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Over 270 riders and horses attended the Seneca Valley Pony Club's fall horse trials. See more pics on page 2.



White's Ferry's new owner Chuck Kuhn updated the public about the status of the ferry at a recent open forum. Details on page 7.



As harvest time approaches, the families of our local farmers remind all to be courteous to those driving the large equipment on our roads. Read more in Tidbits on page 8.



The Poole family, owners of the Seneca Country Store, provided food services for a prestigious local event. Find out what on page 18.

★ Poolesville Day! ★

Imagine That— Poolesville Day Is Back!

By Rande Davis

The last annual Poolesville Day in 2019 was a great holiday festival. Its greatness was not so much in its uniqueness as it was in its fine-tuned, hometown tradition. This year's twenty-eighth event, while truncated a bit due to the residual impact of the pandemic, is an immense relief. A similar emotion was felt as students returned to the classroom. An annual reunion for neighbors and friends, Poolesville Day fulfills its time-honored reputation as a day for all: young and old,

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Excitement grows about the renewal of Poolesville Day traditions.

Tony Tomasello—Experienced and Learning All He Can about Poolesville

By Link Hoewing

The first thing that strikes you about the new town manager Alfred "Tony" Tomasello is his calm nature. It likely comes from having spent his professional life as an administrator in local government in the City of Gaithersburg.

The second is how many places in town he has already visited in just the few short days he has formally been on the job. While he knows a lot about managing local governments, he also knows that his new job, in part, is to get to know the culture of the Town of Poolesville. He feels a key mission as the new town manager is to "connect with the town's citizens." Given the recent history of the town, this is likely welcome news to all.

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Poolesville's new town manager Tony Tomasello was recently interviewed by the Monocle's Link Hoewing.

Family Album



Jenny Barnhard, riding Ari Gold, a student at the Royal Veterinary College in London, and dressage judge Kellie Bickenbach.



PACC members did some networking: Kailee McClure with the Healthy Hub and Cynthia Noyola with Noyola Financials.



The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce secretary Cathy Bupp, Olivia Murphy of Calleva, and Hilary Schwab of Hilary Schwab Photography.



Dressage rider Molly Kushner riding Riptide.



The Seneca Valley Pony Club originated in 1960 and has been allowed to use the Kiplingers' farm Bittersweet Field as its base since 1985. The club is a wonderful source of youthful friendships.



The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce sponsors many events and other networking socials to the benefit of its members. Have you joined yet? Why not?



Below: Rider Sadie Cather-Walter astride Bourbon Mint Julip, prepared for her dressage run.



Rider Sutton Wetcher with Bay Runner.

Happy Poolesville Day!



- from My Family
to Yours

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Rande(m) Thoughts About Poolesville Day: Some Amazing, Intriguing, and Little-Known History

By Rande Davis

Having Poolesville Day back is a bit like having springtime in the fall—a sense of renewal. Elements of the pandemic are likely to be with us for a long time, still we can learn from the past and find ways to restore life as much as we can in most, if not all, ways.

While the name of the event appears restricted to the township, we all know we are referring to the wider community, as well. The real “community” of Poolesville is not limited to the town’s geographic boundaries and neither is Poolesville Day.

In the same sense, there is a very real reason why we chose not to call our paper the *Poolesville Monocle*—after all, where is the alliteration? The *Monocacy Monocle* is so named since our mission is to chronicle the lives of those living not just in the town but beyond as well, including the common experience shared by the residents who surround Sugarloaf Mountain, those living and working in the Ag Reserve, between upper Montgomery County and southern Frederick County. Historically and culturally, we have more in common with the folks of southern Frederick County than down county Gaithersburg and Rockville. We in the Ag Reserve have always been tied to the land.

I am pleased the original spelling of the name of the river was Anglicized. The original name, the Monnockkesey, comes from the Shawnee, meaning “the river of many bends,” although there are those who emphasize the other Indian meaning, “well-fenced garden.” To add a bit more mystery to all this is to point out the Shawnee were not from our area but were from central Ohio until attacked by the Seneca, an Iroquois tribe that drove them further west.

Expanding on the intrigue: The Seneca were not part of our area either. Why so many things locally called Seneca? Turns out the Seneca allied with the British during the Revolutionary War and the Brits came to refer to all Indians, regardless of tribe or nation, as Seneca. Hence, we have the British-biased terms Seneca Schoolhouse, Seneca Valley High School, Seneca stone, etc. when it would have

been far more appropriate to call all of them Piscataway. How did the Piscataway come to dominate our area as the primary native American tribe? They were at least a Maryland tribe that originated at the southern shore of the Chesapeake Bay; however, when the belligerent Native American tribe, the Susquehannocks, of what is now Pennsylvania discovered their oysters and crabs, they decided they wanted them. Fearing for their lives, the Piscataway came to our area and settled on the banks of the Monocacy River near the Monocacy Aqueduct.

To bring the term Monocacy full circle, we should note that Monocacy was a long-abandoned village in Frederick County that was located along an old Indian trail known as the Monocacy Trail. The historic path ran parallel to the river and was known as the Great Wagon Trail by colonial travelers; it went all the way to Philadelphia and later was named Monocacy Road. Early surviving historical records indicate that Monocacy was the oldest settlement in Western Maryland. The town is believed to have been located near present-day Creagerstown but never has been precisely located after its complete abandonment in the early nineteenth century. There is evidence, however, of the town’s existence going back as far as 1730.

After spending over twelve years on the Poolesville Day Committee, I can testify with intimate knowledge how remarkable the current group performs their duties and responsibilities. All on the committee deserve so much credit, but I know they would agree with me, that under Faith Etheridge’s leadership and with the aid of her key assistant, husband Skip, the committee has become the proverbial well-oiled machine.

While so much of the traditions of Poolesville Day are so, well, traditional, each year is still a bit different. This year it will be the presentation of Poolesville’s Got Talent that will have everyone talking at the end of the day. You won’t want to miss it

Finally, a word of advice. Don’t spoil a perfect day of fun and relaxation by going home to cook your own dinner. All our local restaurants will be open and offering many fun specials. If you are a first timer, welcome to town, to our lives, and discover for yourself that community is so much more than a place to live, it’s a life to share.

So, this September 18, we hope you enjoy our special day, one, with my tongue firmly in cheek, which should be more appropriately named Monocacy Day.

Letter to The Editor A Ferry for Our Economy And Community

I read with interest the coverage about the recent Fair Access Committee’s public symposium where I was invited to speak about White’s Ferry’s future and wanted to further underscore the importance of opening the ferry to local citizens.

My wife and I bought White’s Ferry in early 2021 after it closed down following a long legal dispute with the owners of the seven hundred-acre Rockland Farms based in Loudoun County—which neighbors the landing site. Our goal was to purchase the Virginia land site or negotiate a permanent easement so that the ferry never ceases operating again. Like the previous owners, we have been unable to come to reasonable terms at a fair price so that the ferry remains an affordable way to cross the river.

By way of background, the owner of Rockland Farms sued the previous ferry operator—who owned White’s Ferry for approximately seventy

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Town Government

Commissioners Hear about Trash Pickup Problems

By Link Hoewing

New Town of Poolesville manager Tony Tomasello is already facing a challenge as complaints about the poor performance of the town's trash and recycling collection contractor, Bates Trucking, have mounted. At the September 7 commissioners' meeting, a significant share of the commissioners' time was taken up discussing the issue and what to do about it.

Commission president Kerri Cook kicked off the meeting noting the large number of complaints and saying that it is time to look at options.

Tomasello said that he was aware how much staff time is being consumed in taking citizen complaints and in pushing Bates to take action. He understood how frustrated citizens are but also suggested that it is important to have some perspective in considering the problem. He had talked to staff, and they said that the problems now being experienced—particularly the large volume of cases where trash or recycling is simply not being picked up—had not been the norm in the early years of the contract with Bates.

"Bates did not simply decide to start performing badly," he said and pointed to a number of factors affecting the waste collection industry as a whole. It is very difficult, Tomasello said, to hire and keep qualified CDL drivers, those who have a license to operate large trash trucks. It is very hard now to find workers to ride the trucks and do much of the manual labor. It is a nationwide problem affecting most of the companies in the business of collecting and hauling trash. Even things like fixing trucks that have broken down is harder now because getting parts is much more difficult than it used to be.

That said, Tomasello expressed that the most difficult part of the problem is the "lack of communication" on the part of Bates. The contract requires that a senior "agent" for the company be present when the trucks are collecting trash or recycling, but the company has failed to do that in recent times.

Tomasello said that while the town could withdraw from its contract, it is not a practical option given that there are no guarantees any company could be found to quickly step in. He and the staff had been discussing a number of options, including what it might take for the town to operate the service itself which he admitted is a "real steep climb." He also added that it is not common to have a trash collection schedule with pickups twice a week, and depending on how citizens feel, it might be worth considering moving to a schedule with only one pickup per week. That could help ensure that Bates has the resources to do a better job and improve service.

In the end, all of the commissioners recognized that a well-considered strategy, including a more proactive communication approach with citizens, is needed. The contract with Bates ends in June of 2022, so the issues now being faced will shortly be before the commissioners again as they consider a new contract. They asked Tomasello to put together a presentation that would likely be discussed in executive session first before any public strategy is announced.



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To learn more about lymphoma and the work of the Foundation, please visit www.lymphoma.org.

Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Present Virtual and In-Person Programs

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Due to the recent increase in COVID cases, Poolesville Seniors is suspending its in-person indoor activities. Please understand that we are planning our extended calendar in a rapidly-changing environment and are doing our best to safeguard the health of our audience and our program providers. We hope to see you at our virtual events and back in person when conditions improve.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Virtual.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. 11:00 a.m. Virtual. No class 10/6 or 10/13.

Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual.

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Fridays

Breath-Mind-Body with Kathy Jankowski. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please register for each Friday class. Virtual.

September 16

Historic Properties with Kenny Sholes

In his monthly series, Kenny will continue his exploration of the historic homes of the Agricultural Reserve, giving us a better understanding of the people who came before us and the land they cherished. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

September 23

Big Woods Community History

Join Keith LaMar Wilkins, Sr. as he traces the history of families from the Big Woods area of Dickerson. A graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College, Keith spent his school years as a young child with his grandparents in Dickerson so that he could attend school in Poolesville. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

September 27

PS Book Club

Join us as we delve into *Nine Perfect Strangers* by best-selling author Liane Moriarty. This psychological thriller is the story of nine people who gather at a remote health resort. Their ten days of pampering turn into more than they could imagine. Should they stay or should they run for their lives? 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

September 30

Edible Garden Girl

Poolesville photographer Hilary Schwab will delight the eye and the palate with her fresh-from-the-garden eggplant recipes and cooking demonstration live on Zoom. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

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Local News

Town Rallies on Behalf of White's Ferry

By Rande Davis

Poolesville's Fair Access Committee (FAC) sponsored a public forum at the Poolesville Town Hall on August 18 to providing perspective on the future of White's Ferry. Link Hoewing moderated the forum. Questions accepted queried about the future of the ferry and plans for its use once it opened again. The forum chose not to accept questions or statements that involved negotiations between the opposing parties as such matters were out of the range of the forum's objective and it would not be useful to spend time rehashing the many months of contention. The hall was packed to overflowing with some even listening to the proceedings in the hallway. Over seven hundred viewed the video on the town website in the days following the meeting. Various local TV news organizations were there to film and report later that evening.

Town Commission president Kerri Cook opened the forum and spoke of her family's personal attachment to the ferry. Delegate David Fraser-Higaldo outlined the hard work county officials, working with commissioners, were pursuing to find a solution to the issue, adding that, at times, they met every other week to seek strategies to facilitate the ferry's reopening. Loudoun County supervisor Caleb Kershner represented the county board of supervisors, emphasizing their commitment to finding a solution. He pointed out that a study and survey regarding the detailed legal history and legacy of the ferry is underway with the results to be released perhaps as early as this month, but more likely in October. With that, he anticipates the county BOS to vote on eminent domain in December if the two parties involved do not reach an accord. He encouraged attendees and viewers to consider coming to the December hearing in Leesburg to voice support and demonstrate their intensity for the need to open the ferry. He said, "The BOS will be open to your appeal regardless of your not being a constituent." Commissioner Jim Brown followed later that there will be a drive to organize and possibly use buses to get residents to that meeting. Due to legal ramifications, the most optimistic opinion is the ferry could open by the summer of 2022.



Loudoun County supervisor Caleb Kershner was interviewed by the media after the recent public forum.



An overflow crowd attended the August 18 public forum. The event attracted three news media networks and an independent documentary film company.

Also attending the meeting but choosing not to speak were various county officials and a representative of the Department of Transportation. A representative with Congressman Trone's office also attended.

One person seemed to object that members Rockland Farms were not invited to attend, disregarding the fact that a public forum (by definition) is open to all.

Testifying on the importance of White's Ferry to our region were three people representing the business and historical sector as well as one who passionately spoke about how the ferry impacts each one of us personally.

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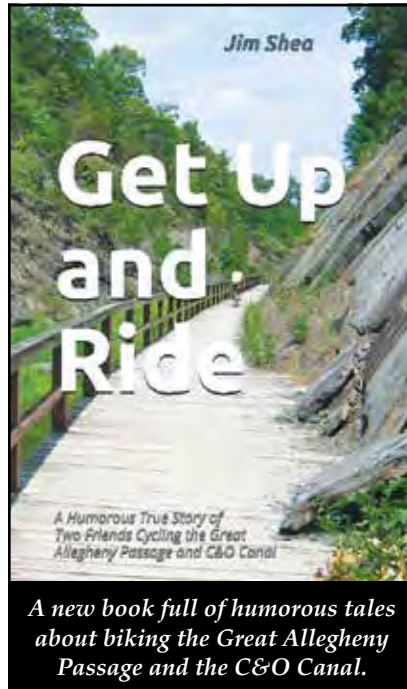
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New Book on Our C&O Canal Trails

A book now available on Amazon, *Get Up and Ride*, is about the five-day bike trip on the Great Allegheny Passage and the C&O Canal (335 miles from Pittsburgh to D.C.) that the author, Jim Shea, did with his brother-in-law, Marty Moldovan, a one-of-a-kind character and the polar opposite of the author which results in many interesting situations. The book is a collection of amazing and funny stories of encounters with people they met along the way, as well as historical accounts of places on the trail and maps of each day of their journey. There are chapters on towns in our region including Williamsport, Hancock, White's Ferry, etc.

A portion of the book proceeds are going to the Great Allegheny Passage Conservancy to help fund trail maintenance.

The author will be doing a book talk/discussion/signing on Saturday, September 11 from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. with Marty at Beans in the Belfry, a café in Brunswick near the C&O in Frederick County.



Members of the Poolesville American Legion Post 247 held a traditional marine toast in memory of the thirteen military personnel killed in action in Afghanistan.

Honoring the Memory of Those Killed in Action

At the recent American Legion Post 247 meeting in Poolesville, the members paused to toast the service and the memory of the twelve marines and navy corpsmen who were killed in action during the withdrawal from Afghanistan:

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A Ferry for Our Economy And Community

years—for “trespass.” This followed a storm which required rebuilding a retaining well. The trespass was a very minor incursion beyond an unmarked flood plain border at the edge of the easement. The ensuing debate over a few feet of land directly resulted in the permanent closure of the ferry.

The public interest in keeping this two-hundred-plus-year-old crossing operational should outweigh Rockland Farms’s ongoing and lengthy legal dispute over a few feet of otherwise unusable land. Disrupting commuters in two states who use an established road that does not materially encroach on their property and, in fact, has enhanced its value for centuries is not right for our communities on both sides of the Potomac.

White’s Ferry should have a reasonable expectation to access the crossing as it has since the Revolutionary War, and the owners of Rockland Farms are entitled to reasonable compensation. Yet, most importantly, the public is entitled to get this important first crossing of the Potomac River safely operational and open.

We stand ready and willing. We had hoped to find a resolution that worked for all parties; however, now it will be up to the local and state governments as they explore acquiring the land through eminent domain. We support whatever makes it possible to ensure this ferry remains a source of economic prosperity for our region and its citizens.

– Chuck Kuhn
Owner, White’s Ferry
CEO, JK Moving

Fun Fact...

September in other languages

- Chinese (Mandarin): Jiuyue
- Danish: September
- French: Septembre
- Italian: Settembre
- Latin: September
- Spanish: Septiembre

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Garden

That 'Parsley Worm' Is Really a Caterpillar

By Maureen O'Connell

In the last couple of weeks, did you happen to notice in your garden a "worm" on parsley, dill, carrot, or phlox plants? Chances are it is a caterpillar that turns into an even more striking eastern black swallowtail butterfly. The pupa worm is in the butterfly's larval stage. This butterfly is found across southern Canada and most of the eastern and mid-western U.S. all the way to the Rocky Mountains. It is the most common butterfly in our area.



Eastern black swallowtail caterpillar on author's fennel plant.

There are many types of butterflies. They and moths make up an order of insects called Lepidoptera. This group contains over 180,000 known species. North America is a temperate area, and many butterflies find a home here. Approximately seven hundred species can be found north of the border of Mexico. Two familiar types are the milkweed butterfly (among them the monarch), the queen butterfly, and the Papilionidae (includes the black swallowtail butterfly). Scientifically, butterflies are categorized into species and families. They can also be separated into habitats. Each one offers unique sources of camouflage and nutrition, and each type of ecosystem has different butterflies that thrive there.

Grassland habitats are seen in meadows and around flower gardens. You can find monarchs, swallowtails, and viceroys in these areas. The viceroy can convincingly mimic the appearance of the monarch. Woodland butterflies have a large variety of food sources, so you find more varieties in this habitat. There are also mountain butterflies and coastal butterflies.

Monarchs generally make more headlines, but the eastern black swallowtail (EBT) also merits attention. These two are frequently confused in the late caterpillar stage. The EBT has black, green, yellow, and white stripes with black spots, and the monarch has alternating narrow green and black stripes. The swallowtail has an amazing saddle-type chrysalis (a quiescent insect pupa) that sports amusing orange-yellow tentacles that emerge from the head area when provoked or bothered.

The EBT females lay eggs singly on host plants, and upon hatching, the caterpillars are very tiny and hard to spot. As they mature through several life stages over the course of fifteen to thirty days, the caterpillars change to the bright green "worms" gardeners see munching on their plants. By the time they reach this stage, they are almost done feeding and ready to pupate. They do not harm the plants, so do not disturb them. They are next spring's butterflies.

Where do butterflies go for the winter? Based on the species, butterflies spend the winter in a variety of ways. Some overwinter as adults, tucked into rock crevices or tree bark. Most of them and moths overwinter in the larval stage. The annual migration of the monarch butterfly is a unique and amazing phenomenon. It is the only butterfly to make a two-way migration as birds do. Those in eastern North America have a second home in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico and those in western North America overwinter in California. The swallowtails spend the winter inside a chrysalis, also known as a cocoon, hanging from a tree or camouflaged under fallen leaves and decaying plants. For this reason, gardeners should allow the garden to stand through the winter; don't overdo a fall cleanup. It is essential that we provide overwintering habitat for the swallowtails in the form of standing perennial stems, ornamental grasses, and leaf litter.

Another way to encourage more butterflies in your gardens is to plant more food sources. Fall is the best time to plant these types of perennials. Many that you plant in the spring will not yield nectar-filled blooms until next season. While milkweed is the lifeblood of the monarchs and helps continue its circle of life, nectar flowers give the adults the energy to continue that strenuous cycle. To attract many different types of butterflies, plant lots of their favorite host plants, including caraway, celery, dill, parsley, fennel, zinnia, Queen Anne's Lace, Joe

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That 'Parsley Worm' Is Really a Caterpillar

Pye weed, *Allium*, chives, and phlox. Many people plant butterfly bushes (*Buddleia davidii*) to attract butterflies. There are mixed feelings if this is good or bad for butterflies. Because these bushes offer copious amounts of nectar, they become extremely attractive to pollinators, distracting them from other native co-flowering species and reducing the native's reproductive success which eventually also harms the native's populations. I do have several of these bushes, but right next to them are many other nectar-producing plants which are also very popular.

Pollinator gardens are very popular now, and there is a wealth of info out there on how to design and plant one. It is not complicated, and you don't have to spend a lot of money on them. Simply plant what butterflies, in all stages of their lives, love to eat, and they will come.

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Poolesville Day Guide 2021

It's Poolesville Day once again, Saturday, September 18, 2021. All through the planning process this year, the Poolesville Day Committee remained vigilant about the latest developments concerning COVID-19. Although COVID-19 continues to be a health concern, the committee is intent on carrying out our commitment to have Poolesville Day 2021. Since this is my opportunity to thank those folks who have sacrificed their time to put together this great event, I would like to say that this year has been like no others. The committees' efforts have

been extraordinary with tireless energy and planning.

I would like to thank **Cathy Bupp**, our dedicated exhibitor chair/town liaison; **Maureen Gilli**, new this year, who has done a wonderful job as our school/Falcon Lane liaison; **Carlos Cabrera**, our Parade Concierge, who keeps everyone in line; **Skip Etheridge**, my right hand and traffic/security liaison/Poolesville's Got Talent; **Bernie Mihm**, responsible for all our sponsors and the shining blue T-shirts; **Link Hoewing**, for overseeing the grand marshal nominations and keeping us

updated on all CDC guidelines; **Matt Johnson**, also new this year, orchestrating the main stage; **Kathy Bassett**, our local stage manager, traveled the county and was able to obtain very talented bands for our local stages; **Saundra Hudnall**, working from Arizona mastering our webpage; **JD Taylor** and **Joyce Breiner**, reaching across the USA to bring in unique EV cars; **Tom Kettler**, with his masterful skills, has obtained the best outhouses in the county; **Valaree Dickerson**,

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The 2021 Poolesville Day Committee: Joyce Breiner, J.D. Taylor, Christian Hellwig, Paul Harney, Link Hoewing, Matt Johnson, Carlos Cabrera, Skip Etheridge, Melanie Sholes, Kathy Bassett, Alex Markoff, Faith Etheridge, and Cathy Bupp.

Grand Marshal Valaree Dickerson

Valaree has lived in and loved the Town of Poolesville for over forty-two years. Her incredible devotion to our town is evident by her dedication to community service. Her many accomplishments include serving as an elected town commissioner for eight years, ending her term as the vice president of the commission. During those eight years, she served as the Parks Board Liaison and Events Committee Liaison. Valaree also recommended creating Sustainable Poolesville, which led to the town becoming a certified municipality under Sustainable Maryland.

While her children were young, she served on the PTA board and as

president for many years. Her commitment included being on the Post Prom Committee and a volunteer PAA cheerleading coach for four years. Valaree has been a WUMCO volunteer for thirty years and created the WUMCO Toy Drive. In addition, she helped develop the annual Wounded Warriors Soldiers Picnic held at White's Ferry. She also formed the community-based support group, Together, for families of addicts—now operating as Families Anonymous at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Most importantly, Valaree was instrumental in helping to develop the Poolesville Area Senior Center, assisting in forming the organization into a 501(c)3. She currently sits on the Board of Directors of Helping Hands Poolesville, a subsidiary of Rebuilding Together.

As you can see, Valaree represents all that makes Poolesville special, and we want to congratulate her on being this year's Grand Marshal.



2021 Poolesville Day
Grand Marshal Valaree Dickerson.

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Studio Rolls

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new this year, using her amazing management techniques, scheduling volunteers; **Christina Nanof**, bringing animals far and wide for the ag display/liaison for the free COVID vaccinations; **Alex Markoff**, production/day liaison, is always a phone call away to ensure all is ready to go; **Paul Harney**, visited over thirty car shows to ensure ours would be the best; **Melanie Sholes**, our recording secretary, who can type 100 wpm while keeping us all on task; **Carol Lee**, our treasurer, but I call her our financial wizard; and **Kevin Schramm**, the creative signage guru. Of course, good things like Poolesville Day cost money, so I also would like to offer a special thanks to our sponsors who give generously to make this day possible every year.

Gold Sponsors: Town of Poolesville; Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce; Calleva; Gail Lee Homes/Long and Foster Realtors; Jim Brown Turning Point Real Estate; Potomac Valley Surveys; Poolesville Green; and the *Monocacy Monocle*.

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Hill Early School; Hope Garden Ballet Academy; Poolesville Veterinary Clinic; Round Point/Freedom Mortgage; Kettler Forlines Homes; Harris Teeter; Anytime Fitness Poolesville; and Montgomery Community Media.

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This year will be my last year as chairperson of the Poolesville Day Committee. I started out as the liaison for the Kiddie Corner, then was asked to be Parade Concierge, and for the last ten years, I have had the honor of serving as the chairperson. I have worked with great volunteers over the past decade, but it is now time to pass the torch. I would like to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for their support.

See you on Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m!

— Faith Etheridge
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House of Poolesville Restaurant: *Outdoor buffet selection*
Memorial United Methodist: *Booths 96-97 Walking tacos, hot dogs*

IN WHALEN COMMONS

Maha Saah: *Chicken, Beef Kabobs*
Pacha Mama's Juice Company: *Juices and Lemonade*
Festival Concessions: *Sausage, Burgers, Funnel Cakes*
The Big Creek Café: *Pitas and Salads*
Country Concessions: *Ribbon Potatoes*
Sherri's Crab Cakes: *Crab Cake Sandwiches*
BS BBQ: *Brisket, Mac & Cheese*
Old-Fashioned Kettle Korn: *Kettle Korn*
Kona Ice: *Shaved Ice*
3rd Alarm BBQ: *Pulled Pork, Brisket*
Bar Therapy: *Mocktails*
Golden Rose Cakery: *Cakes Pops*
Blazin' Butts: *Brisket, Chicken*
Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream: *Ice Cream*

SPECIAL BAKED GOODS & SWEETS

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church: *Booths 8 & 9*
Baked Goods

Flint Hill Methodist Church: *Booth 47 & 48*
Baked goods

Bruster's Real Ice Cream: *Booth 63*
Ice cream, Sundaes

Autism Awareness: *Booth 160*
Smoothie Bar

BEAT THE HEAT! BASSETT'S AND CUGINI'S POOLESVILLE RESTAURANTS OPEN AS USUAL

Bassett's Restaurant, Kristopher's,
 Subway, Mexican Grill, McDonald's,
 Cugini's, Locals, Asian House of Poolesville,
 and Oriental Gourmet

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PACC 5K RUN/WALK RACE 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church

PARADE – 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

Starts at Poolesville Elementary runs along Fisher Avenue
(Please remember to social distance along parade route)
GRAND MARSHAL: Valaree Dickerson

NATIONAL ANTHEM and Presentation of Memorial Wreath
 American Legion Poolesville Post 247
 JPMS Music Department Band

CHILDREN'S AND ADULT ACTIVITIES 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Field next to Whalen Commons

Ferris Wheel, Kiddie Carousel, Mind Winder, Mobile Ninja
 Course, Zipline, Trackless Train, Wacky X Large, Pinball Super
 Slide, Calleva Rock Climbing Wall, and more!
 Boy Scout rope ladder in Whalen Commons.

FALCON LANE 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dollar General / Fisher Avenue

Come and enjoy great music, dance contests, and more
 from DJ/EZ! Check out live music from **Reasonably Untamed** at
 the Falcon Stage at 12:30 p.m. There will also be the infamous
 Poolesville Day Senior dunk tank, interactive robot driving
 challenges, fun exhibits, henna art, tie die art and
 accessories, science experiments, plant swap and sale, great
 food, prizes, carnival games, and so much more!
 See you at Falcon Lane!

JOHN POOLE HOUSE 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The oldest building in Poolesville. Log structure built in 1793
 by John Poole, Jr. served as a trading post and was the U.S.
 Post Office.

The Old Town Hall Bank Museum features many local Civil
 War artifacts.

PONY RIDES (sponsored by Calleva) 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Field at the corner of Fisher Ave & Cattail Road, next to PES

POOLESVILLE GREEN ELECTRIC CAR SHOW

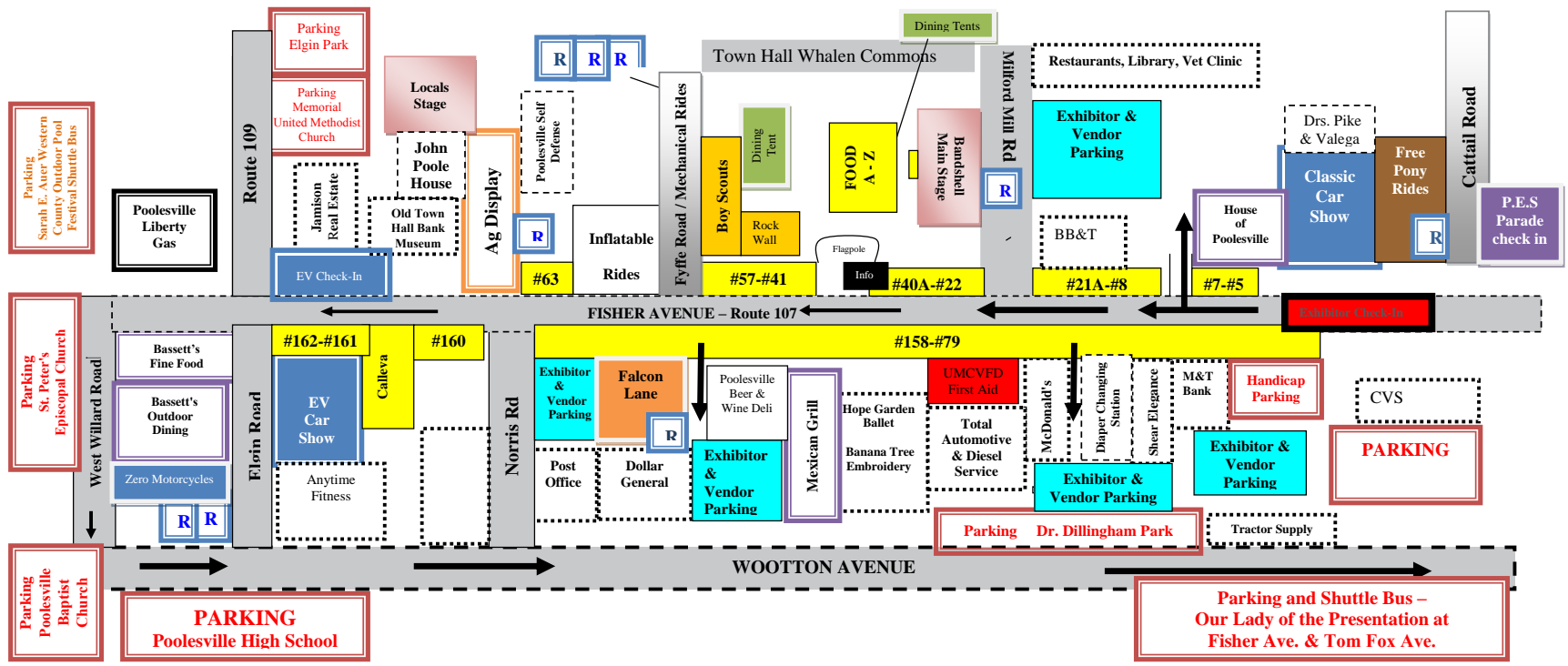
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Parking lot corner of Elgin Rd & Fisher Ave near Old Town Hall
 Electric Car Test Drives and Rides

CLASSIC CAR SHOW 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Parking lot AHop and Pike & Valega, Fisher Avenue
 Music by **Jack Worthington**

28th/29th ANNUAL POOLESVILLE DAY CELEBRATION – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021 EXHIBITOR LOCATIONS, STAGING AREAS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS, ENTERTAINMENT, CAR SHOWS, PARKING (Map NOT to scale)



EXHIBITOR/VENDOR CHECK-IN: Entrance of House of Poolesville Restaurant / Drs. Pike & Valega parking lot
Poolesville Day Information Booth: Located in front of the monument circle at Whalen Commons

R Restrooms: Fyffe Road, Bandshell and Bassett's Parking Lot One way driving for load-in/load-out & exhibitor parking Poolesville Day Shuttle Pick Up at Our Lady of the Presentation Church and County Pool



POOLESVILLE DAY 2021 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



WHALEN COMMONS MAIN STAGE
 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. POOLESVILLE DAY PARADE
KAROUSEL
 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
POOLESVILLE'S GOT TALENT
 12:35 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.
THE HACKENS BOYS
 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 10:05 a.m. Presentation of Memorial Wreath
 Poolesville's American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247
 10:10 a.m. National Anthem
 JPMS music department
 10:15 to 11:30
 Variety of performers: Hope Garden Ballet, Glad-I-Yoga, PHS Poms, Poolesville Athletic Club – Tai Chi.

Locals Restaurant Lot
 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – Touch of Grey
 12:50 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. – No Stop Light

Falcon Lane
 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – DJ/EZ
 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Reasonably Untamed
 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. – DJ/EZ

FISHER AVENUE (House of Poolesville Restaurant to Milford Mill Road)			FISHER AVENUE - (McDonald's SIDE) (M&T Bank to Poolesville Beer, Wine & Deli parking lot entrance)		
5	Kitchen Saver	Information	79	Harris Teeter	Information
6	Maid Brigade	Information	80	Dist. 15 Democratic Caucus	Political information
7	Great & Small Ther. Riding	Information	81	Sugarloaf Citizens' Assoc.	Information
8	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	82	Hearthside Collectibles	Toys, jewelry
9	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	83	Shear Elegance	Information
10	White Caterpillar	Candles	84	BCC-Izaak Walton League	Information
11	Moonlighting Pens	Hand Turned Pens	85	Eric B. Home Improvement	Information
12	Stacey Lookingbill	Tupperware	86	Hosanna Community Church	Information
13	Poolesville Vet Clinic	Information	87	Loving Paws Pet Care	Pet Bandanas, Dog Treats
14	The Healthy Hub	Information & Samples	88	Mom's Club of Poolesville	Kids' Activities
15	WUMCO Help, Inc.	Raffle, Handouts	89	PHS Global Ecology	Recycling Booth
16	Maggie Nightingale Library	Information	90	MC Faith Alliance	Climate Solutions
17	Library Advisory Committee	Books	90A	MC Media	Information
18	Fern Studio Design	Original Arts & Prints	91	Commotion Dance	Games & Crafts
19	SappSews	Scrunchies, Tote Bags	92	Jennifer Fielder	Face Masks, Wooden Signs
20	SGAP Leaders	Information	93	UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary	Raffle Tickets
21	SGAP Leaders	Cornhole games	94	UMCVFD	Fire Safety Recruiting
21A	SGAP Leaders	Cornhole games	95	UMCVFD	First Aid Tent
FISHER AVE. (COMMONS SIDE) - Milford Mill Rd to Monument			96	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Drinks
			97	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Walking Tacos
22	Poolesville Young Life	Gaga Ball	98	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Hot Dogs
23	Living Word Bible	Balloon Twisting	99	IOOF Lodge #97	Raffle, Recruiting
23A	Living Word Bible	Information	100	American Legion Post #247	Information
24	F&D Apiaries	Honey products	101	Friends of Ten Mile Creek	Information
25	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Information	102	Beads Upon a Time	Jewelry
26	Fred. Breathe Free	Sinus & Allergy	103	Everything Electric	Information
27	Mont. Co. Board of Election	Voting Outreach	104	Patrick C. Finley	Oil Painting, Art Prints
28	Monocacy Monocle	Newspapers	105	Poolesville Baptist Church	Sand Art, Bead Bracelets
29	Kettler Forlines Homes	Reserve at Brightwell Crossing	106	Poolesville Baptist Church	Face Painting
30	Drs. Pike & Valega	Information	107	Gracefully Rustic Woodworks	Cutting Boards, Serving Trays, Wine Racks
31	Durango Dog Company	Dog Treats	108	Eternal Vine Soaps	Soaps, Lotions, Bath Bombs
32	Heather Soskin Photography	Photography Services	109	Tasty Knots	Dog Toys
33	Monocacy Lions Club	Raffle, Club Membership	110	Pville Community Garden	Information
34	GAIL LEE Homes	Information	111	Pville Presbyterian Church	Information, water, games
35	GAIL LEE Homes	Giveaways	112	Pville Presbyterian Church	Information, water, games
36	PHS PTSA	Information	113	The Sweet Lemon	Candles, Stationery
37	PHS Athletic Booster Club	Spiritwear, Magnets	114	DC National Rowing Club	Demonstrations
38	PHS Athletic Booster Club	Spiritwear, Magnets	115	DC National Rowing Club	Demonstrations
39	Bupp Contracting	Information	116	Georgetown Hill Early Sch.	Information
40	Nail Momma Katie	Color Street	117	Rare Glo	Body Oils
40A	Seneca Studio	Cutting Boards, Serving Trays	118	"DJ" The Baker	SWEETS: Scones
FOOD/SWEETS - WHALEN COMMONS PARK			119	The Pampered Chef	Kitchen Tools
			120	Furry Friends	Dressed Teddy Bears
			121	Rural Women's Rep. Club	Information
A	Maha Saah	FOOD: Chicken Beef Kabobs	122	Jonathan Martinez	Poolesville Apparel
B	Fest. Concessions	FOOD: Sausage - Burgers	123	Tiki Toes Creative Studios	Mosaic Art Items
C	Fest Concessions 2	SWEETS: Funnel Cakes	124	King's Barn Dairy MOOseum	Giveaways
D	Pacha Mama's Juice Co.	DRINKS: Juices & Lemonade			
E	The Big Greek Cafe	FOOD: Pitas, Salads			
F	Country Concessions	FOOD: Ribbon Potatoes			
G	Sherrri's Crabcakes	FOOD: Crabcake Sandwiches			
H	BS BBQ	FOOD: Brisket, Mac & Cheese			
I	Old-Fashioned Kettle Corn	FOOD: Kettle Korn			
J	Old-Fashioned Kettle Corn	FOOD: Kettle Korn			
K	Kona Ice	SWEETS: Shaved Ice			
L	3 rd Alarm BBQ	FOOD: Pulled pork, Brisket			
M	Bar Therapy	DRINKS: Mocktails			
N	Golden Rose Cakery	SWEETS: Cake Pops			
O	Blazin' Butts BBQ	FOOD: Pork Brisket, Chicken			
P	Ben & Jerry's	SWEETS: Ice Cream			
R	Al Fresco	FOOD: Empañadas			

Fisher Avenue – Monument to Jamison Real Estate			FISHER AVENUE – (McDONALD'S SIDE) Poolesville Beer, Wine & Deli Entrance to Jamison Real Estate		
41	Rustic Route, LLC	Whole Bean Bagged Coffee	126	Knights of Columbus	Car Raffle
42	Wildlife Warriors	Crafts, Baked Goods	127	Knights of Columbus	Car Raffle
43	Suzie’s Bubbles	Bath Bombs, Lotions	128	Church of JC of LDS	Information
44	Sustainable Poolesville	Information	129	Dogs On Deployment	Information
45	Hope Garden Ballet	Ballet Information, Accessories	130	Frederick Foot & Ankle	Giveaways
46	Hope Garden Ballet Theatre	Tickets, Accessories	131	A Cut Above Repair	Information
47	Flint Hill United Methodist	SWEETS: Baked Goods	132	Mont. Co. Republican Party	Political Information
48	Flint Hill United Methodist	SWEETS: Baked Goods	133	Mont. Co. Republican Party	Political Information
49	Senajewen	Handmade Jewelry	134	Upcounty Prevention Net.	Information
50	Shine on Together	Autism Awareness	135	Mont. Co. Police Dept.	Giveaways
51	Madison Fields	Goat Milk Soap	136	CUTCO Cutlery	Cutco Knives
52	Poolesville Seniors	Information	137	Soccer Shots	Information
53	Hilary Schwab Photography	Photography, Note Cards	144	Hungerford’s Tavern DAR	Information
54	PACC	Chamber of Commerce	145	Hungerford Resolves CAR	Information
55	Round Point Freedom Mortgage	Information	148	Girl Scouts of Poolesville	Information
56	Fair Access Committee	Information	149	Girl Scouts of Poolesville	Games & Coloring
57	Global Children’s Center	Information & Activities	152	Grace Kaiser	Scentsy Warmers
63	Bruster’s Real Ice Cream	SWEETS: Ice Cream	153	Grace Kaiser	Scentsy Warmers
			154	Kathy Cross H2 Yo Yo	Balloon, YoYos
			157	Colibri Crafts	Ceramics, Jewelry
			158	Colibri Crafts	Ceramics, Jewelry
			160	Calleva	Information
FL-0	Fun Stuff 4 Kids	FOOD: Cotton Candy, Popcorn	161	Poolesville Green	Information
FL-1	Falcon Vision	Tutoring Information	162	Poolesville Green	Information
FL-2	Team 4099 (Robotics)	Robotic Demonstrations			
FL-3	FTC 9450 Falcons First	Bottled Water			
FL-4	PHS Swim Team	Apparel			
FL-20	Class of 2022	Dunk Tank			

ADDITIONAL VENDORS, EXHIBITORS, ATTRACTIONS, & INFORMATION:

Historic Medley District Civil War Displays Old Town Hall Bank Museum

POOLESVILLE DAY INFORMATION BOOTH: Located in front of flagpoles of Whalen Commons
FIRST AID & COVID-19 VACCINATION TENTS: Located at Total Automotive & Diesel

All local restaurants are open: Bassett’s Restaurant, Cugini’s, Dunkin Donuts, K2 Café, House of Poolesville, Kristopher’s, Locals, Mexican Grill, McDonald’s, Oriental Gourmet, Subway, The Healthy Hub

Pulse

Seneca Valley Pony Club

By Rande Davis

The Seneca Valley Pony Club is an educational nonprofit organization dedicated to its members with the hope that, through the club, children will learn and grow together in the common experience of horsemanship, team spirit, cooperation, and a mutual love of horses. Members range in age from six to the mid-twenties.

The members of SVPC come from many areas throughout the Washington, D.C. area and are not limited to Montgomery County. With the help of volunteer parents, the children participate in events, lessons, rallies, and fall and spring trials.

The Seneca Valley Pony Club is a member of the local region called the Capital Region and are also members of their parent club, the United States Pony Club. The USPC purports the principles, beliefs, and policy frameworks with which they direct activities of its member clubs. SVPC is also associated with several other pony clubs in the area. In that regard, they participate in competitions with these other pony clubs such as rallies, each with their own focus, be it dressage, show jumping, games, eventing, tetrathlon (show jumping, swimming, cross country running, and shooting), polocrosse, and quiz. Once a year, at the USPC National Rally, the pony clubbers that qualify from the local regions form teams and compete in the national competition.

The Seneca Valley Pony Club has been graciously allowed to use Bittersweet Field in Poolesville on Partnership Road by the Austin Kiplinger family for a cross country equestrian school and for two main events each spring and fall. These events are open to the public and are called the Seneca Valley Horse Trials. They also serve to provide funds from sponsors and participant fees to help fund the pony club. The event features dressage, stadium jumping, and cross country jumping.

At the August 28 and 29 Seneca Valley Trials, there were nearly 270 horse and riders, with participants ranging from youth to senior citizen age. This year's events had the honor of having Olympian Boyd Martin participating. He is the son of Toy and the late Ross Martin who met while competing at the 1968 Olympic Winter Games. Boyd's father, Ross, competed in cross country skiing for Australia, and his mother, Toy, competed in speedskating for Team USA.

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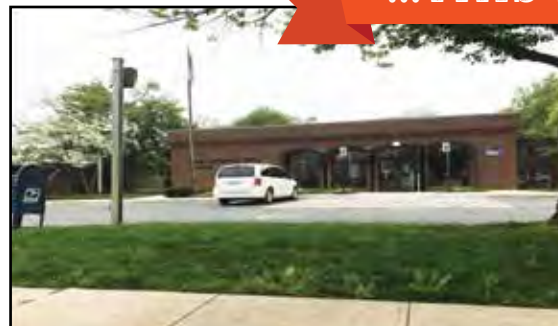
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School News

Poolesville High School Senior 3-D Prints Masks and Face Shields for Community

By Laura Raskins

Colin Rickert, a current senior at Poolesville High School and member of the Global Ecology Magnet Program, utilized modern technology to help his community during the height of the coronavirus lockdown. Under the guidance of his 4-H leader, Joe Hamblin, Colin took initiative in leading his team of three to develop a project which sought to produce Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to individuals most vulnerable to the pandemic in the Upcounty. In collaboration with the regional 4-H Inventors Club and the 4-H Flying Tigers Aerospace Club, Colin worked to construct ninety masks and eighty-five face shields using a 3-D printing machine.

In April 2020, the project found its inception with the first printings of the Montana Mask. The Montana Mask, a product characterized by its hard outer shell and inner filter holder, is intended to give extra protection against the virus when worn over a traditional N95 mask. The face shield, though of no specific model, offers similar benefits. Rickert, using pre-existing templates for both designs, programmed his 3-D printer, taking note of appropriate dimensions and measurements. The process, as he described, was tedious in nature; from the start of coding to final assembly of parts, the production of one face mask could take three to four hours. Persisting through roadblocks and challenges, Colin and his team completed their first successful distribution of 3-D-printed PPE to the TOWERI Midwives in May 2020, and a second distribution to the Friends Meeting School in Ijamsville in May 2021. Most notably, Colin donated his products to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department in Beallsville where they were used by the grounds crew.

Rickert's project, now being considered for the Diamond Clover Level 6 recognition, serves as a testament to students' abilities to engage with communities in need in new and creative ways. While he personally will not be continuing with the project, the 4-H Inventors Club has committed to run the project for the foreseeable future. "The most rewarding part of the experience," Colin says, "was delivering the PPE to the organizations as they all needed it."

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Seneca Valley Pony Club

At the horse trials there are three areas of competition:

Dressage: The highest expression of horse training where horse and rider are expected to perform from memory a series of predetermined movements. The horse and rider are judged by the horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to perform. At the peak of a dressage horse's gymnastic development, the horse responds smoothly to a skilled rider's minimal aids. The rider needs to be relaxed and appear to control the horse effortlessly, while the horse willingly performs the requested movement.

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For more information about the Seneca Valley Pony Club, visit senecavalleyponyclub.org.

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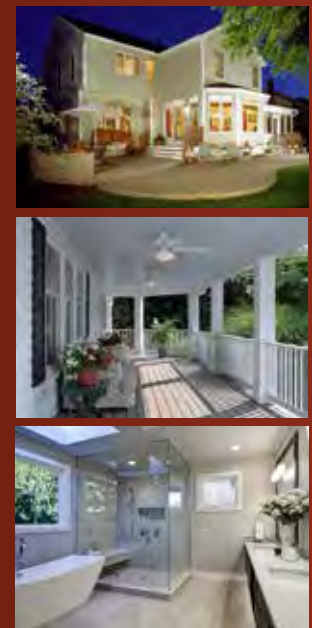
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PHS Varsity Home Games

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Girls' Volleyball vs Wheaton at 6:30 p.m.

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September 21

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Girls' Volleyball vs Clarksburg at 6:30 p.m.

September 22

PHS Varsity Home Game


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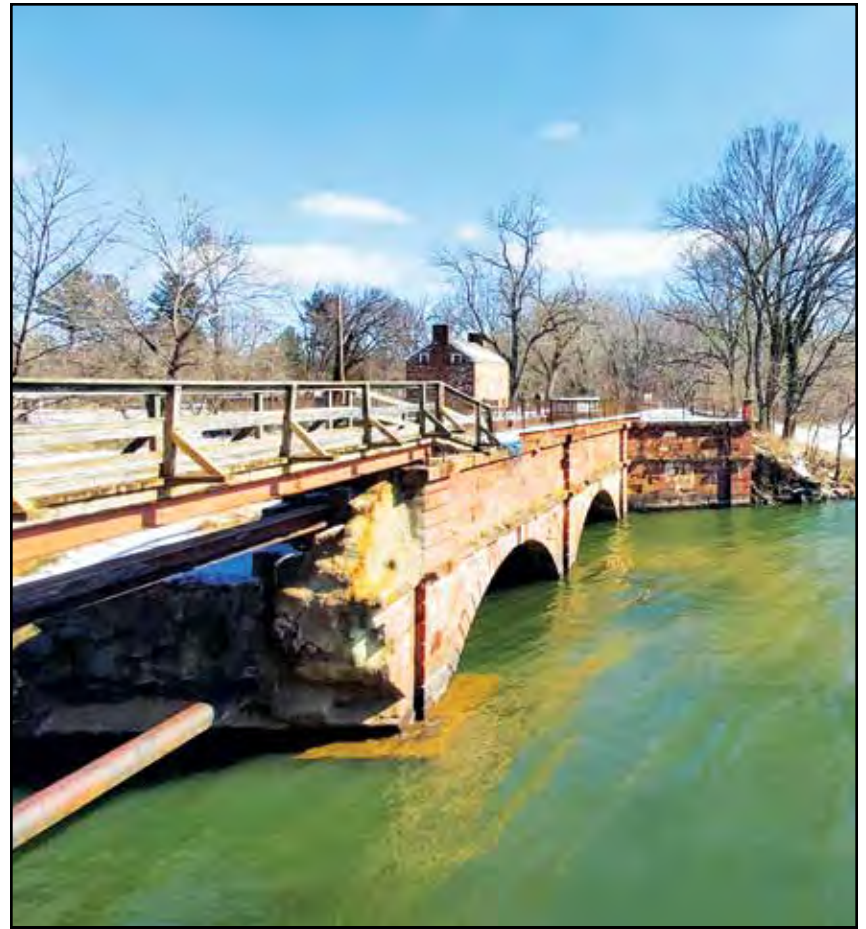
In Your Own Backyard

Restoring the Seneca Aqueduct

By Jon Wolz

People who visit the Seneca Aqueduct, which is connected to Riley's Lock (Lock 24) of the Chesapeake and Ohio (C&O) Canal at the mouth of Seneca Creek, may wonder what happened to the missing or western arch of the aqueduct. That arch collapsed, leaving only the middle and the east arches. There is a wooden footbridge over the missing part of the aqueduct connecting the canal towpath over Seneca Creek. As a Boy Scout, I was fortunate to have admired the complete structure and to have walked across the aqueduct several times. Before its partial collapsed, the aqueduct was one of the most admired canal features.

In the book *Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal*, the author Thomas Hahn described what happened to the Seneca Aqueduct. "Heavy rain on September 11, 1971, raised the level of Seneca Creek about eight feet above the backwater of the Potomac River. The creek became a raging torrent, and houses, boats, trees, and debris were torn loose upstream and thrown against the east and middle arches of the aqueduct. As a result, the west arch took the brunt of heavy objects battering the bridge structure and collapsed. The entire arch was destroyed, leaving only five upper courses of stone in the upstream flume wall. Following the storm, the National Park Service (NPS) took steps to stabilize the aqueduct and thereby prevent further deterioration of its structure." In 1971, the NPS put an application of "Shotcrete" on exposed stones that were once connected to the fallen arch as well as using steel braces to prevent further deterioration of the aqueduct. That effort cost \$128,000. Without the braces, the remaining arches would have been jeopardized. The fallen aqueduct stones were recovered by the NPS and placed next to the towpath upstream just above the aqueduct. That was fifty years ago! Today, there is a chain link fence running along the river side of the aqueduct's towpath, and it stands on top of a long steel beam. There is a steel



Seneca Aqueduct in desperate need of repairs.

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new people in the town and all our longtime residents. For visitors and tourists, there is no better day to get a feel for our community.

This year's newest feature is sure to provide much fun, amusement, and (I can only imagine) more than a few surprises, hopefully most of them good. For the first time, you are invited to participate in Poolesville's Got Talent! on the main stage. The committee, under the direction of Skip Etheridge, is seeking all acts and all ages. Single performers as well as groups. They hope to present the area's best singers, dancers, and comedians, with perhaps a magician or two. No winners or losers, just a lot of fun. If you know someone on the shy side but with a hidden talent, why not nudge them along. Interested performers should send an email to James_M_Etheridge@mcpsmd.org.

Once again, we are proud that this special edition of the *Monocle* is the readers' guide to the entire day. While overall vendor numbers are down (around one hundred) the spirit remains sky-high. What a day of fun, food, music, and community revelry; it's the perfect time to get ahead of the upcoming holiday gift giving season. There are many craft, artisan, home décor, and personal care vendors offering great gift ideas. Will you have a need in the coming year for a home improvement, repair, or other home interior/exterior service? Candidates to meet all our needs will be there. You get to meet the owners up close and personal.

For those of you on a mission to improve your health, many vendors offer insight and information to help you reach your health goals. If spiritual growth is a mission for you, another dozen or so are representatives from our local faith/spiritual groups. Don't forget educational opportunities. So much of our local educational folks (public and private) are here to talk to about anything that concerns you. Literally every such institution serving our area will be here for you to "take a look" and ask questions.

We have over forty amazing civic groups serving our community. From the American Legion to Poolesville Green with its electric car show, these groups will help you learn how you can contribute to their mission of care. New to the community? Poolesville Day is a perfect time to explore your space within this large circle of community service groups.

The day, though, is mostly about fun, food, and friends. This year they have many first-time food vendors with a wide variety of selections. The *Monocle's* five-page guide gives you all the details you will need to not miss anything of utmost importance to you. Descriptions of events, specific locations (including a map), and time schedules are all here for you to plan your day.

There is no party without great music, and this year's music lineup runs the gamut with a sound bite for everyone young to not-so-young, with sounds from the best of the American music scene, past and present. The headliners are on the main stage in Whalen Commons, but there are more at Locals Farm Market and Restaurant and at Falcon Lane.

The headliner band of the day on the Main Stage is **The Hackens Boys**. Specializing in popular country, this band covers a variety of songs that are fan favorites and will have you singing and dancing by the end of the night. Their set ranges from contemporary country artists like Jason Aldean, Eric Church, and Luke Bryan to classic superstars like Johnny Cash, Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, and Garth Brooks. The band is also no stranger to throwing in the occasional pop tune, classic rock anthem, or eighties tune. With such a versatile compilation of music and a great fan base, the Hackens Boys are the perfect choice for Poolesville Day.

Karousel is a D.C.-area teen rock band whose members range in age from thirteen to fifteen years young. In June of 2019, they won MoCo's Got Talent, and also won the High School Division of the Bach to Rock Battle of the Bands, and Best Original Song. In 2018, they made it to the finals of MoCo's Got Talent, won the Best Audience Reaction Award at the Bach to Rock Battle of the Bands, and brought home the award for Best Vocals at Rock for Liberty Battle of the Bands. They love all kinds of music, from classic rock to new rock. Maya Ronick (guitar and vocals) is a junior at Quince Orchard High School. Sammy Krimstein (lead guitar and vocals), Maddie Aponte (keys and vocals), and Jack Husted (drums and vocals) are all freshmen at Quince Orchard, and Luke Jordan (bass and vocals) is a sophomore at Wootton High School.

Their music is based on the Bach to Rock style, but group members love and respect all types of music, from hard rock to classic rock, contemporary music, and more. In May, Karousel advanced to the finals in the MoCo Has Talent

competition, so if you come out to see them now, in a couple of decades you may be able to say, "I knew them when—"

Touch of Grey, as the name implies, is a group of "experienced" musicians who share a love of Americana—a mix of folk, popular, and bluegrass. The emphasis is on vocal harmony and great instrumental solos. **Soul Island Rebels** are a Baltimore-based rock band formed in 2010 serving up blues and funk with a side of soul. Their first album, *Four Quarters*, was released in 2012, and their second album, *Live from Main Street Music Festival*, was released in 2016. Besides cranking out their own music, they jam with hits from a broad spectrum of favorite artists like the Grateful Dead, Dave Matthews Band, Herbie Hancock, Anders Osborne, Sublime, Allman Brothers, James Brown, and many more. They switch up their set lists and employ an eclectic arrangement of instruments to provide a unique sound that keeps it fresh and fun for the crowds.

DJ/EZ is adding his spinning expertise at Falcon Lane for a second year. Zach Etheridge is the owner of EZ Fit Training and a Poolesville native. He has been bringing the hits to his workout crew, and now he's bringing them to you!



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Restoring the Seneca Aqueduct

mule curb running along the towpath next to the aqueduct’s prism. On the river side wall, there is chain link fence. During canal operating days, there was a wooden fence with a rail with two parallel horizontal fence boards attached to wooden posts. There was no fence on the berm side wall. The mule curbs were wooden attached to wood mounting blocks. The historic iron spur fences on the river side of the towpath wings have round arrowheads on top of each picket. On the lower towpath wing fence, there is a line cut into the stone with “1889 JU 2” cut into the stone above the line and “J. W. FISHER” cut into the stone below the line. That was the high-water mark for the great 1889 flood. On top of that stone there are several names of canal workmen and a Civil War soldier cut into the stone. All along the aqueduct’s stone towpath, there are iron cramps attached to each stone securing them in place. A few stones in the aqueduct have stone mason marks on them.

The Aqueduct No. 1, better known as Seneca Aqueduct, is significant because it was important to the operation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and represented a major engineering accomplishment when completed in 1832. The first canal boats used the aqueduct in the spring of 1833.

The aqueduct is in the Seneca Historic District, a national historic district. The district comprises 3,850 acres of federal, state, and county parkland and farmland in which fifteen historic buildings are situated. The C&O Canal, Seneca Aqueduct, Lock No. 24 (Riley’s Lock), the adjacent lockhouse, as well as the Seneca Quarry and quarry master’s house above the quarry also stand within the district.

Seneca Aqueduct was the first of eleven masonry aqueducts constructed to carry the canal across the larger tributaries of the Potomac River between Georgetown and Cumberland, Maryland. It is the only combination aqueduct and lift lock (Lock 24, Riley’s Lock) along the entire 184.5 miles of the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The lockkeeper’s house on the berm side of the lock was completed in 1830. The aqueduct, lock, and lockhouse were constructed using Seneca red sandstone that was quarried nearby at the Seneca Quarry. The Seneca Aqueduct is the only aqueduct of the eleven C&O Canal aqueducts made from Seneca red sandstone. The aqueduct is 126 feet between the upstream and downstream wing walls. It has two piers that are seven feet wide. There are large stone abutments on either side of Seneca Creek. When it was completed, there were three shallow arches that rested on the piers and abutments which are forty feet on center. The upper berm wing wall of the aqueduct has a concrete waste weir twelve feet wide and eight and a half feet high that released excess water from the canal into Seneca Creek.

In 1873, it was noticed by C&O Canal company engineers that the aqueduct was leaking on the berm side (opposite side to the towpath) and the berm side wall bowed. In January and February 1874, the berm side wall was taken down and rebuilt. The great flood of 1889 that came down the Potomac River left the Seneca Aqueduct with minimal damage. Another Potomac River flood caused the C&O Canal to cease operating in 1924.

In 1972, another flood caused by the remnants of Hurricane Agnes resulted in significant damage to the Monocacy Aqueduct (Dickerson), the Catoctin Aqueduct (Lander), and the Conococheague Aqueduct (Williamsport). In the 1970s, I saw in newspaper reports that Congressman Gilbert Gude of Montgomery County had called for the restoration of significant canal aqueducts. The Monocacy Aqueduct was restored in 2004 (\$5.6 million), the Catoctin Aqueduct was restored in 2011 (\$5.1 million), and the Conococheague Aqueduct was restored in 2018 (\$9 million—that aqueduct was rewatered). What about the restoration of the Seneca Aqueduct? At a 2017 annual meeting of the C&O Canal Association, during a question-and-answer session with Superintendent Kevin Brandt, I asked if there were plans to restore the Seneca Aqueduct. He thought a moment and replied, “We’d like to. The footbridge is a little squishy and needs replacing.” In 2018, at a dinner with members of the C&O Canal Association, the after-dinner speaker was author Garrett Peck who wrote a book titled *The Smithsonian Castle and the Seneca Quarry*. He spoke of the quarry and how it contributed stones to the building of several Washington area homes and other structures. He also spoke about creating a Seneca Quarry Visitor Park and restoring the Seneca Aqueduct.

The area at Riley’s Lock and the Seneca Aqueduct has attracted thousands of visitors each year since the canal closed in 1924. People walk the towpath,

birdwatch, bike the towpath, picnic, and put in kayaks and boats by the aqueduct in Seneca Creek. Calleva has been operating river camps at the mouth of Seneca Creek for over twenty years and attracts campers from all over the Washington, D.C. area. I found there were no plans to restore the Seneca Aqueduct.


In June 2021, I wrote the new superintendent, Tina Cappetta, requesting a meeting with her and people I knew of who were interested in seeing the aqueduct restored to discuss restoring the aqueduct. She wrote back saying that she would have her staff look into my request.

In August, the superintendent followed up with me saying she would like to have a virtual meeting with me and some of her staff along with some interested local area people to discuss the restoration of the Seneca Aqueduct. The meeting will be scheduled in late September. Some of the people I invited include Sarah Rogers, Executive Director of Heritage Montgomery, Maureen O’Connell, President of the Historic Medley District, Nick “Chief” and Alex Markoff of Calleva, Rod Mackler, a canal enthusiast who is interested in restoring the aqueduct, and a few other local area citizens interested in seeing the aqueduct returned to its original glory.

Sarah Rogers commented, “The repair of Seneca Aqueduct will be an important step in preserving this part of the C&O Canal story and will greatly improve visitors’ experience and understanding of not only the history but of the stunning landscape which includes Riley’s Lockhouse, the ruins of Seneca Quarry and mill, the turning basin, and the confluence of Seneca Creek and the Potomac River. Heritage Montgomery has been proud to be a part of many restorations along the canal and look forward to working on this project with NPS and community associations.”

Restoring the Seneca Aqueduct will be a multi-year effort. Stay tuned!

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Youth Sports

Lots of Excitement as Poolesville Heads into Fall Schedule

By Jeff Stuart

Smaller rosters present challenges to some of the fall sports teams, but there is lots of excitement as a return to a full fall season—in the actual fall—begins, despite lingering COVID concerns.

Football

“We are excited for the upcoming season,” said football coach Tony Nazzaro. “We have a good mix of experienced varsity players and young guys that are hungry to come up and earn a spot. Players to watch include seniors Logan Marsh (WR/DB), Jaylen Riggs (TE/DE), Dylan LeMarr (TE/WR/DE), and Diesel Anderson (OL/LB), as well as junior Evan Taylor (RB/LB). Our starting QB will most likely be junior Ashton Gaddis and our kicker will be junior Avi Godsey.

“We will have around twenty-five players on the varsity team. As such, there will be a lot of players playing offense, defense, and special teams. The kids have been working extremely hard, are well conditioned, and anxious for the start of the season.”

The first two home games are on September 10 against Wootton and on September 17 against Watkins Mill. They opened the season with an unfortunate 19-16 loss at Bethesda-Chevy Chase on September 3.

Soccer

“The Poolesville Falcon girls’ soccer returns in action after a successful abbreviated spring season,” said coach Rod Nubgaard. “They are building upon the experience and look to have a strong run this season. Girls’ varsity will carry a roster of twenty-two players that include two ninth graders, eight tenth graders, six eleventh graders, and seven seniors. They are led by Captains Nicole Guzman, Sierra Schenck, Avery Penn, and Lizzie Kovacs. JV has a solid roster of nineteen.

“Players to watch in addition to our captains include: Alex Sosna, Gabby Orns, Bre Salovich, and Morgen Smith. Looking at the large roster this season, I am confident that we will see several surprises this season. I see several other players step up and be major contributors as the season unfolds.”

The girls open their season at home against Wheaton on September 8.

Cross Country

“We have about eighty kids out, about thirty girls and fifty guys,” said cross country coach Prasad Gerard. “We have twenty-two freshmen which is great. It is great to see the freshmen come out. It is good for the team. Our leaders are going to be Caleb Dastrup, Aaron Longbrake, Dylan Derewonko, and Ian Boehm on the boys’ side. On the girls’ side, we have Caroline Simmons, Daisy Dastrop, and Anna Bodmer. I want them to all be healthy. I don’t want any big injuries. I want them to run really well and compete on a good level. I hope we get into the cool weather soon.”

The first school meet was against Einstein and Clarksburg on September 8. The first home meet is on September 14 against Paint Branch.

Girls' Field Hockey

“I have a new junior goalie, Lauren Hopkins, who has never played before,” said field hockey coach Katie Hackey. “We had our first scrimmage last night, and she did phenomenal. It is an important position, but she picked it up really fast. Most everyone on the roster played for me when we had our spring COVID season. They are all returners. We are an experienced team. We have quite a few seniors.

“We are going to be strong competitors. We are going to win the games we are supposed to win, and the harder teams will find us hard to compete against. Emily Bupp, a senior midfielder, will play a lot of roles for me. She is going to be a leader on defense. I will need her on the field for corners. She is not going to see a lot of time on the sidelines. She can control a game.

“One of our biggest challenges is going to be endurance because we don’t have a lot of substitutes. Right now, we have sixteen players, and we have to have eleven on the field, so they all are going to see a lot of field time.”



Cross country runners: Anna Bodmer, Billie Beane, Caleb Dastrup, Aaron Longbrake, Daisy Dastrop, Ian Boehm, and Caroline Simons. Coach Prasad Gerard is a very busy man as he is also the sponsor for the Science Bowl, the Chemistry Club, and the Chess Club.

The girls lost their season opener, 3-0, to Richard Montgomery. Their next home games will be against Watkins Mill on September 22 and against Northwest on September 27.



Girls' Field Hockey: Marta Brannman, Emily Bupp, Brooke Rendzio, Helen Kreitzer, and Rosemary Dean. Seniors not pictured are Kelsey Hobbs, Alaina Sorrell, and Vyoma Mehta.

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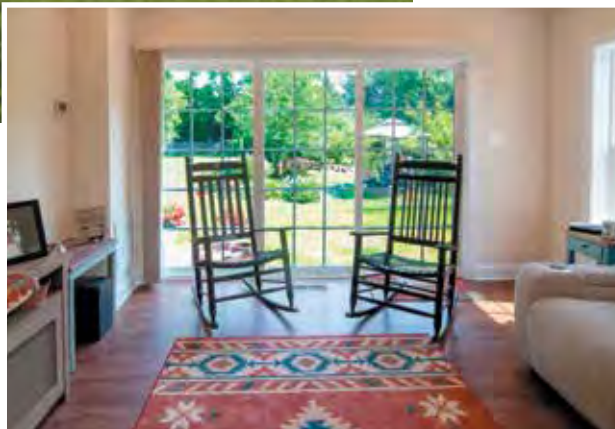
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Daytripper

South Mountain State Park

By Rande Davis

South Mountain is an enjoyable one-day trip that can provide some healthy outdoor back-to-nature time as well as historical appreciation. While our primary target was the hiking trail around South Mountain (Gathland State Park), we also enjoyed side trips to several of those attic-like antique and collectible shops. You may be surprised to learn just how much fun this kind of antiquing can be, even for the kids.

South Mountain is a terrific place for one of those good old-fashioned park picnics—it even has barbecue grills, so you might want to plan on grilling and picnicking on the spot. Once in the park, we suggest you pass the lower parking lot and drive to the top parking area. There will be a voluntary \$2.00 entrance fee, so make sure you have some singles with you.

Along the path that leads to the top of South Mountain and to our nation's very first Washington Monument, you will find historical markers that highlight key milestones in the life of our first president. This is terrific for kids, and we promise you will learn new facts about President Washington.

Just before reaching the summit, you will come upon a small path that breaks away northbound. This is part of the famous Appalachian Trail which spans more than two thousand miles from Georgia to Maine. Serious hikers could spend an entire afternoon exploring this trail. We rank amateurs, however, walked on the path for a few hundred yards just for bragging rights.

The view from the base of the monument at the summit of South Mountain is one of the best in the area—panoramic and warmly pastoral. As you take in the breathtaking view of the surrounding area, visible for nearly 360 degrees, look down over the slopes, the paths, and the gullies. It is here, just below you and around the top, that thirteen thousand Confederates and thirty-six thousand Federals fought in the Battle of South Mountain. It is here that Lee's hopes of a sustained campaign in the North were first stopped. It is here that two presidents of the United States participated in the Civil War: Rutherford B. Hayes and William McKinley.

Most important of all, it was here that the "Federal army missed an opportunity, where, with better coordination and conviction, the southern army could have been divided and defeated, possibly bringing an early end to the war" (www.dnr.state.md.us/publications/southmtbattle).

We left South Mountain at lunchtime, and the fresh air and hiking gave us a real appetite. There are several options for lunch. For a more casual lunch, we drove to Boonsboro, the small town we had viewed from the mountain.

We stopped at the Old Pike Inn, just outside of town, a fun and relaxing grill that serves stacked sandwiches and delicious fries.

Attached to the inn is the Boonsboro antique and collectible shop. This is our favorite kind of shop where super deals can be found and some real treasures may be hidden. The attic atmosphere gets you thinking you can stumble on a one-of-a-kind find.

The scenic ride home took less than fifty minutes. When we arrived back in Poolesville before 4:00 p.m., having started out mid-morning, we were surprised at how much we had accomplished in only one afternoon.

Addendum: Additionally, you may want to extend your daytrip into the afternoon by also visiting the South Mountain State Battlefield. This historical

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Town Rallies on Behalf of White’s Ferry

Tom Kettler of Kettler Forlines Homes and the president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce observed that the impact on local business as reported by various restaurants and retailers has been an estimated minimum loss of twenty percent in revenue. Such a drop in our local economy even during normal times can be devastating but coupled with the effects of the pandemic makes matters even worse.

Maureen O’Connell of the Historic Medley District, Inc. eloquently spoke of the historical significance and importance of White’s Ferry and that White’s Ferry is a “gateway to tourism” which is a major contributor to our economy.

Pastor Chuck Copeland of the Hosanna Community Church, who lives on White’s Ferry Road, highlighted the critical role the ferry plays in our personal lives explaining his family’s attachment for recreational use to shopping in Leesburg, adding that even in an emergency, Leesburg can be a most convenient destination.

Chuck Kuhn, along with his wife Stacy, the new owners of White’s Ferry, addressed the meeting with a determined position that the ferry will eventually open by adamantly stating, “The ferry will run again.” Nevertheless, he was not encouraged that a negotiated settlement can occur. “I have exhausted all efforts to reach a settlement. I have zero optimism that continuing negotiation with the Virginia shoreline will be a success. I have tried, and at this point any more effort is not a good use of my time or funds. I have exhausted my ability to reach an agreement. If I would agree to the public demands now made (by Rockland Farms) you would not pay the high fee we would need to charge.” He complimented the Brown family for all their efforts and their financial offers to get the ferry open again, and humorously remarked how, originally, he had believed that all it would take was a different perspective than what the Browns had. “I soon learned I was wrong on that.” He thanked all those who have been supportive of his quest, citing the Town of Poolesville, Montgomery County elected office holders, other county and state officials, and even support at the congressional level. He also thanked members of the Loudoun County government.

The Kuhn family has purchased hundreds of acres of farmland in Western

Loudoun County to preserve its history and to use its resources for the public good. The family has long believed they were fortunate to “live in a historical museum” and have made one of the most important missions in life to help preserve it. Their 150-acre Kuhn Family Community Farm provides its produce and cattle for free to various groups in the region to help those in need. Mr. Kuhn said that he has gone so far in negotiations as to offer to buy Rockland Farms to no avail.

For persons wanting to help open the ferry, there are two avenues available: First, they may email Loudoun County officials at bss@loudoun.gov or send an email to the producers of an upcoming documentary about the dilemma concerning the opening of White’s Ferry. The filmmakers are reaching out to the public to get personal perspectives of what the ferry means to people living here. Their email is art@silvermanmediaservices.com.

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South Mountain State Park

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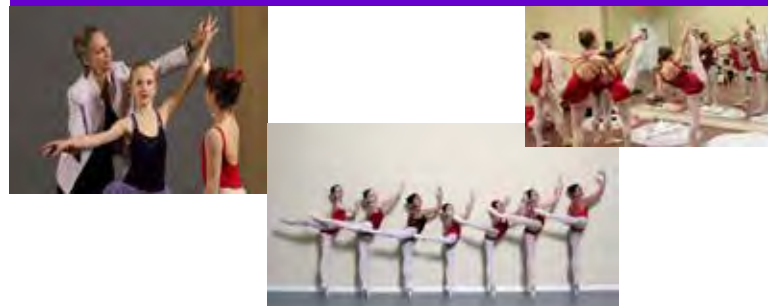
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Tony Tomasello—Experienced and Learning All He Can about Poolesville

These are just two highlights from a recent hour-long conversation with Tomasello.

The new town manager is a Montgomery County native. He attended Montgomery College, eventually earning a master's degree at Frostburg. He has three children, all in their thirties, and three grandchildren, and he has been married for forty years to his wife, Susan. He is a big golfer and has played at the Poolesville Golf Course. His wife is a photographer.

Tomasello wants to correct a misconception about his retirement from the City of Gaithersburg in May of 2020. He views it as a "sabbatical, not a retirement." He made the move so he and his wife could sort out issues involving the estates of her parents.

Since Tomasello had never intended to "retire" when he left Gaithersburg, he was interested in the Poolesville town manager job when he saw the announcement. In Maryland municipal circles, working for the Town of Poolesville is seen as a "plum assignment in a town that is known as efficient and small." Tomasello lives near Adamstown in Frederick County, and Poolesville is an easy commute.

Tomasello indicated his strong desire to reach out to the citizens and the town. He has visited a number of local businesses, including the Calleva offices and the Thrift Shop, as well as historic sites, such as the John Poole House. He is aware of the town's reputation as having an active citizenry. He said that, in Gaithersburg, elections for local office often only attract a fraction of the population. In Poolesville, turnout is very high, and he said that it is "gratifying to see such high levels of participation."

It is already apparent to Tomasello that a number of key issues are on the table and need to be addressed. For example, he is aware that trash collection is a major concern for citizens and generates a lot of complaints. He is still looking at the issue but pointed out that, in Gaithersburg, homeowners' associations (HOAs) manage ninety percent of the trash pickup, but in Poolesville, HOAs are either non-existent or do little in the way of providing services. Tomasello has watched trash collection and observed that, on trash pickup days, a number of homes did not have trashcans out at the curb. Based on this, he wonders whether changing the level of service—moving from twice-a-week pickups to once a week—might not work better to improve service without affecting customers overall. He is not sold on this approach but thought that surveying citizens to ask questions about their service needs and about options is worthwhile. Based on the data received, it might be possible to develop better service strategies.

Tomasello is also aware that the town's water system in particular is an important issue. Well systems in other towns, like Westminster, have run into complications, including problems with underperforming wells. He will be trying to get a complete understanding of how the system is performing, so he can decide if any changes are needed. Water and sewer systems, which are paid for directly by each citizen based on use, traditionally are not supported by general revenues. Water fees in Poolesville are still relatively low in comparison to other towns, and that issue needs to be a continuing focus.

The master plan for the town that is being studied by the Planning Commission is also an important issue for Tomasello. He had served as the Economic Development Administrator for Gaithersburg and knows how important the commercial sector is to a town's success. It is important for entrepreneurs to have space to invest and grow. He knows that Poolesville's citizens want the town to remain small, but he likes to see things happen and see a vibrant business environment. The new proposal for a development on the Willard property could contribute to keeping the center of town attractive, and he has already spent time looking at the plans for that property.

Of all the issues he is reviewing, Tomasello is very aware of the importance of addressing the many personnel management and policy issues that have arisen. He is still getting his "mind around personnel issues," but he believes that, at the heart of the matter, is equity and fair treatment of town employees. The town does not necessarily need a "four hundred-page manual like in Gaithersburg," but employees do need to know what the rules are, how they are to be treated, and how their position and salary levels compare to other employees doing similar jobs. Employee pay levels for some workers are comparable to what employees might be paid at a Kohl's or other retail establishments. Yet, in many cases, these employees are handling sophisticated equipment such as in the sewer plant. He is getting the advice and input of the HR firm the town recently hired as he reviews these matters.

Finally, Tomasello also observed that many of the town's systems are still largely paper based. In saying this, he also pointed out that even in Gaithersburg,

he still had to "punch in to work using a punch card system." Despite this, all systems from billing to invoices to salaries and benefits are tied together electronically. He knows improvements need to be made and added, "We will get there."

Tony Tomasello comes across as a seasoned professional who is methodical, careful, and calm, but at the same time, he knows a number of key issues in the town have festered for too long. His success is only partly in his hands as his interactions with and support from the five commissioners will be key. After the trauma of the last year, the citizens of the town are certainly hoping his tenure will be a success and that the commissioners can support and work collaboratively with him.

Fun Fact...

The first recorded description of urban planning appears in the *Epic of Gilgamesh*:

"Go up on to the wall of Uruk and walk around. Inspect the foundation platform and scrutinise the brickwork. Testify that its bricks are baked bricks, and that the Seven Counsellors must have laid its foundations. One square mile is city, one square mile is orchards, one square mile is claypits, as well as the open ground of Ishtar's temple. Three square miles and the open ground comprise Uruk. Look for the copper tablet-box, undo its bronze lock, open the door to its secret, lift out the lapis lazuli tablet, and read."

Traditionally, the Greek philosopher Hippodamus (fifth century B.C.) is regarded as the first town planner and "inventor" of the orthogonal urban layout. Aristotle called him "the father of city planning," and until well into the twentieth century he was regarded as such. The Hippodamian plan—the orthogonal urban layout—consists of square street blocks. The term "orthogonal" refers to objects that are related by perpendicularity. The term in Greek, "ortho" meaning "right", and "gon" meaning "angled."

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Mary Gilmore

Mary "Libby" Elizabeth Gilmore, 81, of Poolesville, passed away on August 16.

She was the loving wife to the late Robert E. Gilmore. Born on November 6, 1939, in Rockville, she was the daughter of the late Brown Joseph and Ruth Marie (Calhoun) Strawderman.

Mary is survived by her three sons, Robert "Jimmy" J. Gilmore, Edwin "Teddy" I. Gilmore, and Randy J. Gilmore; two sisters, Betty Reed and Dorothy Osborne; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Strawderman.



Mary Elizabeth Gilmore

Paul Meissner

Paul Meissner, 94, originally of Barnesville, passed away on August 26, 2021.

He was the loving husband to the late Gertrude "Trudy" Meissner.

Paul was born on August 29, 1926 in Washington, D.C.

He was survived by his children, Charles Meissner and Paul Scott Meissner; two grandchildren, Laura Meissner and Erich Meissner; and one sister, Mary C. Leizear.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Chuck Meissner.

The family will be receiving friends on October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Barnesville Baptist Church, 17917 Barnesville Road, Barnesville, MD 20838, where a funeral service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at the Boyds Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 19901 White Ground Road, Boyds, MD 20841. A luncheon will be provided at the Barnesville Baptist Church following the graveside ceremony.

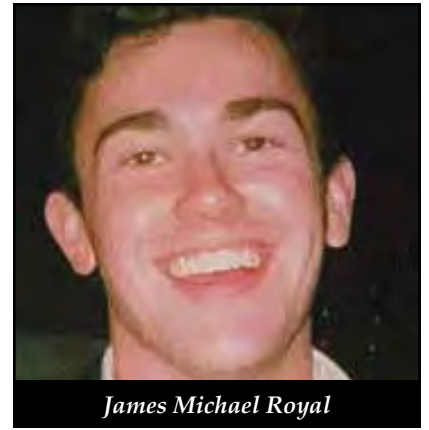
James Michael Royal

James Michael Royal, 21, of Poolesville, passed away on August 29, 2021.

Born on January 15, 2000, he was the beloved son of Michael Joseph and Elizabeth "Betsy" Royal.

Besides his parents, James is survived by one brother, Joseph; grandmother, Elaine Tibbs; numerous aunts and uncles, Becky Royal and Guy Quallich, Ellen and John Brinsko, Barbara and Terry Walsh, John Royal and Marylin Morehead, Margaret "Daud" Dempsey and the late Bob, Jimmy and Kim Tibbs, Richie Tibbs and Cathy Jacques, Tom and Lisa Tibbs, and Garth and the late Aunt Mary "Dietze" Rowcliffe; and numerous cousins, Paul Royal, Ben Royal, Jeremy Royal, Dan Royal (wife Megan), Michelle Walsh, Megan Swauger (husband TJ), Michael Brinsko (wife Christine), Sara Brinsko, Mallory Quallich, Bobby Dempsey, Heidi Dempsey, Ryan Dempsey (wife Sam), Jimmy Tibbs, Nick Tibbs (wife Sarah), Kaitlyn Tibbs, Sarah Tibbs, Tommy Tibbs, Meghan Brown (husband Andrew), Alexandra Harrington (husband Adam), and Ryleigh Hinkson (husband Garth).

James had an incredible number of close friends. He was a gifted student and was studying finance at the University of South Carolina. He was the current president of his fraternity, Phi Kappa Tau, where he acted as a mentor to his fraternity brothers. He enjoyed golf, snowboarding, working out, and socializing with his friends. James had an infectious smile and has been described as a person who lit up the room when he entered.



James Michael Royal



A Monocacy Moment Lost in Time



This undated picture shows a group of Poolesvillians clowning around on the porch of the Elgin Drugstore at the corner of Elgin Road and Route 107. Back in the day, bottled cures for all that "ails ya" were heavily promoted by medical doctors, often as traveling professors as was demonstrated in the *Wizard of Oz*. In this photo, we see two signs each promoting such medicines made by a Dr. Daniels, one for that ailment so upsetting to parents even today: colic. Oh, that this formula had really worked!

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Vandalism: 19600 Westerly Road.

Past Crime: 1936 to 1940

A quiet summer day turned into chaos when an eighteen-year-old Boyds man tried to join his chums for swimming at Seneca Creek at Route 28. Edward Day parked his car on the shoulder, and a passing car took off the passenger side of his car. The striking car kept going, and further down Route 28 it sideswiped a westbound car causing that car to go off of the road. Two Rockville officers were given the call over the radio and began heading out Route 28 until they encountered a vehicle driving erratically and which nearly ran into the officers' car. They stopped the car operated by Cannie Steele of Boyds. Steele was put in the police car and taken to the scene at

Seneca Creek. There the officers found the missing door and other evidence that tied Steele to the two wrecks. The people who had been forced off the road were found at Dr. Nourse's house at Dawsonville, and the country doctor ended up treating four people for injuries. Steele was charged with a variety of charges including drunk driving.

Chief Orme was fired by the county council that met in a four-hour session in Rockville. At issue was Orme's actions at the incident in Gaithersburg where a mob broke into a meeting hall and broke up a meeting of Jehovah's Witnesses. Orme had been criticized for the time it took him to get there and for the actions of his men for not keeping order. Orme explained that he lives in Rockville and that it took him a half hour to get to the scene and by then the trouble was over. One of the incidents that was widely criticized was that a member of the mob stomped on a copy of the Bible.

A fifteen-year-old Gaithersburg girl was walking home from her school bus stop when she felt a sharp sting in her ankle. Sergeant Roy Bodmer took

her to the office of Dr. Murphy in Rockville. The doctor thought that the girl had been shot in the ankle, but after probing further, he found that the projectile that caused her pain was the tip of a pair of shears that somehow had become embedded in her ankle. Bodmer was at a loss to explain how it happened.

Bethesda police broke into the home of Hattie Rickerbacker, a relative of the famous aviator and friend of President Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Rickenbacker had not been seen for two days and had not responded to telephone calls or knocks on her door. Once inside, they found the body of the lady. There was no foul play, and it was determined that she had died of heart failure. It was said that when President Roosevelt was in office, he would ride his horse far and wide and sometimes all the way out to the Mohican Hills area, and it was there that he met the Rickenbacker family.

County police arrested Deputy Sheriff Karslake because it was discovered that he was selling beer without a license from his lunchroom on the Frederick Road between Clarksburg

and Hyattstown. Police made their case by sending three new officers to the lunchroom. Two of the officers were served, but the third officer did not partake. Police said that the last time Karslake was arrested, he accused the officer of driving after drinking beer. The establishment was located in a "dry" area of Clarksburg.

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

Fun Fact...

There are flowers enough in the summertime,
More flowers than I can remember—
But none with the purple, gold, and red
That dye the flowers of September!

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It Is the 'After Times' and There Will Be a Poolesville Day. How Do We Stay Safe and Enjoy Our Day?

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

There is no question that after almost two years of pandemic, the general feeling of the human population is that this has got to be over. Well, the reality is that the COVID virus does not play by our internal time's-up clock. It also likes to change up and continue to be a dangerous virus that can create loss and long-term health problems.

The health of the country and the business of the country are not always aligned. That has never been truer. We will have to tread a fine line to provide for the wellbeing of the people and the engine of our economy.

We have done something as a species that no other human population has ever done, change the course of a disease's ability to cripple its citizens. Educating everyone about how to limit potential contact and spread along with producing an amazing group of vaccines to bolster our own bodies' ability to protect itself from serious illness or death at the hands of the COVID-19 virus are nothing but awe inspiring.

Now comes the hardest job for all of us: We will have to learn to live with this COVID-19 monster. It will not be going away. It will continue to be present like the flu viruses, shifting and mutating to try to gain a foothold in our bodies. We all live with and work thru the potential that the flu virus will make us sick and cause us harm. We vaccinate and carry on.

Now back to the Poolesville Day Recommendations from Your Favorite Local Veterinarian:

1. Leave your dog, cat, ferret, hamster, or other furry friend at home this year. If you read my Zoonosis article last time (You didn't? No points for you!!), you know that they can get the virus from infected people, so please help curb the spread.
2. Wear your mask over your mouth and nose. Masks are optional but very highly recommended. A mask protects you from your hands. You will touch your face up to 500 times on Poolesville Day. That is where most transfer of COVID-19 takes place, hand to nose and mouth. You are going to be touching a lot of stuff on Poolesville Day.
3. Bring your economy-size hand sanitizer. After each booth, table, food station, etc., apply sanitizer—not a drop, but a good squirt. Then rub your hands for 20 seconds.
4. Poolesville Veterinary Clinic's Booth will be there, but we will not. As an essential facility, keeping our staff safe and un-infected will allow us to better serve you and your pets. There will be free stuff in individual bags at the front of our clinic on Poolesville Day. Come by and take a bag. If you touch it, take it. Thanks.
5. Now go enjoy Poolesville Day.



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