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An impressive motorcade with lights flashing came through Poolesville. Obviously, a VIP came to town. Find out who on page 3.



David Therriault updated a special group of people on the progress of his soon-to-open restaurant. Read who they are on page 5.



A cleanup of the C&O Canal resulted in the discovery of a dumped safe. Is it yours? See page 14.



Happy 99th Birthday! The Birthday Girl's identity is revealed in Tidbits on page 20.

Town Commissioners Receive Report on Targeted Improvements

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville commissioners considered a number of new business items at their March 21 meeting, including a report from an outside consultant on the town's financial management practices and systems and the draft FY23 budget proposal.

Two representatives from the CLA Accounting firm, Cheri Amoss and Stephanie Walker, appeared to explain the assessment their firm has conducted on the town's financial systems and procedures. They noted that the town has grown and evolved organizationally over the past several years and experienced turnover at the town manager position. "A transition between town managers provides an opportunity for the town to reassess established processes and procedures and broaden the understanding of key financial controls," they said.

The report shows that there are quite a number of improvements that

could be made to modernize the financial system, ensure more transparency on an ongoing basis about the town's financial status, and improve accountability.

Amoss and Walker stated that, in small towns, less formality is common; however, even in small towns, good financial management "requires unique safeguards to ensure all transactions are properly recorded and funds are used as authorized." This means that, in most cases, more than one person should authorize checks, for example, and more automation and regular reporting is needed.

Many of the recommendations in the report have to do with automating financial information and ensuring that it is accessible more widely by town leaders and management.

The commissioners also received a final draft of the HR manual that has been in the works under the guidance

of former Town Manager Tony Tomasello. He was present for the draft presentation. He pointed out that, while the town did have a manual, it needed significant upgrading and updating. The new manual clarifies many points regarding such things as reporting management problems or concerns from staff about their treatment. It also updates town policies with regard to a range of workplace policies, including such things as smoking by employees, guidance regarding on-call time, overtime, employee benefits, and non-discrimination policies.

Town Manager Wade Yost next discussed the proposed water rates for the upcoming fiscal year and the draft FY23 budget. He said the town still has a gap of \$147,000 in the amount of revenue generated by water/waste water fees and actual costs. He had

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Chief Emeritus George T. Hillard Passes Away

By Rande Davis

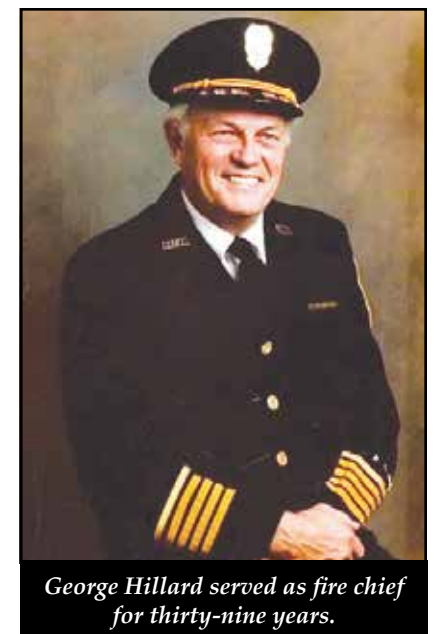
George T. Hillard, 93, of Poolesville, passed away on March 20, 2022.

George served as Fire Chief at Montgomery County Station #14, Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD), for thirty-nine years, retiring as chief in 1998. He joined the fire department in 1953, inspired by a major fire that destroyed two buildings, heavily damaged his original plumbing shop, and threatened his home. George was an active member of the department for sixty-nine years and was inducted to the Montgomery County Firefighter Hall of Fame in 1979. In 2001, an award in his name was implemented, recognizing his contributions and leadership to the citizens and Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service (MCFRS). It was once written that he was "cited for

outstanding service while transforming the fire rescue unit into one of the finest in Montgomery County and in all of Maryland." George was the recipient of multiple awards from MCFRS, the Maryland State Firemen's Assoc. (MSFA), UMCVFD, Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Rescue Association (MCFVRA), and the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce.

As Montgomery County's senior chief, George served on many committees over the years, contributing to various activities, too numerous to mention, often at a personal and financial sacrifice to his family, his business, and himself. He was described as the "living definition" of a volunteer who made enormous contributions to Poolesville and the Upper Montgomery County region.

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George Hillard served as fire chief for thirty-nine years.

Family Album



Peter Gallo, Gary Burdette, Bill Jamison, and Ben Brenholtz.



Officer John Howard, wife Annette, with grandchildren, Carter (standing), Declan, and Madeline, at his retirement dinner.



A historic firefighter takes his last ride upon a historic fire truck.

Below: Newly-elected vice president of the Monocacy Lions Club, Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz, with immediate past president Tom Conlon.



Heroes saluting their hero.



The first in-person gathering of the Monocacy Lions since the pandemic highlighted the annual election of leadership.



Craig Dickerson, Mary Conlon, and Melissa Rose at the Lions meeting.



Lions Maria Briançon and William Price.

Tribute

Badge 0619, Where Are You?

By Rande Davis

For Officer John R. Howard, his retirement capped a dream of a lifetime—literally. When his grandfather came home from World War II, he joined the D.C. Police Department, and John still remembers as a young boy seeing him in uniform with his gun. As his wife Annette describes it, he was hooked. As a fourth grader at Harmony Hills Elementary School, the class was asked what they might want to do when they grow up. For John there was no doubt: a policeman, a motorcycle policeman to be specific. Eventually, all his dreams would come true.



Annette and J.D. Howard: Two lifetimes of public service.

Even in Belt Junior High School, he met his soulmate-brother-in-arms, Everett Cammack. Both dreamed of being policemen. They remained close throughout their whole careers, as Cammack went on to a distinguished career with the Gaithersburg City Police Department.

Supporting his goal of being a motorman (the term used by police to describe those in the motorcycle service), John was further inspired by the father of one of his close friends in high school. The policeman was Steve Ingraham, who “took all the time needed to answer my teenage questions about being a motorcycle policeman.”

John and Annette Howard both grew up in Montgomery County, meeting each other at a dance at Wheaton High School in 1975. Just like in choosing a career goal, John made up his mind early on about Annette, although they dated for ten years. They tied the knot in 1987. They both would eventually graduate from George Mason University, he with a B.S. degree in Law Enforcement and she as a Registered Nurse. She joined the army while he attended the Police Academy. She went to Officer Basic Training at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas. When it comes to public service, John and Annette have set some high standards for their children, with his thirty-six years as a police officer and she retiring as an army lieutenant colonel at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

John credits many fellow officers for inspiration and support for his illustrious career, and one in particular, Owen G. Bromley, who was his captain when he first got hired by MCPD and was assigned to 5D Germantown. His police career moved along in five-year increments, and after the motorcycle experience, he went with the Special Assignment Team, in undercover policing. He tells of the occasionally embarrassing experience for his kids with a dad who often appeared to be more of a Hell’s Angel than police officer. His time with SAT was in the nitty-gritty police work that most layman imagine. Five years of heavy duty, often dealing with drug dealers and other serious criminals.

He spent another five-year period with the Collision Reconstruction Unit, having the gruesome duty of investigating fatal vehicle accidents. That was very stressful work as it could be very intense being on-demand, on-call based on when the accidents occurred. The most stressful aspects involved having to inform surviving family of the death of a loved one.

Fortunately, he was promoted to corporal and returned to his beloved motorcycle team in Rockville. Highlights in central “Motors” was duty escorting VIPs, including presidents and international dignitaries.

Through it all, he was active in the Fraternal Order of the Police for over thirty years. He also coached fast-pitch softball for his daughter Morgan’s teams for many years, advancing as she did, when she eventually became a Poolesville High School varsity catcher for all four years. John also had the pleasure of coaching Nick his son for over five years in PAA football. Madison his oldest went on to join the Montgomery County Police Department (as a civilian) working originally at ECC as a dispatcher. She had the honor of reporting his final call to dispatch upon his retirement.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Duty, Honor, Community

By Rande Davis

I have never stopped being surprised at how each issue of the *Monocle* seems to develop a particular theme all on its own. What I am referring to is how the front page just comes together along with the entire content so spontaneously. Our current issue is the perfect example.

Without any pre-planning or manipulation, this issue of the *Monocle* would appropriately be themed "The Honor of Public Service." The front-page tribute to a great man and one who has always been a wonderful gentleman sets the stage. George Hillard was not someone I knew when he was a younger man, when he was the fire department's chief. I came to know him as I have so many of the great people in the community in their elder days. Without question, the greatest enjoyment—and I might add honor—in publishing the newspaper was getting to know so many of these people on a personal level. The list is long: Mary Chiswell, Mary Ann and George Kephart, Charles and Dots Elgin, Ed and Winsome Brown, Gwen Reese, and Lib Tolbert, way too long a list to include everyone. Amazingly, only one or two ever got the public recognition they deserved. Just Mary Chis and Gwen were a grand marshal, for example. The rest served the community their whole life without great fanfare—born, raised, and died right here.

My experience in interviewing George Hillard was typical. A planned meeting of about an hour went on double or more than that. Just hearing the stories, feeling his joyous spirit, and appreciating his calmness in old age was so appreciated. What a thrill to get to know him, even if it was only near the end.

Many of us have gotten to know recently-retired police officer John R. Howard over the years—a few of us not as we would have preferred. He not only served the community for over three decades with our public safety needs but joined in many other ways, especially as a youth softball and football coach. It amazes me how someone who has spent so much of his life dealing with the most difficult,

emotionally challenging, and downright dangerous experiences can be so easygoing, pleasant, and positive thinking. He not only had to deal with some of the worst examples of humanity, but he had to recover from injuries over long periods of time. When you are in a motorcycle accident on Route 270 and you find yourself sliding on the road surface, recovery will be hard and long. Even coaching the girls on how to slide in softball didn't help him with that one. If you are going through a tough experience in your life and are unsure if there will be a way out, ask Officer Howard if there is light at the end of the tunnel. As a dedicated policeman, life is a constant series of tunnels and lights.

It's not just the individuals among us that serve so valiantly, like George and John, but also those who serve in a less obvious way through one of our many civic groups. I have always noted that, in a small community, we have over three dozen public service organizations to help make our lives better. In this issue, we give tribute to the Monocacy Lions Club. The feature column is entitled "Pulse," as such groups are the lifeblood of the community, and it is in their efforts we best understand to be the heartbeat of the town. Like the Odd Fellows, American Legion, and Volunteer Fire Department, the call of duty as a Lion stirred men and women of goodwill to action. Much of what they do is not so visible, with credit of such efforts often devoid of public accolades. While trumpets seldom sound their presence, their presence, nevertheless, gives purpose to their lives and aid to those in need.

The final article on public service in this issue was about the much-appreciated grant being awarded to WUMCO Help, Inc. Congratulations to them and appreciation to its founder the late Fred and Jane Stearns, and those who carry on the banner, especially Katie Longdrake, its current executive director, who carries the banner in principle and in spirit.

We look forward with pleasure to continue to tell the stories of such people and groups. It is the mission of this paper to help inform the public of the spiritual benefit gained from these valued people. We are equally pleased to know that decades from now, if not longer, people will stumble across a copy or two of the *Monocle* and the memories of these contributors will live on.

Local News

WUMCO Wins \$40,000 Grant to Test Improved Ways to Deliver Healthcare

By Link Hoewing

For many years, residents of Poolesville and the surrounding largely rural areas have recognized that many—living alone in these areas with infirmities or unable to either afford a car or drive—have had a very hard time getting to needed medical services and doctors' visits. Others who work and live on the many horse farms, landscaping operations, and other agricultural businesses in the area and often have young families also struggle to get access to needed medical checkups and care.

The local charitable services organization WUMCO has, for years, run a volunteer transportation program to drive many of these people to their appointments. It is clear that even with this effort, too many fall through the cracks and often don't get the medical care they need.

WUMCO has been working to find ways to better address the medical

needs of its clients in the Upcounty. Recently, WUMCO Executive Director Katie Longbrake submitted a grant application to the Healthcare Initiative Forum (HIF) for a grant to undertake a series of test programs to try out alternative ways of delivering healthcare to those in remote areas who have difficulty getting to doctors and medical offices. WUMCO just learned it is a recipient of a \$40,000 grant from HIF and will soon be launching the project.

Among the first things WUMCO will do is to hire a part-time manager who has expertise in managing, assessing, and learning from medical test projects. The ideal manager will also have a background or training in medical services and/or familiarity with medical programs that serve unique audiences, such as those who live remotely and can't readily access the medical support programs they need. Ideally, the person will also have familiarity with medical groups or organizations that provide unique or novel services to meet the needs of underserved populations.

For example, while mobile services can fill gaps, often what is needed is access to specialists who are located in down-county areas such as Gaithersburg and Rockville. Facilitated telemedicine applications, where a

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Pulse

**The Monocacy Lions,
Roaring to Serve for 82 Years!**

By Rande Davis

The Monocacy Lions Club, which has been serving Poolesville and the Upcounty for eighty-two years, received its charter from Lions International on December 17, 1940 at its Charter Night banquet held in the auditorium of the old Poolesville High School.

The local group is one of over forty-six thousand clubs throughout the world in more than two hundred countries, having 1.4 million members. There is a youth branch called Leo Club, and John Poole Middle School students have been serving as Leos for more than two decades.



Leadership of the 2022 Monocacy Lions: Tom Conlon (immediate past president), Rande Davis (board of directors), Milt Andrews (treasurer), Frank Jamison (board of directors), Dick Franklin (membership chair), Roger Brenholtz (president), Bill Jamison (board of directors), Gary Bur-dette (secretary), Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz (vice president), and Peter Gallo (Tail Twister).

The Monocacy Lions Club is a fraternal civic organization serving the community in myriad ways, but their primary theme is serving those persons facing challenges of eyesight. Originally organized as a male-only association, they now welcome females as full members.

International Lions were established in 1916 to serve the local communities of each club; however, it was Helen Keller who challenged the association at a national convention to make blindness and meeting the needs of those with sight issues its primary mission.

For over ten decades, Lions have provided free eye exams and glasses to millions of persons on every continent. Here in Poolesville, the Monocacy Lions maintain an eyeglass collection receptacle on Milford Mill Road, adjacent to Truist Bank (formerly BB&T).


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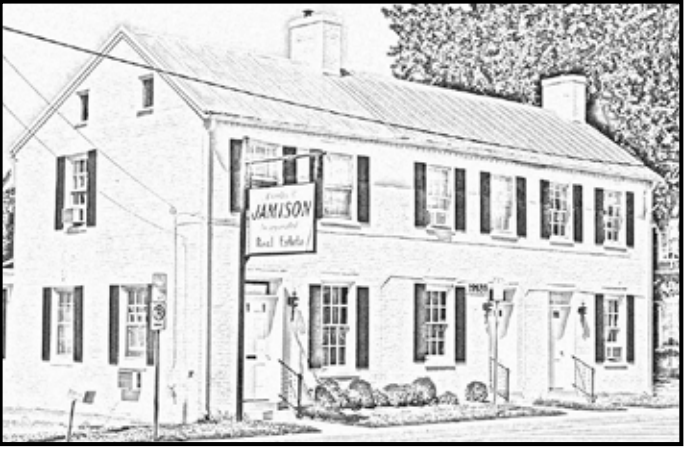
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Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Indoor Pickle Ball. Fully-vaccinated players are welcome, and masks are recommended. *Family Life Center, Poolesville Baptist Church.* 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Virtual.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. 11:00 a.m. Virtual.

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

Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email info@poolesvilleseniors.org. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Fully-vaccinated beginner and seasoned players are welcome in person. Masks are recommended. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays

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

April 14

Remember Shady Grove Music Fair

Join Montgomery County historian Ralph Buglass when recounts the heyday of Gaithersburg's Shady Grove Music Fair, the entertainment mecca for the D.C. area in the 1960s and '70s. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

April 18

PS Book Club

This month's selection, *If I Die Tonight*, by award-winning author, Alison Gaylin, is centered on a teen's critical injury during a suspicious accident. The story is told from alternating characters' perspectives and explores the idea of how well we truly know anyone. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

April 21

Celebrate the Earth with Poolesville Green

For Earth Day, Joyce Breiner, Executive Director of Poolesville Green, Inc, will help us to understand one of the most important challenges of this century, the evidence and impact of climate change, and strategies for solutions. Virtual. 7:00 p.m.

April 28

Council Candidate Forum

No Poolesville Seniors event due to the District 2 Montgomery County Council Candidate Forum. Poolesville is now in County Council District 2. Hear what the candidates have to say at the forum sponsored by the Fair Access Committee. Poolesville Town Hall.

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Senior News

May 5

Meet WUMCO

Katie Longbrake, Executive Director of WUMCO, will enlighten us about this multi-services entity that has been providing a diversity of emergency assistance needs in the Poolesville area for over 50 years. Learn about the vision for its expanded services and new location! 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.

Fun Fact...

Do April Showers Really Bring May Flowers?

Can you finish the rhyme? If you said, "...bring May flowers," then you're right on track!

Historians believe this phrase may date back to a 1610 poem, which contained the lines "Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers."

A longer phrase, "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers," has also been traced back to 1886.

The reference to April showers likely originated in the United Kingdom or Ireland, where the month of April tends to be especially rainy because of the position of the jet stream. The cooler climate in these areas also tends to push back the appearance of many flower species to late April and early May.

But do April showers really bring May flowers? That old adage doesn't necessarily ring true, though, especially in warmer climates. Rather than being rooted in botany, the phrase may be a simple way to avoid the blahs of rainy weather by focusing instead on the beauty of better weather ahead.

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Focus on Business

Locals Restaurant: Culinary Artist!

By Rande Davis

Spring this year is emerging into the most promising season for our area in quite a few years. With so many new things budding all around us, there is nothing more exciting as the impending opening of two new ventures for Poolesville: Locals Farm Fresh Market and Restaurant, and the Riverworks Art Center. Both will mark the town as a great daytrip destination venue for years to come.



Excitement begins to build over the soon-to-open Locals Restaurant!

We have watched the development of the farm market and restaurant for over a year, and our patience will soon be rewarded. The farm market has been open seasonally on weekends to enjoy fresh-baked goods and produce with a great cup of coffee and to join in a warm, gathering place with neighbors and friends.

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This scholarship is intended for students attending Poolesville High School, Damascus High School, Clarksburg High School, Quince Orchard High School, Seneca High School, and Northwest High School. Students from these schools who are about to complete their senior year of high school, students already enrolled in a trade school, and non-traditional students under the age of 21 are eligible to apply. The student will need to answer an essay question as part of the application process. All inquiries, as well as any questions regarding the application or essay, may be directed to the following e-mail: ruralwrc@gmail.com; or for more information, may call/text (301) 655-4711. Applications and essays must be received by **Friday, April 29, 2022.**

School News

PHS Team One of Only Five High Schools Nationally to Win Award

A spokesperson for SourceAmerica, a national nonprofit agency that creates employment opportunities for people with disabilities, has announced that a team from Poolesville High School has made the finals in the 2022 IDEATE Disability Inclusion Innovation Competition from SourceAmerica.

IDEATE is a national engineering challenge for high school and college students to create assistive technology that increases workplace success for people with disabilities. In addition, student teams collaborate with a person with a disability in their community to evaluate a need and develop an innovative solution that makes a real difference. Three college and five high school teams from across the country will compete in the virtual 2022 IDEATE Finals event on April 13.

Team Better Tomorrow of Poolesville High School collaborated with Blind Industries and Services of Maryland (BISM). They developed and implemented an industrially-sustainable solution that leveraged fiber-optic sensing along with an audible indicator to empower individuals who are visually impaired to independently reseal defective plastic bags. This solution created a whole new line of job opportunities for employees, decreased waste, and fostered a more accessible, inclusive work environment for individuals with disabilities in the community!

Freestyle Relay Record Broken



Sophie Elliott, Ruquayah Abouraya, Anna Li, and Maggie Rose Rook.

On February 19, 2022, four Poolesville High School swimmers broke the region record in the 200-yard freestyle relay. The relay was led off by junior Maggie Rose Rook, who took control of the race early on, giving her team the lead. She was followed by junior Anna Li, sophomore Ruquayah Abouraya, and senior anchor Sophie Elliott, who each maintained the lead in their legs of the race.

PHS Student Awarded \$40,000 College Board Scholarship

Congratulations to Katya Kiryutin, a senior at Poolesville High School, who was recently awarded a \$40,000 scholarship from the College Board.

The College Board awards more than one million dollars in scholarships through BigFuture, its online guide that helps students plan for life after high school. Twenty-nine high school seniors from across the country each earned a \$40,000 scholarship toward their education by completing key steps to plan, prepare, and pay for college.

Do you have an interesting story to share? Send it along to editor@monocacymonocle.com



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Town Commissioners Receive Report on Targeted Improvements

done a survey of water rates in nearby jurisdictions (Rockville and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission [WSSC]) to determine how Poolesville's rates compared and found that Poolesville's rates are significantly lower for all usage levels than those two governments. The bulk of Poolesville's usage comes in the 7,000 to 15,000 gallons per household per quarter increment. In that category, Poolesville's per-thousand-gallon rate is around \$11.70, Rockville's is approximately \$17 per thousand, and WSSC's is around \$15 per thousand.

Yost proposed that the town increase water rates for all of its tiers. According to his proposal, rates for the 7,000-to-15,000-gallon level of usage would result in an increase in the quarterly bill from \$137.56 to \$154.74. A hearing on the proposed water rate increases will be held on April 4.

Yost made a brief presentation about the proposed FY23 budget. Essentially, this year's budget proposes to maintain the constant property tax rate of .1781¢ per \$100 of assessment. This will generate \$1,741,437 in revenue. Highway User Funds, State Revenue Sharing, and wireless antenna rental space fees have also increased and contribute to the town's revenue picture. Revenue is projected to be \$4,458,838 for the coming year.

Yost said the budget projects expenditures of \$4,451,292, leaving an annual balance of \$4,546. Among the highlights in the budget is the implementation of a competitive employee compensation package developed through work done by the human resource consultant the town has on contract. The new package includes a wage rate restructure, seven percent increase in staff salaries, and a one-hundred-percent-town-paid employee benefit package. Funding is in the proposed budget for an Assistant Town Manager position.

Significant capital spending is also proposed, including \$814,000 allocated towards projects including website and technology upgrades, town hall maintenance, street lighting upgrades, the Streetscape Plan, sidewalks, and the refurbishing of the Steven's Park restroom. The budget also continues to accumulate funds to help support a new community center which appears to be gaining ground in the county government.

A hearing on the proposed budget is set for the April 4 meeting.

The commissioners next revisited for a final time the summer camp program. They had initially decided to adopt a program that would support up to 165 kids, but charges for the six-week program were not determined. The new program will charge \$90 per child (up from \$70 the last time it was offered in 2019). Children registered after the camp begins will be charged \$100 per child. Children registered from outside of the 20837 zip code (20838, 20839, 20841, and 20842 zip codes) will be charged \$175 per child. Even the higher charges do not come close to covering the entire costs of the program, but it is being administered as a community service and is not designed to cover all costs.

Finally, Yost went over a series of work items underway to help finalize efforts to convey the "old Methodist Church" in town (most recently the Thrift Shop) to a new owner, everything from a storm water survey (which must be completed by county law) to a review of previous surveys of the old burial sites on the property, as well as a title search. All of this work must be completed in order to do a "closed bid sale" of the property which should mean that local entrepreneurs David Therriault and Sandy Wright can take over the old building. Yost estimated the work will all be done by the end of the summer.

At its April 4 meeting, the commissioners unanimously approved the FY23 budget and tax rates and the proposed increase in water/sewer rates that had been discussed previously.

They also heard a report from their HR consultant, MMC, about staffing capacity. The consultant compared Poolesville's staffing levels and organization to other smaller towns in the state. They essentially endorsed the town's plan to hire an assistant town manager. They were asked whether more staff should be hired. While they said the town should consider including plans for possible future hiring, they responded that if the town automated many of its existing HR processes, such as payroll (that are currently done manually) and included an email system for all staff, it should be possible to reallocate responsibilities without additional hiring. They added that, in the area of non-administrative staff, it may be necessary to consider hiring to reduce the use of on-call duties for staff and overtime.

The commissioners also gave final approval, with some modest amendments, to the draft HR manual that has been under consideration for many weeks.

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The Monocacy Lions, Roaring to Serve for 82 Years!

In the 1940s, the Upcounty was thinly populated. The club members were scattered over a wide area; the roads were not conducive to fast travel; and the scarcity of road equipment for maintenance was far from what it is today. Additionally, the rationing of gasoline and the general upheaval from World War II required a heroic effort to keep the club alive and active.

They first met at the Episcopal Mission Chapel (the recently-demolished church across from Hilton Funeral Home) in Barnesville. After World War II, the Barnesville Town Hall was bought by the club, and it became known as the "Lions' Den." The town hall provided adequate space for meetings, but they were not heated and not equipped for preparing and serving meals. In cold weather, some members arrived early to build the fire to warm the hall and to cook and serve the dinner.

A destructive house fire in the mid-forties alerted the Upcounty to the need for a fire department. Largely through the efforts of the Monocacy Lions and a few other local citizens, a drive was launched to raise the necessary funds from the state and county to obtain a site and equipment for a firehouse. The drive was successful, and a firehouse was built in Beallsville in 1947.

They sponsor summer camps for blind children at Maryland's Camp Merrick, a facility for children with disabilities. Additionally, the club makes donations in support of the Lions International Program to train leader dogs for the blind, serving the special needs in mobility for those who are without eyesight.

Donations raised are sent to the Lions Vision Research Program, the primary purpose of which is to support low vision research and rehabilitation to minimize the disabilities caused by low vision and blindness.

More recently, they have taken up the cause of hearing disabilities by sponsoring hearing tests, purchase of aids, and hosting a mobile hearing test center in an RV at the Montgomery County Agricultural Fair every year.

Locally, they have provided thousands of dollars in donations for scholarships, gifts to WUMCO, toys for kids at Christmas, and holiday food baskets and hams at Thanksgiving and Christmastime. They are proud to help sponsor a statewide youth band each year.

The Monocacy Lions Club recently held its annual meeting at St. Mary's Pavilion where the new leadership was elected. Roger Brenholtz was elected president (informally called King Lion), Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz was elected vice president, and Milton Andrew became the treasurer. Gary Burdette was elected secretary, Dick Franklin, membership chair, and also elected were three members of the board of directors, Frank Jamison, Bill Jamison, and Rande Davis. Peter Gallo holds the position of Tail Twister, a historical tongue-in-cheek position that keeps the group focused and on task through humor and kidding.

There are many ways to assist the Monocacy Lions in their mission, including becoming a member, participating in any of the fundraising events like their annual auction, 5K run on Poolesville Day, annual golf tournament as either a player or sponsor, and of course, a financial donation to its Monocacy Lions Foundation, a fully tax-deductible nonprofit.

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Chief Emeritus George T. Hillard Passes Away

In addition to his fire service, George also served as a Poolesville Town Commissioner for fourteen years, between 1960 and the mid-1970s, helping to implement the water treatment system. In 1948, George opened Poolesville Plumbing and Heating. As a master plumber and president of the corporation, he worked alongside his wife Katheryn, daughter Kathy, grandsons Brian and Dan, son-in-law David, and his lifelong friend Allen. In recognition and celebration of his accomplishments, George was honored locally as the 2014 Poolesville Day Grand Marshal.

George loved playing on the firehouse softball team, on the field since named in his honor. He enjoyed sharing a beer and conversation with friends at "the club" where he had a reserved seat. When he could get away to his house on the Eastern Shore, George loved fishing and crabbing with friends and family on his beloved boat "Miss Katheryn." He was an avid hunter and enjoyed many years of hunting with his sons-in-law. George and his wife Katheryn were well known for their annual Christmas Eve open house. He was a friend and mentor to many, always had an open door, an open mind, an open heart, and fantastic stories to share.

In his retirement, George enjoyed time spent with his coffee club friends at McDonald's, rotating nightly dinners with his daughters, and many adventures with granddaughter Isabella.

George is survived by five dedicated daughters and sons-in-law, Katheryn "Kathy" and David Jeffers of Poolesville, Diane and Robert Taylor of Poolesville, Betty Lou and Greg Nichols of Knoxville, Maryland, Patty Menke of Barnesville, and Elizabeth Hillard of Poolesville; twelve incredibly proud grandchildren, Rob Taylor, Meredith Menke (Dave Coker), Melissa Morrow, Crystal Kampf (Jason), Dan Taylor (Marissa), Jason Nichols (Aimee), Brian Jeffers (Beth), Craig Gaddis, Jaimee Hammerman (Jeremy), Samantha Drake (Richard), Jordan Domalik (Doug), and Isabella Lawbaugh; twenty-four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Jane Bryan of Rockville, James Burdette (Nina) of Mercersburg, Pennsylvania, and brother-in-law Cliff Bower of Dawsonville, Maryland.

George was preceded in death by his loving wife Katheryn (Breedon); infant son George David; parents Paul Hillard and Margaret Burdette; stepfather Lawrence Burdette; siblings John Burdette, Sr. and Evelyn Bower; son-in-law Peter Menke; and brothers-in-law Jimmy Bryan and Jack Shannon.

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April 9

PHS Varsity Home Games

Softball vs. Springbrook. 2:00 p.m.

Baseball vs. Springbrook. 2:00 p.m.

April 18

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 20

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' and girls' tennis vs. Seneca Valley. 3:30 p.m.

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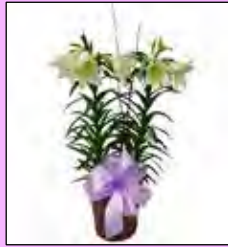
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April 15: Good Friday – 7:00 p.m.

April 17: Easter Sunday
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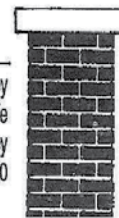
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In Your Own Backyard

The C&O Canal: Scout Cleanup; End of an Era

By Jon Wolz

On the weekend of March 19 and 20, scouts from across Montgomery County participated in the second annual cleanup along the C&O Canal National Historical Park, and the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers. Bill Totten of Silver Spring, led the scouts, focusing on three sites, including White's Ferry, Dickerson Conservation Park by Lock 26, and the Monocacy Aqueduct area down to Lock 27. There were three cleanup sessions scheduled over two days. Bill is the District Chairperson for the eastern third of Montgomery County which includes the White Oak District.

Scouts from the White Oak and Seneca Districts in Montgomery County participated, including the following units: Troop 96B, Troop 264G, Pack 492, Troop 763B, Troop 772B, Troop 1094B, and Troop 1441B. The "B" represents boys, and the "G" represents girls. There were sixty-two individuals who participated, some on more than one of the three sessions, and a handful on all three sessions over the two days. For many of the volunteers, this was their first time at the C&O Canal.

Many of the scouts seemed to be on a scavenger hunt to see what unique items of trash they could find. The cleanup included removing approximately thirteen hundred pounds of trash and recyclables, more specifically: sixty-six bags of trash, thirty-one bags of recyclables, three automobile tires, two propane tanks (one had propane, and an adult released the gas from the tank), a large river buoy, a fire extinguisher, PVC pipe, a hind quarter of a deer decoy, two large pieces of styrofoam, two old coolers, several deflated basketballs, a few deflated footballs, baseballs, softballs, and a very heavy safe. The safe had been dumped into the canal prism near Milepost 36 from next to White's Ferry Road. One adult flipped the safe over and over until he got it up to the towpath. From there, he used a hand truck to move it down the towpath to the trash collection point at White's Ferry. One side of the safe had been cut into by vandals using a blowtorch. The



Numerous scouts from the White Oak and Seneca Districts in Montgomery County participated in the C&O Canal cleanup.

Montgomery County Police were called by a member of the Park's Bike Patrol who happened to arrive on the scene. When the police arrived, they called in the serial number, but the safe had not been reported stolen. Two officers lifted the safe and put it in their vehicle and drove away. If you are missing a safe, the Montgomery County Police may have your safe.

There is a lot of planning that goes into having a successful trash cleanup. Bill and the scouts received support from the C&O Canal National Historical Park, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Alice

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Good Friday, April 15

Morning Prayer at 9 am

Confession at Noon

Stations of the Cross at 3 pm

Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16

Blessing of Easter Food at Noon

Easter Vigil at 8 pm



Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise Mass at 6:30 am

8:30 & 10:30 am - Mass

Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am

All are Welcome!

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WUMCO Wins \$40,000 Grant to Test Improved Ways to Deliver Healthcare

nurse or doctor located in Poolesville or a nearby area or the home of the patient and is linked to a specialist by a high-definition connection, can provide major benefits to patients. The doctor or nurse with the patient can monitor vitals in real time and do assessments for the remotely-located specialist such as moving a limb and checking for a problem in a joint. This information can be conveyed to the specialist and allow him/her to do a thorough assessment even though he/she is located far away.

The manager will be tasked with developing a series of test programs and initiatives and a system for assessing the results of the various tests that are conducted. At the end of the project, a number of WUMCO clients and area residents who are currently underserved will be provided with access to needed medical services, and WUMCO will develop a knowledge base regarding which programs seem to work best in serving unmet needs. The intent is to develop a report and strategy that will convince the county and private medical service providers that the need is real and urgent and that there are a number of programs that can and should be implemented immediately to effectively address the needs.

Longbrake expressed gratitude for the grant and said she sees the opportunity to really develop a strong and convincing case for change, resulting in improved healthcare services in the Upcounty. "We know the need is there, and we have tried to fill the gap with our transportation program. We also know that too many are falling through the cracks, and we have not gotten the support we need from the county for needed improvements. When this project is completed, it will provide the basis for change in ways that will be hard to ignore, and it will show that effective programs can and should be funded to serve those who have real needs."

WUMCO will soon be posting more background on the program and seeking a manager to get it under way.

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Remembrance

Dennis Hubble Allnutt

Dennis Hubble Allnutt, 72, of Boyds, passed away on March 10, 2022.

He was the loving husband of Nancy Jeffers Allnutt.

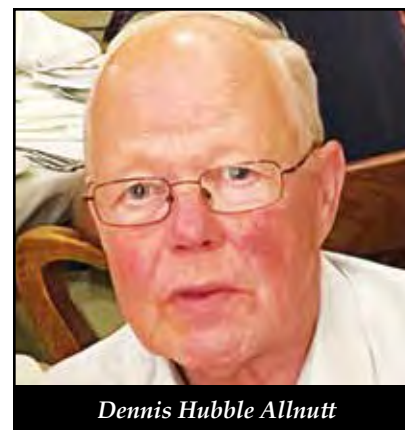
Born on December 2, 1949 in Seneca, Maryland, he was the son of the late Robert and Ila (Hubble) Allnutt.

Along with his wife, Dennis is survived by three daughters, Amy Lynn Allnutt of Chicago, Sarah Ann Allnutt (Herb Wright) of Frederick, and Kelly Sue Allnutt (Dan Poch) of Frederick; five siblings, Marilyn Stream of Beuford, Georgia, Delores Covey of West Virginia, Larry Allnutt of Thurmont, Janet Williams of West Virginia, and Frank Allnutt of Virginia; and three grandchildren, Anthony Allnutt, Stacey Allnutt, and Derrick Allnutt-Poch.

Dennis was predeceased by one brother, Earl Allnutt.

Dennis was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He grew up on a farm helping his father break and ride racehorses in West Virginia. He was drafted into the Vietnam War after high school, where he worked in communications. After Vietnam, he worked at IBM for twenty-eight years. He continued working in Montgomery County in the Department of Transportation for twenty-three years before he retired. In his free time, he was quite a handyman who also enjoyed gardening and fishing. He grew the most delicious, ugly tomatoes, and he liked to brag that he once caught a shark on vacation. Dennis was a gentle soul, and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either the Church or to the Daniel Jeffers American Legion Post 247, P.O. Box 22, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Dennis Hubble Allnutt



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Remembrance

Helen Mary Gawlik

Helen Mary Gawlik, 88, of Poolesville, passed away on March 15, 2022.

She was the loving wife of the late Stanley George Gawlik.

Born on December 18, 1933, in Baltimore, she was the daughter of the late Felix and Waleria (Puk) Lewandowski.

Helen is survived by two sons, Stan Gawlik (Vimol) of Urbana and Andrzej Gawlik of Poolesville; one sister, Bronia Lewandowski of Arlington, Virginia; and two grandchildren, Michelle and Samantha Gawlik.

Helen was preceded in death by one brother, Felix Lewandowski, and one sister, Angela Smith.

She grew up in Baltimore near Patterson Park and spent her early years in New York working for the Hecht Co. as a model, fashion coordinator, and salesperson. She moved back to Baltimore to work for the Central Intelligence Agency in Washington, D.C. Then, choosing to work closer to home, she took a job at Gunther Brewery in Baltimore. Helen met her future husband at a Polish Dance at the Polish Club of Washington in Chevy Chase on May 23, 1964. She gave birth to her two boys in the late sixties and started a career as a legal secretary for local law firms in Montgomery County. Helen loved plants, flowers, and gardening; she was a member of the Monocacy Garden Club. After her husband's death, she returned his ashes to Poland to be interred at the Polish Naval Cemetery in 2006. Helen spent the remainder of her life just outside of Poolesville, watching the local wildlife in her yard and enjoying the visits of her two grandchildren.



Helen Mary Gawlik

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The C&O Canal: Scout Cleanup; End of an Era

Ferguson Foundation, the C&O Canal Trust, the C&O Canal Association, and the National Capital Area Council – Boy Scouts of America. Prior to the cleanup days, on two separate occasions, Bill Totten hiked several miles along the areas that were to be cleared of trash and debris so that, when volunteers arrived on the cleanup days, he could direct them to the location where attention was needed. Bill is already planning for the cleanup for March 2023. Everyone was proud of what they accomplished with the cleanup and are looking forward to helping once again in the future.

In separate news, in 1974, the C&O Canal National Historical Park, purchased Tract 17-101 consisting of about sixteen acres where the White's Ferry Sportsman's Club had twenty cabins. The club leased these cabins to individuals. The park allowed the club to occupy this land since 1974. This land was purchased by the park to one day enable the public to enjoy the natural surroundings of the land that borders the canal towpath. The club had been on this tract of land since the 1940s. Last year, the Superintendent of the Park, Tina Cappetta, notified the occupants of the twenty cabins at the club located on the river side of the towpath and along Old River Road that the park was ending its agreement with the club on April 1, 2022. The park determined that closure of Tract 17-101 to private occupancy and removal of all cabins and associated improvements from the property are necessary to fulfill those public purposes.

Cabin holders were able to remove all personal property, including salvaging of the cabins and other improvements, through March 31, 2022. With the end of the salvage period, any remaining improvements will be removed by the park, and the site will be restored to a more natural state. The park ended the private use of Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Tract 17-101 by the White's Ferry Sportsman's Club on April 1, 2022.

The park will undertake a public planning process to identify possible future uses of Tract 17-101 that will offer public access to the site. Signs with this information will be posted at the entrance to the tract. As of April 2, no signs had been posted.

Track 17-100, consisting of about twenty-two acres running along the Potomac River, is next to Tract 17-101 and is privately owned.



Matters

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WUMCO is hiring!

WUMCO Help has been awarded a substantial grant from the Healthcare Initiative Foundation. This grant will allow WUMCO to begin to address the poor health outcomes in Poolesville and the surrounding areas. To that end, WUMCO is hiring a part-time **Community Health Care Assessment Manager** to undertake a series of test programs to try out alternative ways of delivering healthcare to those in remote areas who have difficulty getting to doctors and medical offices.

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Business Briefs

Poolesville Chamber News!

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) has joined with the Fair Access Committee to sponsor two county candidate forums to be held in Poolesville. The first one is for District 2 County Council candidates and will be held at Poolesville Town Hall on Thursday, April 28 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PACC does not endorse candidates but has a long history of holding forums for the public for town and county candidates for office. The chamber will also be co-hosting a county executive council election forum to be held on Sunday, May 22 at the bandshell at Whalen Commons from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The next PACC Happy Hour event will be at Landmade Brewery on Wednesday, April 27 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. They have reserved the Beer Garden area. This is a great networking opportunity and a way to showcase the Poolesville area.

The next ribbon-cutting ceremony is for Claire Jones of Essence Studios, Dance & Performing Arts. The ribbon-cutting grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 23 at 12:00 p.m. The address is 19710 Fisher Ave Suite E.

Congratulations to K2 Café

Hard to imagine, but K2 Café has now celebrated its first year in business! They had an important message to the town on this grand occasion: "Thank you, Poolesville and Ag Reserve Community; thank you, students; thank you, cyclists; a special thank you to our amazing staff and to our family. We wouldn't be here without all of YOU! This has always been Ashar Abbasi's dream since coming to America, and while we can't say it's been easy, it's been the most wonderful year of our lives. Getting to know you and serving you has been our most sincere privilege. We look forward to many more years together with you.

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Remembrance

Burrell Hyde Marsh, III

Burrell Hyde Marsh, III (Sonny) peacefully passed away at Bridgewater Retirement Community in Bridgewater, Virginia at the age of 95. He was born July 12, 1926 in Staunton, Virginia to Burrell Hyde, Jr. and Elizabeth Price.

At the age of five, his father moved the family to Chevy Chase, where Sonny spent his formative years. He graduated from Augusta Military Academy and also Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Before his eighteenth birthday, he proudly joined the U.S. Navy to serve his country in World War II both on D-Day and later in the Pacific Theater and advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. After graduating from General Motors Institute of Technology in Flint, Michigan, in 1948, Sonny returned to Bethesda where he joined his father's team at Community Motors, Inc., and upon his father's death, he took over as owner. Sonny actively served the Bethesda-Chevy Chase community through his leadership positions and projects with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rotary Club, the Bethesda United Methodist Church, and the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA, which he cofounded.

He is survived by his wife of seventy years, Margaret Evers Marsh, also of Bridge-water, Virginia; his three children, Anne Elizabeth Marsh of Longmont, Colorado, Sandra Marsh (Michael) Baggett of Poolesville, and Burrell Hyde "Skip" Marsh, IV of Stephens City, Virginia; two grandchildren, Graham Marsh and Sam Baggett; and two cousins, five nieces, and their children.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations made to the Bethesda-Chevy Chase YMCA.



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Tidbits

Local Grand Lady Honored for Her 99th Birthday

One of the grand ladies of Poolesville recently celebrated her ninety-ninth birthday. Jill Chadwick, along with her departed husband Jay, were dedicated community-oriented citizens for decades in this area. Both were leaders at St. Peter's Church, she with the woman's group and flower guild, and Jay as a member of its vestry and eucharistic minster. Jill has also been a member and leader in the Republican Women of Upper Montgomery County for many years, and they recently honored her for her birth milestone at a luncheon at Dutch's Daughter.

The Republican Women of Upper Montgomery County was organized to advance the issues and causes of the Republican Party in the county. While they have done so with dedication, they have also provided funds for different, non-political causes. Their largest annual event, Saturday Nights in the County, a dinner-auction affair, raises funds for their scholarship program. The gift for \$3,500 targets students pursuing a vocational, trade school, or certification program, including a certification from a community college. They wanted to focus on a group of students they consider long overlooked in standard scholarship award programs. Rather than seeking to financially assist students pursuing a four-year degree, they chose to help those whose goal is more in trade or vocational training and other certification programs, often offered at the community college level.

Local Farmers Honored with Day of Appreciation

Local farmers and members of Montgomery Agricultural Producers (MAP) were recently recognized by the County Council with its annual Agricultural Appreciation Day. Forty-two years ago, the council had the foresight to set aside the Agricultural Reserve to secure the land needed to protect the future of farming in our county. Today, our county is blessed to have multiple generational farmers continuing to produce the food and fiber needed by our citizens. This was especially critical during the recent pandemic. A local source of fresh and



Montgomery County Council proclaims Agricultural Appreciation Day.

healthy food must be secured for the future in Montgomery County. The farmers and everyday citizens are appreciative of the Montgomery County Council for this recognition and their continued support of farming for the future.

Wolz Wins C&O Photo Contest

John Wolz, who writes the Monocle's column "In Your Own Backyard," which focuses primarily on the C&O Canal, won its association's monthly photo contest with his wintry scene of the canal.



Jon Wolz's winning entry in C&O Canal's monthly photo contest.





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Remembrances

Gail McGaha

Gail McGaha, 63, passed away March 2, 2022, from COVID-19. Born in Takoma Park, she was a lifelong resident of Montgomery County. Gail met her husband John Strong, Town of Poolesville consulting engineer, on the first day of class in seventh grade. The couple were married in 1985, "finally" as her mother would say. For many years, the couple enjoyed traveling the countryside on their motorcycles and visiting with friends around the world.



Gail McGaha

Gail graduated from the University of Maryland with a B.S. in Microbiology and a B.A. in English. One of Gail's professors praised her for having a most brilliant mind. Her love of animals led her into a life of dog training and the management of horse farms and veterinary care. A great listener and compassionate friend to all, Gail was always available to lend an ear, offer advice, and help anyone in need. She was a devoted wife and a constant support to her nieces and nephews. She was always up for new adventures and particularly enjoyed visiting different cultures.

An inspiration to all, Gail's motto was, "Live life large because you may never have another opportunity for that next adventure."

A celebration for life will be held at a later date.

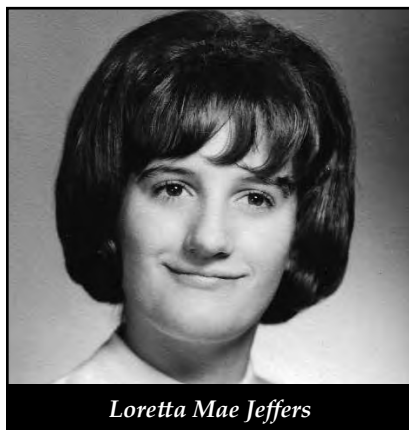
Loretta Mae Jeffers

Loretta Mae Jeffers, 73, of Monrovia, passed away peacefully on March 11, 2022 at the Kline Hospice House in Mt Airy.

She was the loving wife of the late Richard "Dickie" Jeffers.

Born on May 1, 1948, in Boyds, she was the daughter of the late Herman H. and Nellie V. (Cullers) Fitzwater.

Loretta is survived by one daughter, Michelle Leppo (Michael) of Monrovia; one sister, Mary Virts of Boyds; five sisters-in-law, Nancy Allnutt of Boyds, Mary Young (Tom) of Damascus, Eleanor Wilkinson of Dickerson, Barbara Richards of Gaithersburg, and Lucille Fitzwater of Hagerstown; one brother-in-law, David Jeffers (Kathy) of Poolesville; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Loretta Mae Jeffers

Loretta is preceded in death by one son, Richard "Ricky" Jeffers, Jr.; three brothers, Herman Fitzwater, Jr., Kevin Fitzwater, and Armer Fitzwater; two sisters, Ina Hanes and Vada Stottlemeyer; and one brother-in-law, Danny Jeffers.

Loretta was a graduate of Gaithersburg High School, Class of 1966. Professionally, she enjoyed working for National Geographic and PNC Bank where she met many great friends. She loved spending time with her adoring family, playing bingo if she won, and joking with everyone around her. She was an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Loretta will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, and friend who loved to laugh and have a good time. She found good in everyone. She was a fun-loving, generous, and compassionate person who will be greatly missed by all who loved her.

The family would like to thank Kline Hospice House in Mt Airy for the wonderful care and the compassion shown during the final weeks of Loretta's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Kline Hospice House in Mt. Airy or ASPCA.

Frederick Irwin Rosenberg

Frederick Irwin Rosenberg, 82, of Poolesville, died Tuesday, March 8, 2022. Fred was very well respected and loved for his integrity, wisdom, kindness, humor, generosity, and infectious, warm personality.

Fred was born on October 13, 1939, in Frankfort, Kentucky to Deborah and Solomon Rosenberg. He earned an undergraduate degree and a law degree from the University of Kentucky and was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity. He was also a proud member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.



Frederick Irwin Rosenberg

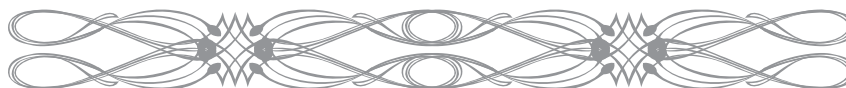
Fred served in the U.S. Army, entering active duty in May 1966. He was assigned to Ft. Story, Virginia, with the 458th Transportation Company, a LARC (Lighter, Amphibious, Resupply, Cargo) unit. Rising to the rank of captain, he was awarded several medals, including the Army Commendation Medal, which he received for his service in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He served in Cam Ranh Bay, Nha Trang, and Phan Thiet.

Fred and Brenda met in 1965 while both were social workers at a reform school in Kentucky. They married in 1968 in Ft. Story, Virginia, where Fred was stationed. Following his military service, he worked as a civilian for the Military Sea Transportation Service (MSTS), a component of the U.S. Navy Department, in Oakland, California. In 1971, he joined the U.S. Postal Inspection Service as a postal inspector, and in 1975, he became an Inspector Attorney. He retired in 1996.

A forty-six-year resident of Poolesville, Fred loved living in the small town, reminiscent of his hometown of Frankfort. He especially loved the friendly people of Poolesville who look out for each other and make the town truly special. Fred was an avid stamp collector and enjoyed popping in to say hello at local post offices on his various journeys. Over the years, he also enjoyed boating on the Potomac, driving his RV across the country, and collecting antiques. Fred was a sentimental soul who loved all kinds of music, but especially oldies from the 1950s. A sweet man with a sweet tooth, he had a weakness for soft-serve ice cream and peach cobbler, and he couldn't resist a pie from Lewis Orchards. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh and make others laugh. Most of all, Fred loved his family.

He is survived by his wife Brenda; brother, Edwin (Melinda) of Hudson, Ohio; sons Bryan (Bonnie) of Mebane, North Carolina and David of Mableton, Georgia; daughter, Jennifer, of Fairfax, Virginia; two grandchildren, Rachel and Matthew; and his beloved dog, Casey.

For those wishing to honor Fred's memory, please consider a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project or to Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary, in support of two causes that were near and dear to his heart.



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Locals Restaurant: Culinary Artist!

Still, it is the restaurant with its historic venue that we have all been anticipating the most. The venue, historically remembered as the Stevens House and more widely known today as the Handmaiden's House, the adorable gift shop that existed into the early 2000s, has been lovingly restored inside and out.

With the new addition designed as the main entrance, the sense of history is enhanced with the previously brick exterior still visible, adding a warmth to the room. The goal is a soft opening in just the coming few weeks by offering breakfast and lunch, creating a solid runway for the full liftoff to evening dining later this spring.

The venue is only part of its uniqueness. The other is its cultural identification as the heart of the Ag Reserve, featuring local produce, freshly-baked goods, locally-sourced meats, and other specialties, even making their own sodas (eat your heart out Coke and Pepsi).

The menu will feature primarily American cuisine with some specialties to surprise us. With a staff of more than fifteen already on board, owner David Therriault is proud to be able to reward their work with above-average pay and benefits. The chef is even local. He is Jason Smith, who broke into the restaurant business as a teen employed first as a dishwasher at the beloved Staub's Restaurant in Beallsville. A suitable range in pricing is planned, so that all in the community as well as those coming from elsewhere may discover a most welcoming restaurant.

Within the restaurant, there will be tables for up to sixty diners, but during the warmer weather, there will be seating throughout the professionally-landscaped exterior gardens. Many of us remember David Therriault, owner of Alden Farms, as the best garden and landscape shop and supplier in town for many years.

David is highly regarded as an artist specializing in sculptures, so it is his artistic side that fuels his vision of the center of old Poolesville being a magnet to promote the agrarian lifestyle and appreciation for art in various forms. He plans on a town-wide sculpture exhibit featuring individual works displayed throughout the town for us and visitors to appreciate as they walk throughout Poolesville. The goal is a downtown ambience worthy of the small-town charm we all exalt that moves us away from the cookie-cutter theme of chain stores that can quickly absorb the town's appearance.

With so much going on, it is hard to imagine how he has been able to also develop his full dream of an artistic center honoring his daughter Sydney who passed away a year ago. Entitled the Riverworks Art Center, the initial stages have already begun with the appointment of a Board of Directors and management

team for the nonprofit. Using space at Locals and Alden Farms, they will begin planning and providing classes and programs this spring, but the dream reaches its full awakening should the Town of Poolesville accept his offer to purchase the Old Methodist Church building on West Willard Road (most recently, it housed the Friendly Thrift Shop). If successful, the building will have its roots as a church restored and will be the perfect location for hosting their events. They also plan to make the space available for events honoring our history.

As we move closer to the full realization of David's dream, the excitement builds. That which enhances beauty serves all people, and with the full development of Locals and the Riverworks Art Center, Poolesville gains a beautiful future for us all.

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Badge 0619, Where Are You?

It is the support of the family that ultimately makes the difference for those who choose to serve. For Annette and J. R. (as he is referred to within the department), their family is their children Madison, Nick (spouse Katie), and Morgan (spouse Jacob), and grandchildren, Carter, Declan, and Madeline (with one more in the oven and due in October).

Corporal Howard made his final, end-of-shift report to dispatch by saying, "Thank you all for your service, and taking care of me all these years, this kid from Wheaton, you helped me with a lifelong dream. Thanks to all my fellow officers. God bless you all."

The dispatcher (his daughter Madison) responded, "Thank you for your thirty-six years of service, from patrol to motor to midnight shifts and eventually back to motor. Most importantly, you loved your job, and you loved your family that got you through it. Now you will get to relax at home and be with Mom and hang out with the grandkids. We love you and thank you for putting your life on the line every day for the county. Thank you for helping the men and women of the department every day. You are one of a kind and will be missed but enjoy your retirement. The girls will be so proud of you. I love you, Dad."

On his final day, after turning in his gun, he was escorted by a motorcade around the roadways that he patrolled throughout his career, starting at the Police Academy to HQ-1D to Germantown 5D and finally to Poolesville. He has returned to Poolesville, the town he loves with all his heart and now where the holder of Badge 0619 will enjoy his retirement and prepare to make proper use of his RV and boat.

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Florida is currently having an outbreak of this complex. This outbreak is especially concerning as it seems to have higher resistance than previous outbreaks.

Cats are also showing an increased positive ratio to CIRDC. Cats do not usually contract it, but in households with an infected dog, cats are also at risk.

If you are traveling back from Florida or planning a trip to Florida, in South Florida especially, make sure that your furry friend has a current "Kennel Cough" vaccine and the Canine Influenza bi-valent vaccine.

Both the bacterial and the virus groups that produce CIRDC do not require direct contact with another dog or cat to transmit to your friends. It can stay active on inanimate surfaces like common water bowls, door handles, chew toys, community retrieving toys, and your hands and clothing. If you think you have come in contact with a pet showing a harsh repetitive cough, nasal discharge, or increased drooling, change all your clothing and wash your hands with an antibacterial soap for at least two minutes.

Antibiotics can be dispensed by your veterinarian to treat the bacteria side of CIRDC, but the viral side will have to run its course. Recovery from the disease and resolution of the cough can take up to four weeks.

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