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"Basset Hound," submitted by Kevin Heimbach, won first place in the Poolesville Day Instagram photograph contest. See page 2 for more photos.



Andrew Lent of Boyds was the overall winner of the PACC 5K. Read more about the race in Tidbits on page 7.



PHS soccer players Karyn Comfort and Hailey Khalil. See Youth Sports on page 9.



Things were looking up at the Poolesville Day parade. More pictures are on pages 10 and 11.

Boys Teen Killed by Train

By Jack Toomey

John Martin DeReggi, Jr., a sixteen-year-old Boyds teenager, was killed by an Amtrak train on the afternoon of September 14. Montgomery County Police said that DeReggi and two friends were walking along the side of the railroad tracks near the Boyds Store when the youth stepped onto the railroad track and was struck by the westbound train. He was a junior at Clarksburg High School and a member of the track team.

The Amtrak train that struck DeReggi is a daily express train that leaves Washington every afternoon and travels to Chicago. It can reach speeds as high as seventy-nine miles per hour in that section. CSX Railroad owns the tracks, and the line runs from Washington to Cumberland and points west.

Several media outlets reported that DeRaggi, his girlfriend, and

his girlfriend's twin sister were taking photographs of each other on the railroad tracks when the train approached. The girls went in one direction and were able to get out of the way, but DeRaggi went in the other direction and was struck.

It has become a popular fad among professional photographers and amateurs to photograph groups of people or individuals standing or lying on railroad tracks. Some major railroad companies have sent out public warnings to the public about this dangerous behavior.

Clarksburg students took to social media to express their condolences and to urge other students to wear school colors to school in remembrance of DeReggi. A candlelight vigil was held at a church in Damascus in his memory.



Clarksburg High School junior John Martin DeReggi, Jr.

Police spokesperson Capt. Paul Starks said that there was no reason to suspect foul play.

Five to Be Inducted into PHS Hall of Fame

By Jeff Stuart

On September 25 at halftime of the Poolesville-Damascus football game, basketball player Billy Thomas, Class of 1980, hurdler Olivia Durr, Class of 2009, swimmer Cara Chuang, Class of 2010, football, basketball, and baseball coach Larry Hurd, Jr. (2003-2005), basketball coach Dave Miller (1968-1981), and boys' lacrosse, football, and indoor track coach Curtiss Belcher (2001-2013) will be inducted into the Poolesville High School Sports Hall of Fame. This will be the fourth PHS Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

In 1980, Billy Thomas was the area's leading scorer in basketball as reported by the Frederick News-Post. He was also Montgomery County's leading scorer. In his Poolesville career, he averaged 23.3 points and 14 rebounds per game. He was Poolesville's all-time leading scorer. He earned First Team All-Area honors in the News-Post and All-Montgomery County honors in the Washington Post. "It is truly an honor and a privilege to be inducted into the Poolesville High School Hall of Fame," said



Top: Coach Dave Miller (1968-81), Billy Thomas (1980), Cara Chuang (2010); Bottom: Olivia Durr (2009), Coach Larry Hurd (2003-2005) and Coach Curtiss Belcher (2001-2013).

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Family Album



Hardworking volunteers made the PACC 5K a success. Pictured standing is the Josh Maisel family. Bernie Mihm (center); Kathy Mihm and Scott Hollander are seated.



"The Pope" came in third place in the Poolesville Day Instagram photograph contest—submitted by Kelly Van Meter.



Poolesville Day 2015 brought in some rather famous people.



The Poolesville Day Committee thanked the town crew for all their help with a pizza lunch. Brendan McMinn, John Strong, Preston King, Rick Davidson, and Corey Thompkins.



"Fox Hounds" placed second in the Poolesville Day Instagram photograph contest—submitted by Selwyn Drain.



Coach Kevin Dorsey with wife Dawn, goddaughter Cassidy Florczyk, and daughter Jessie at the PACC 5K race dedicated in his honor.



Maria Briançon, Diana Mezick, striped shirt, Sue Moyer, Judy Ohr, and Sherry Brown.

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Town Government Report Town Commissioners Consider Policies to Help Curb Vultures

By Link Hoewing

In several commission meetings over the last few months, the topic of the large number of vultures congregating around the Town of Poolesville has been discussed. During its September 21 meeting, the commissioners proposed some policies to help reduce the number of vultures perching on town buildings and trees, and raiding garbage containers.

In its first order of business, the commissioners held a public hearing on Ordinance Number 204, a proposal to amend the town code to require that town residents and businesses keep trash in closed containers so that vultures cannot easily access items ready for trash pickup. The proposal also would require that residential trashcans not be kept full on curbs for extended periods of time and that trash receptacles be kept at the side or in the rear of homes.

In public comments, local citizen Wes Oxley commented that the

language, while laudable, could be construed to outlaw open composting piles, something he did not believe the commissioners intended. He also pointed to language saying that trash should be kept in containers that are "clean and sanitary," something he noted is impossible given that trashcans hold refuse that is inherently unclean. He also said that language stating that trash receptacles cannot be kept in front of residences seems misplaced. He pointed out that many people like to keep their trashcans in front of their garages and many in the townhouses have little room to keep their garbage cans anyplace but in front of their homes. He said that the goal of the ordinance is to reduce the likelihood that vultures and other animals will be attracted to food and other items left in the trash and that the issue of where properly sealed trashcans are stored has nothing to do with this goal.

Another local citizen, George Coakley, said that the requirement that trashcans not be brought out to the curb more than twelve hours ahead of pickup time was unrealistic. For example, families going on vacation may have to bring their cans out to the curb before they leave so that trash can be removed while they are gone and that

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on October 5, 2015 at 7:30 PM at Poolesville Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of receiving public comment concerning Resolution 004-15, Allocations for Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Capacity Allocation Policy. Copies of this Resolution are available at Town Hall.

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Commentary

Game On

By John Clayton

An old philosophical question: If Martin O'Malley speaks, and no one hears him speak, is he really speaking? I read that he is upset that the Republicans have had two debates, and the Democrats have had no debates and will not have a debate until October 13. I think he's right to be upset, although perhaps not for all the same reasons. I'm also a little upset with how the debates are being run, and I'm not convinced they're going to get any better, although I do have a suggestion.

As far as the Republican debates so far, I didn't like the nature of the questions in the second debate, which were intended to set the candidates off against each other, asking them what they thought about something someone else had said about them. It seemed contrived, smarmy, and it got in the way of thoughtful discussion. I understand that the networks are trying to make the debates more than stump speech sound bites, but can't we do better than this? Clearly the candidates were frustrated, and several resisted the approach and commented on it. Blame it on Donald Trump if you will, but he didn't pick the questions.

We have no idea if the Democrats can do any better because they have chosen not to debate until next month. The explanation offered by O'Malley is that the party is protecting its frontrunner and possibly only viable candidate by running out the clock. I don't know if that's the reason, but I can't think of a more credible one, and it's hurting them. As O'Malley has pointed out, the Republican point of view is getting all the attention. Debates within either party always have an underlying tone of "we all agree with these basic principles and truths, we're just sparring over how to get there and who's going to take us." One party's basket of principles and truths is getting a lot of expo-

sure, the other party's, not much at all. Then again, if the Democrats are limiting debates because something bad might happen to their frontrunner, then they're really missing the point. Playing not to lose is not a winning strategy.

It is also possible that the two-party system of debates has run its course. As I said earlier, the questions in one-party debates always presume an acceptance of similar positions and attitudes. Questions that challenge party orthodoxy aren't pursued aggressively. I'd like to hear things like, "You have said that global warming is bunk, and have no interest in addressing it. Given the scientific consensus that it is occurring, and that we are at least partially responsible, would you do nothing to allow for the possibility that you might be wrong?" Or, "You've pledged not to touch entitlements such as Social Security or Medicare even though studies show that our present path is financially unsustainable. Would you still not consider means testing, increasing the retirement age, or reductions in benefits to make these programs sustainable?" I want questions about issues that get these people out of their comfort zones, and I want it to happen earlier, before the general election when the nonsense they preach to their base gets watered down or forgotten. I'm tired of seeing one person talk while eight others nod their heads. I want some action and some substance.

It's time for interleague play. If Major League Baseball can do it, anyone can. There should be one combined series of debates for both parties, with an equal number of Democrats and Republicans in each one. This would introduce a dynamic that would be much more revealing of candidates' true positions. Consider the fireworks as we put all those pious platitudes under the spotlight. Each candidate is playing for his or her party's nomination and for success in the general election as we cull the losers and whittle the field down to the last two candidates. I'm darned sure that the final winner will be more than ready to talk to Putin.

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September 25:

Karaoke at 8:30 p.m.

September 26:

The Sean Evans Band on the patio at 4:30 p.m.

October 2:

DJ Slim Pickins at 8:30 p.m.

October 3:

Girl on Top Band on the patio at 4:30 p.m.

October 9: DJ Slim Pickins at 8:30 p.m.

October 10: Bobby Lewis Band on the patio at 4:30

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

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Theft from vehicle: 17300 block of Seneca Chase Park Road.

Theft: 24300 block of River Road.

Drug usage: 19800 block of Martinsburg Road (two cases), 19000 block of Beallsville Road, 17600 block of Soper Street.

Past Crime

September 25, 1911 Sheriff Viett arrested a man who was stealing copper wiring from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. Viett was in the Chevy Chase area when he encountered William Nagle who was in the act of stealing the wiring. Nagle led Viett on a chase over the rooftops of several homes before he was apprehended.

September 30, 1912 Sheriff Howard and some of his deputies continued the enforcement of Maryland's Blue Laws (which prohibited work on Sunday) when they locked up two track gangs working on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The officials first spotted a gang working on the tracks several miles west of Rockville. At that place, they took into custody thirteen men under the supervision of William Coleman. Despite his protests, all of

the men were taken to Rockville where they were jailed. Then Howard and his men went to a place near Halpine where another gang was working. They, too, were arrested. In all, twenty employees appeared before Police Justice Mace who released them pending a trial.

October 3, 1910 A quick change artist was arrested at Rockville by Deputy Cissell. Sheriff Viett had received a complaint about the man and sent Deputy Cissell to make a transaction with him. When Cissell asked for change for two dollars, the man, Edward Kelley, counted out the money, but Cissell then discovered that it was a half dollar short.

October 4, 1909 Charles Adams was fined twelve dollars by Justice of the Peace Brewer for shooting a rabbit. Adams was observed by Constable Brewer who received half of the fine by custom.

October 8, 1900 A riot at a picnic near Germantown left one man dead and many others shot and injured. Apparently, bad feelings between factions of men from Boyds and from Germantown led to a battle between the groups. An inquest was held over the body of Howard Hall who was shot to death. The coroner's jury voted to have several men arrested for murder and others charged with an array of offenses. It took every law enforcement official in the county to break up the affray and send everyone home.



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Town Commissioners Consider Policies to Help Curb Vultures

this often may require that the cans be moved out to the street more than twelve hours ahead of scheduled pickups.

The ordinance received no further comments but is open to written comment until September 25 at 4:00 p.m.

After the public hearing, commission president Jim Brown said that the commission had met in executive (non-public) session to consider two items. First, it considered the nomination of Pastor Ann Ritonia of St. Peter's Episcopal Church to become a member of the Poolesville Area Senior Center, a nonprofit group sponsored under the auspices of the town to promote activities for those fifty-five and older. Pastor Ritonia's nomination was approved.

Second, Commissioner Brown explained that the commission had voted to support an effort to "consider the acquisition of real property" in the town for public purposes. The reason for the acquisition and its purpose was not disclosed at this juncture in part to assure that any land acquisition is not unduly influenced by those interested in selling properties and is done in a fair and objective manner.

When the commissioners turned to the Committee Reports segment of the meeting, Commissioner Chuck Stump remarked that the Planning Commission had finished its consideration of a new water allocation process for the town. The water allocation process was first designed many years ago to ensure that the town's well-based water system would not be overtaxed by development proposals that could be too large for the existing water pumping capacity of the town. The revised proposal, unlike those in the past, does not have a fixed sunset date, but will run until all approved allocations are used up or those with allocations decide not to use them. The commissioners approved the Planning Commission's draft proposal, and it will be the subject of a public hearing on October 5.

Things To Do

September 25

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football versus Damascus. 6:30 p.m.

September 26

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer versus Wootton. 12:00 p.m.

2nd Annual Cugini's Warrior Ride and Car Show

Benefit for Operation Second Chance. Features daytime seventy-mile motorcycle ride through four counties ending with fun festival at Poolesville Golf Course at 3:00 p.m. Family fun events include car show, live music, and many food vendors. Kid station includes moon bounce, face painting, and craft stand to make cards for wounded soldiers. Silent auction.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

The Sean Evans Band. *On the patio.* 4:30 p.m.

Annual Pig Pickin' Dinner

Men's pig pickin' roast dinner and bluegrass concert featuring the Gold Heart Sisters. *Barnesville Baptist Church.* Dinner at 5:30 p.m., concert at 7:00 p.m. No charge. All are welcome.

Saturday Night in the Country

Rural Women's Republican Club annual fundraiser to benefit PHS scholarship, WUMCO, UMCVFD, Save the Bay, etc. Live auction by auctioneer Alan Mullis. Open bar: 5:30 p.m., chicken dinner: 7:00 p.m. Adults: \$40, 5-12 years: \$15.00. *Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League, Poolesville.* To reserve tickets, call 301-349-2786.

September 27

Lymphoma Research Bike Ride

Most of the Upcounty area. Please watch for cyclists. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Maryland Horseman's Polo Cup

Capitol Polo Club event. Wear yellow and red to get in free. Tailgating and grandstand seating available.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey versus Damascus. 7:15 p.m.

September 28

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' tennis versus Walter Johnson. 3:45 p.m.

October 1

Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC)
Hearing health information and screening. 17750 West Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

October 3

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Girl on Top Band. *On the patio.* 4:30 p.m.

October 5

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey versus Wheaton. 7:15 p.m.

October 6

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer versus Clarksburg. 7:15 p.m.

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. Public hearing scheduled concerning Resolution 004-15, Allocations for Sanitary Sewer and Public Water Capacity Allocation Policy. Copies of this resolution are available at Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

October 7

PASC Event

Tai chi. *Whalen Commons.* 10:00 a.m.

Free Community Dinner

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

October 8

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball versus Watkins Mill. 5:45 p.m.

October 9

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football versus B-CC. 6:30 p.m.

October 10

House of Poolesville Entertainment

The Bobby Lewis Band. *On the patio.* 4:30 p.m.

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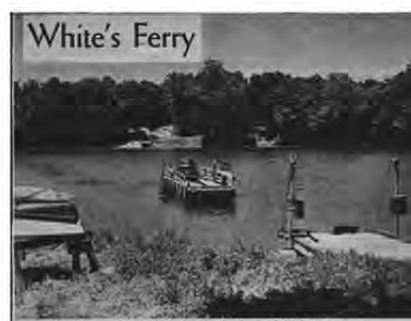
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White's Ferry around 1949

Tidbits

PHS Graduate Kuldell Commissioned

Philip Kuldell, a 2011 graduate of Poolesville High School, completed Officer Candidate School and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Navy on September 4, 2015. Ensign Kuldell is a graduate of Salisbury University and will be attending nuclear power training in Charleston, South Carolina and will be assigned to submarine duty. His oath of office was administered by his father, U.S. Navy Capt. Randall Kuldell (retired) of Poolesville.



Phillip Kuldell, newly-commissioned ensign, had his oath of office administered by his father, Capt. Randall Kuldell of the U.S. Navy (retired) of Poolesville.

Congressman Delaney Comes to Town

Congressman John K. Delaney (MD-6) held Office Hours, his constituency outreach program, on Wednesday, September 16 in Poolesville. Unlike the standard town hall meeting model which is open to the general public, Office Hours visits towns within his district and schedules one-on-one meetings with the congressman on a revolving basis. The meetings are publicized through the congressman's website and in his newsletter, which is emailed to constituents upon their request. During Office Hours, constituents have the opportunity to speak with Congressman Delaney personally about the issues that concern them.



Congressman John Delaney with Boyd's residents Claudia Golenda and Randy Sorenson.

Poolesville's Claudia Segal came to ask for the congressman to co-sponsor legislation in support of programs on autism; Jerry Baumer hoped to press him on concerns about the tax code and ways to make America competitive; and Boyd's Claudia Golenda and Randy Sorenson were more general, wanting to share some things they support and to be assured the congressman shared their perspective. Interested in participating in future Office Hours? Email Delaney.OfficeHours@mail.house.gov.

PHS Cross Country Runner Lent Takes First Place in 2015 5K

Andrew Lent of Boyds was the overall first place winner in the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce 5K held the morning of Poolesville Day, September 19. He finished very impressively in 17:08 minutes. In second place was Poolesville's James Erickson (18:30) with third place taken by Germantown's Alex Merchlinsky (18:30).

The top female finishers were Nandini Satsangi of Darnestown at 19:40, Fiona Whitefield of Gaithersburg in at 20:09, and Gaithersburg's Alison Nichols at 22:09.



PHS cross country runner Nandini Satsangi was the top finishing female in the 2015 5K.

This year's 5K was dedicated to Coach Kevin Dorsey with funds raised to be donated to the Dorsey family's Patty Pollatos Fund, a program to help the family through the coach's battle with ALS. Other beneficiaries of the race will be the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, WUMCO, and, through a donation to the Monocacy Lions Club which assisted in the race, persons in need for eye exams and glasses, hearing tests and hearing aids, leader/service dog training programs, the Lions Camp Merrick for Children with disabilities, and many more good causes.

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Kudos to Commissioner Val Dickerson and co-chairperson of the Poolesville Day Committee Faith Etheridge for an excellent job in promoting the community festival on WJLA-Channel 7's morning TV show on September 18. These two leaders made us proud of the town and of them, as well.



Commissioner Val Dickerson and Poolesville Day Committee co-chair Faith Etheridge were interviewed by Channel 7, WJLA about the festival on September 18.

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Youth Sports

**PHS Girls' Soccer:
Talent and High Hopes**

By Jeff Stuart

Last season, the Poolesville High School girls' soccer team (14-3) had a twelve-game winning streak. They won two playoff games despite losing All-Met goalkeeper Kirstin Darragh to a concussion in the final game of the regular season. As a team they set the bar high early and played at a high level. Coach Justin Anderson, after taking over during the playoff run last year, has talent returning in his first full year guiding the Falcons. On Tuesday,



The PHS girls head in to the end of September 2-2.

September 15, Poolesville defeated the determined visitors from Blake, 3-2, for their first win of the 2015 season. Blake scored first about seven minutes into the contest, but senior Megan Koutsandreas tied the score about five minutes later.

"She collected the ball a good ten yards outside the eighteen-yard box," said Anderson, "and set herself up with a nice diagonal touch and then lashed an absolute cracker of a long range shot into the low corner. Definitely brought our team back to life and earned the Game Changer Award for the match."

Then Junior Kylin Milisits gave Poolesville a 2-1 lead with just a few minutes left in the half. After halftime, sophomore Alice Walker scored to put PHS up, 3-1. "That last goal was scored off a great hard-won cross by Kristin Darragh," said the coach. "Alice made a nice little run across the face of goal to lose her defender and punched it in with her instep." Although Blake energized their fans with a goal with about six minutes left, the Falcons were able to control the ball effectively for the rest of the game.

"We are really strong," said junior Hailey Khalil. "We have a great mid-field, and our defenders are solid. Senior Izzy Durkin on our bottom line

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Local News

Chukkers for Cecelia

Capitol Polo Club in Poolesville, Maryland is proud to announce the first annual "Chukkers for Cecelia" polo match on October 4. This charity polo match is the brainchild of Georgetown Prep junior, Jack Magruder, whose cousin, Cecelia Vederman, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes two years ago at the age of seven. All of the proceeds from Chukkers for Cecelia will go to the American Diabetes Association (ADA). The ADA is the leading advocacy organization in the fight against type 1 and type 2 diabetes. Cecelia, a current student at Monocacy Elementary, is very involved in afterschool activities including ice hockey. Along with her many hobbies, Cecelia was a Youth Ambassador for the 2015 Step Out Frederick: A Walk to Stop Diabetes. She is captain of Team Vederman and together they have raised over \$17,000 over the last two years.

The Magruder and Vederman families have worked tirelessly to organize an excellent event to raise money and awareness for this prevalent cause. Chukkers for Cecelia has multiple sponsors including Miller and Long Co., Inc. and Academy Financial, Inc. The two teams competing will be Sweetwater Farm a Darnestown Management Company and Team Hope sponsored by Medimmune. There will be food and drinks for sale from Café Sabaté and dessert from Rita's Germantown. The event will be flooded with Georgetown Prep volunteers that will be spending their Sunday lending a hand for Chukkers for Cecelia.

Capitol Polo Club is located at 14660 Hughes Road in Poolesville, Maryland. Chukkers for Cecelia will begin with a game at 1:00 p.m. followed by a polo demonstration. The main game begins at 3:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at ww2.capitolpolo.com/index.php/events/chukkers-for-cecelia.



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Garden

Thoughts on a Passing Summer

By Maureen O'Connell

In White Flower Farm's September newsletter, Down on the Farm, Amos Pettingill tells his friends, "Our summer has been as close to perfect as we can remember..." (sounds like a Goldilocks summer). Now for those of you who don't know Amos, he is a character invented by the nursery White Flower Farm's founders William Harris and Jane Grant in 1950. Their garden catalog is the only one that I read more for Amos's amusing and highly-informative anglophilic prose than the plant listings. It is the Social Register of trees, shrubs, and flowers.

I will not go so far as to say that our summer was perfect; it was more of a roller coaster ride. The winter greatly affects the state of our spring and summer gardens, sometimes in surprising ways. Our last winter was fierce with prolonged near-zero Fahrenheit temperatures and numerous snow and ice storms, but our gardens suffered less damage than in some other milder winters. In June, there were very few days without rain, and our area received over twelve inches. This made it difficult for farmers harvesting their hay in June and early July, but it was good weather for hostas and ferns and other cool weather plants. For the record, there have been very few Japanese beetles, fewer ticks, and many honeybees. That's good news.

As the summer inched into mid-July and August, record high temperatures, high humidity, and scarce rain blanketed our area, and some plants started to struggle. Here is where the advice of the right plant for the right place becomes important. Over the years, I have slowly gotten rid of plants that cannot survive or flourish in our climate without a lot of maintenance and spraying with harsh chemicals.

Roses are very demanding. I used to have ninety bushes; I now have six David Austin English roses. It is a lot easier to care for six than ninety. In April, I spoke with a horticulturist at Austin's nursery in England. He suggested roses that he believed would do the best in our area. I fed them each

month and kept them well-watered and they are doing very well.

Last year, I replanted several rose gardens with perennial herbs: English thyme, five varieties of sage, oregano, dill, rosemary, chives, lavender, cilantro, lemon balm, tarragon, and lemon verbena. I also scattered many of them in my flower beds. Many have beautiful flowers, textures, and scents and they are totally maintenance free.

This was an exceptional year for *Rudbeckia* 'Goldsturm.' It bloomed continually from July to mid-September. Give it plenty of sun and good drainage and it is tolerant of heat, humidity, and drought. Another plant that went into overdrive this summer was *Perovskia*, Russian Sage. This aromatic woody plant grows to almost three feet, and its foliage is covered with soft gray or white hairs. It is well-mannered and ignores heat, drought, and pests.

Beware the Butterfly Bush!

Several years ago I planted four *Buddleia* Lo & Behold 'Blue Chip' plants. They were supposed to be miniatures that would top out at eighteen to twenty-four inches. Today they are about six to seven feet tall and have produced about twelve volunteer offspring growing tall and strong near them. They have become invasive. Every spring I cut the parents back to about twelve inches, but I have become a little lazy about deadheading the flowers. This can be a fulltime job, considering these plants have tons of flowers. The only way to prevent re-seeding is to deadhead every bloom and never let them go to seed. Among horticulturists in the North American Butterfly Association, there is a great butterfly bush debate: What role should it play in a butterfly garden? It is a good source of nectar, or is it too invasive? This plant is native to China, not North America or Europe. The insects, birds, and other residents with which the bush evolved in China do not live in North America or Europe, so there are no species to keep it in check. The sale of butterfly bushes is banned in Oregon, so if you don't want your backyard to be covered in butterfly bushes, deadhead 'em.

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Five to Be Inducted Into PHS Hall of Fame

Thomas. "I thank God for giving me this talent. I also want to thank my family who supported me, and I want to thank my coaches, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Miller. I would not have achieved this honor without them—and I want to thank my teammates. I would not be here without all of them, my lifelong friends."

In 2009, Olivia Durr won both the Montgomery County and 1A state indoor title in the 55-meter hurdles and the county and 1A state outdoor title in the 100-meter hurdles, setting a state record, (14.74). She also won the state outdoor title in the 100-meter hurdles in 2008, along with the 2008 county and state outdoor titles in the 300-meter hurdles. That's four individual state gold medals. She also won another as part of the indoor 1600-meter relay team in 2008.

"I am so honored to be inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame for track and field," said Olivia. "I developed such a love of the sport at Poolesville, and I am so thankful for my coaches who fostered my development, my teammates that turned into close friends, and my parents for their endless love and support."

In 2010, Cara Chuang set the Metropolitan Interscholastic Swimming and Diving Championships record in the 100 backstroke, winning the event for the fourth time in a row. A three-time All-Met, she qualified for the Olympic trials in 2008. In 2009, she won the Montgomery County title in the 200-yard individual medley and was selected to the Gazette newspaper's All-Decade team. She attended the University of Illinois.

"Being inducted into the PHS Hall of Fame is an honor that I am truly grateful for," said Cara. "This award not only recognizes my achievements in the pool, but also reflects the sacrifices and hard work I had put into my sport for over a decade at the time of graduation. Swimming brought out my best qualities and allowed me to independently fund my college education; I hope my inclusion in the Hall of Fame can inspire future students to pursue athletic excellence, regardless of stature or precedent, with the understanding that sports can develop people as individuals as well as scholars."

Larry Hurd, Jr., was the head football coach from 2003 to 2005, the head basketball coach from 1998 to 2006, and the head baseball coach from 2000 to 2002. In three seasons, he led the football team to a 31-4 mark, winning three consecutive regional championships. During that period, his team won twenty-seven straight regular season games, a school record. He was the 2003 Montgomery Journal Coach of the Year, and the 2004 Frederick News-

Post Coach of the Year. In eight seasons as basketball coach, his teams won four regional championships, and his 2002-2003 team set a 19-4 mark; and in three seasons as baseball coach, his teams won one regional title.

"It is an absolute honor being inducted into the Poolesville Hall of Fame," said Hurd. "My time at Poolesville coaching football, basketball, and baseball is cherished as some of the best in my life. Thank you to Ed Ross, the committee, and the town of Poolesville for this great honor."

Dave Miller was Poolesville's head basketball coach from 1968 to 1981. Tasked with competing against bigger schools, his record was 123-139. He spent the next twelve years at Walkersville High School, winning 224 games and two state titles. In 1993, he made the jump to Frederick Community College and spent the next twenty years continuing to win, guiding the Cougars to a 347-233 record and eleven consecutive Region XX Tournament appearances. He was named the JUCO Coach of the Year in 2002 and the Region XX Coach of the Year in 2010. His vast basketball knowledge, coaching success, and athletic ability as a player led to his induction in 2003 to the Alvin G. Quinn Sports Hall of Fame in Frederick, and in 2005 to the Mercer County Hall of Fame. He is now in his second year as an assistant coach at Shippensburg University.

"It is a tremendous honor to be recognized by Poolesville High School for my past achievements. I started my forty-seven-year coaching career at PHS," said Miller. "I will always be thankful for the opportunity that they gave me."

Curtiss Belcher served PHS as the varsity boys' lacrosse coach from 2001 to 2006, assistant football coach from 2000 to 2005, assistant indoor track coach from 2003 to 2005, and assistant boys' lacrosse coach from 2012 to 2013. During this time, Curtiss was twice named MCPS Boys' Lacrosse Coach of the Year; and three times named coach of the MCPS Lacrosse Senior All-Star Game. Also, Curtiss coached Poolesville lacrosse teams to two region championship games and three MCPS division championships. Under his guidance, thirty-three PHS boys' lacrosse players have earned MCPS Player of the Year and Academic All-American honors; and fourteen players have advanced to play at the college level, including PHS Hall of Famer Josh Funk who credits Coach Belcher for his post-high school lacrosse success as Ohio State Lacrosse captain and as a professional lacrosse player. "I am extremely humbled by this outstanding honor," said Belcher. "Any honor I receive is due directly to my outstanding players, my athletic director Mike Riley, my assistant coaches, and the parents in the program. They are responsible for our success, and I am thankful for them for believing in me."

Local News

Emma Ross

Emma Ross, a recent high school graduate of Poolesville High School, has earned a place at a unique leadership program. She will begin her college career at a program by Impact 360 Institute called Gap Year, a program that prepares high school graduates to be Christ-focused servant leaders on their college campuses and change agents among their generation. Impact 360 Gap Year is just one of several education programs under Impact 360 Institute, an organization resourced and supported by Lifeshape, Inc.

Emma was one of forty students who exhibited outstanding leadership potential and was selected to spend nine months on campus in Pine

Mountain, Georgia, learning how to live and serve in a biblical community. Gap Year students learn biblical worldview and apologetics in the classroom, and spend time at Chick-Fil-A headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, learning the company's SERVE model of leadership. They also spend time contemplating and discussing vocation and participating in local service projects. Additionally, they partake in short-term mission projects in Brazil for a month of their Gap Year.

While at Impact 360, Emma looks forward to growing spiritually and intellectually while developing good study habits and becoming a stronger leader. Her future goals include going to college and having a job that directly helps people. Wherever her journey takes her, the Impact 360 Institute Gap Year will provide a strong spiritual and intellectual foundation.

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PHS Girls' Soccer: Talent and High Hopes

doesn't let the ball go by her. Seniors Alex Frost and Abby Beeler control the midfield very well, and senior Karyn Comfort up top scores lots of our points. We are all very close and communicate very well. That helps us. I think I bring some energy to the team, running up and down the field. We are looking forward to playing Damascus and hopefully winning. I hope we start winning in the playoffs and go all the way to the championship."

"I think we have a really nice midfield," said Comfort, who has been playing soccer since she was four years old. "We have some people out injured now, but once they get back, we will be great. I think we played a pretty good game against Magruder. We just made a couple of mistakes. We have to pick each other up. If we give up a goal, I think, 'Well, we will just get it back.'... The key is that we have to work hard in practice and give it all we've got. Darragh and Creedon have been standouts for us so far. Kristen can't play in goal right now, but she is out there on the field helping us as a striker."

Poolesville dropped a 1-0 decision at Northwest on September 17. The Falcons play Damascus at home on September 28. Other home games are Clarksburg on October 6, Rockville on October 21, and Wheaton on October 23, senior night.

"The Falcons team that could possess the ball last year, even against the best teams and were a constant threat to score, hasn't showed up yet," said Coach Anderson. "Right now, I am just trying to get the girls to play close

to their potential. All three captains are injured. Darragh will play mainly as a striker while she recovers from off-season wrist surgery, and in the preseason, Frost suffered a hip flexor and Beeler pulled a quad muscle. Durkin played limited minutes in the preseason due to issues with a reoccurring ankle injury, and Walker, our only sophomore, had a high ankle sprain, so we struggled in preseason scrimmages.

"These injuries have forced me to play many girls out of position. This has put stress on the rest of the team, but I expect backups and role players to pick up the slack. We should still be able to play the same style and with some confidence, and we should be a strong ball-possession team who can play the ball out of the back and recognize when to be more direct."

Comfort scored Poolesville's first goal of the season early in the first game against Magruder and Creedon scored the second on a long-range shot about ten minutes later to put the Falcons up 2-0, but the Colonels responded with three unanswered goals to take a 3-2 lead at the half. Magruder won, 4-3. Comfort also scored the Falcons' final goal in that game. Junior Kat Creedon earned the Defender of the Match award for the Blake game. "That was for winning countless balls, delivering hard tackles, as well as her awesome penetrating dribbles that broke down Blake's defense," said Anderson. "Center midfielder Alex Frost earned our MVP Award for her relentless hard work and great ball distribution. Backup keeper Emily Jia, unsung hero, was solid in goal. She already earned an MVP and Game Changer Award this pre-season."


Remembrance

Lewis C. Custer, Sr.

Lewis Clayton Custer Sr., 73, passed away on September 8, 2015 at his home in Thurmont, Maryland. Lewis was also known to many as Lew, Big Lew, and Pap Pap. He was born in Newton Falls, Ohio on July 18, 1942 and was one of ten children born to Claire and Virginia Custer (siblings: Virginia, Almeta, Tom, Jeannette, Rella, Jerry, Barb, Carol, and Pam). Lew met Linda Lee Winer in Silver Spring and soon after married her on April 5, 1967. They have three children, Julie Giarratano (engaged to Steve Seger), Lewis Custer, Jr. (engaged to Bridget Ryder), and Maureen Elder (married to Christopher Elder); and six grandchildren, Joy Moore (married to Sean Moore), Brianna Giarratano, Tyler Giarratano, Zack Elder, Ashlyn Custer, and Lindsay Custer. With such a large family, there are also many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Lew graduated from Windham High School in Ohio and shortly after moved to Maryland where he was employed in the automotive industry. He worked as a parts associate at Wilson Pontiac, Curtis Chevrolet, and King Pontiac, and also worked at Selby's Market in Poolesville. Lew was an avid train fan, collector, and model railroader. He loved all types of music, making friends, playing the guitar, watching old Gene Autry movies, and spending time with his family and his church family. Lew taught endless compassion and love towards one another; he was a friend to all. He loved Jesus and was a man of God.

The family would like to thank everyone for all the love and support during this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, Lew would be honored if donations were made towards the Pennsylvania Railroad T1 Steam Locomotive Trust (The T1 Trust, 3609 Gettysburg Place, Jefferson City, MO 65109 or www.prrt1steamlocomotivetrust.org).



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Fear and Your Dog

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Dog aggression often is a confusing and upsetting event for their human friends. It is the most common behavior problem presented to veterinary behaviorists followed only by anxiety-related and phobia-related behavior issues. There are many factors that are at play when your canine friend feels the need to become aggressive.

Aggression is a normal canine behavior when displayed in the proper context. As a tool, aggression is used by dogs for a variety of purposes such as food acquisition, defense of resources (food, territory, mating access, etc.), establishment of pack hierarchy, and self-defense when threatened. In addition, submissive displays (averted stares, exposure to the underbelly, urination, and retreat from a situation) are often used when a dog is presented with an overwhelming threat or situation it has not been exposed to before. In these situations a normally relaxed and subordinate canine may be forced to rely on aggression (growling, barking, snarling, or biting) in what it feels is a last resort to protect itself and often its human pack members.

More recent studies and reviews of thousands of clinical cases have changed the way we see the use of aggression by your canine friend in differing situations. In the majority of cases that have been examined, the cause for aggression lies in the dog being scared or confused by a situation. This is a very important difference from the previously-accepted idea that aggression in our dog friends is due to dominance.

It therefore is very important for our canine pet-owning humans to realize that dogs become scared or confused when they are placed into situations or environments where they have not been given the information needed to understand what is happening. These fearful aggression events can occur as early as 8 weeks of age.

A dog's body posture at the time surrounding the aggressive episode can be most valuable in determining the cause and trying to avoid or teach your canine friend that this situation does not require an aggressive response. Usually your dog will raise its tail dramatically without wagging, place its ears very erect and forward, bristle the hair on its back, shift its weight forward rapidly, stare very intently without blinking, and then initiate a rapid pull-away from, lunge at, or chase of the target it fears.

Most of our canine parents are not as aware of the potential situations that can cause an aggressive event in their dog. It is very important to understand that some of the following situations may be misinterpreted by your canine friend, causing it fear or anxiety leading to aggressive behavior:

- Rapid approach of a strange individual
- Owner anxiety transmitted through a tightened leash
- People or other animals quickly reaching toward a dog.
- A person quickly turning his/her back to your dog.
- Unexpected punishment or contact.
- Unknown individuals entering its space (home, yard, etc.)
- Young, very active, and loud children suddenly present in its environment.

By paying special attention to your canine friend, by helping it to ease into new situation, and by being alert to potential stressful events, you can dramatically improve the response of your dog and avoid aggressive behavior.



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