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The Holmgrens brought their living room to SpringFest. See more pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Pastor Williams has good reason to cut this cake. Tidbits holds the answer on page 9.



A talented pitching bench led to a division championship for the Falcons. Read the details on page 10.



A new Mr. Poolesville was crowned. Find out who on page 14.

Lost Heroes of the American Revolution and War of 1812 Found at Monocacy Cemetery

By Rande Davis

Monocacy Cemetery was the site this past Memorial Day weekend of a most remarkable and extremely long overdue honor to seven local men who fought for America, five in the American Revolution and one in the War of 1812. Now there are a total of nine American Revolutionary War veterans buried at the cemetery.

The local soldiers receiving honors were: Jonathan Beall Benson (War of 1812), and Revolutionary War veterans James Allnutt, Jr., Lawrence Allnutt, Robert Doyme Dawson, Edward Jones, Nathan Tolbert Talbot, and Robert Wilson.

On hand to place memorial wreaths were representatives of the War of 1812 Society and the General William Smallwood Chapter of the Maryland Society of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution



Representatives of the War of 1812 Society and the General William Smallwood Chapter of the Maryland Society of Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution

(SDAR). Michael Saunders, president of the Montgomery County SDAR and George Lewis, the immediate past president of the Frederick County SDAR, were joined by Patrick Warner, president of the Society of the War of

1812. James Engler, Sr., president of the state SDAR was also one of the guests present to give honor to these heroes.

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Local Polo Season Starts with America versus England

Polo season is heating up in Poolesville. The Capitol Polo Club will open its gates to the public for grandstand viewing of polo matches on Sunday, June 7 at 3:00 p.m. In a nod to the historical roots of Montgomery County, the teams competing in the match on opening day will be America versus England, sponsored by Javier Donatelli Equine Veterinarian, LLC. Field-side tailgating is also open to the public; fans wearing red, white, and blue will get in free. The club is located at 14660 Hughes Road in Poolesville.

The Capitol Polo Club members will be competing every Sunday starting in June through the end of October. Players come from as far away as Washington, D.C. and Charles Town, West Virginia to compete. Many of the players are based locally and live nearby for the summer when the smooth grass fields of the Capitol Polo Club host the thundering hooves of flying polo ponies racing down the



Pat Post leads the charge at a Capitol Polo Club tournament.

pitch. Longtime Montgomery County resident Javier Donatelli, DVM, says of the joy of playing polo, "There is nothing else in the world like polo. The camaraderie with your teammates and the speed of the horse make the sport unique."

Neil Agate is a founding member of the Capitol Polo Club and will be leading the charge for the English team on opening day. Agate, who has been playing polo for over twenty

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Family Album *Spring Fest 2015*



Aja Drain, Saundra Drain, Jehuyn Drain, Valaree Dickerson, Dylan Drain, and Craig Dickerson.



SpringFest revelers: Pam Landis, Dustin Cody, Kaitlin Winn, Terri Winn, and Ann Hopkins.



Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski (right) joined Kathy and Bernie Mihm in welcoming guests to the SpringFest beer-tasting tent.



Rachel Bupp, Madi Peyton, Danielle Anderson, and Jen Duncan cheer about a fabulous SpringFest.



A picnic on the lawn is the ticket at SpringFest for Lauren Ballou, Susan Smith, Tyler Smith, and Kevin Ballou.



Emmett Knight is a master buckaroo for sure.



Dawn Peyton and her daughter Jesse enjoyed the SpringFest family events like face painting.



Heavy rain dampened the field but not the spirits of SpringFest attendees as many revelers hung in there to the end in the tent hidden by the orange truck.

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Tidbits

Fifth Annual SpringFest Great Fun for All

The fifth annual SpringFest festival continued its path of growth and success despite a downpour late in the day. Whalen Commons was filled with fun things to do from a host of local artisan and craft vendors to Calleva's climbing wall, face painting, and the exciting mechanical bull. For most of the day, the weather was cool and comfortable, but a heavy downpour hit around 5:00 p.m. disrupting things for a while. The rain didn't seem to dissuade those in the beer-and-wine-tasting tent, though, as most hung in there and were rewarded when the rains stopped by the close of the day.

The Hard Swimmin' Fish band played its renowned brand of jumpin' blues to the delight of the attendees and were able to get through their performance before the heavens opened. Unfortunately, the other scheduled blues band, Moonshine Society, got rained out.

The annual amateur barbeque cooking contest, sponsored by Charles H. Jamison Real Estate, kept the air filled with the aroma of the season. In order of final results, the winners were: Todd Haynes of Bubba Joes Q, Mike Charbonneay of Busket List, Jim McNulty of Porksmith, Mike Defnet of Green Bullets, Jeff Cesna of Semper Fi, and Chris Giarratano of Pennylicious.



The entrants in the 2015 SpringFest BBQ contest, sponsored by Jamison Real Estate, gathered on the stage as Alex Jamison (white shirt) announced the results.

The SpringFest Committee and town employees are deeply appreciative of local businesses and organizations that stepped forward to help sponsor the event and make the day a wonderful, fun-filled event for all. The Gold Sponsors were the Town of Poolesville, Harris Teeter, Charles H. Jamison Real Estate, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Poolesville Town Center, and WC Insurance LLC.

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Commander Bob Hernandez joined other members of the American Legion Post #247 in placing American flags at veteran gravesites in the area.

American Legion Places Flags at Graves

Members of Poolesville's American Legion #247 placed flags at veterans' graves at St. Mary's and Boyds Cemeteries. The post is hosting a free hot dog/hamburger and baked bean picnic on June 6 starting at noon at Steven's Park in Poolesville. All vets are welcome to attend. Guests may bring a side dish to share.

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Town Government Commissioners Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

By Link Hoewing

After hearing virtually no comments from citizens over the past several months about the draft FY 2016 budget, the commissioners voted unanimously at their May 18 meeting to adopt the budget, putting it into effect beginning on July 1. It incorporates previously-approved increases in real property tax rates, and in the sewer and water rate schedule.

The commissioners also focused once again on their efforts to secure the designation of Sustainable City in Maryland for Poolesville. The state sponsors the Sustainable Communities Program to encourage cities and local communities to adopt policies and programs that are environmentally sensitive and will reduce burdens on water, air, and land resources. The town has already appointed a Green Team of local citizens and a few commissioners to design a strategy for Poolesville that will gain it recognition as a Sustainable City.

In addition, the Green Team is reviewing twenty town projects or programs—such as the solar array, LED streetlights, and pervious

pavement—to determine how many of them can qualify to meet state requirements in the Sustainable Communities Program. The program requires communities and cities to implement a diverse array of sustainability initiatives, and Poolesville already has implemented a number of such programs. It is possible, town manager Wade Yost explained, that the town already has enough programs in place to satisfy sustainability guidelines, allowing it to become certified. The town is shooting for June 30 as the deadline for achieving certification. Efforts will continue if that deadline is not met.

At the meeting, the commissioners also discussed efforts to draft a set of guidelines designed to encourage the purchase of products and services by the town in a manner that minimizes environmental impacts. While no details were released at the meeting, Yost remarked that such guidelines in other cities and towns include a number of factors from fiscal policies to social practices. Consideration of the environmental practices of a contractor, for example, might be one of the factors included in reviewing proposals to provide services or products. The proposed guidelines would also include requirements for annual reports on progress. A draft of the guidelines will be submitted in the near future for the commissioners to consider.

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Commentary

Parallel Progress

By John Clayton

The State of Maryland has, in its wisdom, decided to stop requiring applicants to pass a parallel parking segment as part of the driving skills test. This decision came, as near as I can determine, from the Motor Vehicle Administration, which is under the Maryland Department of Transportation, and also under our new governor, Larry Hogan. I was surprised when I heard the news, but as it came on the heels of Gov. Hogan lowering various road and bridge tolls and putting the kibosh on that annoying E-ZPass fee, I thought, Wow, is this guy on a roll or what? However, it seems this decision was made below his pay grade. I did check to see if he has any children approaching driving test age, but his children are all grown and probably driving and parallel parking to their hearts' content.

This is an excellent decision. Perhaps you were expecting the codger objection—I had to take the darned test so why don't they—but I don't feel that way, however that shoe may fit. I have a number of reasons why I think this was a good move, and one of them actually wasn't one of the primary reasons that the MVA took this action: to reduce waiting times in the MVA. This is a fine reason, and any progress in that direction is to the good, but let us not go crazy here; there will still be plenty of waiting time at the MVA for everyone, even if it improves.

In my observation, many people can't parallel park anyway, so what has testing by Big Brother accomplished? I am sure you will agree that most people not only can't parallel park, but they avoid even trying to do so on pain of death. When people go to take their driver's permit test, are they agonizing about looking both ways, stopping behind the stop line, checking

their mirrors, or answering their smartphone in front of the testing officer? No, they are worried about the parking test, which is the one evaluated activity that probably isn't a matter of life and death, at least most of the time. Of course, if you've ever been with your significant other and had to parallel park quickly into a small space in Bethesda in order to make a dinner reservation on time, I may be understating the matter entirely.

I am a fine parallel parker, and God knows at my age I should be. I love parking under pressure, where the space is tight and in front of a sidewalk café where everyone is watching. One emerges with pride after greasing one's vehicle into the space with aplomb. This once happened to me while President and Michelle Obama were dining with Prince William and Kate Middleton right there outside a restaurant watching. As I emerged, they stood up and applauded, except for Duchess Kate who curtsied. It was a fine moment, but I digress.

In the interest of full disclosure, I failed my parking test the first time. Granted my Dad's Impala (1968) was running rough and stalled a few times, and he commiserated that it was the car's fault in order to bolster my self-esteem a tad, but I knew then and know now that I choked under pressure. The point is, pass or fail, I was never going to parallel park by remembering all those steps they teach—you learn it over time in different situations with failure and repetition. I hope the drivers' education instructors continue to teach it, and even better, parents should teach it, but as far as the state testing goes: Good riddance. Perhaps we should test for parallel parking at the five-year renewal. "Well, let's see what you've learned in five years," but I suspect that won't fly anytime soon either.

A friend of mine once said that you didn't really know how to drive until you could steer with your knees while consuming a hamburger, an order of

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Rande(m) Thoughts

A Move in the Right Direction

By Rande Davis

I think County Executive Ike Leggett made a right turn this past week, and I mean this both in terms of practicality and politically. Mr. Leggett sent proposed legislation to the Montgomery County Council to transfer the major functions of county economic development and business promotion to a private-sector-led, nonprofit entity. I believe this move represents a more conservative way of thinking about the role of government and concepts of service to the public, and a step in the right direction toward more efficient public service.

The move is designed to fold the county's Department of Economic Development and the nonprofit Montgomery Business Development Corporation (MBDC) into a new 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The leadership, which will be made up of an eleven-member board, will come from and remain part of the private sector.

In making the announcement about the proposed legislation, Mr. Leggett said, "This new reorganization

will improve Team Montgomery's ability to move us forward by making our economic development efforts more nimble, more flexible, and more entrepreneurial."

I applaud this innovative approach to problem solving through creative thinking. Although the funding will still come from the government, the objective is for the taxpayer to get more results from the dollars provided than in the past. Hopefully, this new approach will mean more jobs for county residents.

Far too often, though, those of us who seek to scale back the governmental role into a wide variety of aspects of our life are accused of, at best, not caring and, at worst, not wanting to solve problems. Effective solutions to public problems should prioritize results over money spent. After fifty years and nearly \$22 trillion (in today's currency), the poverty rate today is fifteen percent versus seventeen percent in 1965. For those of us more conservative types, the number of persons able to move off poverty rolls, for example, is the preferred metric of success rather than the amount of dollars spent in such aid. Far too often, inefficiencies in government programs not only continue unabated long after being discovered, but when poor results are

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May 29

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May 30

House of Poolesville Entertainment
The Built 4 Comfort Band. *Patio*. 8:30 p.m.

May 30 to 31

Sherman Memorial Arena Polo Tournament
Sponsored by the Capitol Polo Club, this indoor tournament has teams fielding three players a side that play in a smaller, enclosed arena, leading to quick plays and sharp transitions from offense to defense. Free entry. Saturday: 5:00 p.m.; Sunday: 10:00 a.m.

June 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

June 3

PASC Special Event
Poolesville Area Senior Center potluck lunch featuring speaker from the county (TBD). 17750 W. Willard Rd. Noon.

Free Community Dinner

Breakfast for dinner is on the menu this month. Pancakes, bacon, sausage, Starbucks coffee, and homemade desserts will be served. All are welcome. To request a ride, contact Lori Kocur at 301-349-9670. *Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church*. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 4

PASC Special Event
Buddy Bingo. 17750 W. Willard Rd. 1:00 p.m.

June 6

American Legion Picnic
Open free to all members and veterans. Hot dog/hamburgers, baked beans, and drinks provided. Guests are invited to bring a side to share. *Stevens Park in Poolesville*. Noon.

House of Poolesville Entertainment
Girl on Top. *Patio*. 8:30 p.m.

June 7

Capitol Polo Club Presents
Embassy Row Polo Series featuring the "Red, White, and Blue: USA versus England" tournament." Grandstand seating and tailgating available. Wear red, white, and blue and get in for free. \$40 per car otherwise. 3:00 p.m.

June 10

PASC Special Event
Zumba Gold. 17750 W. Willard Rd. 1:00 p.m.

June 11

PASC Special Event
Bocce. *Whalen Commons*. 10:30 a.m.

PASC Book Club
Organizational meeting. Come join and help set up this new book club. Time to get to know each other, set schedule, and select books. *Poolesville Library*. 7:00 p.m.

June 12

Annual PES PTA Summer Carnival
Family extravaganza of rides, multi-bounce and inflatable rides, and games. Food, crafters, and music! *Whalen Commons*. 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

June 13

Poolesville Military Support Group's Annual Outing for Wounded Soldiers
Huge Ride to the River motorcycle escort begins at Tractor Supply parking lot 10:30 a.m. Line the streets of Poolesville with a flag-waver crowd. Fishing, music, games, and terrific picnic food for wounded warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Ft. Belvoir Transitions program. All welcome to attend. Donations requested to pay for the event and raise funds for Fisher House and Yellow Ribbon Fund, two of the best organizations helping the troops and their families. *White's Ferry pavilion*. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment
The Bobby Lewis Blues Band. *Patio*. 8:30 p.m.

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Local News

Retired Dickerson Officer Breaks Murder Case

By Jack Toomey

On May 10, Richard and Julianne Vilardo were found murdered at their home on Ridge Drive in the Glen Hills Section of Rockville. Detectives soon determined that both victims had been stabbed to death and that whoever had killed them had entered the house by an unlocked ground floor window. The names of the victims were not immediately released until all relatives could be notified.

A few days later, William (Bill) Preis of Dickerson, a retired Montgomery County officer, while preparing a snack for his three children, happened to glance at the social media feed of the Montgomery County Police Department and to see the press release where the names of Mr. and Mrs. Vilardo had been released after two days. Preis immediately recognized their names and the address as a residence where he had investigated a burglary case in 1998 when he had been a detective.

Preis called the Major Crimes Unit and spoke to one of the detectives on the case. He told the detective that in 1998, the Vilardos' home had been broken into and set on fire and that his investigation had led to the arrest of two individuals and the questioning of the fourteen-year-old next door neighbor. In the next few days, homicide detectives were in contact with Preis in an attempt to find out what else he remembered about the seventeen-year-old case.

Other detectives soon discovered that the neighbor, Scott Tomaszewski, now thirty-one years old, had pawned a high school ring that had been stolen in a burglary on the same street on Easter.



Retired Montgomery County Police officer Bill Preis from Dickerson helped solve a Rockville murder case.

As has been widely reported in other media, detectives learned that the man and his parents were on a cruise in the Pacific Ocean. Three detectives flew to Juneau, Alaska and arrested Scott Tomaszewski when the ship docked at Juneau. They found evidence in his possession that connected him to the murder case.

Chief Thomas Manger lauded Preis on local television.

Preis, who retired from the force in 2009, told the *Monocle*, "My children were too young to remember me as a public servant, as a policeman. Participation in this case allowed them to see me help the police while also affording me a long-overdue opportunity to interact with several colleagues with whom I had lost touch. I am proud beyond words to have been able to contribute to justice and peace in my community and to be part of a story that emphasizes the incredible efforts and work performed by the law enforcement community in the big cases as well as the small." He went on to praise the officers and detectives who do the everyday police work but are often criticized in this era of anti-police sentiment.

COMMISSIONERS OF POOLESVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on June 1, 2015 at 7:30 PM at 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of the Commissioners of Poolesville receiving public comment on Proposed Ordinance 203, Chapter 12 of the Poolesville Code to adopt and amend this Chapter. The proposed changes will separate the "traffic" citations written by Montgomery County from the Municipal Infractions written by the Town and includes a blanket adoption clause that clarifies that the Town has adopted Montgomery County Code Chapter 31 that is in full effect and enforceable by Montgomery County Police. Copies of this proposed ordinance are available at Town Hall.

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Center Stage Tutu by Two

By Dominique Agnew

The Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre (HGCBT) performed an original ballet of "Noah's Ark" on Saturday, May 16 at the Poolesville High School Auditorium.

"When the Lord saw how great the wickedness of human beings was on Earth, and how every desire that their heart conceived was always nothing but evil, the Lord regretted making human beings on the Earth, and his heart was grieved." The setting and music were stark and primal as the dancers, mere shadows of the intended beauty of humanity, moved across the stage. More like creatures of darkness, their movements were rigid and visceral.

"But Noah found favor with the Lord." Fortunately, Noah, danced by Josh Snyder, heard God's call and listened to his words of wisdom. Noah joined the dance, hammering in a race against nature, in time with the evil of

daughters, the Spirit of Love, angels, and the Raven and the Dove all joined in a *pas de huit* (Noah, his wife, and three sons and their wives) as they embarked. Life on the ark was a delight as the animals and humans danced in joyful coexistence. Act I closed with the Dove returning with an olive branch, the Raven not returning after being released.

Act II opened with the animals exiting the ark onto dry land and finding their own way, galloping and galivanting across the stage. Much of the music for Act I was from modern composers such as Hans Zimmer and his music from film scores such as *Batman*, *Rainman*, *Da Vinci Code*, and others, and compositions of Sibelius and James Horner; however, Act II was the very classical *La Bayadère* composed by Ludwig Minkus and choreographed famously by Marius Petipa in the late nineteenth century. Act II excerpted "The Kingdom of the Shades," typically staged in black and white, but Ichijo had always envisioned it in color, the colors of the rainbow, naturally. In this setting, the rainbow symbolized the pact God made with man to never destroy the world with flood waters again. The stage became a rainbow of dancers, gliding gracefully in a pastel Roy G. Biv that deliciously stunned the senses. Any future viewings of "The Kingdom of Shades" in black and white will certainly pale in comparison.

Artistic director of HGCBT, Fran Ichijo, consulted different religious backgrounds and settled on their commonalities about Noah's Ark in her rendition. She also added myth and mystique by including the legend of how the unicorns perished as well as a dance with Noah and the

Rainbow Queen once they are safely back on land.

Don't think for a second that this *Bayadère* looked in any way amateurish. The quality and technique rivaled that of any professional company. Many of HGCBT's troupe of dancers are in high school now, and they show the years of dedication with precision and perfection. Three graduating seniors have set their slippers on further dancing: Suzanne Creedon at the University of Maryland, College Park, full dance scholarship; Brooke O'Connell at Trinity College; and Veronica Contreras at the Kirov Academy, professional program.



Josh Snyder, as Noah, with Brooke O'Connell.

the world around him, but of another world as he prepared his ark. As raindrops began to fall, luminous dancers flitted and floated between clouds and lightning.

"Of the clean animals and the unclean, of the birds, and of everything that crawls on the ground, two by two, male and female came to Noah into the ark, just as God had commanded him." From the adorable bumblebees to zebras and wolves and squirrels to panda bears, butterflies, parrots, and blue jays, and elephants and really small mice, Noah collected them all, dancing and frolicking, into the ark. Finally, Noah, his wife, his sons and



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June 5, 6, and 7

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Local News

The Bear Facts

By Susan Petro

When it comes to bears in our backyards, bear biologist Harry Spiker believes in tough love: not letting the bear get too comfortable hanging around. "Tough love makes for good relations between bears and people," said Spiker, who encourages people to make noise, clap trash can lids, use an air horn, or other types of non-lethal aversive conditioning methods to let the bear know to stay away from nearby homes.

Spiker, the Game Mammal Section Leader and head of the Bear Project for Maryland's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife and Heritage Division, was recently hosted by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League to give an informative talk on how to live with black bears. A group of Poolersville residents and town representatives came to learn more about what to do if they encounter a bear.

"We all have a predisposed opinion of what a bear is," said Spiker. "Some people love bears and want one behind every tree, and others are scared to death of them and don't want any of them on the landscape." A recent survey conducted by the DNR indicates that a large majority of citizens want to have bears in their environment; however, thirty-eight percent of the respondents strongly opposed having bears.

Making noise is contrary to the popular belief that one should remain quiet or hide when a bear approaches. If residents truly want to discourage the bear from returning to their backyards, they must let it know that it is not welcome. Spiker describes children as excellent bear deterrents because they are typically noisy (undoubtedly, most parents will not want to test that theory). Most bears do not want to encounter humans and will run away in their presence.

Spiker says that bears are very good communicators. They make slow and deliberate movements such as swaying back and forth, making huffing noises, swatting at the ground, popping their jaws, and bluff charges ("Unfortunately, there is only one way to know if it is a bluff charge," Spiker mused). These communications are a warning to back up and give the bear space. Standing up is not an aggressive position, they simply want to get a better look or scent of their surroundings.

Although there has never been a negative encounter between any humans and bears in Maryland, many residents are worried about face-to-face encounters. Spiker recommends bear spray as the most effective deterrent. He said to make sure to buy spray especially labeled for bears because it holds enough repellent for hikers encountering a bear going into the woods to have enough left to hike out, as well.

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Local Polo Season Starts with America versus England

years, reflected on his experience. "I learned to play back in the eighties when there were three thousand people coming out to watch polo every weekend at Capitol Polo, and I want to revive that fun family atmosphere. I will be making my contribution to that by concocting the perfect Pimms recipe (English gin-based potation made from dry gin, liqueur, fruit juices, and spices) for the English supporters to enjoy."

Polo matches are the perfect family occasion. The combination of horses, beautiful scenery, field-side picnics, and adventurous polo players making athletic plays on the field are sure to please everyone. An announcer gives play-by-play commentary to enlighten and entertain even the fans new to the sport. Matches are four chukkas long, with each chukka lasting seven and a half minutes. Players switch mounts between chukkas, and a popular spectator tradition is "stomping divots" to smooth out the torn portions of the field at halftime. While the big hats and fancy dress seen in movies such as *Pretty Woman* are always welcome, jeans and casual shirts are equally acceptable.

The Capitol Polo Club members will be warming up for the England versus America match with the Sherman Memorial Arena tournament on May 30 and 31, also played at the CPC grounds but in the CPC Arena. Arena polo is a slightly different sport than its flashy grass cousin. Teams field three players a side and play in a smaller, enclosed arena, leading to quick plays and sharp transitions from offense to defense. Spectator seating is limited at the arena, but it is free to the fans wishing to catch a sneak peak of the polo action.

For more information, contact polo manager Melanja Jones at melanja@capitolpolo.com or visit the Capitol Polo Facebook page and www.capitolpolo.com.



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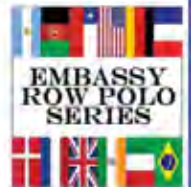
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Tidbits

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. David Williams

Pastor David Williams of the Poolesville Presbyterian Church has an impressive new title. You can now refer to him as the Rev. Doctor Williams. He recently completed his Doctor of Ministry degree from Wesley Theological Seminary. The last few years have been a busy time for Pastor Williams as he completed this five-year rigorous coursework along with a book entitled *The Believer's Guide to the Multiverse*, published by Shook Foil Books (shookfoilbooks.com) back in 2013. He has changed direction with his upcoming novel by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, due out next year.

Commenting on this latest achievement, Pastor Williams said, "As for reaching this milestone, it feels great! It's particularly wonderful knowing that my research and writing—into the dynamics of healthy small faith communities—has already had some positive impact in my own teeny lil' church."

His parents joined in the congregation's celebration after the service on Sunday, May 22, and he was surprised by a congratulatory reception complete with cake and a fifty-member kazoo band playing "Pomp and Circumstance" as he entered the church's meeting hall.



Parents and friends joined the Poolesville Presbyterian Church congregation to honor Pastor Williams's earning his doctorate. David and Helen Williams, Pastor Williams, Elaine Hunt, Natalie Tudor, and Mary Prussing.

Show Your Appreciation for the Troops Again this June

The Poolesville Military Support Group (PMSG) will sponsor its Ninth Annual Ride to the River Outing for Wounded Soldiers at White's Ferry on June 13 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Volunteers for Poolesville Military Support Group are Cheryl Wright, Sherry Huff, Bubby Pullen, Carl Hobbs, Tom Wright, and Elena Victoria.

The event features a huge motorcycle escort team to lead the bus of soldiers and their families to the ferry pavilion. Past years have seen over one hundred motorcycles in the patriotic parade of pride for those who serve, especially those who have been wounded.

The event has a picnic-party atmosphere so that the honored guests can relax with music, lots and lots of barbeque and picnic food, fishing, and conversation. The guests and their families will be coming from Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Ft. Belvoir Warrior Transition Unit.

PMSG looks to businesses and individuals to support the event through donations to benefit the Fisher House Foundation and the Yellow Ribbon Fund. The former is a system of free housing to families of wounded warriors needing a place to stay near their beloved soldier as he/she recovers. The Yellow Fund also provides assistance to those who have served.

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2015 Annual Ecology Awards

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America hosted the annual Ecology Awards on May 19, 2015. The outdoor nature organization, as part of its membership, pledges the commitment of members to "strive for the purity of water, the clarity of air, and wise stewardship of the land and its resources."

Representing the B-CC Chapter was president Joe Snider and award

committee members, Frank Parker, Butch Mezick, Mark Gochnour, and George Coakley. Awards and scholarships were also made by other attending organizations, including Poolesville High School represented by Billie Bradshaw, Erin Binns of the PHS Global Ecology Studies Program, Dick Hill of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, Linda Pepe of the Montgomery County Forestry Board, Kathy Noble of the Monocacy Garden Club, and Ann Sturm of the Maryland Bluebird Society.



Ann Sturm (left) of the Maryland Bluebird Society and Linda Pepe of the Montgomery County Forestry Board (right) gave ecology awards for their research on bluebirds to Steven Morningstar, Anthony Kim, Eric Lee, Allyson Convers, and Danielle Macairan.

Winning projects and students were:

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Dmitri Agnew

Evan Bowen and Matthew Gates

Jacob Migdall and Alex Yaney

William Saar and Grayson Yachup

JPMS Students Paint Mural to Benefit the Bay

A group of John Poole Middle School students have been working

on a mural to raise awareness for the protection and preservation of the Chesapeake Bay. The mural is painted on the columns and ceiling of the school's media center.



Artists Alison Ransom, Jessica Carey, Olivia Burdick, Tess Insalaco, Anna Akdag, Julia Pavlick, Aidan Auel, Keegan Morrison, Colin Hemingway.

Youth Sports

A Twelve-Game Winning Streak And Other Surprises

By Jeff Stuart

The highlights of the Falcons' 2015 baseball season included a twelve-game winning streak, a triple play, a no-hitter, a batter hitting for the cycle, and a grand slam home run that turned out to be a three-run single. That doesn't even count a nine-pitch walk with the bases loaded in the sixth inning of the first win of the season at home against Blair.

All of this came after the Falcons started the season with three straight losses to Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Paint Branch, and Quince Orchard. The opening loss at B-CC was especially painful because senior pitching ace Tony Parker dislocated his shoulder sliding into third base in the top of the sixth. Parker scored on a single by senior first baseman Michael Vetter to give Poolesville a brief lead. Tony had allowed no runs and just three hits, but, as a pitcher, he was done for the year.

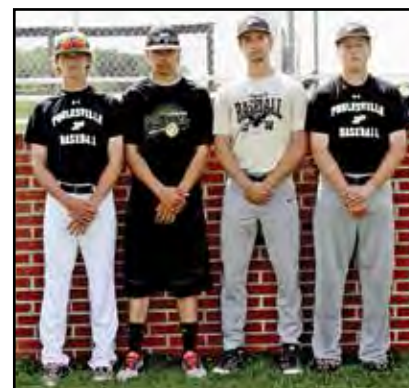
In the second game of the year, the Falcons' number two starter, senior Nic Fisher, lasted just ten pitches before leaving with an arm injury. He would not pitch again. Freshman Brady Pearre took over and did a remarkable job as he pitched six scoreless innings.

"It's been a phenomenal season," said junior Jordan Cissel, who pitches and plays the outfield. "We played great. We played tough teams. We figured out a way to work through our tough times. We found a way to pull out games when we needed to. The most outstanding game we had was against Springbrook. Justin Souder, a junior, pitched a no hitter (five innings). I actually hit for the cycle that game. That was the first time I have ever done that. It will probably be the last time I will ever do it, too. It was a great game and everybody played well."

He completed the extremely rare cycle as he tripled in the first inning, singled in the second inning, doubled in the fourth inning, and homered in the fifth inning. The Falcons won, 10-0, with Fisher also contributing a homer.

What about the grand slam that wasn't? "It happens," said Cissel. "We played at Churchill and I hit it out for a homer, but then I ran past Vetter at first base. I ran right by him! I didn't even think about it, so I had to go back to first with a three-run single."

Tony Parker had positive vibes as the season started. "I had a feeling



PHS Falcons: Brady Pearre, Jordan Cissel, Tony Parker, and Justin Souder.

we were going to be competitive this season," said Parker, "and we were. We won the games we were supposed to win and competed against teams that were supposed to be the best. Since my injury, I have been a designated hitter. I can't play in the field. I am trying to help the team as much as I can. I think the 3-1 win over Sherwood, the twelfth win, was our best game, but all of the games when we were on the winning streak were good. We just kept rolling." PHS beat Sherwood, 3-2. Cissel allowed just two hits. Senior Steven Morningstar and sophomore Cole Carmack each had two hits for the Falcons.

Sounder was pleased the team passed the test of a difficult beginning to the season. "We got thrown into the

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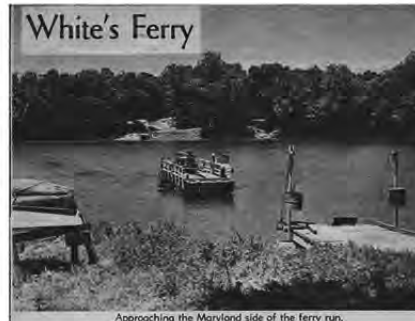
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Lost Heroes of the American Revolution and War of 1812 Found at Monocacy Cemetery

A uniformed honor guard, William Smithson (American Revolution) and David Embry (War of 1812), was on hand to fire their muskets in commemoration of the seven men.

Since 2006, local historian, Glenn Wallace Weitz, has documented the roughly five thousand persons buried at Monocacy Cemetery. During his documentary work, he uncovered the names of the seven long-forgotten American heroes, some with blurred-out markers and some without. "Sometimes, the discovery was pure luck, as with War of 1812 hero, Jonathan Beall Benson," Weitz commented. Weitz just happened to trip on a pension record that proved that the former private and one-time postmaster served with the Maryland militia from 1812 to 1814. Benson fought in the Battle of Bladensburg, called the Bladensburg Races by the soldiers of the day. Thanks to Weitz, all information on the others is now available at the website findagrave.com/monocacycemetery.

The commemoration on May 24 finally honored the men with proper burial markers and words of

recognition and appreciation. The Monocacy Cemetery governing committee even took care to completely restore and paint the cemetery's flagpole, purchase a new American flag, and ensure proper lighting at the American flag on display.

Over a dozen relatives of the soldiers attended the event. Dots Elgin, her son Charles, and her daughter Mary Conlon are related to Pvt. Edward Jones and marginally related to many of the others. Kirk "Skip" Saunders, who traveled from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and is the fourth generation grandson of Tolbert, told the gathering that he would have never learned about his ancestor if it had not been for Weitz, and that his family was deeply appreciative to all who helped organize the day. Other relatives attending included Ann Allnutt, Stan Talbot, Ann Williams.

Mr. Saunders of the Montgomery County Maryland Chapter of SDAR asked that all maintain the "memory of these patriots and always be mindful of the principles they held sacred." Through a prayer, the guests were reminded of the dedication of all who made our nation great. May they all be encouraged by these markers, and perpetuate the virtues they represent.

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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime

June 3, 1936 The tenth wedding anniversary of Delbert and Lillian Corbett did not end well after Mr. Corbett lost control of the family car and struck a tree near the Rockville courthouse. Mr. Corbett, his wife, and three children were all attended to for cuts and bruises. Officer Burdine charged Mr. Corbett with reckless driving.

June 4, 1934 Sgt. Guy Jones was attempting to serve a warrant on a Sandy Spring man when he attacked the officer. Sergeant Jones drew his weapon and shot the man three times. The suspect was taken to Montgomery General Hospital where his condition was described as serious.

June 6, 1935 A six-month-old baby was killed after a car crash at Dawsonville. Police determined that the baby's

father was driving and was rounding the curve on the Darnestown Road when the vehicle went up an embankment and overturned, trapping the baby. An older child wiggled out of the wreckage and ran to the nearby house of Dr. Upton Nourse (on today's Sugarland Road). Dr. Nourse came to the scene, but it was too late to save the baby.

June 7, 1939 Bethesda police were investigating what they thought was a murder case that had happened on East West Highway. A deputy U.S. Marshall had reported that he saw two youths beating another and then hauling the body into a wooded area. Officers were called in from home to search for the body. Meanwhile, other officers picked up the two boys and took them in for questioning. While they were questioning the youths, they were startled when the victim walked into the police station. He told the police that the whole thing had been a misunderstanding after a night of revelry at a Prince George's County roadhouse.

June 8, 1935 William Harold and James Poindexter were hanged at the Baltimore Penitentiary for the rape of a Chevy Chase teenager that happened in 1934. The girl had been walking in a wooded area when the two attacked her. They were convicted after a jury trial at Rockville.

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A Move in the Right Direction

uncovered, rather than cutting back the program, there is a call to spend even more.

Finding ways to solve a problem for less money should not necessarily be labeled callousness; doing so should be called smart. We hear a lot about smart growth, but how about smart care—care, for example, that comes from a donation rather than a tax. Private sector care is real, it is big, and it is efficient.

How big? In 2013, Americans gave around \$330 billion in charitable contributions; \$241 billion by individuals, \$17 billion by corporations, \$26 billion in bequests, and private foundations gave another \$50 billion.

How efficient? A donation is, in a sense, a self-selected personal tax that provides choice to the payer as to where his/her money will go, and those receiving the donation understand that inefficiency, corruption, slothfulness in effort, and incompetence will not be tolerated by the donor. When found guilty of violating the trust of those making donations, revenue to such nonprofits dries up immediately. Fear of losing

the faith of donors goes a long way in keeping nonprofits in line. Yet compassion should not always be measured by tax dollars spent. The average American household, over and above the taxes they pay, "self-tax" themselves nearly \$3,000 per household by donating to charities of their choice. Over ninety-five percent of American households donate to charities, and a similar percentage of businesses, small and large, also give back to their communities in a variety of ways. This staggering degree of generosity is often ignored when analyzing our society's efforts to help others. For some, if it isn't taxed and spent by the government, it just doesn't count.

As the county takes this modest yet important step to finding solutions outside of the normative governmental and bureaucratic model, it is important to acknowledge this innovative approach and wonder what more can be done like it. The dynamics of a growing and expanding democratic capitalism is such that no other economic system can approach the beneficial success of such a system, and no economic answer to ending poverty is greater or more effective than the economic engine of job creation.

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School News

Extra! Extra! Miss Poolesville Kidnapped!

By Dominique Agnew

On Monday, May 18, the greatest collection of superheroes ever assembled descended upon Poolesville High School when it was reported that a band of evil villains (not to be confused with the non-evil variety) had kidnapped Miss Poolesville. Where was she? Would they find her in time? Was she strapped to the conveyor belt slowly inching toward the large blade designed to split Batman and Robin in half? Did the writer of this article watch “Batman” reruns in black and white on her black and white television (when everyone else already had color!)? Holy Broadcast Television, Batman! Tune in next week, same time, same... ahem, back to the full-color, digital story at hand: Their task was to coerce the information from the villains (evil, mind you) and save Miss Poolesville. One by one, the battles raged: Spiderman (Andrew Wang) versus Venom (Muqet Ahmad); the Incredible Hulk—“Hulk Mad!”—a hero of few

words, probably for the best (Dmitri Agnew) *mano a mano* against Wolverine (Nic Heemskerck); Thor (Jack Tappert) battling wits and powers against cute half-sibling Loki (Matt Wagner); Superman (Joel Hessels) versus Lex Luthor (Nic Fisher), as usual; Captain America (Brandon Grinkemeyer) versus Red Skull (Thabi Mokuena); and Batman (Ross Lippe) trading one-liners with the Joker (Ron Domingo).

The battles raged from the video onto the stage where our superheroes/villains danced together—so adorable. We next saw the masked bandits/heroes in their human forms, attired in such mundane clothes as casual wear and sportswear. Miss Poolesville was forgotten for over an hour as our contestants, not to be outdone, performed their talents (sometimes, “talents”). There was quite an eclectic display ranging from instrumentals, dancing, skills, and comedy. The contestants then came out in their formalwear accompanied by their escorts. At this point, the judges had the arduous task of narrowing the field to six finalists: Nic Heemskerck who had wowed the audience with his rendition of “Classical Gas” on the guitar; Brandon Grinkemeyer had demonstrated enviable yoyo skills; Beyoncé was in the house when Thabi Mokuena had



Mr. Poolesville 2015 Matt Wagner (center wearing crown) is draped across his fellow contestants at the end of the recent competition.

performed an impersonation of her with backup dancers to screams and cheers from the audience; Andrew Wang’s “Glow Dance” was visual fireworks; Joel Hessels’s “Beach Ball Ballet” was something else, indeed; and Matt Wagner had energized the crowd with his medley of original compositions.

These six finalists were then called onto the stage, one by one, to answer the Final Question: If you had one superpower, what would it be and how would you use it to better the world? The judges, Katie Cain, a 2002 Poolesville graduate; Rande Davis, our very own co-publisher of the *Monocacy*

Monocle; and Faith Etheridge, former Poolesville High School Booster Club president, had their work cut out for them in selecting the winner.

Somehow they did it—and the winner is...envelope, please...drum roll...dramatic pause...Matt Wagner! Our darling Loki saved Miss Poolesville and saved the day (he’s not really evil, anyway, just misunderstood because all his parents can talk about is “Thor did this” and “Thor did that”). Miss Poolesville 2015, Mona-Mae Juwillie, crowned the new Mr. Poolesville. Congratulations, Matt!



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**Tidbits of
 The Past**

By Jack Toomey

May 5, 1927 Barnesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, and Poolesville were scheduled to have electric current for lighting and other purposes as a result of a contract signed with the Potomac Edison Company. The contract, negotiated by a board headed by Harold Spurrier, benefitted 120 residents. The electric line, which ran from Buckeystown, cost \$36,000.

May 10, 1926 Members of the faculty of Poolesville High School, assisted by several students, presented the comedy, Come Out of the Kitchen. The show was held in the school auditorium. In the cast were Prof. Thomas Pyle, Mrs. Webb Hersperger, Misses Ruth Beall and Ethel Garner. Students William Beall and Miss Dorothy Morningstar also appeared.

May 13, 1934 Mrs. Joseph Allnutt entertained at an old-fashioned quilting party. Her guests were Mrs. White, Williams, Clagett, and Williamson.

May 21, 1930 Berry Clark, clerk to the county commissioners, was told to

write to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and urge them to hasten the construction of the Boyds underpass. The commissioners had been told that the underpass had been scheduled for construction some time in the past.

May 24, 1925 It was estimated that about two thousand citizens of Montgomery County, some of them prominent, had failed to pay their dog tax. Twenty-two people, most living in the Poolesville district, appeared in Police Court, and Judge Riggs fined them between one and twenty-five dollars.

May 28, 1931 The Silver Spring High School team defeated Poolesville, 9-3, at the Silver Spring field. Rubel and Reed had two hits apiece for Poolesville while Hersperger and Ball had one hit each.

May 30, 1934 Decoration Day ceremonies were held at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. In one ceremony, the American Legion decorated the graves of all veterans of United States wars. In a separate ceremony, the United Daughters of the Confederacy decorated the graves of the Confederate soldiers buried there. Music was provided by the Poolesville band.

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Commissioners Adopt Final Fiscal Year 2016 Budget

The commissioners also returned to a previous issue—the parking and street safety concerns raised by some citizens earlier this year at the intersection of Butler Road and Westerly Avenue—and considered a recommendation to make the junction a three-way stop. The proposal, according to the commissioners, would slow traffic and allow for better enforcement of parking violations to increase safety. The commissioners adopted the recommendation unanimously.

The commissioners discussed again the work that is ongoing to revise and modernize Chapter 12 of the town ordinances, the section of the town code that concerns traffic safety, parking, and code violations. Yost has been reviewing the codes of other towns that have no police of their own. Glen Echo is one such town, and Yost said that it has specifically incorporated by reference the county's traffic enforcement and safety code into its own code. This is what is being proposed for Poolesville, and Yost noted that the town would not lose any of its authority by making county traffic and road safety requirements a part of its own code. The county, with its police force, already has the authority to enforce these requirements given that Poolesville has no police force of its own to undertake enforcement actions.

By eliminating unnecessary definitions or sections of the code that are redundant or unnecessary given the policies the county already has in place for traffic safety enforcement, the town will make much clearer who has responsibility for what policies. This should make enforcement more straightforward and avoid confusion. A public hearing on the new draft of provisions of Chapter 12 will be held on June 1.

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Parallel Progress

French fries, and a cold soda. I shudder to think what the cellphone equivalent of this may now be, but people of reason can agree that there are many driving skills that we should all have, but you probably shouldn't try to test for

them before we issue licenses because we can't expect more than basic competency from novices. I think everyone should be able to operate a car with standard transmission—a stick shift—as well, but that's an entirely different column. For now, I just see many, many more parking spaces available for those of us who can handle them.

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The Bear Facts

According to Spiker, bears were part of Maryland's landscape from the western mountains to eastern shores until humans arrived and cleared much of the native forests to build farms, factories, ships, and homes. "Countless species plummeted because of the habitat destruction," said Spiker.

Today, through a variety of conservation efforts, the bear population is now robust in Garrett and Allegheny Counties. Bears occupy territory as close as Frederick County. Although sightings are common in Montgomery County, it is not considered occupied because we have no reproducing sows (female bears). "Sows with cubs changes everything," said Striker who believes it is only a matter of time before Montgomery County is added to the list.

Now that bears are making a comeback, the goal of the DNR is to start people along the line of thinking about what they are doing with trash and bird feeders, which generate the highest

number of bear complaints. Simply taking a feeder down during the day is not enough to keep away a bear who will be attracted to any leftover seed that is dropped by birds. The feeder should be removed for about two weeks. After the bear comes back a few times and finds no food reward, it will move on. Trash cans should be stored in a locked garage and taken out in the morning instead of the night before. Striker also recommends washing the cans out with ammonia to get rid of food odors.

If the bear is not habituated to human-provided foods, it will remain mostly invisible.

The DNR does not like to relocate bears because they would be taking one community's problem and giving it to another. If a bear truly becomes a nuisance or a danger to the community, the DNR will take action to remove that bear.

Bear sightings or bears in a tree are considered non-emergencies. Bears will climb trees as a defensive maneuver. Once the threat, such as a crowd

of people or a dog, leaves, the bear will come down on its own and leave.

The DNR will respond to reports of a collision involving a bear, report of a dead bear, any pet or livestock injury, and any human safety issues. "A

bear in my yard' is not a safety issue," said Striker, but they do want to know about any aggressive bear behavior. "The DNR does not tolerate aggressive bears because there are too many good bears out there" said Striker.

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A Twelve-Game Winning Streak and Other Surprises

fire early," said Souder, "playing three tough 4A teams. We did compete in those games, and we could easily have been 3-0, instead of 0-3. That kind of gave us confidence that we could make a run in the playoffs. The Rockville game stands out because we were down, 3-0, the whole game. We came back, though, and scored six runs in the bottom of the sixth. That was a big win for us. The triple play came against Springbrook. I was pitching. I think the ball was hit to shortstop. We turned a double play and the runner on third tried to score. We tagged him out—crazy play. It was the first time I have ever been part of a triple play. The Blair game was huge. We needed to beat a good team."

The Blair game was a tough one. With the score tied, 3-3, Vetter led off the bottom of the sixth with a walk, Convers moved Vetter to second with a sacrifice bunt. Then Fisher reached on an error. Vetter held at second. Junior Ben Grimes dumped a single into centerfield, loading the bases. It was then that Carmack drew that nine pitch walk, forcing in the go ahead and winning run. With two out, Pearre lined a drive to center on which Blair centerfielder Jorge Noda made a spectacular catch. Had that ball dropped in, it would most likely have cleared the bases. Souder earlier hit a two-run homer in the third.

"I had a good year on the mound," said Pearre. "I struggled a little bit with

the bat, but I try to help the team any way I can. The twelve-game winning streak was huge. The Gaithersburg game was tough (a 10-4 loss). They are a good team, though. It's hard to compete with those 4A teams. Still, I think we are good enough. In the playoff game against Winters Mill, we hit the ball really well. We pitched well."

The Falcons beat Winters Mill, 7-5. Pearre doubled in the third inning and singled in the fourth and on the mound struck out two in the seventh inning in relief of Cissel. Senior Logan Rocco had two hits and Souder had three hits with two RBIs.

Other season highlights included Morningstar leading the team in batting average with a .442 mark, Souder leading the team with twelve RBIs as he batted .409. Nic Fisher had a .359 average with ten RBIs. He also led the team in runs scored with seventeen. Morningstar and Pearre each scored twelve runs. Cissel scored eleven times, Fisher and Rocco each scored eight. Carmack scored seven times, and Matt Convers and Vetter scored six each. Morningstar, Souder, Fisher, and Cissel each had a single homer on the year.

On defense, Cissell, Morningstar, and Rocco played outstanding outfield all year. Freshman Matt Convers was solid as the regular catcher, throwing out fifty percent of baserunners attempting to steal. He batted .267.

"They played better than I expected," said Coach Stephen Orsini. "Our number three, four, and five starting pitchers really stepped up. The whole team really stepped up to the challenge."

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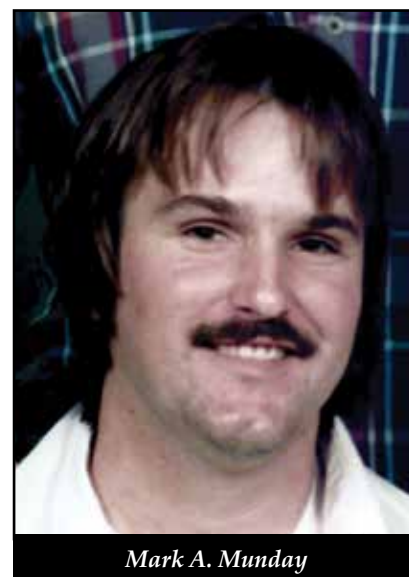
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Surviving Mark besides his mother Alice is one daughter, Heather Golliday of Charles Town, West Virginia; two brothers, Greg A. Munday and wife Janet of Knoxville, Maryland, and Ronnie Buffington of Poolesville; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by one brother, Robert E. Munday.



Mark A. Munday



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Take these simple precautions to help prevent your pet from overheating—and if you suspect your pet is suffering from heat stroke, get help from your veterinarian immediately.

Visit the Vet: A visit to the veterinarian for a spring or early summer checkup is a must. Make sure your pets get tested for heartworm if they aren't on year-round preventive medication. Do parasites bug your animal companions? Ask your doctor to recommend a safe flea and tick control program.

Made in the Shade: Pets can get dehydrated quickly, so give them plenty of fresh, clean water when it's hot outdoors. Make sure your pets have a shady place to get out of the sun, be careful to not over-exercise them, and keep them indoors when it's extremely hot.

Know the Warning Signs: Symptoms of overheating in pets include excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, stupor, or even collapse. They can also include seizures, bloody diarrhea, and vomit along with an elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees. Animals with flat faces, like Pugs and Persian cats, are more susceptible to heat stroke since they cannot pant as effectively. These pets, along with the elderly, the overweight, and those with heart or lung diseases, should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.

No Parking! Never leave your animals alone in a parked vehicle. On a hot day, a parked car can become a furnace in no time—even with the windows open—which could lead to fatal heat stroke. Also, leaving pets unattended in cars in extreme weather is illegal in several states.

Make a Safe Splash: Do not leave pets unsupervised around a pool—not all dogs are good swimmers. Introduce your pets to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Rinse your dog off after swimming to remove chlorine or salt from his fur, and try to keep your dog from drinking pool water, which contains chlorine and other chemicals that could cause stomach upset.

Screen Test: Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured.

Summer Style: Feel free to trim longer hair on your dog, but never shave your dog: The layers of dogs' coats protect them from overheating and sunburn. Brushing cats more often than usual can prevent problems caused by excessive heat, and be sure that any sunscreen or insect repellent product you use on your pets is labeled specifically for use on animals.

Street Smarts: When the temperature is very high, don't let your dog linger on hot asphalt. Being so close to the ground, your pooch's body can heat up quickly, and sensitive paw pads can burn. Keep walks during these times to a minimum.

Avoid Chemicals: Commonly-used flea and tick products, rodenticides (mouse and rat baits), and lawn and garden insecticides can be harmful to cats and dogs if ingested, so keep them out of reach. When walking your dog, steer clear of areas that you suspect have been sprayed with insecticides or other chemicals. Keep citronella candles, oil products, and insect coils out of pets' reach as well. Call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center at 888-426-4435 if you suspect your animal has ingested a poisonous substance.

Party Animals: Taking Fido to a backyard barbeque or party? Remember that the food and drink offered to guests may be poisonous to pets. Keep alcoholic beverages away from pets, as they can cause intoxication, depression, and comas. Similarly, remember that the snacks enjoyed by your human friends should not be a treat for your pet; any change of diet, even for one meal, may give your dog or cat severe digestive ailments. Avoid raisins, grapes, onions, chocolate, and products with the sweetener xylitol.



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