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Welcome to the world, Tate Christian Hafner! Read about him in Tidbits on page 4.



Riverworks Art Center, bringing the arts and performance to Poolesville. Read about in on page 5.



Brice Halbrook and Ray Hoewing shared a wonderful celebration. Find out what in our pictorial feature on page 13.



The Poolesville Falcon gave a fan a high five during a homecoming pep rally. More pictures on page 19.

Commissioner Candidates Respond to Issues in Public Forum

By Rande Davis

Five candidates campaigning for two open positions on the Town of Poolesville Commission participated in a public forum at Poolesville Town Hall on October 16. The event was sponsored by the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce and moderated by Brian Hundertmark who has been the host since 1998.

The public discussion had thirteen questions plus opening and closing statements. While we did not have room for individual answers to all questions, we have recapped the major inquiries in this report. For your added candidate review, the entire discussion remains on YouTube on the Poolesville town webpage. To aid in researching the answers not provided in this article, we have listed the other questions and the time in minutes and seconds at which the statements and questions can be heard in the meeting.



Candidates for Town of Poolesville commissioner: Eddie Kuhlman, Jim Brown, Brandon Martin, Sarah Paksima, and Adam Sroka.

Opening Statements (11:30 on YouTube video)

Brooks Martin

An eight year-resident, he moved here from California and chose Poolesville for its schools. He has a seventeen-year career assisting businesses, from small businesses to Fortune 500, in technological support. Describing himself as a tech nerd, he added that

he is also a leader, managing teams from five to fifty people. He believes the community works best when we engage each other. He supports "responsible development, fighting for our schools and services, and supporting students."

Eddie Kuhlman

He noted his sixteen years serving

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C&O Canal Ghosts: The Battle of Ball's Bluff

By Jon Wolz

Ever since the Battle of Ball's Bluff, the Annington Estate, on a hill about a mile east of White's Ferry, is said to be visited by the ghost of Union officer Col. Edward Dickinson Baker who died at the battlefield across the Potomac River. On the night before the battle, Colonel Baker dined at Annington and boasted, "Tomorrow I will dine in Leesburg or dine in hell." In later years, during the restoration of the home, some contractor employees were startled to hear the rumble of horse hooves racing across the front lawn. The sound was there, but no horse or rider was visible. There have been other sounds of horse hooves with no visible rider along



The only sitting member of congress killed while fighting in a military engagement.

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Family Album



The volunteer staff for the Poolesville Area Senior Center's first pig roast at Linden Farm.



Sandy Wright and David Therriault are very pleased to share with friends in the first Riverworks Art Center dinner fundraiser.



The Monocacy Garden Club enjoyed fellowship and a great meal at Locals.



Jonathan Warner and David Therriault are joined by a friend at the Riverworks dinner.



Claire Jones of Essence Dance Studios (right) with her parents Jeff and Beth Jones (left) and friend.



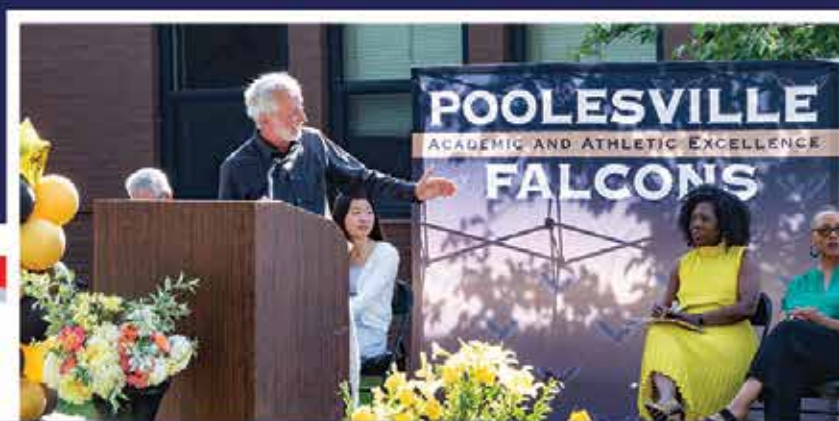
Senior center participants in a pop-up walk with guide Jon Wolz on the C&O Canal.

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Poolesville Town Commissioner President Jim Brown at PHS Groundbreaking

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After returning as President, I stabilized Town Hall, brought back our incredible Town Manager (Wade Yost), and vastly improved staff morale. We're once again a high functioning team. We've got more staff changes coming and I believe my leadership will be critical to our success.

We still have work to do. The new PHS has to be completed with a new right-sized Fred Swick main gym. Funding has to be created for an essential Community/Wellness center. A new trash contract has to be negotiated (we know how important this is). The pool needs a "bubble" for year-round use. Our transformative Streetscape Safety Plan, thanks to our Fisher Avenue takeover, will need all of our efforts to be completed.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Weighing in on the Commissioners' Public Forum

By Rande Davis

I have found the candidate public forums for the Town of Poolesville town commission fascinating. This is a very public self-presentation format, each candidate is out there all alone, and for some, it's for the first time. I really do feel for them, it's a very challenging process.

I don't know how many I have attended in the forty-six years that I have been here, but I have done so now for eighteen years in a row. I even had the opportunity to moderate one. That's not an easy job either, but Brian Hundertmark did a masterful job. His calm and deliberate manner is perfect, clear, and to the point, never upstaging the candidates. We could use him for the national presidential debates where, far too often, a major story from one of those debates focuses on the moderator.

If we have five people who have the courage to seek the position, you would think the electorate could at least take the time to attend, view online, or read our report in the *Monocle*. I prefer not to view the process as a form of debate but rather as a job interview. I like to pretend it is just me and each candidate, only the questions come from the public, as it should be.

When viewed as a job interview, the personal is stripped out, and the concern focuses on three things: Do they truly understand the job and its responsibilities? Do they have a background that assures me they are up to the job? Do they have the knowledge and experience to understand all the issues facing the town? Finally, do their answers assure me in their ability to be a fair and effective commissioner, and do I agree with them on their stated position on most of the questions. The more they dodge a specific answer, the more I lean against them. I would rather vote for someone who states a clear and direct answer than one who leaves me guessing and hoping for the best.

I have learned that I have disagreed, at one time or another, with positions taken by all commissioners over the last two decades, and I am certain to do so again. Perfect unanimity with me is not necessary. Do they appear to be thoughtful and independent thinkers, or will they be more inclined to be followers to others on the commission?

Incumbents often have an advantage in knowledge due to having experience. The key is how they performed and what they accomplished. Brown and Kuhlman have the experience. Both are accomplished taskmasters. I think the primary objections I have heard about both from voters seems to always lean to the personal matters. No one can be liked by everyone. That Kuhlman had successful accomplishment as president (Whalen Commons, skate park, improved water treatment facilities, expanded economic status within acceptable growth models) and that Brown has been a highly effective leader on the commission and on the Fair Access Committee (FAC) in these very demanding and critical times are very reassuring. The town government was adrift, the new high school in doubt, and Brown has been a key leader on both of those and most every key important issue.

Martin, Paksima, and Sroka all seem to have abilities and skills that could prove valuable to the town. Sroka has been on the FAC, the key group that succeeded in bring us a new school. This is very important. All of them clearly have the talent to learn on the job and make positive contributions. For Martin and Paksima, this is their first time volunteering in town matters, so it remains uncertain whether they can sustain the demanding and time-consuming requirements of being a commissioner. The most effective commissioners have been those that have devoted great amounts of time to the position. I have seen commissioners who, once elected, seemed lost and apparently disillusioned in what needed to be done. To them, in the beginning, it seemed it would be just two meetings a month for a couple of hours. How hard can that be? Here is a simple question: How often have you seen each candidate at town events and in public?

The good news is that all the candidates, except Kuhlman who is now retired, have successful careers, some even owning their own businesses. All are devoted to their families, one candidate being upfront enough to even state his concerns of being away from the family on weeknights. How will the significant demand of being a commissioner impact their jobs and families?

I have written in the *Monocle* before of the need for commissioners to approach their responsibilities more as a judge than as an executive. The commission operates more as a board of directors, the key decisionmakers, tasked with the role of serving the

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Tidbits

Hail and Farewell to Local Legend

The family and friends of Coach Kevin Dorsey held a memorial to him in a pasture in Barnesville on October 15. The attendees, estimated at four hundred, gathered to remember and give tribute to a man who ended his gallant eight-year battle against ALS on September 6. Post 247 sponsored the American Legion Honor Guard from Frederick with a gun salute and presentation of an America flag to his wife of thirty-four years, Dawn Marie.

A popular wrestling coach and mentor to many young men, the army veteran was hailed as an inspirational, honest, hard-working, fun-loving man.



A memorial service for Coach Kevin Dorsey drew a large crowd of family and friends.

Welcome Tate Christian Hafner

Congratulations to Morgan R. Hafner (née Howard) and Jacob L. Hafner on the birth of their son Tate Christian Hafner on September 27, 2022 at 5:58 p.m. at Shady Grove Hospital. He came into the world at 7 lbs.,9 oz. and was twenty inches long. The proud grandparents are John and Annette Howard of Poolesville, Wayne and Sherri Eyley of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and Joel and Irene Hafner of Jefferson, Maryland. Morgan is a 2013 graduate of PHS and a 2018 alumna of the University of Maryland. Jacob graduated from Clarksburg High School in 2012 and from Montgomery College in 2016. Morgan and Jacob reside in Urbana, and both are employed by Fine

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Center Stage

Riverworks Art Center: A Vision from the Heart

By Rande Davis

As art uplifts the soul, Riverworks Art Center will uplift our community. The womb of all art is the heart, where an internal vision emerges to take shape in a painting, a sculpture, a song, dance, poem, or book.

The origin of Riverworks Art Center, the vision, was born in the heart of Sandy Wright and David Therriault, a vision not just as a dream but as something coming from a practical lens that seeks to make one's experience of life more enjoyable, making Poolesville a sanctuary of sorts for those living locally as well as in the region.



Riverworks Art Center's Lauren G. Koch and Pam Heemskerk.

The name, Riverworks Art Center, comes from a variety of themes that were part of the Therriaults' life together. The name itself speaks to the metaphor of the lifegiving energy of water, the endless flow of a river, its timeless power to move and to sculpt with its soft sounds of silence soothing with a sense of peace. The center, a nonprofit enterprise, exists as a perpetual dedication and tribute to Sydney Therriault, David and Sandy's late daughter, who left the world at a young age, but whose energy was that of an old soul, an energy of sustenance, and whose artistic talents and works graced the walls of the couple's restaurant and farmers market, Locals. Her beloved companion dog is named River. A third element to the selection of the name comes from Riverworks Tavern in New Market, New Hampshire, the place where the couple began their life together.

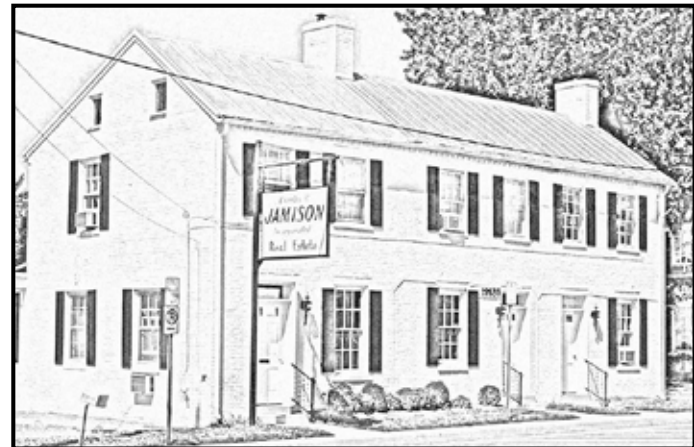
Why Poolesville? David explained, "This art center could be done anywhere, but we chose Poolesville because of Syd, because of us, and Poolesville is ripe for it. Poolesville is at the cusp of what it is going to be. Locals Restaurant came first to show us all what we can do. Riverworks is the thing that will put Poolesville on the map. The county leadership has come to recognize this. They are beginning to see Poolesville as a town to invest in and they have been coming to our town. The county has been upgrading the school, developing the Crossvines Wine press, demonstrating they know we matter; I think they see out future, too."

David humbly dismissed the importance of his role in the day-to-day operation of the art center, claiming a less tangible role, like the wind blowing in many directions.

RWAC's executive director, Pamela Heemskerk, responded to this observation by noting, "We are all different in what we can offer. It is good to have someone with a background of organization development and human resources, and you have to have a visionary, like Dave, who also can get the job done. Like the wind, visionaries steer the ship—a wind with the power to get the sails going in a sustained direction, so you don't sit dead in the water."

Pamela and the Therriaults met through their connection with Butler School in Darnestown. She is a working artist, photographer, book artist, and writer, with a background in counseling and psychology, holding a master's in fine arts in photography and a master of science in counseling psychology. She has always wanted to find a way to harness these two areas of interest to help others heal through the power of art.

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October 21

Glenstone Museum

Discover the world-class Glenstone Museum in nearby Potomac. With 64,000 sq. ft. of gallery space on 300 natively-landscaped acres, it is the largest private contemporary art gallery in the U.S. Genre-defying, thought-provoking works by R.H. Quaytman and Wade Guyton will be exhibited at Glenstone for the first time. Pre-registration is required for thirty free tickets. Noon.

October 27

Say Watt?

Watts are out and lumens are in! Join MoCo Residential Program Energy Manager Larissa Johnson who will demystify modern lighting to help you save energy and money. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

November 1

Keeping Company with Bees

Join local beekeeper, Joe Long, when he discusses his connection to the diversity of the Ag Reserve through keeping honeybees, collecting honey, and processing beeswax. Learn about the changes in the science of honeybees in the last decades and how the herculean efforts of honeybees have spawned a big business of supplying the bees themselves, as well as the

beekeeping equipment. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary*. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

November 10

Celebrate Veterans, A Career of Firsts

Join retired U.S. Army Lt. Col. Blair Sawyer to learn about the distinguished career of Vice Adm. Samuel Lee Gravely, Jr. who began his career as a seaman apprentice in 1942. A native of Richmond, Virginia, Gravely would go on to become the U.S. Navy's first African American to command a navy ship, become fleet commander, captain, flag officer, rear admiral, and three-star vice admiral. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Outdoor Pickle Ball. *Stevens Park*. 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Tuesdays

Bridge and Other Games

Snacks provided. Registration required. *Speer Hall*. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Virtual. New day and time.

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

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Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Speer Hall*. 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Fridays

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

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Weighing in on the Commissioners' Public Forum

town with the results beneficial to most citizens. I have found that when good discussion and dialogue ensues from the public and among each other, the commissioners have, through the years, shown a remarkable ability to compromise and come up with a decision nearly agreeable to all. I think when it comes to key issues among voters, keeping Poolesville small, keeping taxes low, etc., all the candidates come to the table in agreement.

As a future employer, I must decide whom I will hire. From the interview (public forum) I have made my two choices. We have never endorsed political candidates and will not do so now. I can only advise you to list what you consider your key issues and then think about each candidate one by one. Imagine if each one had been sitting in a chair directly in front of you, as in a job interview. What is at stake for you as a voter? It's the same as if you were the employer.

There is much at stake, so try to be as calculating as much as possible. Think about what those who have had the responsibility have done while in the position. Are we better off from their service or not? For the neophytes, from what you have learned, rank the level of confidence you have in what you have learned about them so far. Do they seem to be analytical and thoughtful? Have they demonstrated in practice their commitment to the community by being involved previously? Finally, are they current on the issues and independent thinkers on the issues they will be voting on in 2023 and for the next four years?

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Senior News

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 their YouTube channel. 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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Riverworks Art Center: A Vision from the Heart

The center’s creative director Lauren G. Koch met Pam through the Frederick Book Arts Center. She has been an adjunct at Shepherd University of West Virginia and at the University of Maryland. She teaches art classes at the Delaplaine Arts Center in Frederick and many other locations. She had already been supporting nonprofits and large art conferences with their social media and marketing needs.

Together they make up the entirety of the paid staff. They thrive on the help of their associate artists, who directly support the program through teaching, studio management, and leading special events. Associate artists are artists in residence who serve for two years and may choose to re-up if they so desire.

Of the associate team, David said, “What we give to them, we expect them to give to the community, so we expect them to give small classes, help with open studios—mentoring and engaging with those who may not yet even believe they are an artist.”

Riverworks is a meeting place for artists to come together to learn, to be inspired, and to support one another. It’s a space for the general community to view, support, and enjoy the visual and performing arts. They are stewards of a shared heritage, history, culture, stories, and creativity. They do this through classes and workshops, open studio hours, events and performances, mentorships and intern programs, and professional development.

In describing their mission, Pam said, “Riverworks simply is about cultivating creativity and connection between artists and the community. We seek to focus on people’s experience of making and viewing the arts. We help to create a connection with each other through our shared art, and we create experiences for people that can not only build community but also to create space for personal expression.”

Lauren added, “We have this very unique location right in the heart of the Ag Reserve. We have all this nature around us, and we are connecting with nature through creativity, observation, and our attention. Any of our offerings will push an understanding of the land, our history, and our cultures. We are working through the medium of art to create connection within the community.”

Both anticipate—with great excitement—the renovation of the Old Thrift Shop into a new performing arts center. Creative people don’t just sit around and wait on things like that. They got started at the farm in Beallsville by calling on the associate artists to help prepare the space to become a working studio. They also got to work immediately on creating an online space with the development of the website and blog. Social media came along quickly to inform and excite the public on things to come as Riverworks got up and running.

Pam commented about possible misconceptions the public in general might have about the center. “A misconception about the center is that we only offer art classes, and that’s all we do. It’s much more than that. It’s important for your readers to know that we are focusing on the artists’ and participants’ experience here and their connection to self-expression. Our classes are not necessarily about a product or art class, although we do those things, but what we really are trying to do is to bring people in touch with themselves, to slow down, to observe and to find their unique voice.”

Lauren observed, “There are many skills-based art centers in the area, but what we are trying to create is a different avenue of exploration. It’s our environment. As you look around here, it is homey, it’s casual. We have gardens out here, we are connected to nature with doors open to the breeze as we ask people to come out here, slow down, and get in touch with nature. Artists come out during our open studio hours, bring their work, and work side-by-side with others in the space. During classes, sometimes people simply walk in the garden and take in the peaceful surroundings.”

What is next for the center is to continue taking proposals for the artists in the house gallery shows, featuring new artists on a rotational basis. To participate, artists need to apply for consideration by submitting a general portfolio through the online portal. They will then curate, review, and will offer to local and regional artists the opportunity to display their work upstairs at Locals. They may also feature theme-based exhibitions in the future.

Riverworks will continue to offer programming in the form of classes, workshops, and events that connect to the seasons of the land. It is to be noted that programming is not just for experienced artists, but for beginners, too. As Pam pointed out, “You don’t have to be an artist, you just have to be curious about art to participate in programming at Riverworks.”

My mother-in-law used to point out to me, as someone with very limited musical talent to offer, that the audience plays an important part in the performance, too. Riverworks Art Center is not just for the artists but for the art-lover in all of us.

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- Protect our natural resources, water, and sewer
- Reignite effort to bring a grocery store back to Poolesville

Vote EDDIE KUHLMAN for Commissioner on November 8 at Town Hall

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Tidbits

Earth Landscape of Poolesville. Tate is also being welcomed by his big brothers, Carter and Declan Hafner, who are extremely excited to have a little brother. Tate and his parents are doing well.

October Is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

On October 13, the Poolesville High School's girls' volleyball team participated in the event that has become a nationwide tradition among volleyball teams: Dig Pink. The annual Dig Pink game is more than just a regular volleyball game for the players. It's an event in which the team and school community rally around a common goal. The game is an avenue for the team to raise money for the Side-Out Foundation, a charity dedicated to improving the lives of those with stage IV breast cancer. In addition to the game, the girls sell bake goods and T-shirts in support of the cause throughout the month, at home football games and at other events.

In the game itself, the Falcons (6-4) hosted Springbrook and won in three straight sets.

Tuesday Night Champs

Congratulations to Danny Embrey and Brandon Cohn for winning the 2022 Poolesville Golf Course Tuesday Night Championship! No decisions have been made yet about switching to the PGA any time soon.



Brandon Cohn and Danny Embrey.



The PHS girls' varsity volleyball team once again sponsored the Dig Pink fundraising program to benefit cancer research.

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Katie Longbrake thanked the many supporters of over fifty years of service in celebrating WUMCO's new offices.



Catherine Beliveau, past executive director, with Rev. Dr. David Williams, Ralph Hitchens, Terri Bodnar, and Ann Beliveau



Bill Longbrake, Aaron Longbrake, Mary Pat Wilson, and Joel Tjornehoj.



Gail and Tom Lee with friends at the grand opening of WUMCO's new headquarters.



Val Dickerson, State Delegate Andrew Friedson, Montgomery County Council candidate Marilyn Balcombe, State Delegate Lily Qi, WUMCO executive director Katie Longbrake, State Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, and county employee William Wims.



WUMCO Grand Opening

Left: Gary Hartz, representing United Memorial Methodist Church of Poolesville, expressed the congregation's pleasure in hosting the new WUMCO offices.



WUMCO's executive director Katie Longbrake cut the extra-long ribbon to signify the grand opening of their new headquarters at the United Memorial Methodist Church in Poolesville.

Youth Sports

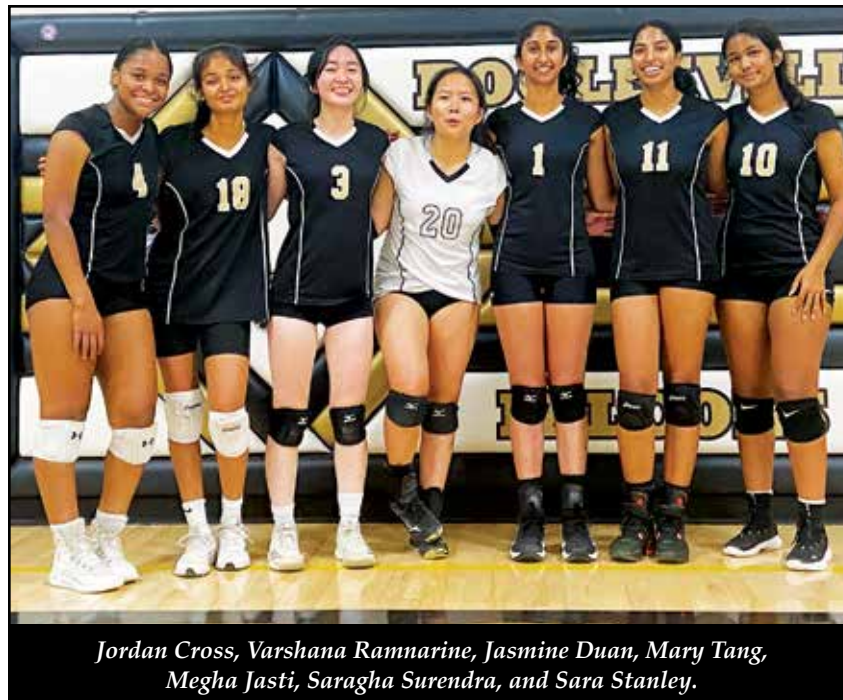
Wild Comeback Win over Northwood Highlights Girls' Volleyball in Early Season

By Jeff Stuart

After ten games, the Poolesville High Schools girls' volleyball team is 6-4. On September 15, the Falcons staged an improbable comeback to beat Northwood in five sets.

"That was a struggle," said coach Steve Lostoski. "I am proud of the girls and the way they came back. We were down sets. I think there was a little struggle getting confidence and believing in their game. We made a few changes. Bench players came in and really picked it up, and other players started to believe in their game and their ability. We were able to really turn it around. I think the third and fourth games were, like, 25-27 and 25-15, and we dominated in the breaker, 15-4.

"We started off the season with a win at Whitman. We lost to them in



Jordan Cross, Varshana Ramnarine, Jasmine Duan, Mary Tang, Megha Jasti, Saragha Surendra, and Sara Stanley.

straight sets last year, so to come back and beat them in straight sets this year, that was huge. We were serving really well, over ninety percent, and we were receiving really well. Actually, we did that in both of our first two games. Our second game was against Paint Branch. We swept them in three sets as well. We did lose our third

game at Wheaton. That is where we started having a little bit of struggle. Hopefully, the turnaround we did yesterday bodes well because we have some tough games coming up. We play Clarksburg, Damascus, and Magruder. They are all really good teams.

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October Community Scarecrow Contest

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October 21

PHS Varsity Home Games

Field Hockey. Quince Orchard. 3:45 p.m.

October 22

Fall Festival at Sugarloaf Congregation

There will be games, music, food, and fun! All are welcome. Rain date October 23. Free. *Sugarloaf Congregation of Unitarian Universalists, 16913 Germantown Road, Germantown.* 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 24

Organ Recital

St Peter's music director, Daniel Weatherholt, with the theme of a musical journey through the liturgical year, will perform seasonal organ selections beginning with Advent and journeying through Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and ending with the Feast of Christ the King. The recital is free and open to the public with a free will offering being taken to support Poolesville community dinners which are hosted at St. Peter's. Community dinners are free to all.

October 25

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' volleyball. Churchill. 6:00 p.m.

October 27

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' volleyball. Einstein. 6:00 p.m.

October 25

PHS Varsity Home Games

Football. Manchester Valley. 6:30 p.m.

Poolesville Conversation Circle

Historic Medley District is proud to partner with the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (MoCo-LMP) on the installation of a historical marker to memorialize the lynching of Mr. George Peck. Join MoCoLMP and partners in a town conversation. All attendees MUST register to attend: tinyurl.com/yckpdywy. Free. *Poolesville High School.* 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

October 29

JPMS PTA Trot and Treat

5K Run/Walk fundraiser for JPMS PTA. Packet pickup on October 28 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at JPMS. Participants encouraged to wear Halloween costumes (no pets). See ad on page 18 for online signup info.

161st Battle of Ball's Bluff Anniversary

Leesburg, Virginia. 11:00 a.m.: Battlefield Guided Tour; Noon: Skirmishes between Union and Confederate forces; 1:00 p.m.: Concert by GMU Civil War Band.

October 31

Monocacy Lions Annual Community Halloween Party

This old-fashioned Halloween party is a community tradition and a lot of fun for young ghouls, goblins, princesses, and unicorns alike. Free. *St. Mary's Catholic Church Pavilion, Barnesville.* 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

November 5

PACC Special Event: Murder Mystery Party

Drinks and dessert free! Tickets \$30 at poolesvillechamber.com. *Kettler Forlines model home, Elgin Road, Poolesville.* 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

November 8

Election Day

State and federal elections at standard election districts. Poolesville town commissioner election at *Poolesville Town Hall.*

Save the Date

November 12

Fall Festival

Food, games, raffles, moon bounce, and more. Fun for all ages. *Barnesville Baptist Church.* 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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on the town commission and also as its president, a role he states he did with honesty, integrity, and transparency. He is now retired from real estate and is also a former farmer. He served on the Montgomery County Agriculture Advisory Board for nearly ten years, having been appointed to that role by two different county executives. "My heart is in the town, in farming. I have lived in town for forty years, raised three kids through our school system, and now raising three grandchildren."

He is running "simply because I miss serving the community and want to bring my experience to help guide the town in the coming years."

Adam Sroka

He moved here four years ago with his wife and family and two young kids. She is a lifelong resident of the town. He hopes to help build a better future for the community, the residents, and our next generation. He hopes to keep the tradition of staying in Poolesville alive. He is a member of the Fair Access Committee, and through that, "I have learned that the committee and commissioners work hand-in-hand to build this community and to keep it strong. I have learned that we are a tightknit community, people get along here, and that is very important to our future."

He considers himself a decisive leader but "one who does the research, not allowing people to push himself toward a decision. I will do the research and the homework and, although not everyone may agree, making decisions that are right for everyone."

Jim Brown

As the only sitting commissioner running, he chose to emphasize what he considers his key accomplishments. "Whatever I have been involved in over the last fifteen years in Poolesville, humbly serving as your commission president, I have taken a leadership role in every single positive initiative in this town. Leadership takes a lot of time, leadership takes effort, and it takes skills and strategies, and if you have been touched by something positive in this town over these past years, I have tried to play a role in it, and I have tried to channel what you want to get where we are right now. As a town, we have made some unbelievable strides in modernizing this town and bringing us to where we are now. We've done it with people, we've done it with teamwork, we've done it with our Fair Access Committee, we've done it with Sustainable Poolesville, we've done it with all kinds of groups everywhere in town."

In adding that there is still much to do, he outlined his vision with "much more to come including streetscape, finishing the high school, moving forward with Crossvines, and we still have town transformation challenges, town staff changes, all of this is coming up, and I want to be the person providing the leadership you need to get us to the places we need to go."

Sarah Paksima

She offered her reason for running based on her conviction, saying, "I can bring a new perspective, and I am great at building bridges and connections and that is what I believe we need in this next stage." Pointing to the existing cooperation between public and private entities, she also believes we need more communication between those organizations and especially with each of the residents. "I also want to build bridges with our surrounding communities. What makes Poolesville special is our tightknit community and where we are positioned geographically. We are in the middle of the Agriculture Reserve, and it is such a unique position to be in, and I want to build those ties we have with area partners to showcase our town which will help our businesses as well." She also wants to help with the connections built by the Fair Access Committee with down county leaders to expand "our transportation, more healthcare services, and more social services so all our community members can live a full and fulfilling life."

Did you decide to run based on a particular issue? If so, what is it? (27:40)

Sroka: I am running not on a particular issue but to continue the growth the correct way for Poolesville.

Paksima: I have no specific outcome as a goal. I strongly believe in transparency and community input, and I am also thoughtful to make sure all are involved.

Martin: To improve communication and get more input from residents.

Kuhlman: No, no particular gripe. In all honesty, I missed the job. I enjoyed doing it very much, I enjoyed working with colleagues. While there could be

different views, I found that, through open mindedness and discussions, we made fair decisions where most were happy. I want to see the town continue in a prosperous manner.

Brown: I changed my mind to run again to help us emerge from three years of a pretty badly-run townhall, and it took a lot of hard work and effort, especially from some of my fellow commissioners in the town hall who are here tonight (Eck and Reed attended). We worked to right the ship and bring us to a place where we could move forward. Now we are at that spot. I like where we are now going. We still have too much to accomplish, and it's not one issue but many things. Finally, I love community building and love getting input from the people, in meetings and on the street.

What can be done to get senior housing? (32:28)

Paksima: I will come in with some good questions regarding new development proposals, provided we have the ability to go back to ask for smaller footprints and pricing.

Sroka: It's not just building houses, it's also better senior living, better transportation. Can we build a community for better living for seniors?

Brown: We need infrastructure first. It will need to be built where it is accessible to services, be able to walk to the vital downtown area. I think the field next to town hall would work. We also have the land behind the post office.

Martin: We need to look at other communities to find out what to do; find out what the seniors want.

Kuhlman: We are held back by the realities for the need for profit. Senior care facilities for Poolesville have already been turned down by the state, and they will not provide the necessary certification for care facilities. Perhaps the only way to get senior-friendly, one-floor housing is for the town to investigate buying property and then contracting with a builder. I will support this approach.

What has been your involvement in Poolesville government and other organizations? How many town meetings have you attended in the last year or two? Do you appreciate how much work is involved in the job? (38:30)

Kuhlman: I have spent sixteen years on the commission, four more years on the planning commission. I have been a member of the financial committee of my church and have been a member of PACC and its president. I have watched all meetings since COVID started. I well understand the great amount of work required outside of commission meetings, including travel down county, school board meetings, meetings in D.C., and even visits to Annapolis.

Brown: Every single town committee requires so much more time than ever before through additional effort, advocacy, and new commissioners need to be effective advocates. You cannot be a wallflower, cannot be the person sitting in the back of the room when we are pitching our senators, our leaders, to get service to the level we deserve. You have to be available to residents. I understand the great amount of work involved, and I also enjoy it.

Paksima: My involvement these past ten years involved my kids at school functions and working with advocacy groups to get petitions signed. I have been to four town meetings in person, the rest online. I suspect, like in any new, big commitment, there are ways I can prepare for it, and I have been talking to stakeholders, trying to learn as much as possible as to what exactly being a commissioner entails. All I can tell you, since I haven't actually done it before, is to tell you I am a reasonably-intelligent person, and I am going to do my best, and I am confident I can get the job done."

Martin: I am glad we broadcast the meetings now. I have read all the minutes for the past few years to learn more about recent town history. I have also attended planning commission meetings. I have no delusion about its large commitment. I believe I have the time to get public involvement and meeting with political leaders outside of town.

Sroka: I joined Fair Access, spending a lot of time on that. There is no time to sit back and relax. I have never attended a town meeting, but I have watched online. The family is ready to accept the commitment necessary to do the job.

In 2017, Montgomery County declared a climate emergency and committed to reducing our carbon footprint 80% by 2027 and 100% by 2035. Do you support these goals, and how can we do it? (1:07:34)

Kuhlman: When I was president of the commission, Wade Yost and I went to Annapolis with the goal of setting up a solar field that would feed the entire town. Annapolis, at that time, said we could not do that, but we came back with an alternative plan that the commissioners approved to move forward with:

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A solar array that serviced the treatment plant. That was a huge step, we were one of the first in the county to jump on the wagon. I am willing to look at anything that makes economic sense.

Brown: I do want to give Eddie credit; he was the one who brought up the idea of supporting the whole town through a solar array. We were one of the first municipalities in the entire country to push through a solar array. The county has these goals. I admire goals, and I am for goal setting. At the same time, this town is a little micro-speck overall for what will happen, but we can provide leadership. I am amused when every single county executive has talked about closing the incinerator for years. No one has ever gotten that done. I look for continued leadership in environmental issues, and I look forward to when we go back to dual-stream recycling with a new trash contract and some kind of composting.

Paksima: Yes, one hundred percent I support these goals. There is more we can be doing individually right now to make a difference, to reduce our trash, for example, by doing more composting. First, we need more community education and mobilization, and we need to buy in to these goals. I look forward to learning more from the county as to what they will bring to the table.

Sroka: We've got to lead, show, and tell how to initiate it. We do need to do this. In my hometown we had windmills, and that was a big deal. Wind is a natural everyday source.

Brooks: I love the idea of turning our town fleet to be green/electric. We need to be leaders in the state. Our solutions should be an example. Also, making sure that we can promote LEEDS certification on our buildings, on our high school.

As Poolesville is now developing its latest comprehensive plan. What do you see as Poolesville's number one challenge over the next ten years? (1:21:47)

Sroka: The biggest is keeping the people here. We are growing in different areas. If we do not continue to improve the right way, people will leave.

Paksima: Keeping the magnet program in the high school, which is vital to property values, and then business development with the environment and climate change and a sustainable sector.

Martin: Being good shepherds of the Ag Reserve, making sure our infrastructure is in place and that the magnet program remains. I favor of all these initiatives, community strategy to turn our town greener, and need to be an example for the rest of the state.

Kuhlman: Keeping us the way we are. I support where we are and do not see us ever become another Germantown. I have sat through three separate master plan revisions, and most it is fact based, what we can and cannot do. Our master plan does not affect the Ag Reserve, and I am one hundred percent committed to the Ag Reserve. Poolesville is pretty constrained on what it has been allowed to do.

Brown: Poolesville High School preserves our way of life here: Check, it's done, so that's good. Infrastructure and resources have to stay well-managed. We have to continue building our community through programs and services, downtown vitality—if your downtown is solid, your town is solid—some smart growth. We need some level of senior housing, and we must not annex to expand the town.

Do you believe the name of the John Poole Middle School should be changed? (1:26:54)

Paksima: Yes, I do. I think we have enough buildings in town that are named after white historical men. I don't mean any disservice to historical contributions to our town, but changing the name sends a message to students today that we do not have those same values. I think there are a lot of women, other people, who we might better represent our town today.

Sroka: Yes, change has happened nowadays. Women have been major contributions and always have been, so yes, we don't need to be naming everything after white men.

Brown: I need more research, I am not ready to close the door on John Poole, Jr. If it is found that his heritage is not the person we thought he was when we named it, then I could be in favor of making the change, we probably should change it. The recent article in the *Monocle* opened my eyes a little bit, and I want to hear a bit more before I make that call. I do like the idea of recognizing a broader and more diverse group of people.

Martin: I agree there should be more research, but based on what I have seen so far, I feel it should change. The harder part may be convincing everyone. There are economic concerns and how we want to represent ourselves.

Kuhlman: No, I will not support the change. He was the founder of our town. We fought hard to get that school. The school board wanted to move the sixth grade to the junior-senior school to solve an overcrowding problem at the elementary school. The name was researched and voted on. It reminds me of the name change from the Indians to the Falcons; that was one person complaining about that name. The school board decided to leave it up to the students, they decided to keep the mascot the Indians, and then the school board decided to change it anyway.

What decisions have been made by the town government that you did not like? (1:31:27)

Kuhlman: Wasting money on a head-hunting firm for town manager. Both turned out to be bust anyway. Hiring a human relations firm, over the years we have done remarkable things, using some money to seek advice. This is not the federal government. We are more like a board of directors of a small business.

Brown: We made many bad decisions that I will not detail now, but as a board member, I worked hard to prevent us from being sued by people. I love the leadership we have right now, the team we now have. If you prefer to know the details, see me after.

Paksima: Contract with Bates. It was the lowest, but it was not the trash company we should have gone with. Part of the problem is due to their service, but also single-stream recycling. We need to look at that carefully.

Sroka: The trash contract. Going with what is the least money is not always best.

Martin: Too many decisions seem too non-changeable. The town manager issue has had a long-term negative impact.

Closing Statements: (1:37:20)

Brown: We have so many great things on our plate, and one of the reasons why I wanted to serve again was to get them completed. In my role as president of the town commissioners, Fair Access chair Link Hoewing and I serve as a bit of a two-headed monster when it comes to lobbying the county. It's important to have stature with our other elected officials. With my fellow commissioners and our great-serving Fair Access Committee members, like Adam, we've got a lot to tackle coming up, and my direct advocacy as an elected official is going to be critical. We are talking about the community center, huge investments still need to come in, programming, wellness support, bubble over the pool, etc., there are tens of millions of dollars that have to be found and allocated to us. We have a transformational streetscape plan that still needs to be finalized, we have a trash contract to be negotiated. Further, we have critical town staffing situations that are going to come up. In short, we still have a ton of work to do, and I want to keep doing it.

Kuhlman: I successfully helped work with the school board for the middle school, worked with property owners to drill more wells to double the town's water sources that ended a water moratorium, initiated the first Infiltration and Inflow program to get our sewer treatment plant under control, worked with the property owner to get Whalen Commons for free, initiating purchasing the property where the town hall now sits, and secured a grant to get it built, initiated the purchase of the skate park property, and secured grant money to get the skate park built for free. I want to continue to do those kinds of things. I have the energy for it, I have the willpower and the desire to do it.

Martin: I am a problem solver. My focus, if elected, is to be making sure long-term decisions, like the comprehensive master plan, are there to attract people and businesses to our area, to make the town thrive. I want to make sure we keep our town small, taxes in check. I want to get the community more involved in decision-making.

Paksima: I bring a unique perspective. I've got five kids, all very actively involved in the schools, in programs, and organizations in Poolesville. I also have over twenty years' experience in public health and run a very industry-unique successful company. I have built a career on listening, problem solving, and advocacy work. I look forward to working for you for meaningful solutions and bringing people together in a transparent way and to advocate for the best interests of Poolesville.

Sroka: As a member of the Fair Access Committee, I feel like I have just scratched the surface of what I can do. Becoming commissioner is coming full circle, being an advocate for things, I want to keep the town-small feel. We also need to keep up with the times.

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C&O Canal Ghosts: The Battle of Ball's Bluff

the C&O Canal below White's Ferry and near the canal's Turtle Run hiker-biker campsite.

Who was Edward Baker? Although living in California during the 1850s, the Oregon legislature invited him to move to their state where he was appointed United States senator. He was a brilliant orator, and his campaigning during the 1860 election helped win both California and Oregon for Lincoln. Baker was a sitting senator from Oregon and simultaneously a colonel in the Union Army. He became the only sitting member of congress to die fighting in a military engagement. He was also a longtime friend of President Lincoln. The two first met when they ran against each other in a congressional contest which Baker won. They eventually became best of friends, and Lincoln named his third child, Edward, after Baker.

At the beginning of the Civil War, President Lincoln called for seventy-five thousand volunteers. Senator Edward Baker left Washington, D.C. for New York City where he spoke for two hours to a crowd of a hundred thousand in Union Square. Baker formed the California Regiment with him as its commanding officer with the rank of colonel that included two hundred men from California.

The "California" regiment was originally issued gray militia uniforms that proved disastrous. A Union regiment encountered a portion of Baker's gray-clad regiment. Thinking they were secessionists, Baker's regiment was fired upon before the mistake was discovered. Nine men were killed and twenty-five were wounded from Baker's regiment.

When Baker's California Regiment arrived in Poolesville, the men quickly sized up the small one-street town. They saw several old dry goods stores, an old sort of hotel, an old post office, and several citizens standing next to a hitching post and pump. In writings about the town, it was noted that the town appeared as an old-looking town and a hard-looking town.

Prior to coming to Poolesville, Baker stopped at the White House to visit his old friend. Lincoln sat against a tree on the northeast White House lawn while Baker lay on the ground with his hands behind his head. Willie Lincoln played in the leaves as the two men talked. Baker told Lincoln about his premonition of death, saying he would be dead within forty-eight hours. Lincoln told his friend that he hoped this would not happen. Baker picked Willie up and kissed him before shaking the president's hand as he left. Mary Lincoln gave Baker a bouquet of flowers which he accepted graciously and sadly: "Very beautiful. These flowers and my memory will wither together." By October 19, Colonel Baker had returned to Camp Observation.

The California Regiment left Poolesville and headed to a location that was about a mile downriver from the Monocacy River, overlooking the Potomac River, where they set up Camp Observation in a field. The regiment was responsible for watching the Potomac from Conrad's (now White's) Ferry to the Monocacy River. Soon after arriving in camp, the men received new regular dark blue sack coats, sky blue trousers, and dark blue forage caps. The troops were pleased with the new uniforms.

On the night of October 20, a small Union scouting party crossed the Potomac to determine troop movements around Leesburg. As they advanced from Ball's Bluff, looking into the distance, they saw what they thought was a Confederate camp. General Stone saw an opportunity and arranged for a raiding party. During the October night, five companies from the 15th Massachusetts began crossing the river. As they arrived just beyond Ball's Bluff, they realized that the scouting party had made a mistake. The "camp" did not exist; they had mistaken a row of trees for tents.

General Stone sent a message that was received by Colonel Baker at 1:00 a.m., saying that half of Baker's brigade was to march to Conrad's Ferry to arrive at sunrise to await orders. By 4:00 a.m., 569 of Baker's men began marching through the dark night and eventually crossing beneath the canal at Culvert 49 which was a passage culvert beneath the canal.

By 7:30 a.m., the Union soldiers were clashing with troops from Mississippi. By 12:30 p.m., the Confederate line was at 700 troops, whereas the Union had 650 troops. The Union troops backed up to the bluff. The serious fighting began. Baker received orders from Stone that he was to take command at Ball's Bluff. There were 223 Union soldiers killed and thirty-six Confederate soldiers killed at Ball's Bluff. Over a hundred Union soldiers drowned. For several days after the battle, dead Union soldiers were found along the banks of the Potomac River, even as far south as Washington, D.C. The Ball's Bluff National Cemetery holds twenty-five graves of Union dead of which twenty-four are unknown; the twenty-fifth is the grave of James Allen of the 15th Massachusetts Infantry.

President Lincoln was at Gen. George McClellan's headquarters the evening after the battle when he got the news of Baker's death. Lincoln sat stunned and silent for a full five minutes, then seen crying, he rose, slowly, with head bowed and tears rolling down his furrowed cheeks, his face pale and wan, his heart heaving with emotion, he almost fell as he stepped out into the street.

After this battle, this stretch of the canal across from Harrison Island was known as "Haunted House Bend." It was believed that spirits of dead Union soldiers haunted this stretch of the canal. Every boat captain and crew thought this stretch was haunted. The mules would move quickly along the towpath in this area. All the boats got beyond the "Bend" before nightfall. Mules are intelligent, quick learners and are aware of changes in their environment. The sounds and smell of battle gunfire, the sounds of troops marching beneath the canal through the culvert, including the smell of death as well as disturbing the landscape were noticed by the canal mules. No wonder mules hurried along this stretch of the canal. The mules were used to the quiet monotony of the other parts of the canal. From the reaction of the mules, the boatmen and crew reacted by thinking this area was indeed haunted.

NB: See Things to Do in this issue for information about the 161st anniversary celebration of the Battle of Ball's Bluff on October 29.

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Things to Do

beans, mac and cheese, and cereals. The scouts will drop off collection bags for residents to fill and place near their curbside mailboxes. There will be touchless pickup point at WUMCO next to Methodist church. Starting at 9:30 a.m.



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Remembrances

Carl Hensley

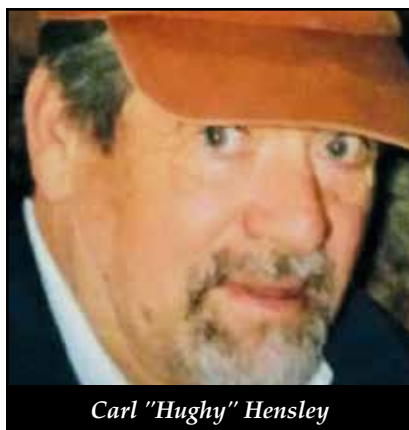
Carl "Hughy" Hensley of Dickerson passed away on October 12, 2022 at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

He was born on September 27, 1945 in Ellicott City. He was the son of the late Lucian Carson and Ruby Lee Hensley.

Carl was employed with Carlisle Excavating in Dickerson for over thirty years.

He enjoyed going hunting and being outdoors. He enjoyed being around friends and family. He was a very outgoing person.

Surviving him are his children, Kimberly Howard of Frederick, Richard Hensley of Frederick, Tony Lowe and fiancée Jessie of Dickerson, Brandi Lambright and fiancé William of Frederick, Jake Lowe and fiancée Karrie of Dickerson, and Debra Fraley and husband Wayne of Dickerson; his grandchildren, Jeffrey, Shannah, Anthony, Wesley, Richard, Timothy, Jacob, Evelyn, Jake, Travis, Lita, Jenny, Janelle, Amber, Branden, Kayla, Jason, Savannah, Hannah, Dustin, Matthee, Alexis, Cheyanne, Cameran, and Jaxton; and eight great-grandchildren.



Carl "Hughy" Hensley

Thomas J. Dorrycott, IV

Thomas (Tom) Dorrycott, IV, 65, of Poolesville, passed away on October 3, 2022. Tom was the loving husband of Kathy Dorrycott.

Born on May 13, 1957 in Japan, he was the son of the late Thomas J. Dorrycott, III and Edith Estelle Reid. Tom is survived by his wife; his children, Brian Lambert (Kim) of Columbia, Thomas Dorrycott, V (Stephanie) of Herndon, Virginia; two sisters, Kathy Montonario (Rick) of Levittown, Pennsylvania and Patti Andruchiw of Chalfont, Pennsylvania; one grandson, Thomas J. Dorrycott, VI; very special nieces and nephews; and best friends Wayne and Teresa Smith.

Ann Butler Hopkins

Ann Butler Hopkins, 82, of Poolesville, passed away on October 14, 2022.

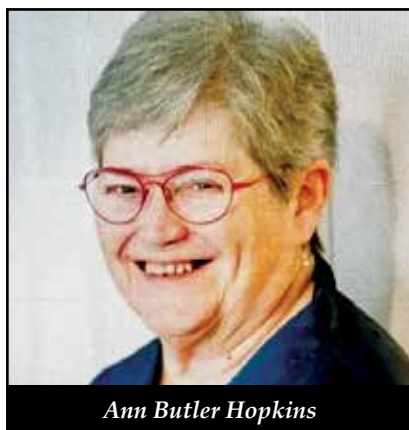
She was the former wife of the late Hollis E. Hopkins, Jr.

Born on March 10, 1940 in Dickerson, she was the daughter of the late George R. and Cinderella J. (Titus) Butler.

Ann spent many years as a billing clerk in the trash industry and as a waitress/hostess at Staub's, Larry's, and Bassett's where everyone referred to her as Granny, but her true mission in life was loving and caring for her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was the most caring, forgiving, empathetic mom, granny, and great-granny that we have been so blessed with by God above. We love her and will remember her always and forever.

Ann is survived by her children, Hollis E. Hopkins, III (Penny), Ann Christine Stowers (Chuck), Ann Theresa Winn (Larry), Matthew R. Hopkins (Tonya), and Ann Margaret Leibrand (Roy); three sisters, Mary Lambert (Jim), Carol Lawson (Bob), and Frances Hoewing (Link); one brother, George R. Butler, Jr. (Debbie); fifteen grandchildren, Holli, Hillary, Daniel, Aaron, Zachary, Heather, Kaitlin, Michael, Charles, Travis, Matthew, Paige, Cody, Jordan, and Hannah; and twenty-eight great-grandchildren.

Along with her husband and parents, Ann is preceded in death by one sister, Harriet Magaha, and two brothers-in-law, Jim Lambert and Ron Magaha.



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Wild Comeback Win over Northwood Highlights Girls' Volleyball in Early Season

"Our setters, Iris and Jasmine Duan, as a pair, to me, are the best in the county. They have incredible hands. Jasmine is only a sophomore. She has even been playing outside. She is setting in the back row and hitting when she comes to the front row. She is hitting well, and I think she is a real spark for the team. We are excited about that. The sisters are not only exceptional setters but are also very good all-around players. Several other players are relatively new. I am pleasantly surprised that they are building and working hard. They might not necessarily play a whole lot right now, but when they do come in, they are learning and growing. Several of them are juniors, so they will help strengthen the team next year."

"Last night [September 15] was a very hectic and emotional experience for all of us," said senior captain and libero Mary Tang. "We had a new lineup. We were playing alongside people we don't normally play next to. It was uncomfortable at the beginning. We were not really in sync as a team, so we lost our first two sets, but we picked up our energy, and we had a really great last two sets. We played with a lot of energy. I thought we really connected as a team. It was probably one of our best games."

"Iris Duan is still killing it again this year. She is only a sophomore, the youngest on our team. She has been absolutely amazing as an outside hitter and as a setter. She has stood up to all the pressure. She has the highest hitting percentages on the team. We do have eight seniors on the team, so we have a lot on leadership on that court, and it is great to see it all come together."

"Varshana Ramnarine is a senior, but this is her first year playing volleyball. She has played really well. She has been a core of our defense. She is also doing really well as a passer and server. It is really great having her on the court next to me. She is a great teammate. We had scrimmages before the season start. We were all learning really fast. The Northwood game was our best game. I haven't seen that level of energy before."

"Last night's win over Northwood was really exciting," said senior Jasmine Duan who had a big service run to start the Falcons off strong in the tiebreaker. "We just had to pull through. We have some tough games coming up and really need that win. I'd like to give a shout out to my sister Iris. Ever since last year she has really helped me pull through. She helped keep my mind where I needed it to be. Whenever I was on the court, no matter what I went through, she was always there. If I would get frustrated, she would always be there and trust me.

I could always trust her on the court. I am looking forward to the Damascus match because I know Camilla Galeano, the setter on that team. I played club volleyball with her."

Other seniors are Jordan Cross, Megha Jasti, Sara Stanley, Saragha Surendra, and Miranda Wang. All are returning varsity players. Juniors are Leavy Hu, Sana Nariso, Sydney Short, Lydia Wong, and Niky Zhuang.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the Falcon volleyball team hosted its annual Dig Pink event on October 13 at a home game versus Springbrook. In addition to the game, the girls sell bake goods and T-shirts in support of the cause throughout the month, at home football games and at other events.

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Commissioner Candidates Respond to Issues in Public Forum

For your additional research, visit www.poolesvillemd.gov and choose Public Meetings to be redirected to the YouTube channel. The following questions have the video time in parentheses:

- Talk about one of your favorite businesses in town, and why it is one of your favorite businesses. (21:49)
- Do you believe that the businesses that front Fisher Avenue need to present a good image to the town and, if so, what are you to do to ensure that happens? (46:45)
- What is the current tax rate, and should it be changed? (52:06)
- Describe your experience in working with a small group. What worked well and what did not? (56:42)
- What can the town do to help reopen White's Ferry? (1:02:12)
- On which committees do you wish to serve and why? (1:13:39)
- Because the county makes decisions about the Ag Reserve, what experience do you bring to working with these legislators? (1:17:07)

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What is normal urine color for dogs?

The normal color of urine from a healthy dog or cat is transparent yellow. Veterinarians sometimes refer to this color as "straw yellow," "pale gold," "amber," or "clear yellow." The most accurate way to assess urine color is to examine it in a clear plastic or glass container against a white background. Urine is made as a normal result of metabolism and removal of cellular wastes. Normal urine is sterile and the color can vary depending on what your pet has recently eaten or drunk. If you're wondering why urine is yellow, it's due to the presence of a substance called urochrome which is excreted by the kidneys.

What do different shades of yellow mean?

The intensity of yellow color in normal, clear urine indicates the concentration or dilution of urine. In simplest terms, dilute urine is associated with increased water excretion and concentrated urine correlates with less water. Dilute urine will be almost colorless while highly-concentrated urine is bright yellow, amber, or honey-colored. Minor daily variations in yellow shouldn't alarm you. Persistent color changes lasting more than a couple of days should be brought to your veterinarian's attention. Colorless or bright-yellow urine can also be associated with certain medical conditions.

What if my dog's urine is dark yellow?

It's not unusual for a dog's urine color to be dark yellow; however, if your dog has dark or bright yellow urine, especially after a long day outdoors, it could signal a need to consume more water.

What if my dog's urine is dark enough to look orange?

Dark yellow is typically normal in most pets. If the urine is more orange, it may be associated with a condition known as icterus or jaundice. Orange urine may be the result of:

- Damaged red blood cells
- Liver disease
- Severe dehydration
- Bile duct problems
- Gallbladder problems
- Pancreatic problems

If your pet has orange-colored pee, additional blood and urine tests need to be performed immediately.

What if my dog's urine is red, pink, red/brown, or red/orange?

Red or pink urine is often caused by a urinary tract infection. Many times you will also notice the urine is cloudy or turbid. Other reasons for reddish urine include feline lower urinary tract disorder, cystitis, bleeding or clotting diseases, trauma and cancer. Red urine clearly indicates your dog needs additional diagnostic tests to determine the cause of color change.

What if my dog's urine is brown to black?

Brown to black urine can signal something serious has happened. The dark color can be due to blood cell damage releasing hemoglobin, muscle damage from trauma, or toxins such as onions, garlic, zinc, or acetaminophen (Tylenol®).

If your dog's urine changes color, seek veterinary help.

If your dog's urine changes hue, call your veterinarian. A simple urinalysis will determine if your dog requires additional tests, and appropriate treatment. You're most likely to observe color changes associated with uncomfortable urinary tract infections (UTIs) and painful cystitis. The sooner you treat, the less discomfort your loved one will suffer.



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