

# The Monocacy

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*Keeping an Eye on Local News*

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## *Poolesville Awarded Federal Grant of \$4.9 Million For Streetscape Plan*

By Link Hoewing

In a major win for the Town of Poolesville, Commission President Jim Brown announced at its May meeting that the town has been approved to receive a federal grant of \$4.9 million to support the construction of the Streetscape Plan. The grant came through the offices of Congressman David Trone. Congressional offices compete each year for special appropriations grants out of federal monies committed to a range of agencies and programs. As with other members of Congress, Trone annually asks constituents, towns, nonprofits, and others to apply for grants through his office. Poolesville first applied for this grant in 2018, and finally this year, the grant was approved.

The grant comes at an especially opportune time for the town. Two major projects along Fisher Avenue on land owned by Donegan Associates across from Poolesville Elementary School and another on land owned by the Willards

immediately adjacent to Whalen Commons are now under review by the Poolesville Planning Commission. While it usually takes years for such proposals to result in actual construction, these two properties are on portions of Fisher Avenue that abut critical parts of the Streetscape Plan.

In the case of Donegan, the property borders a part of a proposed traffic circle that is planned as a major entryway to the town along Fisher Avenue coming from the south. In the case of the Willard property, it borders a part of the Streetscape Plan leading up to the Old Town Center and connecting it to Whalen Commons. A part of the Willard Plan includes a walking path coming from the commons and running west to the John Poole House and the area where Locals has just opened. This pedestrian path will make it much safer for pedestrians to walk from the Whalen Commons area towards the Old Town Center. In a very real sense,

these two properties are true bookends for the Streetscape Plan.

The new grant for the Streetscape Plan, an integral part of the town's vision, is the culmination of nearly twenty years of planning and work by the town to improve the appearance, safety, and traffic flow along Fisher Avenue. The acquisition of Whalen Commons and the building of the town hall were initial pieces of the plan. The town next acquired ownership from the state of the segment of Fisher Avenue that passes through most of the town. The town has been accumulating funds for the plan for many years. The Planning Commission is now undergoing a review of the Master Plan, and the Streetscape Plan remains a vital part of the vision for the town.

The commissioners also considered and approved a set of covenants and a

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## *Envision Poolesville: Residents Provide Input on the Town's Future*

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Planning Commission sponsored a citizen participatory event called Envision Poolesville at Whalen Commons on May 14. The purpose was to obtain input from residents and others on their preferences in planning the town's future. The Planning Commission is in the process of developing a state-mandated town Master Plan, and within that plan, they will continue the town's landscape redesign and economic development goals called Streetscape.

At this family-friendly event, there were several different games individuals could "play" that provided a way for them to identify their personal priorities, thereby giving some guidance to the commissioners.



*Poolesville Commission President Jim Brown, Barbara Brookmyer, and Joy Zucker-Tiemann at the Envision Poolesville event.*

One game was on a board delineating a map of the town where individuals were asked to place a blue dot sticker in the area in which they think the town should consider for growth and economic development.

Another activity was to select priorities in capital improvement. Each was given theoretical currency totaling \$188 and had to put the "cash"

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# Family Album

2022 Potomac Hunt Races

Photo by Terri Pitts



Photo by Terri Pitts



Families attended Envision Poolsville: Mitch Michieoa with Julia and Lydia along with Andy Newnes and son Tyler.



American Legion's Post 247 held a Saloon Dinner at Calleva's western town.



The Upcounty Prevention Network held a youth-oriented festive event featuring live music and local bands at Whalen Commons.





## Tidbits

### PMUMC Celebrates Consecration of its New Columbarium

The newly-completed Memorial Garden and Columbarium project at Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church was dedicated and consecrated. Bishop LaTrelle Easterling and Rev. Tony Love represented the Baltimore-Washington Conference and participated in the consecration service after worship, along with Pastor Tim Dowell and the congregation.

The project, over three years in the making, required many volunteers and was a wonderful example of the teamwork and generosity which is at the heart of projects of this magnitude.

The presence of the columbarium on church grounds completes the cycle of church life: birth and baptism, worship, Holy Communion, marriage, and finally, death and eternal life. Eighty niches provide a place for those who wish to have their remains rest at the church they loved and served. The Columbarium Wall is designed to expand to accommodate more niches for future generations. Members of the church family that are buried elsewhere may be memorialized on the bronze plaques that will flank the columbarium. The beautiful garden that surrounds the memorial wall is a place not only for loved ones to pay their respects but a place for prayer and meditation, small group meetings, and outdoor space for events held in the church's Fellowship Hall.

### Playing at the Next Level

On May 16, in the PHS Media Center in front of parent, coaches, family, friends, and classmates, twelve Poolesville High School student-athletes signed letters of intent to compete in college during the 2022-2023 season. Principal Mark A. Carothers saluted the athletes on their achievements. Athletic director Regina Grubb thanked the athletes for their leadership and dedication and hoped they had enjoyed their time at Poolesville and would carry life lessons learned at the school, in competition, and beyond. For these senior athletes, there have surely been a lot of life lessons. During most of their four years, they have had to cope with virtual learning, COVID restrictions and interruptions, as well as the interruptions attendant with the construction work being done as PHS is renovated. They will be the last group of seniors to compete in or on the Falcon athletic facilities as they have known them. Next fall, the school will look quite different.

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*Gary Hartz, Chair of Trustees, Eleanor Bateman, Chair of the Columbarium Committee, Bishop LaTrelle Easterling, Baltimore-Washington Conference, Rev. Tim Dowell, Pastor at PMUMC, and Rev. Tony Love, Baltimore-Washington Conference.*



PHS athletic scholarship recipients for 2022.

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## Rande(m) Thoughts The Portrait of an Artist as an Old Town

By Rande Davis

Like a locomotive, our community has been building speed as it clickity-clicks down life's railroad track toward our future. In the past few issues, the *Monocle* has been heralding our new resurgence emerging right before our eyes, for all to see, and that vision continues even more noticeably in this one.

From the front page to the inside pages, we are people on the move. Large grant funds awarded to the town, a gathering of citizens in the park to talk about our future, the dedication of a new park in Barnesville, public involvement on what can happen through the National Park Service at White's Ferry, even the Columbarium at Memorial United are examples of a people in charge of their future. Isn't great to be an American!

The \$4.9 million grant from the Federal government coming through Congressman Trone's office, first sought in 2018, will dramatically aid us in completing our vision. We can have a debate about excessive federal spending; regardless, the money is going to be spent, and Poolesville deserves its fair share. There have been discussions of hiring a town grant writer to make sure we are not left out to dry while other, bigger, more sophisticated entities get the money. I would argue that such a town employee could also be tasked with assisting the host of local nonprofits to gain grants they are not awarded due to their lack of professional grant writing skills and knowledge.

The other front-page story told of a highly-unique outreach effort by our planning commission through sponsorship of the Envision Poolesville event this past weekend. It may be the single most innovative approach to gain public involvement I have witnessed.

It's possible that so much of this momentum is coming together naturally as the pandemic recedes in our consciousness, and the need to go forward is tugging us collectively with a sense of urgency. While the thrust may come from our anxiousness to get on with life again, the truth is that what is happening today is the result of decades of work by concerned citizen visionaries. Some of it goes back to Charles Elgin, who envisioned a modern water and wastewater plant, and Gary Hartz, who carried the torch to the county to save our local schools decades ago. It includes past leaders such as Tom

Dillingham, Eddie Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, and Val Dickerson whose baton was picked up new leaders such as Jim Brown, Link Hoewing, Kerri Cook, Jeffery Eck, Martin Radigan, and Ed Reed.

The vision goes back to the days when George Coakley guided the last master plan, and Cal Sneed chaired the commission on streetscape and improvements through the town's overlay plan, providing a blueprint of what our town should look like for generations to come. It continues today through the planning commission leadership of Kevin Schramm, a committee tasked with envisioning a new Poolesville which includes our next Master Plan and the newest touches to the Streetscape plan.

So much of this vision comes from the involvement of concerned citizens within and outside our town government. Much comes from the determined people who are not even residents of Poolesville. It comes from individual leaders like Ray Hoewing and members of civic groups, like the chamber, like our churches, like our PTAs, like Montgomery Countryside Alliance and Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, and our fraternal groups such as the Lions and the Oddfellows. We have been blessed with developers whose love of and commitment to Poolesville match our citizens'. The devotion of the town by the Willard family stretches back generations while new developers like Tom Kettler, whose personal extensive participation in so many civic and charitable groups in town for the past two decades, can be matched by only a few among us.

This emerging vision has been aided by ad hoc groups such as the Fair Access Committee, whose origin was to support the building of a new school but has been expanded into involvement into the full panorama of our future as a town.

Finally, all of this comes from the hard work and good will of the town's successive governmental leaders, our commissioners, who have been overseeing and managing this whole process for the past fifty years. The bumpy road of local politics can become a roadblock to the future, or it can be, as with us, a simple speed bump causing us to slow down a bit, learn to focus, and collectively come back together.

When I first arrived in Poolesville in 1976, we were a sleepy, rural town whose future was uncertain. The center of the town then was the national bank at Elgin and White's Ferry Roads, serving as our town hall. The changes have been more subtle, with much of

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## Local News

### Dedication of Lillard's Corner

By Maureen O'Connell

On Saturday, May 14, 2022, family and friends of J. Robert Lillard, Sr. and J. Robert Lillard, Jr. gathered at the Barnesville Town Hall and the park at Lillard's Corner to dedicate a landmark for Barnesville, its first park, located in the center of town at the intersection of Beallsville Road and Barnesville Road. Jan Lillard Burdette, daughter of J. Robert Lillard, Jr. and Margery S. Lillard, and town Mayor Mildred Callear welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The lot on which the park is located was a central part of the Lillard family for several generations. Jan's grandparents Bob and Stella Lillard purchased the house and store across the street from the park in 1926. They operated a general store and post office at the house. Mr. Lillard operated a trucking business, and his wife was the postmistress. In 1937, he purchased the lot across the street for \$600. Over the years, he kept a stockpile of bricks, stone, and coal for his business on the lot. Jan fondly remembers growing up



Jan Lillard Burdette, Mike Zuckerman, town commissioner, Tracey Bodo, town clerk, Audrey Morris, former town commissioner, and Mildred Callear, town mayor.

in that house and raising a flock of sheep on the land across the street. Jan's father died in 2017, and she gave the lot to the Town of Barnesville in 2019. This was a very generous and unique gift for a small town like Barnesville. She and the town commissioners worked with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources Program Open Space on the park's design and development. The program symbolizes Maryland's long-term commitment to conserving our natural resources while providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities for its citizens. Former town commissioner

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## Local News

### National Park Service Releases a White's Ferry Development Concept Plan

By Jon Wolz

On May 11, 2022, the National Park Service (NPS) held a virtual meeting to announce that they are seeking public input as they take steps to improve opportunities for public recreation at the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&ONHP) in the vicinity of White's Ferry to aid in the preparation of a Development Concept Plan for the White's Ferry area that is owned by the NPS. The public is encouraged to help shape the long-term vision for the area and provide feedback on initial proposed concepts.

Written comments may be submitted online at the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website, [parkplanning.nps.gov/whitesferryconceptplan](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/whitesferryconceptplan) (the detailed concept plans may be found on this website) from May 11 to June 11 or mail comments by June 11.

Attending the virtual meeting were staff from the Regional NPS office as well as staff from C&ONHP, including Superintendent Tina Cappetta; and attendees from the public, including Link Hoewing, Rod Mackler representing the C&O Canal Association, a few others, and myself.

The purpose of a Development Concept Plan is to evaluate existing conditions and to create concepts for future use and enjoyment. The NPS will use the plan to improve recreation in the area for residents and visitors. The White's Ferry NPS property is approximately seventy-three acres, made up of two tracts of land and includes open space, a picnic pavilion, a large parking lot, wooded areas, river access, structures, and access to private lands.

The area surrounds a private property where the ferry operation and White's Ferry Grill are located. The future of the ferry operation is not within the scope of the Development Concept Plan.

In 1974, the National Park Service (NPS) acquired Tract 17-101. The White's Ferry Sportsman's Club continuously occupied Tract 17-101 from before 1974 to 2021 and paid rent to NPS annually. NPS requested that the White's Ferry Sportsman's Club vacate their cabins along Old River Road located on Tract 17-101 by April 1, 2022. All of the cabins had electricity and water hookups in front of them on Old River Road. Old River Road was once used by travelers to pass beneath the canal through Culvert 49 before the iron road bridge over the canal was built in 1876. Tract 17-102 currently has a large pavilion in a field next to the parking lot at White's Ferry. Tract 17-101 is next to Tract 17-100 which is privately owned and, for the most part, is between Tract 17-101 and the Potomac River.

The NPS contractor at the virtual meeting presented three potential concepts for Tract 101 which was referred to as the South Tract and three potential concepts for Tract 102 which was referred to as the North Tract. Concepts presented for the North Tract can be interchanged with concepts presented for the South Tract.

North Concepts Summary: All concept options provide changes to the existing pavilion; a forest buffer; options for the existing open area east of the pavilion, including agricultural use, open gathering area for informal recreation, and a meadow; and mix and match opportunities.

South Concepts Summary: All concepts provide camping sites, with options for tent camping for single large or multiple groups; parking; pavilion(s) with

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#### The Portrait of an Artist as an Old Town

the town recognizable even by those who preceded us by generations. Keeping Poolesville a small town has proven to be more than a good slogan; it's a reality. Like the land where Whalen Commons stands now, Poolesville was much like a blank canvas. The rural personality of Poolesville had an alter ego, different than our history, but one that has not forgotten the value of its past while preparing for our new vision. Like a young artist boldly filling the canvas, a portrait of a new town is emerging, and I think we will like what we paint.



Cabins on stilts scheduled for demolition at the C&O Canal near White's Ferry.

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### Poolesville Seniors Presents Virtual and In-Person Programs

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#### Weekly Events

**Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays**  
**Outdoor Pickle Ball.** Stevens Park. 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. No class on May 30.

#### Wednesdays

**Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco.** 11:00 a.m. Virtual. No class on May 25.

**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](mailto: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. In Person.

#### Fridays

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

#### May 24

##### *Through the Perilous Fight*

Meet Steve Vogel, the author of *Through the Perilous Fight: Six Weeks That Saved the Nation*, as he brings to life the story of the British capture of Washington in 1814, the fight for Baltimore, and the story behind the National Anthem. Get the Poolesville venue address with your registration. 7:00 p.m. In person.

#### May 26

##### **F. Scott Fitzgerald's Rockville**

Eileen McGuckian, historian, author, and historic preservationist will look at the small town of Rockville that America's favorite author, F. Scott Fitzgerald, knew in the 1920s. Learn about his connection to Rockville and how he came to be buried in Rockville—twice!—thirty-five years apart. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### June 2

##### **Local Schoolhouses**

Join Ralph Buglass, from the Montgomery County Historical Society, for a discussion of one- and two-room schoolhouses in Montgomery County and the stories they tell about the early days of public education. 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](http://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.

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**Envision Poolesville: Residents Provide Input on the Town’s Future**

in buckets for town center development, natural environment, water and sewer, affordable housing, trails, roads, town buildings, or parks. Of course, the process of designating amounts to put into each from limited funds establishes the person’s priorities. At the end, each bucket also provided a total amount of funds which provided a glimpse into what the participants wanted collectively.

Perhaps the most intriguing display was the streetscape map plan for changes along Fisher Avenue. With the town now owning its main street, the town can realistically discuss and make plans on how to change the roadway to better facilitate traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety and the street’s appearance. The plan to handle any possible development growth and its impact on traffic includes widening the road that will create center lanes at key points to keep through-traffic moving while those turning left await the opportunity to do so.

The highlight is a proposed traffic roundabout at Wootton and Fisher Avenues that will be a landscaped island preceded by an enhanced gateway entrance. There is proposed an additional gateway entrance on Fisher near the entrance to the county pool. A bike path would be included as would be a bioretention pathway that adds a pedestrian walkway from the town hall side of Fisher into the center of town past the John Poole House. To help keep the speed down through town, there will be rumble strips and traffic islands holding low maintenance plants to improve safety, traffic speed, and beauty.

Interested citizens can view copies of the PDF from the town planning commission on its Facebook page and other Facebook sites.

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**National Park Service Releases a White’s Ferry Development Concept Plan**

option to be open-air or an enclosed building; vault toilets; well access; options for open or shaded space for group gathering; non-motorized boat launch/fishing pier; trail connection to the C&O Canal Towpath; and mix and match opportunities.

NPS hopes to have the plan finalized by winter 2023 after receiving input from the public on the plan and on any revisions. Implementation of the final concept plan is subject to the availability of funding.

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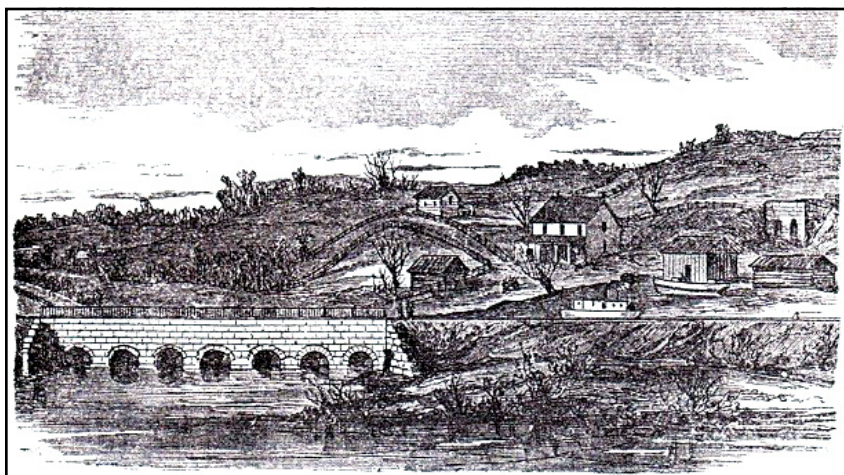


## In Your Own Backyard

### Poling the Ferry Boat; Civil War Monocacy Headquarters

By Jon Wolz

The *Monocacy Monocle* has readers across the United States! Recently, a reader who lives in Nevada wrote Rande Davis about an article Rande wrote about White's Ferry and the efforts to reopen the ferry that appeared in the March 18, 2022 edition of the paper. Rande wrote Rolly Rollison back, copying me. Rolly wrote in part, "My reason for writing is two of my ancestors were ferrymen on White's Ferry. My great-grandfather William Henry Rollison (1836-1900) worked the ferry from 1890 until 1900. My great-granduncle Charles Edward Rollison (1874-1936) worked it until 1918. William died on the ferry after being run over twice by a horse drawn wagon. Charles's involvement ended when a gasoline motorboat was attached to the side of the ferry." Back then, the ferry was powered by the Rollisons poling the ferryboat across the Potomac River. I found that by 1930, Edward was a farm laborer living in Broad Run, Virginia. Rolly and I exchanged emails and information. I referred him to a story I wrote about his great-grandfather that appeared in the January 22, 2021 issue of the paper. Rolly's second great-grandfather had been the lockkeeper at Lock 25, Edwards Ferry during the Civil War. Living with him at that time had been his son, also named William Henry Rollison before enlisting in the Union Army; he was Rolly's great-grandfather.



An early rendition of the Mouth of Monocacy Aqueduct.

Rolly also wrote, "I had the pleasure of meeting R. Edwin Brown, previous owner of White's Ferry, some time ago on one of my trips to my home state of Virginia. Was on my way to Hagerstown and just happened to catch Mr. Brown at the ferry maintenance building. When I introduced myself, he recalled knowing the Rollison name. He gave me a tour of the canal and particularly Lockhouse 25—exciting stuff for a family historian."

Ever since my early childhood, I have enjoyed walking in the woods, exploring places, and making new discoveries. I enjoy walking in the woods associated with the C&O Canal National Historical Park as well as our nearby state and county parks. During the period when everything has died back from the cold and snakes are tucked away for the winter, I often go off the path into the woods to see what I can find.

During my past exploration period I came upon some unique discoveries in the woods. One of my discoveries is quite significant. I am familiar with the history of Union Civil War forts along the Potomac River in Montgomery County and have visited several of them. There were a few I had not visited, including the Monocacy fort near the mouth of the Monocacy River. I became aware of this fort from reading letters written by members of Vermont's 10th Regiment that are accessible through the University of Vermont Digital Library. Over the last three years, I walked through the woods looking for that fort. Local historian Jim Poole provided me with a drawing made by a Union soldier in 1863 of the mouth of the Monocacy River looking up at the aqueduct that included a canal boat floating by different buildings, and at the top right-hand corner, a block house

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## Garden

### Why Your Garden Needs Mulch

By Maureen O'Connell

As we prepare our gardens for the summer season, gardeners often ask me if they should apply mulch to their flower and vegetable gardens and around trees and shrubs. The answer is yes. They understand that mulch contributes to the retention of soil moisture, suppresses weed growth, and makes the garden look good, but we often forget its most important contribution: Mulch builds and improves your soil like nothing else. William C. Fonteno, professor emeritus of Horticultural Sciences at North Carolina State University, stated, "Mulch plays a big role in growing better soils."

Mulch mimics nature's way of enriching the soil. Look at the forest floor. Every year, fallen leaves and plant debris cover its floor. They slowly decompose, thereby enriching the soil. Forests full of fallen leaves are gifts the trees give to themselves. Through natural decomposition, nature contributes to forest vitality and health in many ways. It is one of the most distinctive features of a forest ecosystem.

Every year, gardeners spend about one billion dollars on mulch and soil amendments. They buy it in bags at garden centers or have it delivered in bulk, but we must use it correctly or not at all. I don't buy soil amendments; I make my own. Many of us have a "small forest" of leaves and grass clippings in our yards. By mowing them and spreading them over the garden soil, you are doing what nature does every year. You can also buy Leafgro in bags at local garden centers.

What makes good mulch? There are many types on the market. The most popular is probably bark or wood chips. You can also use straw or pine needles. I don't recommend using hay. It is often made up of a combination of different plants growing in a field or meadow. You never know what plant combination you will get in a random bale of hay. Often, they contain weeds that you can inadvertently introduce to your property. Pine needles are excellent at suppressing weeds and help water flow seamlessly into the soil. The needles break down slowly, adding nutrients back into the soil. It is also excellent for acid-loving plants, trees, and shrubs, such as camellias, azaleas, hydrangeas, and fuchsias.

How much mulch to use: It is generally applied in ornamental beds to a depth of one to three inches. It is possible to have too much of a good thing. A layer of mulch too thick becomes hydrophobic, meaning it repels water and prevents the soil from retaining any moisture. This will kill your plants before long.

There is a term, volcano mulching, that has nothing to do with an active volcano. It refers to an improper tree care technique where, year after year, mulch is applied against the trunk of a tree. This promotes bark decay and causes roots to grow up, rather than down into the soil. Keep the mulch several inches away from tree and shrub trunks. You should also be careful not to invite rot by smothering the crowns of perennials and bulbs or expect tender plants to find their way up through a pile of wood chips.

Should you remove old mulch before adding new? This is not necessary; it only ends up as extra work and needless expense.

Make your plants happy this summer by improving the soil conditions in which they live. All your work in applying mulch will pay off and, at the same time, will build a healthy garden ecosystem. Organic mulch also provides homes for beneficial insects, like ladybugs and spiders. These insects will reduce the number of pests you have in your garden, so don't forget to mulch your gardens this year.


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## PACC Spotlight

### Woman-Owned Poolesville Business: The Sweet Lemon

By Jim Brown, PACC BOD Member

When asked what she liked best about running her boutique gift store, The Sweet Lemon, owner Katie Horan has almost too many reasons to love what she does, and her actual store is just part of a bigger quest. Her own words best tell the tale.

"I've always been drawn to boutiques. I love to entertain, and I love details. All of those passions needed a creative outlet, so the idea of searching out and bringing good quality gifts to Poolesville scratched all of those itches. We've come a long way, and the door is wide open. The Sweet Lemon is here to stay—and grow!"

While Katie's youthful smile and high energy seem natural, local residents, friends, and her former students know she developed her chops first at Penn State University (Class of 2005), then at Poolesville High School, where she also happened to meet husband PJ while chaperoning a lacrosse game at PHS. "I've never worked at any other school during my career," said Katie. "Not too many MCPS folks can say that, plus I met my husband there!"

The Horans have since made their mark on Poolesville with an amazing family, a successful business (PJ), and an MCPS career for Katie that's ending with few regrets. "The pandemic really caused me to reevaluate. I love the kids, and I loved my job as a staff development teacher, but I also love this town, and I wanted to be one of the reasons why people come here."

Katie dug into the process of opening a business—creating an LLC, securing financing, conducting market research, and searching for the proper retail space.

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#### Poling the Ferry Boat; Civil War Monocacy Headquarters

fort. In the image, there were virtually no trees standing. Today, there are forests in the area. Prior to receiving that image, I tried to imagine where I would have a fort. I found unusual things back in the woods that have been dumped as well as thorny multiflora rose plants and wineberry plants. I searched almost all of the woods at the mouth of the Monocacy and did not find the fort. Recently, I went to a spot in the woods I had not hiked before. I climbed a hill and found the remains of the rectangular shape of earthworks that served as the foundation for the blockhouse fort. The fort was nestled between two hills. A tree has fallen across it, and there are several downed branches lying upon the ground.

When I was a boy scout, walking across the Monocacy Aqueduct, I saw old green DC Transit buses and trailers that were all over the hillside used as residences. When the C&O Canal became a National Park, the tenants were evicted. The buses and trailers were removed. Since then, fifty years of trees have grown up on the hillside. When I got home, I wrote the archeologist for the C&O Canal National Historical Park, and he wrote back thanking me. He mentioned he would visit the location the next time he was in the area.

In late 1862 through the spring of 1863, the fort was known as the headquarters, Colonel Henry's detachment. This detachment, consisting of three companies, was responsible for guarding Hauling's Ford crossing the Potomac River which was just north of the Monocacy Aqueduct. In a letter dated December 28, 1862, from Colonel William Wirt Henry to his wife Mary Jane Henry, he mentioned in part, "I think we are settled for the balance of the winter here now if the Rebels do not drive us out. I have got a splendid place to make a fight, in between the little hills; a force three times as large as mine could not drive me out." The earthworks I found are between "little hills." Unfortunately, these civil war fortifications in Montgomery County, with the exception of the one at Blockhouse Point Park, are not well preserved and are largely forgotten. Metal detecting and collecting relics in parks are illegal unless you have permission ahead of time. If you find something unusual in a park, you should report it to the park headquarters. Similarly, if you want to visit private property, you should obtain permission from the landowners before venturing onto their properties.



Katie Horan of the Sweet Lemon gift shop.

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## Youth Sports

### Falcon Girls' Tennis the Best in Montgomery

By Jeff Stuart

Undefeated regular seasons are rare, but the Poolesville High School girls' tennis team completed just that feat on May 3 with its victory at Churchill.

"The match against a talented Churchill team came down to fourth singles," said coach Andy Johnson. "When senior captain Angie Zhao hit the winner at 8:05 in the dusk of night to not only secure the fourth singles match but clinch the team win, 4-3, Poolesville became the top team in Montgomery County. The victory caps an unprecedented, undefeated season."

The team finished 12-0. Due to the construction work at PHS, practices and home matches were held on the courts at John Poole Middle School. "Much of the success is due to our four singles players—the Four Aces, as I call them. All four are undefeated. They are Ruhika Bhat at first singles (freshman), Suzy Xu at second singles (junior), Annie Zhao at third singles (freshman), and Angie at fourth singles. The doubles teams have been strong, too. We shut out Quince Orchard, 7-0, at home on May 2 to remain undefeated in Division II and claim the division title." Ruhika, at first singles, is the sister of the Falcon boys' tennis first singles player, Rohan Bhat.

"I think this has been a historic season for Poolesville girls' tennis," said Zhao, at warmup before the B-CC match on April 29. They defeated the Barons, 5-2. The matches against Quince Orchard and Churchill had yet to be played. "We have an amazing lineup of singles players. I am really looking forward to the end of the season and then the county and region tournaments. I think we are going to do really well.

"I honestly did not expect this level of success this year. I knew about the girls who play first and second singles because I used to train with them, but I had no idea who the third singles girl was. She, Annie Zhao, is a freshman, but when I saw her play, I thought, 'Oh my gosh, we are going to have an awesome lineup.' So I was really excited about it. I think our best match was our opening match against Walter Johnson. They are a Division I school, so we were kind of the



The 2022 PHS varsity girls' tennis team.

underdog, and we came out and we won several really tight matches to win the overall match, 6-1. A lot of matches went to three sets.

"My match was 5-7, 6-0, and 6-1. Two of the three doubles matches were three-set wins as well. It was just a really tough match. It set the tone for the season. The match against Whitman was really close. That was 4-3. That was very nerve wracking for us. They were undefeated at the time. (Whitman finished first atop Division I.)

"We won all of our singles matches. We went on first, so we knew that we had won, so we were just cheering on our doubles teams at the end. We are the only undefeated team in the county. Our number one singles, our other freshman, Ruhika Bhat is a really solid player. She has won all of her matches convincingly. The freshmen have made the difference. Having such a strong singles lineup has basically guaranteed us a win in every match we have played."

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### Special Alert

The St. Peter's Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 10 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and June 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It will feature household items and more. Donations will be accepted at the church through June 8.

### May 21

#### 10th Annual Poolesville Springfest

Festival celebrating spring, featuring: Beer and Wine Tasting Tent (online tickets \$30, at gate \$40), nearly twenty different brews, food vendors, and entertainment, including Worthington, Heister, and Friends (2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Jay Summerour (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Rain or shine. *Whalen Commons*. 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Grand Reopening of the Maggie Nightingale Library

The ribbon-cutting grand reopening of the *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m.

### May 28

#### Grand Opening of Riverworks Art Center Studios

19215 *Beallsville Road, Dickerson*. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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#### Falcon Girls' Tennis the Best in Montgomery

"We have faced off against many Division I teams and beaten them," said senior captain and second doubles player, Shriya Yavasani, also at warmups before the B-CC match, "and we have faced off against many Division I teams and beaten them."

They also knocked off traditional Division 1 powers Walter Johnson, 6-1, and previously-undefeated Whitman, 4-3, B-CC and Churchill. "Our singles are really good," she continued. "They are probably the best in the county right now. Our freshmen are really amazing, and our doubles teams are also doing really good. Most of our matches are really close...Our best match was probably against Whitman. They are one of the teams that challenged us most and are on a par with our skill level, so when we beat them, it was a great accomplishment for us. They made us play our best."

"I really love our team, and I think we are doing a great job together. I did not see this coming at all. Last year we had a shorter season and only played against teams in our division. We did not play the more challenging teams. I want to give a shout out to my double partners senior captain Kaviya Kandaswamy and junior Sanjana Konka. I love playing with them."

Other doubles players include senior Shriya Yavasani; juniors Nikhita Kandaswamy, Veera Singh, Malavika Kattuparambil, Swetha Sridren, Yoksha Muruganantham, and Marie Valouiski; sophomore Veera Singh; and freshman Kyra McGlinchey.

The girls headed into the county, regional, and state tournaments on a high note and with a lot of momentum. For them and for Coach Johnson, this season has certainly been a thrill

### May 30

#### Memorial Day Celebration

Poolesville's American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 will sponsor a remembrance and appreciation event to honor those who have died serving in the military to defend our nation. All are welcome. *Whalen Commons*. 11:45 a.m.

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### June 6

#### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

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**Woman-Owned Poolesville Business: The Sweet Lemon**

"None of it was easy. I was turned down (twice!) by the Small Business Administration. It seems gift shops in small towns are too risky for the SBA. We really had no choice but to self-finance. That's added pressure to succeed quickly."

It took over a year for it all to come together, but thanks to Katie's dogged persistence, space was secured in her desired high traffic area (Poolesville Village Center), initial inventory was purchased, and the Sweet Lemon opened on November 13, 2021—just in time for holiday shopping.

With the store now open, Katie's energy shifted to developing a system of inventory replenishment while introducing new ideas and products. "In the beginning, I tried too hard to keep things fresh, and inventory was a challenge. I've learned that the key is to always search for more interesting products, but just as importantly, I need to keep my current inventory in a rotation. My customers love the stuff I bring in, and keeping my merchandise in rotation in the store allows the buyers to find what they want at their own pace. The feedback has been great, and my customers have also given me some fun product ideas!"

Since operating a store, winding down a teaching career, and raising three kids aren't enough to wear down Katie's batteries, she knows she'll have to find more time to market. "My goal is to be bigger on social media than any store of my type. I know I have to grow my SOI (Sphere of Influence) every day. It's a critical part of my business model. There's no question my success will be generated and sustained by local customers, but long-term success will rely on reaching out and growing my customer base. Getting the ferry back up and running would be a huge help, too!" Duly noted!

The future looks sweet for the Sweet Lemon. "I love communication. It fuels me. Interacting with the public is always energizing. I'm going to miss my status within MCPS, but it was time, and my passion has shifted. I look forward to those seventy-five-degree days, when our friends are walking up and down Fisher Avenue, popping in to shop and catch up. I love the idea of my store contributing to our town's vitality, becoming part of the unique fabric of our small-town living. Of course, I want the gift shop to be successful, but I also want the Sweet Lemon to bring people together, to make Poolesville even more special."

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**Dedication of Lillard's Corner**

Audrey Morris worked closely with Jan on this project. In November 2019, work began on the design of the park, and in June 2020, the land was developed, adding fencing, a patio with seating, flower gardens, trees, and shrubs. There are future plans to add additional sidewalks, an extended flower garden area, and a connecting walkway to the town post office. The area will be maintained by volunteers.

Barnesville is very thankful to the Lillard family for their wonderful donation of their "little lot across the street." May many more generations enjoy this gift.

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## Remembrances

### Frank J. Austin

Frank J. Austin, 83, of Poolesville, passed away on May 10, 2022. Frank was the loving husband of Louise E. Austin. Born on February 11, 1939 in Camden, New Jersey, he was the son of Winfield Earl and Rachel Ann (Cahill) Austin.

Along with his wife, Frank was survived by his daughter, Michele L. Elg (Michael) of Texas; his son, Michael Francis Austin of Poolesville; one brother, Ronald Austin of New Jersey; six grandchildren; and one godchild.

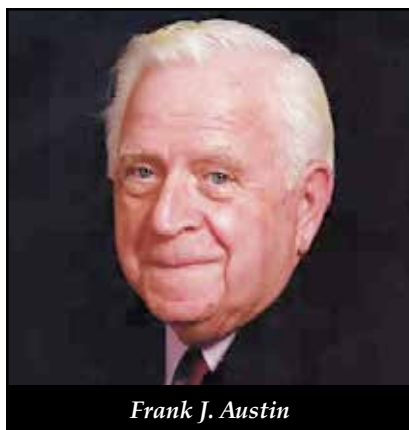
Frank was a man of many titles. He was known by many in his career: Journeyman, Project Lead, and Systems Engineer are just a few. His community knew him by many more: Sir Knight, Lion, Member, Parishioner. To those close to him, he was even more than any of those titles: Neighbor, Friend, Grandfather, Father, Husband.

He met his lifelong love Louise in his teenage years, with whom he was together for sixty-three years and married for fifty-eight.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838. (wife Nancy and stepdaughter Bethany) of Bear, Delaware; one aunt, Lois Akers of Independence, Virginia; and two uncles Bob Redden (wife XiaoXian Chan) of Milburn, New Jersey and Paul Redden (wife Marly) of Triangle, Virginia.

Larry will be missed also by extended family in Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and by many friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Brain Tumor Society would be appreciated.



Frank J. Austin

### Jeanette Nichelle Taylor

On February 10, 2022, Jeanette Nichelle Taylor passed away, and we lost one of the purest hearts. Words alone can never express how amazing and special she was. For those that were lucky to meet her, she surely made a lasting impression.

Jeanette was a fighter from the start. Born with a congenital heart defect, doctors told her family that she would more than likely not survive to eighteen months of age, she showed them her strength and lived a life of pure love to the age of twenty-nine. Jeanette touched hearts with her infectious smile, her tender and caring softness, and her endless supply of artfully-colored marker pictures. She rocked out to country music and most definitely had a special spot in her heart for Toby Keith, Trace Adkins, and Keith Urban. She loved going for car rides to the river and seeing everyone in town, especially if there was a chocolate chip cookie from McDonald's along the trip. She met astronauts, news reporters, and various celebrities along the way, but a simple walk down Fisher Avenue with her during Poolesville Day revealed the truth that she was the true celebrity as we were stopped every few steps by people coming over to greet Jeanette.

She never hesitated to let you know when she was not happy but would still laugh every single time if you crossed your arms and gave her your grumpiest face. On Christmas morning, it was a given that at some point someone would be pelted with Crayola Markers as she was so excited to show off her new coloring supplies and launching them full force at the unsuspecting face was the quickest way to show off her new gifts. She had the magical innocence that only a child could possess and lived her life to the fullest, showering everyone around her with air-blown kisses.

Born on May 15, 1992, she was the loving daughter of Jeffrey D. Taylor and the late Pamela G. Mongan-Taylor. Jeanette is survived by her two sisters, Erin E. Dial and husband Blair of Davis, California and Johanna M. Taylor of Karingani, Mozambique; and two nephews, Christopher J. Flinchum and Atlas A. Dial.

The family will receive friends from 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2022 for a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 18230 Barnesville Road, Barnesville. A get-together at Wild Acres Farm will take place immediately following at 2:30 p.m.

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## Remembrances

### Larry Ray Redden

Larry Ray Redden, 47, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday May 2, 2022. Larry was born April 3, 1975 at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and was a 1994 graduate of Poolesville High School. An excellent athlete, Larry played on the varsity football and baseball teams. Larry was a skilled carpenter and most recently, a superintendent with Cambridge Holdings, LLC in Washington, D.C. He was held in high esteem at Cambridge and had the rare talent of completing his jobs on time with very satisfied customers. Larry could build whatever you wanted using only his imagination. His love for the outdoors was reflected every hunting season. He was a skilled bow hunter and only hunted to bring food to the table. He was a master fisherman and loved trout fishing in the mountain streams the best. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed gardening and tending to his chickens. He was a family man and always present at holiday gatherings bringing love, humor, and silly mischief with his brother JD. He enjoyed summer vacations, going fishing, and attending his son's sporting events to cheer him on. Larry was lovingly devoted to his wife Angie of six years.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Kinnie and Aubrey Shupe of Fries, Virginia, and paternal grandparents, William and Peggy Redden.

Survivors include his parents, Judy Shupe (stepfather Harry Khalil) of Mt. Airy, and father, Dave Redden of Poolesville; spouse, Angie Redden (stepdaughter Amanda) of Sharpsburg; son, Dakota James (Cody) Redden of Mt. Airy; grandson, Gavin Redden of Libertytown; brother, John David Redden (wife Nancy and stepdaughter Bethany) of Bear, Delaware; one aunt, Lois Akers of Independence, Virginia; and two uncles Bob Redden (wife XiaoXian Chan) of Milburn, New Jersey and Paul Redden (wife Marly) of Triangle, Virginia.

Larry will be missed also by extended family in Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and by many friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Brain Tumor Society would be appreciated.



Larry Ray Redden

### Webb S. Hersperger

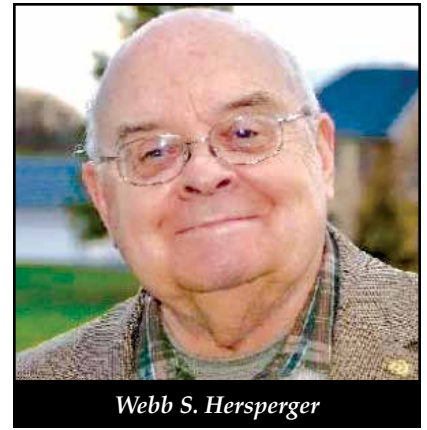
Webb S. Hersperger, M.D., 91, passed away in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania on April 29, 2022. Webb's heart always belonged to the small town where he grew up, Poolesville, but throughout his life, he formed strong attachments with every place he lived. He was the consummate small-town doctor, loved by his patients, and gave to the community with his entire servant heart. Webb was born on October 16, 1930, to Virginia (Gartrell) Hersperger and Webb Sellman Hersperger in Frederick, and is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Linda W. Hersperger; his daughters, Rebecca Ferguson (Ben Melvin), Ginny Boynton (Alan), and Katherine Hennessy (Michael); and his grandchildren, Jareth Ferguson, Josh Ferguson (Anna), Patrick Boynton, Andrew Boynton, Colin Hennessy, Emma Hennessy, and Abby Hennessy.

Webb graduated from Poolesville High School in 1948, Johns Hopkins University in 1952 with a B.S. in Biology, and the University of Maryland Medical School in 1956. As a physician in the U.S. Army, he was initially stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio and then did his residency at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania.

In Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Webb was a deacon and elder at the Second Presbyterian Church. He was a long-time member of the executive board of the Keystone Area Council of the Boy Scouts. He was on the United Way board, serving as the chair of the professional division and as a member of the endowment committee. He served on the board of Project SHARE and was a member of Tumbling Run Game Preserve. He also served as a board member of Farmers Trust Bank. One of his proudest associations was with the Carlisle Rotary Club, where he was the president from 1974 to 1975. Professionally, he was a fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, and chair of the founding committee for Cumberland County 911. He was a licensure review physician for the Pennsylvania Board of Medical Education. Webb was honored to receive the Adult Services Award from the Carlisle YMCA, the Silver Beaver Award from the Keystone Area Council of the Boy Scouts, the Molly Pitcher Award from the Carlisle Exchange Club, and the Alexis de Tocqueville Award from the Carlisle United Way.

He was greatly indebted to the Montgomery County Police Department for its annual Fallen Officers' Memorial ceremony, during which his father was recognized for his death in the line of service.

A celebration of Webb's life will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, June 6, 2022, at the Second Presbyterian Church, 528 Garland Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013.



Webb S. Hersperger



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#### Poolesville Awarded Federal Grant of \$4.9 Million for Streetscape Plan

bid document for the Old Methodist Church which at one time also housed the town commission. Town Manager Wade Yost explained that, in the initial draft, the covenants section was adapted from the document used to sell the Old Town Bank Museum. The Old Town Bank Museum had many features—such as its columns—that were historically critical to its character, so the covenants were very strict. While the Old Methodist Church building is very old and historically important, it was not necessary to include the same strict covenants in its bid documents. As part of the town's permit and planning review processes, it has the authority to ensure that the historical integrity of the building remains intact. There is a provision for a "first right of refusal" for the town to buy back the building if a proposed sale appears to threaten its character in some way. The commissioners approved the bid documents by a 4-0 vote (Commissioner Eck was absent).

The town commissioners also heard from Maria Briançon, president of the Poolesville Area Seniors Committee. She requested a \$25,000 grant from the town. She explained that the town had originally seeded the founding of the

PASC with grant monies and, in 2016, made a final grant to boost the group with a promise that PASC would become independent of town funding. PASC has since made major strides not only in creating a vibrant website with many online offerings for seniors, including lectures and exercise programs, but also in promoting pickle ball and bingo. It has also held an annual gala that raises money and attracts some 130 seniors to attend.

Briançon said the PASC has gotten funding from the county to operate, and it raises some funding through donations, but it has decided not to charge members for programs. It currently has a part-time manager who is a student and who helps manage the ongoing programs the group offers. The student has done an excellent job, but once the student graduates, another student must be trained. In order to offer even more programs and activities, the PASC would like to hire a full-time staffer to manage its programs. Briançon requested a \$25,000 grant for this purpose. The commissioners approved the request by a unanimous 4-0 vote.

The commissioners also held a hearing on the proposal to hire an Assistant Town Manager. The proposal has been the subject of ongoing commission attention and was approved for a public hearing at the last town meeting. There were no public speakers regarding the new position, and it was approved by a 4-0 vote.



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**Tidbits**

*The scholarship awardees are:*

**Jonah Valmonte** – Robert Morris University (Soccer)

**Nico Carillo** – Clark University (Soccer)

**Austin Little** – Alderson Broaddus University (Lacrosse)

**Rohan Bhat** – Case Western Reserve University (Tennis)

**Sam D'Amelio** – Anne Arundel Community College (Baseball)

**Anna Stanoyevitch** – Montgomery College-Rockville (Volleyball)

**Maia Lee** – University of Maryland-College Park (Gymnastics)

**Harriet Gaughan** – University of Delaware (Rowing)

**Sophie Elliot** – Carnegie Mellon (Swimming)

**Maxwell Chen** – California Institute of Technology (Swimming)

**Orluke Borjigin** – Washington University, St. Louis (Swimming)

**Cody Werner** – Regis College (Swimming)

**2022 Fishing Tournament Winners**

Here are the results of the annual youth fishing tournament held at Stevens Park on May 7:

**Ages 6, 7, 8**

1<sup>st</sup> Anakin Ryall – 8 ¾" Bluegill

2<sup>nd</sup> Jason Swope – 5 7/8" Crappie

**Ages 9, 10, 11**

1<sup>st</sup> Delaney Kannegiesser – 8 ¾" Bluegill - Overall Winner

2<sup>nd</sup> Ashlee Davidson – 7 7/8" Bluegill

3<sup>rd</sup> Alissa Thompson – 6 ½" Crappie

**Ages 12, 13**

1<sup>st</sup> Bobby Kemp – 8 ¾" Crappie

2<sup>nd</sup> Gunnar Ryall – 7 7/8" Bass

3<sup>rd</sup> Emmett Comaskey-Marcil – 7 ¾" Bass

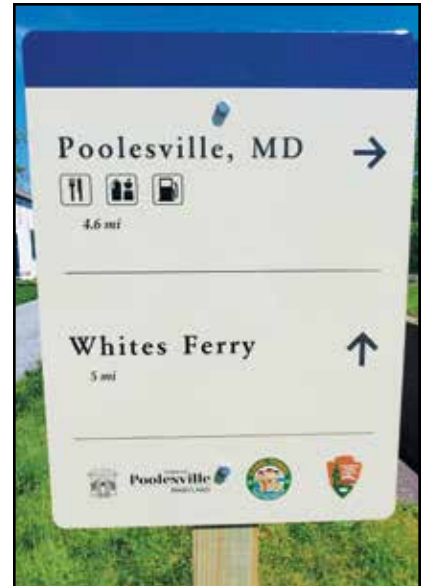
**Ages 14, 15, 16**

1<sup>st</sup> Canton Ryall – 8" Crappie

2<sup>nd</sup> Isaac Evans – 7" Crappie

**Veteran of Three Wars Celebrated 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

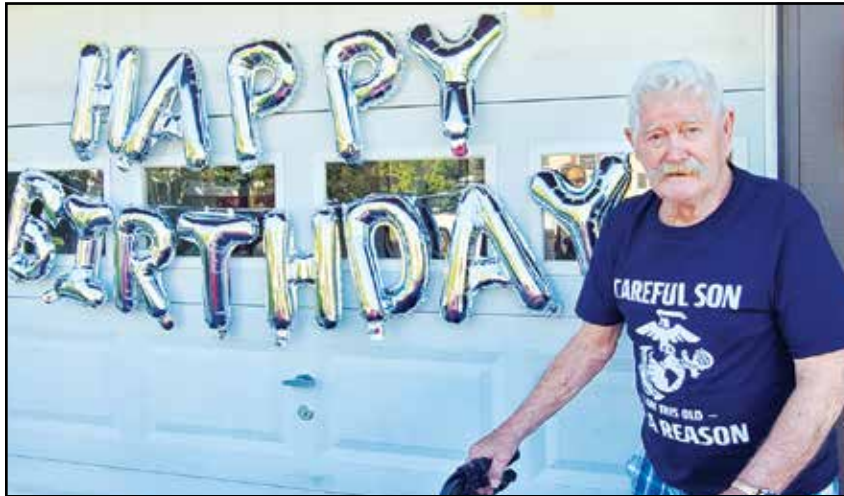
The oldest member of Poolesville's American Legion Post 247, Richard "Sarge" Remp, aka Gunny, celebrated his ninety-sixth birthday on May 10. Sarge is a veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.



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