee made the difficult decision to cancel this year’s event in light of the continuing health and safety issues presented by the Coronavirus. In so doing, we thought it might be nice to observe at least a part of the tradition related to the event by choosing a Grand Marshal as we have for many years. The committee asked the community to nominate worthy individuals or groups as they have in the past. Normally, we receive a large number of nominations, but, this year, we had almost none. It seems the community’s response suggests that in its view, the tradition of choosing a Grand Marshal goes hand in hand with having a parade and all of the other festivities related to Poolesville Day. We respect that and look forward to being able to hold Poolesville Day in all of its glory next year as we have in years past.

Poolesville Woman Awarded Law School Scholarship

The Hungerford’s Tavern Chapter of the Daughter of the American Revolution awarded the Nannie Armistead l’Anson Law scholarship to Poolesville’s



Nancy Jamison

Nancy Jamison. She is looking forward to her second year of law school as she now finishes her first year at Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law with a 3.69 GPA. She hopes to study tax, estate, and business law. She is transferring to Pepperdine’s Caruso School of Law in Malibu, California. Nancy graduated from Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida in May of

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In Your Own Backyard

A Hillside Discovery along The C&O Canal: Part 4

By Jon Wolz

Note: This is Part 4 of a three-part series of Civil War along the C&O Canal. Part 1 may be found in the June 5, 2020 issue of the Monocle, and Part 2 in the July 17 issue, and Part 3 in the July 31 issue, all available at monocacymonocle.com. It was too interesting to stop with just three parts, you see.

There was another interesting letter in the University of Vermont digital library for the 10th Vermont Infantry from a local citizen:

Feb 6. 1863 Colonel William Wirt Henry

Dear Friend

Their will be few young people at my house to night to have a dance. I will be pleased you would about half past eight oclock ride over to my house take a glass Apple tody with me. Will you ask Doctor Ruthorford to come also. You can ride over stay hour or two with me. Please do not say no father about our little geathering our house being small. But I will be pleased to see you & Doctor Ruthorford come about 8 oclock. I will have some good Apple tody.

Yours with Respect John. L. T. Jones
[sic]

Kenny Sholes recently discovered what remains of the Jones home located on Martinsburg Road. In letters to the wives of Lieutenant Colonel Henry and Assistant Surgeon Rutherford, there is no mention of this dinner or of Mr. Jones.

A marriage occurred at Lockhouse 26 on the C&O Canal a short distance from White's Ford between private Franklin Swan who was stationed at White's Ford and fourteen-year-old Mary Gaster. The wedding was performed by Chaplain Haynes of the 10th Vermont and was witnessed by Colonel Henry, Surgeon Child, and Captain Sheldon. Mary had moved to the lockhouse from Hancock, Maryland with her widowed mother whose uncle, Herman Lapold, was the lockkeeper. Private Swan was missing in action at the Battle of Cedar Creek in 1864 and was never heard of again. Mary later remarried and moved to Georgetown where she became a housekeeper. When the Confederates crossed White's Ford in September 1862 at the beginning of their Maryland Campaign, William Trundle was operating a canal store by Lock 26. He immediately joined the Confederate invaders and later became one of Mosby's Rangers. He was killed in action in 1864. The store was on the farm that William's brother James operated. The home of James and William still stands and is privately owned. This Trundle family were southern sympathizers unlike their cousin Hezekiah Trundle and wife Emily Anne Jones Trundle who befriended the occupying Union soldiers.

Most of the 10th Vermont moved to Poolesville on April 20 from the river, leaving only a few troops scattered along the river. The regiment received orders on June 22, 1863 to march to Harper's Ferry.

The 10th Vermont really enjoyed their stay in the area. They had many nice associations and, as they departed, many citizens came out to say their farewells—and some to bid them fare ill. When they passed the houses of William Pleasants and the departed Mr. Trundle, their families gave the soldiers tearful goodbyes. As the troops were leaving, Mr. Pleasants was given the regiment's two-hundred-volume library, a camp cot, chairs, and a table.

The 10th Vermont arrived at Harper's Ferry on June 26. After leaving Harper's Ferry, the 10th Vermont saw its first live action and participated in several battles and campaigns. From July 6 to July 23, 1863, they were in pursuit of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Virginia after the Battle of Gettysburg. In 1864, they participated in the siege of Petersburg, Virginia and were moved to fight at the Battle of Monocacy on July 9. They participated in the Appomattox Campaign in 1865. The 10th Vermont Regiment lost a total of 352 men during service, including nine officers and 140 enlisted men, killed or mortally wounded, 203 enlisted men died of disease. There were three Medal of Honor recipients.

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Monocacy Nature and Wildlife

Comet Soars Past Poolesville on Its Journey around the Sun

By Susan Petro

I'm not much of an early riser, but the temptation of seeing a distant comet streaking through the morning sky was too much to ignore. For two weeks in July, I spent many a morning or evening seeking out Comet Neowise as it traversed the skies above Poolesville and nearby areas.

Comet Neowise was first discovered on March 27 by astronomers through a space telescope known by the acronym WISE or Wide-angle Infrared Survey Explorer during its NEOWISE mission. At the time of discovery, Comet Neowise was 190 million miles from the sun and 160 million miles from Earth. As Comet Neowise approached Earth, it became the brightest comet in the Northern Hemisphere since Comet Hale-Bopp flew past Earth in 1997.

By early July, comet C2020 F3 Neowise, or better known as Comet Neowise, was possible to see, even with the naked eye, by anyone willing to venture out away from the city lights at the crack of dawn and look towards the northeastern horizon.

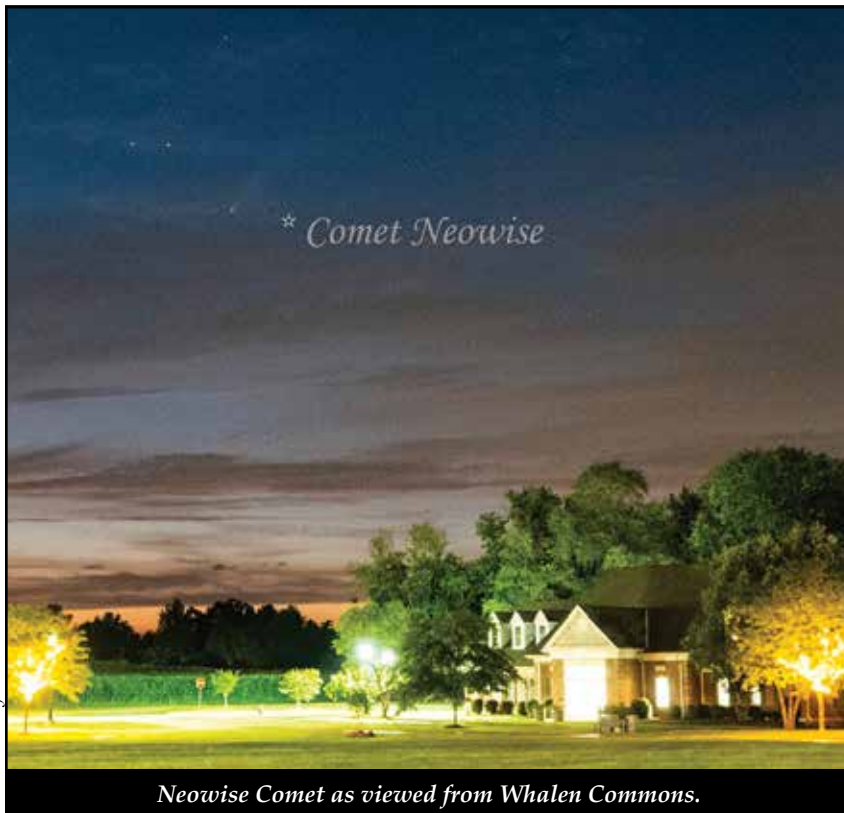


Photo by Susan Petro.

Neowise Comet as viewed from Whalen Commons.

With my alarm set for 3:30 a.m., my camera gear and tripod at the ready, my husband and I rose early on July 10 and set out for the first of many comet-viewing adventures. The first night, we struck out, but two mornings later, on July 12, we hit Comet Neowise gold right around 4:30 a.m. just outside of town. I saw the tail first as it rose above the tree line close to the horizon looking north-east. Within about fifteen minutes, the entire comet was visible to the naked eye: a fiery ball with a long streaming tail.

A few days later, the comet was also visible in the night sky, about eighty minutes after sunset. Seeking dark skies, we decided to try a scenic overlook a few miles outside of the city of Frederick. The comet was a bit trickier to find with the city lights glowing below, but with the help of binoculars and the assistance of other dedicated comet seekers, we once again found Neowise as it appeared above downtown Frederick.

Although I knew viewing away from city lights was best, I decided to see if I could find Neowise from Poolesville's own Whalen Commons. There, the comet was a bit trickier to find, but with the aid of binoculars or a camera with varying exposure settings, Comet Neowise could be seen close to the horizon, below the Big Dipper which was above a field near the town hall.

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Opening Our Schools: To Do or Not to Do, That Is the Question

There was one parent with cancer who kept her child at home rather than send to school."

The Dutch schools began with limited numbers for in-school instruction for the pre-school and elementary students first. Clearly the school found a way to begin the process of in-person instruction safely. It is obvious, also, that we can have the advantage of learning from our own private schools as well.

The advantage for allowing the controllable number of private schools (just five in our area) to open is to everyone's advantage. First, remember that all involved are doing so voluntarily. Each school has already published its safety and educational protocol. It is of the general public's benefit to find out how we can succeed through limited and controlled examples. I support the private schools in their decision to move forward and the governor's decision to allow them to do so. Hopefully, it will help provide a clearer and safer path to open for public school students, parents, and teachers.

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Comet Soars Past Poolesville on Its Journey around the Sun

Local resident, Christina Carr, her sister, Jennifer, and daughter, Elizabeth, decided to make a trip to the commons to see the comet for herself. With the help of a newer iPhone set to night exposure, Jennifer Carr managed to capture a fun picture of Christina pointing towards Comet Neowise as it appeared near Poolesville Town Hall.

On July 23, Comet Neowise made its closest approach to Earth at 103 million miles away, but the best viewing was fading fast. Today, our cosmic visitor is traveling away from Earth as it continues on its long orbit around the sun.

There's something awe-inspiring about viewing a distant space traveler that won't be seen again for another 6,500 years. As memories of Comet Neowise fade, I'm already looking forward to my next night sky viewing opportunities.



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A Hillside Discovery along The C&O Canal: Part 4

Dr. Joseph C. Rutherford was commissioned from Newport, Vermont, on August 8, 1862 and made an assistant surgeon of the 10th Vermont. He was promoted to surgeon of the 17th Vermont on March 6, 1865. While operating on a soldier after the battle of Orange Grove, he developed an infection in his thumb that partially disabled him for the rest of his life. He returned home to his practice in Newport after the war. He was born in 1818 and died in 1902.

William W. Henry accepted a position as major of the 10th Vermont Infantry on August 26, 1862. He was promoted to lieutenant colonel on October 17, 1862, and assumed command of the regiment as colonel on April 26, 1864, replacing Albert B. Jewett who had resigned.

He was wounded in action six times, slightly at Cold Harbor on June 3, 1864, and Monocacy on July 9, 1864, and was hit four times at Cedar Creek on October 19, 1864. Due to his wounds, he resigned his commission on December 17, 1864. President Abraham Lincoln nominated Henry for appointment to the brevet grade of brigadier general, and the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment on March 9, 1865.

In 1892, he received the Medal of Honor for his actions at Cedar Creek. "Though suffering from severe wounds, [he] rejoined his regiment and led it in a brilliant charge, recapturing the guns of an abandoned battery." After he returned from war, Henry rejoined the family business which included manufacturing and wholesaling of drugs. Henry served as a state senator, as mayor of Burlington, was appointed United States Marshal, was appointed U.S. Immigration Inspector, and he was the American Consul in Quebec.

He was a Mason and a member of the International Order of Oddfellows, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States, the Society of the Army of the Potomac, and the Knights of Pythias. Henry died in 1915 at the age of 83.

Hezekiah W. Trundle was born March 20, 1810 to John Lewis Trundle and Mary Veatch Trundle. He married Emily Ann Jones on April 28, 1835. A Trundle daughter, Emily Ann (Trundle) Holland married a Confederate private from Maryland named John W. Holland. Emily's brother was John Lewis Trundle Jones who invited some of the Union officers from the 10th Vermont to his house. Hezekiah died on April 20, 1863. Emily was born December 18, 1814 and died November 7, 1878 at the home of her daughter, Emily Holland, in Dickerson. Hezekiah and Mary are buried at St. Mary's Cemetery in Barnesville. This Trundle farm was bought by PEPCO in 1958. Both Hezekiah Trundle and John Jones owned slaves; however, there was no mention of their slaves in the letters written by Henry and Rutherford during their time spent in the White's Ford area.

After exploring the top of the hill, Steve and I scampered down the side of the hill to a stream, and he walked across a log that had fallen across the canal to get back to the towpath. I walked through the water and back up to the towpath. One day when the river is low and the water is warmer, I may wade across the Potomac River at White's Ford.

Basil Brooke Pleasants: The Local Man Who Would Fly with His Own Wings

By Jon Wolz

Basil Brooke Pleasants was born in July 1796 in Goochland, Goochland County, Virginia. By 1838, he was living near Poolesville at Edwards Ferry Road and what is now White's Ferry Road. In 1838, he attempted to fly "like a bird." In 1964, there was an article in the Frederick News Post that documented Basil's flight.

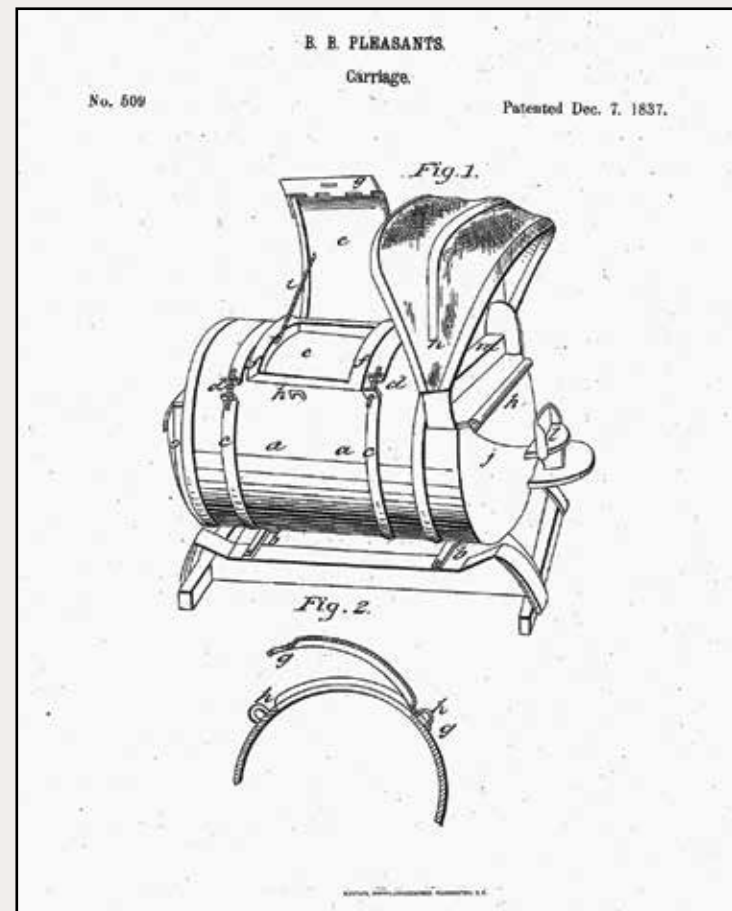
"Flop Bas, Flop"

The News (Frederick, MD) – August 28, 1964

Watching a plane floating overhead with such ease, I am reminded of a story told me by the late William Aud and also by the late Mrs. George Willard, of Poolesville, on another occasion. They claimed a pioneer flier for the town. It was back in the summer of 1838 that Basil Pleasants, a quiet Quaker, having observed the soaring crows and buzzards, saw no reason why man should not fly like the birds and made himself a pair of wings. When all was ready, he invited his Poolesville neighbors to come to the Wasche farm where he worked. At the appointed time, he climbed to the roof of the barn, adjusted the contraption to his arms and jumped off. Somehow the wings failed to work, and amid scoffing cries of "Flop, Bas," this Montgomery County Icarus fell to the ground and broke his leg. Mr. Aud claimed that one of his ancestors was present and, for several generations, a greeting of "Flop, Bas," was the signal for much laughter, most anywhere in the Poolesville area.

~Elsie White Haines

By 1850, Basil owned 646 acres and lived at what was known as Killmain II. He was a member of the Society of Friends and a small log meeting house was constructed by the road of his property. In 1858, son James married Jane Plater Pleasants. She wanted people to know that her husband should not be confused with Mr. Basil Pleasants the "infamous man" who had once made an unsuccessful attempt to fly. During the Civil War, it is documented in letters written by the 10th Vermont Regiment officers that they were acquainted with Basil Pleasants. Basil died in September 1869 and is buried in the Monocacy Cemetery. There is no record of wife Phoebe's death.



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Falcon Revisited: Collin Turner

By Jeff Stuart

In January of 2018, Poolesville's Collin Turner was finishing up his basketball career for the Montgomery College Raptors. He was the National Junior College Scoring Leader at the time and the National Junior College Athletic Association Division III Player of the Year.

He followed that up by going to play for the Angelos State University Rams in Central Texas. The Rams play in the Lone Star Conference.

On February 20, 2020, Turner gave the home crowd at Stephens Arena something to remember him by, scoring forty-four points in leading the Rams to an 80-73 victory over Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

In the final minute of the game, Turner scored four of the last six ASU points to close out the game for the 80-73 victory. He finished eleven of eighteen from the field, including six of nine from the three-point arc, and sixteen of seventeen from the free throw line. He also pulled down five

defensive rebounds, dished out four assists, and had a steal. "Eight of my family members flew down," said Turner. "I wanted to put on a show for my family."

The forty-four points were a career high at the time, but in the opening game of the Lone Star Conference Tournament at the Comerica Center in Frisco, Texas on March 6, he scored forty-seven points to lead the Rams to a double overtime, 97-92 win over Lubbock Christian. He was lights out. The senior guard tied the ASU program record and set the LSC Championship record for most points in a single game with forty-seven. He also broke three other records, free throws made and attempted (21-25), and steals (9).

Turner sank a three-pointer with 3.3 seconds remaining to send the game to a second overtime. He scored seven of ASU's fourteen points in that second overtime to close out the victory.

"He had his mind made up we were going to win the game and made sure it happened," said ASU Head Coach Cinco Boone. "Collin is an outstanding human being who made the journey from Maryland to Texas, and he accomplished so many great things in his two-year span here at Angelo State.

"His game stats and honors and awards can easily be found in

newspapers and websites, which include all conference honors and two forty-plus scoring performances late in the 2019-2020 season. He also was a leader in so many ways for a Rams team that qualified for the NCAA Tournament both of his two seasons that he was there.

"What can't be found in newspapers and websites is the impact he had on campus and in the community while also graduating with his bachelor's degree on time. He represented his family and the town of Poolesville with tremendous class and created a great reputation amongst his peers, ASU administration, boosters, fans, teammates, and our coaching staff.

"My favorite story to tell about him is how our university president, Dr. May, had a granddaughter who loved watching Collin play and loved to take pictures with him after every home game. Months later, after COVID-19 ended our season abruptly, Collin returned to San Angelo to get his things and see everyone again. There was one person who would not let Collin go back to Maryland before hugging his neck, and that was Dr. May's granddaughter. They spent two hours together before he flew back home.

"I can say that he made an impact on all of us. I love him like a son, and I know he's thinking in his mind that

he's not done yet. I am excited for his career moving forward!

"He has got a great family and has a bright future ahead of him."

Collin recently answered some questions for us.

How do you prepare for a game?

I like to stay to myself headphones-in with my pregame playlist blasting, just focusing and envisioning the game before it starts. A lot of my teammates are hype-jumping around the locker room, pumping one another up. I sit in my chair in front of my locker, head down, and lock in.

What's your fondest memory of this past season?

My fondest memory this season is hitting a game-tying buzzer beater to send us into double OT against Lubbock Christian and winning the game in double overtime and finishing with forty-seven points.

Why do you wear number 23 jerseys?

My two favorite players growing up were LeBron James and Michael Jordan. They both wore 23. Growing up, 23 was always my favorite number because of them. I always wanted to be like them.

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Falcon Revisited: Collin Turner

What is the most important game you played?

The most important game I played was the game I had forty-four points against Texas A&M University-Kingsville. We might have lost that game and not made it to the NCAA Tournament. Secondly, my family was in town that weekend, and I put on a legendary performance in front of them.

In what area have you improved this season?

Leadership. The guys take heed to my work ethic and the passion I play with, and it is Contagious. Leading my team to a twenty-plus win season this year and a NCAA Tournament appearance were big for me.

What advice has the coach given you that you will always remember?

"Tuttle it" which means don't give up; push through any situation. If you turn the ball over, don't sit there and pout. Get back and "Tuttle it." Play through it; keep going. Don't let life see you pout or give up, "Tuttle it."

What would you change if you could replay the season?

COVID-19 putting an end to our season as we were on the way to the

NCAA Tournament because if COVID had never happened, I was bringing my school a National Championship. I am happy with the season that was played, but I am not happy how it ended.

How do you deal with the pressure of having to perform in front of the crowd?

Pressure? There is no pressure. I have been playing this game my whole life. I am myself every time I play. If anything, the crowd gives me more energy. I feed off it.

Have you ever had any basketball injury?

Last year, I did suffer a concussion and a very slight tear in my meniscus that seated me for two weeks. Other than that, just a couple bumps bruises and sprained ankles. Nothing major.

What are your plans for the future?

I want to continue playing basketball professionally, and I am currently in the process of getting that in order.

Had you ever lived anywhere like central Texas before? Was there some culture shock?

It wasn't culture shock. It was just much more of a different scene. There is a lot more open land. It looks a lot different from Maryland, where I have lived my whole life, so, no, I have never lived anywhere like Texas.

A Monocacy Moment *Lost in Time*



In days long since past, the Town of Poolesville had its own community band. If we get a new high school/ community center, maybe local musicians would like to start a new band or even an orchestra! If you can identify anyone in the picture, please send us their names.



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The Blue Hearth to Close

She solemnly reflected on her decision as things just got “harder and harder. With the upkeep on the historical Thomas Poole and all, breaking even was not making financial sense anymore.” After twenty years of entrepreneurial ventures under her belt, she sees that experience as “rewarding, but with very, very hard work.”

Ironically, the turnout the last two weekends has been phenomenal and causes her to wistfully realize that such a public response would have been just what was needed. The store was a favorite for many locals who appreciated the creative drive of its vendors. Word spread in the region of enthusiasts of antiques, repurposed items, and home décor, and The Blue Hearth did bring many visitors from outside areas to our town. While not specifically caused by the pandemic, the four months of being closed did not help the situation and only served to make her decision clearer.

Eleanor Bateman of Interior Designs and a former vice president of the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce, spoke for so many of the decision to close, “Poolesville will miss The

Blue Hearth! I know firsthand what a difficult decision it is to close a business in our community—a business that you put your heart and soul into for many years. There is something special about the relationship you establish with people in this town. It is that relationship that will really be missed. I wish Karen and all the vendors at Blue the very best!”

From opening day onward, The Blue Hearth has been a huge booster of the town and supporter of so many of our community service groups like WUMCO, Historic Medley, and the Chamber of Commerce.

The vendors will, of course, seek new venues for their products and services, and we promised to keep our readers aware of where they end up.

Karen told the *Monocle*, “I want to thank so much all of the people of Poolesville who have supported us all these years and who have been so wonderful to us. I fell in love with Poolesville and will still be coming to town from time to time. Thank you, thank you, thank you.”

The commerce and community spirit at The Blue Hearth will be missed, but it will be Karen’s infectious smile and positive personality that will be so missed as well.

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Tidbits

2019 summa cum laude with a 3.9 GPA and a double major in accounting and finance.

Born and reared in Poolesville, Nancy grew up in a farm family and loves the rural Montgomery County area. She is the youngest of five children. She loves to work out at the gym and spend time with her friends. She is very appreciative of this DAR scholarship.

This Maryland DAR Scholarship is open to residents of the State of Maryland, may be used at any accredited law school, is available for the period required to obtain a Juris Doctorate Degree, but for not more than three years, and is for the amount of \$2,000 which is renewable for two additional years if the recipient maintains a GPA of 3.0 or better.

Poolesville Seniors Offer Virtual Events

Poolesville Seniors is planning a variety of Zoom programs for the community. Mark your calendars now so you don't miss these fun and informative events.

Craft Day is Tuesday, August 18 at 1:00 p.m. Chris Rickert and Annette Rosanelli of needlepointers.com will lead a class on how to make a hanging kitchen towel. There is a \$5.00 fee for this class. Register by August 14. They will deliver the materials (contact free) to your door.

Sing, dance, clap, and reminisce on Friday, August 21 at 8:00 p.m. when Rick Normoyle will help us celebrate National Senior Citizens Day with a sing-along concert. He'll play all the

old favorites which you can request (or dedicate) ahead of time by emailing info@poolesvilleseniors.org. We hope community members of all ages will join us for this.

To register for all of the programs listed here, and to receive the Zoom link for each, please visit the Poolesville Seniors website at: poolesvilleseniors.org. Email questions to: info@poolesvilleseniors.com. Keep checking the website for additional information and programs.

RWRC Awards Career Oriented Scholarship

The 2020 Rural Women Republican Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that the winner of this year's scholarship was Lilly Staples, a graduate of Poolesville High School.

The RWRC decided this year to focus their scholarship award in new ways by targeting students seeking post high school education for vocational or career training. In today's work environment, the organization wanted to help graduates seeking educational paths leading to specific careers. They were pleased to help fund Lilly's plans to obtain a degree from Montgomery College as a radiology technician. The application required the recipient to write an essay presenting the career path sought, why that choice, and how and why she would use the funds. She wrote a very compelling essay, explaining that even though she is deaf, with the aid of her cochlear implants, she hears clearly. From that background, she can uniquely understand the anxiety of deaf patients and is confident that she can especially help them in her future career.



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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime: 1900 to 1905

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Montgomery County authorities were seeking Kid Moreland, a known ruffian and boxer, who was said to have bitten the cheek of Eleanor Parker at a roadhouse in Glen Echo. The woman went to the Emergency Hospital in Washington and was treated. By the time the Montgomery Sheriff was notified, Moreland had disappeared. Deputy Bradley was in Georgetown trying to run down Moreland.

Sheriff Hamilton sent all of his deputies to search the county for businesses operating on Sunday which would be a violation of the Sunday Blue Laws. One prominent man who was arrested was Andy Kimball,

proprietor of the Laughing Gallery at Cabin John. When he refused to shut down his amusement shop, he was arrested, taken to court in Rockville, fined five dollars, and released. Other areas that were searched were Kensington and Rockville.

The sheriff at Rockville received an important message from the telegraph operator at Boyds Station that John Braxton was at that place waiting for a train. Deputies hurried to Boyds and arrested Braxton who was also wanted for housebreaking in Montgomery County and for questioning in the murder of Moy Sing, a Chinese laundryman. Detective Muller of the D.C. Police took a train to Rockville where he questioned Braxton about Sing's murder but came away convinced that Braxton was not the guilty man.

In the Circuit Court, Thomas Thornton was found guilty of assaulting Aubrey Green, a well-known Darnestown farmer. Testimony revealed that Green and Thornton quarreled over wages, and Thornton picked up a pitchfork and struck Green with it. Thornton was sentenced to one year in prison. In other cases, Charles and Louise Magruder were both sentenced to a year in the House of Corrections for assaulting Deputy Green when he tried to quell a domestic brawl. Louise's sentence was suspended as she had to care for the children.

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

Fun Facts...

August 15 is International Geocaching Day. Geocaching is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location. These locations can be quite diverse. They may be at your local park, at the end of a long hike, underwater, or on the side of a city street.

In its simplest form, a cache always contains a logbook or logsheet for you to log your find. Larger caches may contain a logbook and any number of items. These items turn the adventure into a true treasure hunt. You never know what the cache owner or visitors to the cache may have left for you to enjoy.

For more information on Geocaching and how to play the game, go to <https://www.geocaching.com/guide>. All you need is a GPS-enabled device and a free basic membership. There are over 5,000 geocaches in the Northwestern Montgomery County area alone.

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Remembrances

Kelly Nicole Serra

Kelly Nicole (Meadows) Serra, 37, of Frederick, died unexpectedly on July 29, 2020.

Kelly was born April 29, 1983 in Washington, D.C., the daughter of Harold and Dottie (Cullop) Meadows of Frederick, Maryland and formerly of Poolesville.

Kelly graduated from Poolesville Junior Senior High School in 2001 where she participated in sports, poms, and majorettes. After high school, she worked in early childhood education for many years as a certified teacher assistant. She also went on to receive her licenses as a medical assistant and registered massage practitioner.

Kelly was creatively artistic, poetic, deeply spiritual, and was active with many church missions. She had a kind soul and would often give anything she owned to anyone she thought in need. She was a free spirit and could light up a room with her humor and laughter. Her heart and passion were being a mother to her two children.

In addition to her loving parents, Kelly is survived by her children, Peter Vincent Serra IV and Parker Andrew Cubley; sisters Pamela James (Jeff) and Angela Meadows (Edward Milum); nephew Shayne James (Christine); and a large family of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends. Kelly was preceded in death by her nephew and godson Dakota Leo James.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on August 24 at the Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center, 9501 Catoclin Mountain Hwy. in Frederick. A memorial service will begin at 1:00 p.m.; Pastor Kenneth Fitzwater will officiate. A private interment service will be held at a later date.



Kelly Nicole Serra

Edward W. Maxwell, Jr.

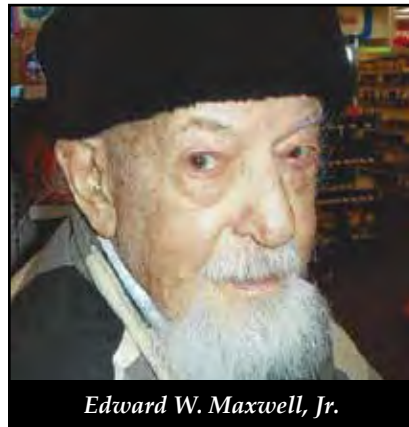
Edward W. Maxwell, Jr., 99, of Poolesville and Brookeville passed away on July 29, 2020. Edward was the loving husband to Sonia Jakowlew Maxwell.

Born on October 8, 1920, in Comus, Maryland, he was the son of the late Edward Wesley, Sr. and Lois Maxwell.

Ed served as a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was a member of the Rotary Club of Rockville. He loved antiques, red roses, and growing tomatoes.

Along with his wife of thirty-one years, he is survived by his daughter Lynne McVeigh (Michael) of Sun City, Arizona; one grandchild, Patrick McVeigh; and one great-grandson, Maxwell McVeigh.

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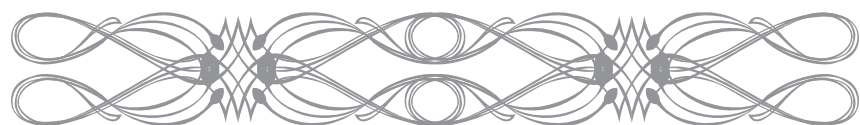
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To Our Valued Clients

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Considering the ongoing developments with COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Poolesville Veterinary Clinic is continuing to implement a plan to help protect our patients, clients, and our amazing clinic staff. While we are always concerned with the health and safety of our patients (your furry friends), to date, the CDC has evidence of pets carrying COVID-19 on their fur and mouth in households with infected humans. Active infections with spread to humans has not been noted. Our primary concern is for the health of the people within our hospital so they may be able to continue to help you and your pets stay healthy. Should one of our employees become COVID positive, it may force the closing of this hospital for up to two weeks. This has happened in several states where clients have been allowed to re-enter the building when bringing their pets for medical attention. For these reasons and the current spike in cases in over 27 states, including Maryland, we will be continuing our curbside drop-off service. Please wear your mask when interacting with our staff. Please call our office from your vehicle when you arrive for your appointment. Please have any notes or paperwork you have filled out ready for our staff when they pick up your pet. Our staff is not allowed to enter your vehicle for any reason, so please have your furry friends in their carrier or on your leash outside of the car. If you are physically unable to leave your vehicle, please ask a friend or relative that can easily get in and out of your vehicle to help. Your mask protects us, and our mask protects you.

Currently, we intend to keep all our services available and maintain our regular schedule of operations. As we navigate this new territory, there may be a disruption to services or a delay in appointments due to school closures and staffing shortages. So far, we have had no issues with these potential disruptions, but as we reach the fall, and schools implement distance learning, we may see changes to our schedule. We will do our best to keep you updated every step of the way.

Please note, there is a potential for increased wait times as more people are home with their pets for longer periods. They have a better chance to see issues that may otherwise have gone unnoticed. We have also been thrilled to see the outpouring of love for rescue animals. We are seeing new "forever home" furry friends on a continual basis. We will continue to make every effort to deliver the best possible care for you and your pets.

To help protect against the spread of COVID-19, visitation hours for hospitalized patients will not be allowed.

In the unfortunate situation where euthanasia is the considered option, we will work with you to allow you to be with your best friend during this stressful and sad time. Our staff remains committed to you and your pets' quality of life and quality of passing.

At this time we are asking clients who have a fever, flu-like symptoms, or who have had exposure to an individual with COVID-19 or have recently traveled to a high risk state or area within the last 21 days to please contact us to discuss rescheduling their pet's appointment.

Poolesville Veterinary Clinic takes the wellbeing of you, your pets, and our staff very seriously, and we will continue to monitor this situation and follow CDC recommendations to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our goal is for your pets to be able to receive the treatment they need without compromising the health of you or our medical staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please feel free to call our hospital with any questions.

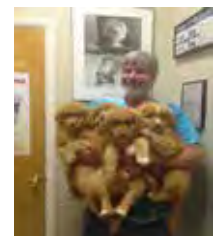
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