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Assistance to Coach Dorsey and his family is one of many good causes helped by the PACC 5K. See more 5K pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Anna Bodmer, 11, won her category. Find out how much good the Poolesville Day 5K does in Tidbits on page 7.



George Hillard gets first ever Bill Bliss 60-Year Service Award. See Tidbits on page 7.



Two pages of Poolesville Day pictures await your perusal on page 12 and 13.

Thieves Arrested after Chase

By Jack Toomey

Two men entered the CVS store in Poolesville on the afternoon of September 16. They went to the rear of the store and vaulted the pharmacy counter, surprising the employees on duty. They quickly filled a bag with prescription medication and then ran to the front of the store where they jumped into a waiting car.

A CVS employee saw the car and provided its description to the police. Responding officers sighted the getaway car on Darnestown Road at Route 118 and gave chase. The car occupied by the thieves traveled at high speed until it reached the intersection of Darnestown Road and Dufief Mill Road in North Potomac where it collided with another car. The three men ran into a nearby neighborhood but were quickly caught by Montgomery County officers. Two of the men were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

A CVS manager declined to talk to a *Monocle* reporter about the event.



Theft at CVS led to high-speed chase and capture of suspects.

Police spokesperson Officer Rick Goodale said that Tykwon Boyd, 22, of Southwest Washington, Jarred Sanders, 27, of Southeast Washington, and Lazarrious Dew, 25, of Oxon Hill, Maryland were all charged with Theft and Theft by Scheme. Boyd and Dew

were released on bond while Sanders remained incarcerated at the Montgomery County Detention Center.

Goodale also said that the three thieves stole a quantity of promethazine, a medicine that is used as a recreational drug in some circles.

Telling the Tooth!

By Dominique Agnew

"I want the tooth!" Lt. Daniel Kaffee (played by Tom Cruise) demanded in the pivotal courtroom scene of A Few Good Men.

"You can't handle the tooth," Col. Nathan Jessup (Jack Nicholson) growled.

No? Not working for you?

How about this classic by Billy Joel:

"Dentistry is such a lonely word/ Everyone is so untooth."

Still not working, is it?

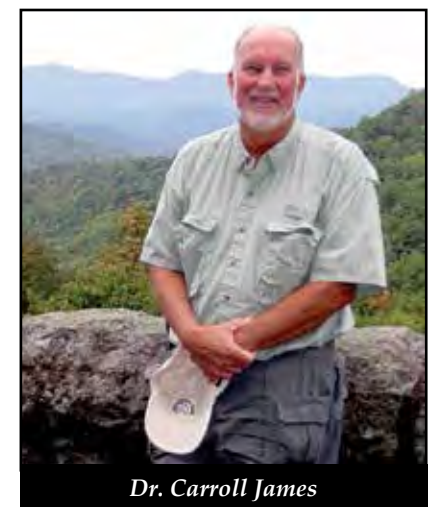
Fortunately for all of us, dentist/ raconteur Dr. Carroll James came up with a much better idea: a series of three books in which to recount real-life stories drawn from his unusual youth, career as a dentist, and his travels to the far reaches of Central and South Americas. In the vein of the *All Creatures Great and Small* books by

James Herriot, James wrote *I Swear to the Tell the Tooth*, published in 2014, *The Whole Tooth*, just out this year, and, lastly, *Nothing but the Tooth* is in the works.

Many readers of the *Monocle* may already know Dr. Carroll James as Dr. Jim Rhea, dentist in Boyds. Jim's actual name is Carroll James Rhea, but for years, he avoided the Carroll part of his name, despite being named after his uncle. Finally, Jim decided, "I love my uncle," and chose to honor him by using Carroll James as his *nom de plume*.

Jim's charming collection of stories draws from his childhood summers spent in Nealy Ridge in southwest Virginia, his dental practice in his home office, and his medical mission trips to remote regions of Mexico and Central and South Americas.

Every summer, as a child, the day after school ended, instead of going



Dr. Carroll James

on vacation, Jim and his family would head to the maternal family farm in Nealy Ridge in southwest Virginia. His aunt and cousins from Michigan

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Family Album



Poolesville Day preparations require much help from the town crew.



The success of the PACC's Poolesville Day 5K charity fundraiser is due in large part to its business sponsors and the partnership with the Monocacy Lions Club.



Falcon runners came out in force again this year. The race also helps to promote youth fitness by supporting the Falcon cross country team.



The PHS Falcon cross country runners led the start of the race.



Ray Hoewing, the senior participant in the 5K, had to run and change clothes quick. Seems he had a brunch meeting planned with Abe Lincoln.



Poolesville's Janet Fayard (right) took first place in her race category.



Fifteen-year-old Brin Strouse, of Frederick, came in first in the Poolesville 5K.



Boy Scouts from Troop 496 did their usual outstanding cleanup the day after Poolesville Day.



Lion Milt Andrews thanked Blair M. Eig, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Holy Cross Health, for his recent presentation to the community service club group. You know the Lions always seek new members, but did you know they welcome women?



Great productions require a large cast! These are the volunteers that helped keep Poolesville Day running smoothly all day long. Volunteers are always welcome, so perhaps you can plan on helping next year.



Singer/songwriters who performed at the Torchlight Production Recording Studio's concert on September 10.

Town Government Commissioners Approve New Election Board Members and Hear Updates on Several Projects

By Link Hoewing

The first item up for discussion before the commissioners at their September 19 meeting concerned the ongoing work of the Upcounty Prevention Network or UPN. The group, organized several months ago, is focused on developing a strategy and set of initiatives to help reduce the incidence of drug abuse, especially in Poolesville schools. UPN is set to receive a federal grant to fund its activities pending the submission of a plan and data about the drug problems in Poolesville.

Commissioner Brice Halbrook, who serves on the UPN board, said that the group had set up a special booth at Poolesville Day and had developed a survey which it had distributed in order to gather information about drug use in Poolesville schools. The board, Mr. Halbrook said, had not been able to gather much information about drug usage among youth from the high school due to privacy restrictions. They had gotten some information from the county police but needed more in order to submit an application for the federal grant. They had some success in getting Poolesville youth to fill out the survey at Poolesville Day, but Halbrook urged citizens to visit the Town of Poolesville's website or to find a post on the Poolesville Community Facebook page so they can download the survey and submit it to the UPN board.

Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski updated the other commissioners about the effort being made to rename the Western County Pool after Sara Auer, a local youth swimming coach who died tragically some years ago. He said a special committee had been named to review the requested name change, and it will gather information and publish a recommendation for comment in the not-too-distant future. It will then review any comments received and make a final recommendation about the proposed name change. It still appears likely that the proposal will be approved, but it must go through the vetting process first.

Commissioner Chuck Stump next reviewed the status of the proposal to build an artificial ice skating rink at Dr.

Dillingham Park. He said the county remains committed to contributing about \$140,000 to the costs of building the rink. Money is also going to be contributed by the Washington Caps, and a state grant is in the works, as well; however, total costs for the rink—including grading, erecting walls around the rink, paving, and so on—could exceed \$400,000, so, as of now, the project does not have the funding needed to go forward. Stump said that more work is being done to identify funding and on the plans for the rink, and another meeting of those working on the project will likely occur in October.

Turning to new business, Town Manager Wade Yost said the town had been approached by a company that purchases lease agreements for cell transponders located on municipal buildings, water towers, and the like. He said that these kinds of companies assume the leases from a municipality in exchange for paying the government involved a lump sum, one-time cash amount up front. The cell companies generally negotiate lease agreements individually with municipalities and they normally extend for a dozen or more years.

The companies that purchase the leases then receive the revenues from the cell companies that the municipality would have received over a period of many years. In effect, these companies assume the risk that the leases will pay out over dozens of years, and the municipality receives a one-time, large cash settlement that in total equals less than if it had continued to receive ongoing lease payments from cellphone providers.

The advantage to the municipalities of such an arrangement is that they receive a large cash settlement that can be used for immediate needs. They may also avoid the possibility of losing leases as technology changes and cellphone companies find they no longer need transponders such as those installed on Poolesville's water tower. In fact, new 5G wireless technology is more efficient than current technology and is using better spectrum, so it may be that some cellphone companies may no longer need to lease space on the town's water tower. The companies making these cash payout/lease assumption deals are, in effect, betting that they can continue to keep these leases in force.

Commissioner Chuck Stump said that while he is not necessarily sold yet on the proposal, it has some attractions, especially since technology is changing so fast and the town has some major needs for a cash infusion

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The ride will start at the Barnesville School on Peachtree and Barnesville Roads. LRF and the ride committee thank all local residents for their patience and support during ride day!

The following streets will be in use throughout the entire ride:

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Cattail Rd.	Edwards Ferry Rd.	Mt. Ephraim Rd.
Fisher Ave.	Club Hollow Rd.	Slidell Rd.
Budd Rd.	Elmer School Rd.	Barnesville Rd.
Hughes Rd.	White's Ferry Rd.	Rt. 117/MD 117
Tom Fox Ave.	Martinsburg Rd.	Clopper Rd.

**For more information, to view the entire course,
or to volunteer, please visit
www.lymphoma.org/DCride2016**

Commentary

Cloudy with a Chance Of Walking Tacos

By John Clayton

Another Poolesville Day is past; can't wait for the next one. I would like to thank everyone who stopped by the *Monocle* booth. Even my conspirator Rande Davis came by for a while, and Rande is busy on Poolesville Day, from the 5K on. We love it when people come by just to say they love the paper—we're not complicated. Even better, it was great to see so many of our advertisers, and the parade was full of them. Thanks to all of them to be sure.

I was a little disappointed in the turnout of local politicians. This is an election year, and you actually could swing a cat and not hit a politician. I saw a few in the parade, and I think a few had their supporters marching even if they weren't there. I may have missed someone, and if I did, have one of your staff let me know and we'll mention you twice next year. I did see County Councilman Roger Berliner, State Delegate Aruna Miller, State Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo, sixth district Congressional candidate Amy Hoeber, and County Councilman Marc Elrich. I did not see sixth district Congressman John Delaney, but his crew was in the parade. I think I saw all the Town of Poolesville Commissioners at one time or another, and President Jim Brown even swung through the booth during the parade. It was a good day all around.

The lingering sensation of the day may have been from being across from Memorial United Methodist Church's booth, and the wind was just right so the scent of Walking Tacos permeated the air most of the day. I think I still

smelled like one when I got home, as our dog seemed more attentive than usual. A really good reporter would have asked how many they sold (it looked pretty busy), but Rande was busy, so I'll make a point of asking next year.

It wasn't a real political day, I am happy to say. One guy came by with a Republican Party card which had the "Tired of One Party Rule?" motto on it, and I think that is a pretty good campaign shtick because one-party rule isn't good, and I said so. That was our last moment of détente. I tired of the declining conversation quickly and got pressed on why I wasn't solving this problem by voting Republican. We went further downhill from there until I said something snarky and totally unrelated about Trump (it was close to lunch; I get cranky) and he got tired of me and left, which was no loss, as we definitely weren't channeling the Algonquin Round Table. I meant to stop by the Rural Women's Republican Club booth later to restore my faith in conservatism, but I never got a chance. I saw a few Trump signs wander through, but apparently the Clinton campaign isn't bothering to spend any money in Maryland, based on the lack of Clinton bling at the Democrat's booth, according to a friend who checked it out.

I did get asked about my last column on Governor Hogan's executive order to mandate school start dates after Labor Day, as in, "Well, what were you saying? What do you think they should do?" Actually, in writing that column, I was more having fun with the typical GOP-Democrat divide and Hogan's nose for a populist issue than making a statement, but since I've been asked, my advice would be, "Governor, stay out of it and let the counties decide."

On that note, I hope you had a great Poolesville Day.

Rande(m) Thoughts

Are You a Standup Kind of Guy/Gal?

By Rande Davis

What crosses your mind's eye when you hear the national anthem? What do you see?

Does it make you proud, or does it make you sad, angered, or indifferent?

Oh, say, can you see the fleeting sweep of our history as a nation, although humanly imperfect, still striving, generation after generation, toward that unreachable goal of perfection? Perhaps you focus on its faults and failures that are intertwined with the natural human experience that exist here and in every land and society.

Oh, say, can you see the founding leaders authoring the future for mankind's first free and equitable society, a society while nevertheless perpetually falling short, still striving for true justice—or do you see them only as the last vestiges of slave owners, still holding onto a horrendous institution that, while not one of their creation, was one ingrained in their way of life that had existed for thousands of years before them, not just in America, but throughout the world. Do you see just

the wretchedness of the torture and mistreatment of those black slaves?

Oh, say, can you see the nearly 600,000 young, bloodied bodies of mostly white boys painfully and excruciatingly dying or wounded while far from their homes so that two million black persons can be free Americans and that, finally, the end of the *shame of all mankind*, the enslavement of one man by another, is ended in this blessed place?

Do you see a nation that cruelly mistreated Native Americans during a lapse of judgment that evolved from the tragic experience when two co-existing but divergent and competing societies collided, a collision not softened by reason but aggravated by fearful emotions emanating from the terrible mistreatment of people on both sides?

Oh, say, do you see a government nearly six to seven generations later still offering help and assistance to Native Americans through the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Public Health Service?

Oh, say, do you see a nation that sacrificed over 320,000 wounded or killed in World War I and another 826,000 wounded and killed in World War II to end tyranny elsewhere in confrontations not of our initiation nor entirely of our parochial interest?

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Letter to The Editor

I would like to personally invite you to a community discussion about the development proposal for the Willard family property located on Fisher Avenue. This meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the Poolesville Baptist Church. We apologize that the previous meeting had to be cancelled due to a medical emergency; however, we enjoyed meeting many of you who stopped by our table at Poolesville Day on September 17.

History, community, and quality of life: These are what attract people to visit and settle in Poolesville, and what the residents who live here want for succeeding generations. While other areas of Montgomery County attempt to recreate our sense of place and charm with new "planned communities," Poolesville already offers these, remaining true to the small-town character we all believe is so important.

Our family believes character is important, whether that be the reputation of a town or an individual. That is why, when we proposed a plan deemed generally appropriate—and, indeed, encouraged by the town's new "overlay zone"—for our 13.9 acres

adjacent to the Town Hall and Whalen Commons, we did so only after careful, thoughtful, and deliberate discussion about how it would fit in with the needs, desires, and capacity of the community already around us.

Like you, our family wants to make sure that future generations living here experience the rich history, fine schools, excellent recreational amenities, and good neighbors of Poolesville. The Willard family's history in Poolesville goes back to 1871 when my great-great-grandfather, DeWalt J. Willard, bought our farm south of Poolesville. Later, our family was integral in operating the first local phone company here, building Selby's store, and building another store that first sold beer and ice cream (what a combination!).

This field next to Whalen Commons is where I played as a kid and grew my passion for agriculture. When we learned of an opportunity to shape the future of our family's property with new homes in the center of town, as envisioned by the new overlay zone, our family was initially uninterested, but, as we came to understand the significance of its central location and potential role in the town's master vision, we felt it was an opportunity to create a legacy for decades to come. It was a

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Things To Do

Think ahead to October:

St. Peter's Church is currently accepting rummage donations for their big fall rummage sales. You may drop them off at the church.

Make plans for Markoff's Haunted Forest, open every weekend through October. It is a bona fide world-class haunted forest experience, ranked in the top five in the U.S.

September 24

St. Mary's Casino—Charitable Fundraising Event

Featuring casino tables (black jack, Texas hold 'em, roulette, craps), live and silent auctions. Advance tickets \$40 (call 301-972-8660); at-door tickets \$50. *St. Mary's Pavilion*. 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

13th Annual Wine and Cheese Benefit and Silent Auction

Music by the Cowtippers. Reservations by check payable to King Barn Dairy MOOseum. \$45 per person, \$85 per couple. *King Barn Dairy MOOseum, 18028 Central Park Circle, Boyds*. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Annual Fall Plant and Harvest Swap
Sponsored by the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association and the Monocacy Garden Club, the annual fall plant and harvest swap includes an informal flower show, and attendees will get to vote for their favorites. *Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson*. Swap open from noon to 2:00 p.m., with vendors until 4:00 p.m. Food truck at lunchtime.

Poolesville Library Special Event

An afternoon of music with Violinsanity, and Peat and Barley. Performance highlights will include a special Celtic blend of hammered dulcimer and fiddle, and chamber music including Baroque and Classical arrangements. 2:00 p.m.

Pig Pick'n Dinner & Bluegrass Concert

Featuring The Barrettones, award-winning bluegrass artists Randy Barrett on the banjo with Rickie Simpkins on the fiddle. All free and open to the public. *Barnesville Baptist Church*. Dinner at 5:30 p.m.; concert at 7:00 p.m.

September 25

Ride for Research

10th Annual Lymphoma Research Foundation's "Ride for Research" bicycle ride through upper Montgomery County. *The Barnesville School*. 7:00 a.m.

October 1 and 2

Annual Punkin' Chunkin' for Charity Event

Come by to fire off a pumpkin in the cannon. Proceeds to go to charity. *Lewis Orchards*. Noon to 5:00 p.m.

October 1

PMUMC's Annual Fall Festival.

Craft or yard sale spaces still available. Breakfast and lunch served. Bake and yard sale donations now being accepted. Fall decorations for your yard including mums, pumpkins, straw bales, etc. Face painting! *Memorial United Methodist Church*. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

October 2

UMCVFD Open House

Enjoy great family fun at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department's open house! Show the kids the fire trucks, ride hay wagons out to the pumpkin patch, eat hot dogs, see a demonstration by the MC Police Department's K9 Search and Rescue team, and try holding the real fire hose. *Located at the fire house at the corner of Rte 28 and Rte 109 in Beallsville*. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

October 3

Annual Monocacy Lions Club Golf Outing

Corporate teams and individual play openings are available. Scramble best ball play, putting and par-3, and longest drive contests. Buffet dinner. For more information contact Bill Jamison at billjamison@mrjs.com. *Bretton Woods Country Club*. Registration, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; tee off at 12:30 p.m.

October 4

Willshire Public Meeting

Public information meeting hosted by Miller & Smith regarding their proposed Willshire community of single family homes and townhomes on the property west of the Poolesville Town Hall. *Poolesville Baptist Church (17750 West Willard Road)*. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 5

PMUMC Dinner

Monthly community dinner, serving meatloaf, mac-n-cheese, cauliflower, and homemade desserts. *Memorial United Methodist Church*. 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 7, 8, and 9

Countryside Artisans

Fall Gallery and Studio Tour

The Countryside Artisans invite you to their Fall Gallery and Studio Tour. Meet the artists and enjoy their work in the beautiful settings that inspire them every day! Choose from fifteen galleries and studios representing forty-plus fine visual, sculptural, and textile artists as you wind your way through scenic Montgomery, Frederick, and Howard Counties on this free, self-guided, driving tour. This fall we welcome a new studio at Gallery East, a barn gallery in Adamstown, featuring a contemporary fine artist and a photographer. Brochure, map, and info about the artists can be found at www.countrysideartisans.com.

October Market

Weekend at the Blue Hearth

You will find the inventory constantly changing throughout the weekend. New vintage pieces are always being sourced to reinvent and transform each and every market weekend. Shop at the Blue Hearth and get a 10% off coupon for Bassett's for lunch. Open Friday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5:00 p.m.

October 8

UMCVFD Beef and Pig Roast

Featuring barbecued beef and pig sandwiches. Platters with slaw and baked beans available, as well as

drinks. *Beallsville Fire Department*. 11:00 a.m. to mid-afternoon.

Rural Women's Republican Club's Annual Saturday Night in the Country

This is a fundraiser to support their charitable donation program that includes college scholarships, etc. \$40.00 per person. Send your check and reservation to Carole Johnson, P.O. Box 402, Barnesville, MD 20838 (carolejohnson5797@gmail.com). *Poolesville Izaak Walton League Chapter House*. Music and open bar at 5:30 p.m. Barbecued chicken dinner at 7:00 p.m., followed by a live auction.

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Open House

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- Ride the hay wagon out to the pumpkin patch
- Montgomery County Police Dept K9 Search & Rescue demonstration
- visit the fire engines and try the real fire hose



Sun., Oct 2nd
1:00PM to 4PM



Tidbits

How Much Good Can the PACC 5K Do?

The Poolesville Chamber of Commerce this year set a new Poolesville Day 5K Walk/Run record with exactly 300 runners. Many people may not know that the chamber uses this special event not simply to add to the annual festival but also to be able to make wonderful financial contributions to a wide range of local charitable and worthy causes. While the costs of the event are covered by sponsorship donations from many of the concerned business owners in the area, the net gains from the race have allowed the chamber to make multiple donations.

Among the variety of groups and persons helped out locally over the years from 5K funds are WUMCO Help, Inc., Historic Medley District, Inc., Relay for Life, Building Together, and Hands of Love.

By partnering over the last eight years with the Monocacy Lions Club, who provide the critical help needed to safely and efficiently carry out such a large race, every penny donated to the Lions has gone to help literally hundreds and hundreds of children with disabilities. The donations have provided free eye exams, eyeglasses, early childhood ear exams that have prevented many youngsters from going deaf, and support to the club's Camp Merrick in southern Maryland which is a summer-time overnight camp for children with blindness and hearing challenges, as well as childhood diabetes. Funds have also been used to train leader dogs for the blind, with some of the training families living in our area. Over this eight-year time frame, 480 local families have also received Christmas and Thanksgiving food baskets and toys.

Of course, the chamber also provides annual scholarships to graduating seniors.

Two years ago, a memorial donation process was established to honor PHS cross country coach, James Vollmer, who for many, many years mentored the students and built up the Falcon cross country team into the sport with the largest number of student-athlete participants, both male and female, of any sport team in the school. Between the varsity and junior varsity, there are more than seventy runners. In Vollmer's honor, a portion of the funds received from each runner is returned to help the cross country program.

Last year, for the first time, the PACC selected to benefit Coach Kevin Dorsey's family. Coach Dorsey is battling ALS and cannot work, so

funds from the race have gone to help the family through this tribulation.

Kevin Dorsey was voted into the Poolesville High School Sports Hall of Fame for his service to sports in the school. He provided volunteer services to the school for many years which became the foundation for the new concession stand and storage garage in the 1990s. More recently, he helped renovate the baseball and softball stadium fields. He even designed and built the gorgeous new stadium entrance. As a wrestling coach, he led the team to division championships. Through his influence, Kevin has taught hundreds of our young men and women to do their very best and to never give up, while inspiring them all to pursue greatness in their lives.

The chamber challenges all the readers of the *Monocle* to next year "take a walk on the good side" and join in for such a worthy cause.

Hillard Wins First-Ever Bill Bliss Award

On September 16, former Fire Chief George T. Hillard received the first-ever Bill R. Bliss 60-Year Service Award. Hillard has served with distinction and honor since March of 1953, the same night that Bliss joined the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD).

Hillard quickly rose through the ranks to be elected chief in 1958. He resigned in 1998 from that position for health reasons but continued to serve until 2013 as vice president on the Board of Directors of UMCVFD. Fire Chief Ross said, "Chief Hillard exemplifies what it means to be a true volunteer. He is a member of the Hall of Fame of MCV-FRA and is highly-respected throughout the county." Hillard continues to be Chief Emeritus of UMCVFD.

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Youth Sports

Poolesville Field Hockey Defeats B-CC, 2-1, and Other Fall Sports Highlights

By Jeff Stuart

Field Hockey

Samme Mullikin's goal with just twenty-four seconds left gave Poolesville a thrilling, 2-1, victory over Bethesda-Chevy Chase in the marquee matchup of the early PHS sports calendar on September 7 at home. After an intense but scoreless first half, the perennial powerhouse Barons team scored just three minutes into the second half and temporarily quieted the home crowd. Maybe they didn't believe, but the Falcons did. They put pressure on the B-CC defense, getting short corner opportunities, and with ten minutes left, junior Haley Harkins scored to tie the game, reenergize the faithful, and set the stage for the dramatic win.

"We really came out to play, we were ready to play, we were excited to play, and it showed on the field," said Coach Rachel Stream. "When we got down 1-0, I just told them to never

quit and to just keep going. B-CC is a 4A team. They are good, and we knew that going in. We earned that win. We definitely earned that." Poolesville put seemingly constant pressure on the Barons' goal late in the game, earning penalty corner chances. "We know that when we are tired we have to keep pushing. We practice for situations where there are just a few seconds left. We are determined to be in the circle and have our sticks down and ready to put the ball in the cage. If we get the opportunity, we will do it."

"Number 14, senior Delaney Cecco, read the girl covering her real well," said Mullikin of the game-winning goal. "The ball wasn't coming to me in the original play that we had, but Delaney did pass it to me. I hit it right away and it just went in. It was an unreal feeling."

"When they got up, I knew we had to get it back," said Harkins. "We couldn't stop, and the coach told us to keep pushing and that we could do it and to work hard, so tying it up felt really good."

On September 12, the girls defeated Kennedy, 7-2, with two goals from Sapna Bagalkotkar, and one each from Harkins, Sophia Mense, Rachel Bupp, and Erin Lyons.

Other seniors are Emma Whitehouse, Samantha Hoover, Maddie Miller,



Falcon varsity field hockey team: Bottom: Sophia Mense, Delaney Cecco, Samme Mullikin, Emma Whitehouse; Top: Julia Fisher, Samantha Hoover, Maddie Miller, Carmela Wasilik, Mackenzie Gross.

Sophia Mense, Julia Fisher, Mackenzie Gross, and Carmela Wasilik.

Girls' Soccer

On September 3, the girls' soccer team opened its season by winning at Magruder, 3-0. The Falcons got a goal from Alison Huber at the thirteenth minute of the first half and, late in the second half, goals from sophomore Sarah Mullikin and senior Kat Creedon. Sophomore Kelliann Lee

contributed an assist. Sophomore Oksana Tkach had her first varsity save and three saves overall.

"We had strong defensive play by the players to keep pressure on when we lost the ball," said Coach Rod Nubgaard. "Offensively, we had strong ball management and possession. Magruder is a solid team. The starters and off-the-bench players

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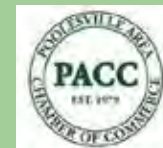
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Focus on Business
All Things Automotive
—at Poolesville Tire
And Auto Service

By Susan Petro

Poolesville Tire and Auto, located in the historic center of town, across from the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, is so much more than just a place to buy tires or drop one's car off for a quick oil change. The shop offers customers a full range of automobile-related services, anything from oil changes to mechanical and transmission repairs to tire sales, collision repair, and even a licensed car dealership.

The team of Paul Moerson, owner of Poolesville Tire and Auto, and Stefan Burtea, of Poolesville Auto Body and Auto Sales, works together with a total of eleven full-time employees to bring residents of Poolesville all the services they need to maintain their current automobiles or to shop for an almost-new, previously-owned automobile, complete with tag and title services, and warranties that exceed most dealerships'.

Poolesville Tire and Auto originally opened its doors in 1998 in the shopping center where Cugini's Restaurant is now located. Owner, Paul Moerson has worked in the tire industry since 1974, and he once had five Goodyear tire stores, including Poolesville. When the current location became available, Moerson purchased the site and renovated it. "Paul is serious about business and quality," said Burtea. "He invested in equipment and the people he hired, and built a strong team in his department." Today, Moerson owns the Poolesville location in addition to Germantown Auto Body and Germantown Tire and Automotive.

Burtea's early career was vastly different from what he does today. He grew up in Transylvania Country, in Romania. Burtea worked there for the U.S. State Department before and during the fall of the Soviet Empire in the late 1980s when former U.S. President Ronald Reagan made his memorable speech exhorting Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "Tear down this Wall!" Although Reagan was referring to the wall that divided East and West Berlins and East Germany and West Germany, the speech was a pivotal point for many Eastern European countries seeking their independence and freedom from Soviet rule.

Soon after Reagan's speech, the people of Romania rose up to seek their own democracy in short, but

sometimes violent, protests. "What built up over thousands of years, Reagan and Gorbachev were unable to undo very quickly, giving freedom to our people," said Burtea, who added that a lot of lives were changed for the better through the actions of Reagan.

After Romania gained its freedom and became a democracy, Burtea said his job in Romania was done, and he decided to move to America. He lived for a while with a friend from the State Department in Silver Spring. Although Burtea could have gone to work with the State Department in Washington, the lifestyle and pay would have been far less than what he had earned in Romania. His daughter attended a private German school in Potomac, and he needed to earn enough to pay her tuition.

Burtea's father had always owned an auto shop where he learned to do all sorts of car repair. Burtea had loved to drive cars and race cars—and he had occasionally wrecked cars—so learning to fix them was essential. He decided to pursue a career in auto body repair in the U.S., but his penchant for dressing in fine suits initially made his job search difficult.

"You dress too nice," his friend told him, "people think there must be something wrong with this guy (referring to Burtea). He wants to do automobile repair, but he is dressed like a detective." After heeding his friend's suggestion to dress in work clothes, Burtea was soon hired to work in a shop in Bethesda where he developed a reputation for being one of the finest auto body repairmen in the area. Eventually Burtea went to work for VOB BMW where he remained for eighteen years. During that time, he purchased a house in Poolesville where he forged a friendship with Moerson.

Burtea began to do some repairs and consulting work for Poolesville Tire and Auto, and Moerson eventually convinced Burtea to work full-time at his location. The two talents combined made it possible for Poolesville Tire and Auto and Poolesville Auto Body and Car Sales to offer the residents of Poolesville a complete line of automobile services, including mechanical, body, and framework for all types of vehicles, including domestic, imported, and unique cars.

In order to make room for his expanding auto sales business, Burtea recently opened a new shop in the red brick office buildings on Fisher Avenue near St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Burtea purchases the previously-owned cars online and then repairs and inspects each one personally.

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Telling the Tooth!

would also make the drive south, and Jim, his Michigan cousins, and his Nealy Ridge cousins would spend their summers on adventures (and misadventures!—need we mention the blowing up of the outhouse before the new one was ready). Going to Nealy Ridge was like taking a step (or two) back in time one hundred years. There was no running water, no automobiles, no refrigeration; outhouses were still in use, as well as horse-drawn wagons, and scythes for cutting hay. Jim remembers when the party line telephone was installed. Jim's stories of that time are poignant and bitter-sweet, with a bit of humor thrown into the mix.

Jim attended Gettysburg College and the Farleigh-Dickenson College of Dentistry. He just retired after being a dentist for forty-one years—most of that time in his home office (Boys has been renamed Gloyd in the books; Poolesville is Pyleton), run by his wife Karen (Kate in the books). "You might say I worked for her," Jim said, chuckling. His first office was in Rockville, and after he made the move to Boyds, he had to expand the office three times to take care of patients. "I didn't really anticipate it would do so well," he said. "It's not really an ideal location for a medical practice"—and the icing on the cake: "My commute is perfect."

Between quirky patients (all names their names have been changed, too), wacky employees, and just the oddball occurrences in his world, Jim's stories reveal the humorous side of the professional life. "They're not about dentistry," he explained, "they're about the people."

In his spare time (whatever that is), Jim has gone on over thirty dental/medical mission trips to bring aid to indigenous peoples in remote Central

and South American countries. The stories of these trips take the readers to a different world—one could say a different time, but the peoples of South America do live in the present-day, they just don't have the comforts of the modern world, as Jim doesn't hesitate to describe in detail. The most harrowing incident describes the trip on which Karen joined him in southern Mexico near the border with Guatemala, and the mule on which she was riding stumbled and went off a twenty-five-foot cliff—with her on it. Her recovery was long and painful, at first requiring full-time care. On the upside (if there could be one after such suffering), they got to be on TV—*Rescue 911*, in fact, did a story on her accident, flying them back to the location, so they could film the reenactment. Jim hasn't been able to go on a mission trip in a number of years—first the back surgery, then knee surgery, then the hip replacement—but he would like to go again.

Jim began putting notes together nearly twenty years ago, not realizing he was going to write books to publish for the public. "He was writing all of this for the kids," explained Karen. The couple have three children and four grandchildren. As people heard the stories, Jim was encouraged to publish them. "It was one thing when friends would say something nice," he said, "but comments from people you don't know is an affirmation."

Now that Jim has retired, he plans to devote more time to writing the third book—plus writing "gets me out of [Karen's] hair for a few hours"—and promoting all three books, and, of course, spending more time with his grandchildren.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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September 26, 1920 Samuel Claggett was arrested at his Gaithersburg home by Deputies Gingell and Hutchison and charged with a violation of the national prohibition law. The officers seized several barrels of hard cider and a quantity of wine. Claggett's arrest stemmed from information that several residents were seen coming from his house in an intoxicated condition.

September 28, 1919 A fire on the farm of Mary Hays near Barnesville caused the total destruction of the barn. In addition, numerous farming implements, a hog house, a large quantity of wheat, and several hogs were lost. The property was not insured, and the total loss was estimated at \$7500.

September 28, 1918 Judge Henderson sentenced William Owens of Barnesville to six months in the House of Corrections for shooting his brother in the back. The two had quarreled over a girl, and William produced a revolver and discharged a round into Dennis Owens's back.

October 4, 1918 George Kemp of Dawsonville was arrested and held in the Rockville jail on serious charges levied by the fourteen-year-old daughter of Thomas Taylor, a Poolesville area farmer. Kemp was to be held pending the action of the grand jury.

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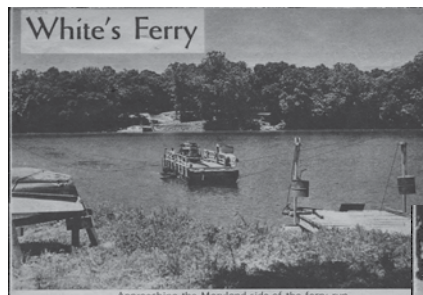
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Commissioners Approve New Election Board Members and Hear Updates on Several Projects

for things like the proposed takeover of Fisher Avenue (Route 107) from the state. The commissioners decided to request more information from the Maryland Municipal League, which does research on issues like this on behalf of member towns like Poolesville, and they asked that an "expert" in the technology be available to help the town work through some of the issues.

Finally, the town commissioners considered two nominations to fill empty seats on the town's Elections Board. With the elections only a couple of months away, new nominees need to be installed as soon as possible.

In a twist from normal practice, the commissioners did not ask the two nominees under consideration to come directly before them to answer questions. This is the standard practice, and interviews of nominees are generally done in a private session where the commissioners can ask any questions they wish.

Commissioner Stump said the Elections Board is not like other town committees or advisory boards. The board members usually only meet briefly just before the elections. They essentially perform their duties for one or at most two days at election time and basically work to ensure that the elections are fair and not tampered with in any way. The actual task of coming up with the electoral rolls, while overseen by the Elections Board, is largely done by town staff.

The backgrounds on the two nominees, Maggie McCarthy and Laura Dunlap, were provided ahead of time to the commissioners, and most of them seemed to agree that the standard interview process was superfluous in this instance.

Commissioner Klobukowski disagreed and said he was more comfortable having the nominees in front of him so he could see them and ask them to respond to questions. He did not seem to question their backgrounds but said the standard practice should be followed in all cases. The other four commissioners disagreed, and the two nominations were approved: four votes yea, no votes nay, and one vote abstaining.



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Girls' Soccer

earned the win with tremendous effort. I was very proud of them." The girls followed that up with another 3-0 win at Blake, getting two first-half goals from Alice Walker and one from Hailey Khalil.

Football

In the opening football game against powerful 4A Seneca Valley, the Falcons had a credible showing despite losing 42-20. For most of the game, the Falcons were able to disrupt the high-powered SVH running attack, despite poor field position, and they had some offense going. The Falcons' Connell Obermann had a seven-yard TD run in the second quarter. PHS had two fourth quarter scores. Michael McDonald returned up a blocked punt for TD, and Ethan Gaddis tossed a four-yard TD pass to Colin Fisher.

Cross Country

At the Brunswick Invitational cross country meet at Walkersville on September 3, sophomore Nandini Satsangi kicked off her season with a third-place finish in the large school division. Andrew Lent had a fifth-

place finish, and junior Ryan Lockett finished seventh.

Golf

The PHS golf team got off to a 6-0 start in Kyle Division defeating Clarksburg, Rockville, and Paint Branch at Hampshire Greens on September 1, and Magruder, Clarksburg, and Richard Montgomery on September 6 at the PB Dye course. Dalton Weber led the Falcons with a 42 for nine holes, followed by Frank Yang, Perry Dominici, Zach Weidenhofer, and John Sartschev.

Girls' Volleyball

In girls' volleyball, the shorthanded Falcons, without Caroline Leng, battled at RM in the season opener on September 2. After PHS won the opener, 25-17, the Rockets came back to take game two, setting the stage for a dramatic third game that ultimately determined the match. RM ultimately prevailed, in overtime, 34-32, but it was a tremendous game. The Falcons were led by Edlia Fogam's hits and blocks, solid hits by Christina Zhang, the usual good sets by Kristen Yee, and some great digs and passes by Alexis Pak. Yee led off that epic third game with four straight service points.



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She is survived by her daughter, Suzanne Gartner (Barry), Germantown; two sons, Phillip A. Wunder, San Diego, California; and Eugene Wunder (Gail), Springfield, Missouri; four grandchildren, Phillip Andrew Wunder II, Mary Renee Wunder, James Phillip Wunder, and Anna Wunder.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Newton F. Butts; her parents, Clarence Colomore Offutt and Lucile



Mary O. Butts

Clements Offutt; her sister, Helen B. Tyson; two brothers, Clarence Colomore Offutt Jr, and Leonard Jerome Offutt; and her beloved daughter-in-law, Rosemary Robertson Wunder.

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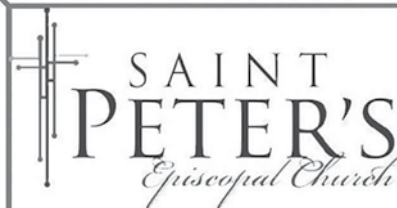


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Do you see a nation where all of the military conflicts since the Great Wars were in response to perceived injustices or threats and not initiated to gain land, natural resources, or to conquer others? A free society can debate the wisdom of each of those decisions to go to war, but at no time can it be said that evil was the purpose or driving force of those decisions.

The grand wonder of this nation is that people can still refuse to stand in honor of all of us as a nation, to make known their individual grievances against elements within that are not of their choosing or liking.

A free society will always suffer from the challenge of acerbic and sometimes radical dialogue. Anger spreads like a wildfire, while a listening ear and understanding heart come as a gentle sunrise. A peaceful nation comes from nothing more than the cohesive conglomeration of divergent groups. Divergent, yes, but bound together still as one. At times, our celebration of diversity is overrated, the value of our unity sadly dismissed. We can have our own causes. We can have our differences. We can even have our anger toward one another on occasion, but, the simple fact is we so badly need our traditional sanctuaries to refuel our spiritual binding as a people. Even the smallest of families can experience heated disagreements but still gather throughout the year at brief moments of unity—birthdays, weddings, holidays, and especially at funerals—to rekindle their roots, their purpose, and their love for one another. The needs of nations are not much different. We have our proud and unifying moments, too, like the Fourth of July, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and the singing of the National Anthem. I can only hope that all people of goodwill will remember to give honor to our unity during those far-too-infrequent moments of sanctuary in America.

So as soon as I hear the words, "Oh, say, can you see?" my hat comes off of my head and my right hand rises to my heart, a heart filled with pride, with vision blurred from tears of gratitude, and a spirit lifted with hope and understanding that united we stand or divided we fall.

Marketplace

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Letter to The Editor

chance to work with the planning staff and commissioners on an appropriate conceptual plan, to choose a builder who would construct high-quality homes, to improve the streetscape, and to create a pedestrian connection from Whalen Commons to the historic John Poole House and Poolsville's Old Town Hall and Bank Museum.

We want to work with you on building that plan. You can be assured our family's work on the vision for the community, choosing a builder who would fulfill that vision, and acting as good stewards of the land has been and continues to be our main priority.

Our intention as a family is to contribute to the long and proud history of this community. We want to add to the Poolsville tradition with new neighbors who will join our organizations, continue to help make our schools great, support our local businesses, and share in the uniqueness of this community.

Our commitment is to work with you, our neighbors, to ensure that we share a similar vision. We look forward to seeing you on October 4. In addition, we have set up a website (www.Willshirecommunity.com) where you can sign up for updates and submit questions or comments about the project.

—William F. Willard,
on behalf of the Willard family

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National Wildlife Habitat Project

more hospitable for wildlife. A Community Wildlife Habitat project brings people together for a common purpose: to create a community where people, flora, and fauna can flourish. Poolsville's action plan includes a long-term commitment to citizen education about providing habitat for wildlife and employing sustainable gardening practices. These practices include reducing or eliminating the use of chemical pesticides and fertilizers, conserving water, planting native plants, removing invasive plants, and composting.

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The Lyme Disease Plot Thickens

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What we know about Lyme disease in our pets and ourselves is continually evolving. Until very recently, we thought only one bacterium (the spirochete/bacteria associated with Lyme) was to blame for the clinical signs seen in humans and animals. It turns out that there is a second, related bug that can cause these signs also.

Researchers were looking retrospectively at blood samples from infected humans. They noted that there was a bacterium that was consistently seen with the *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme organism) in the blood samples. Sequencing of the genome of this new bacterium found it to be different enough to be considered a new species which has been dubbed *Borrelia mayonii*, after the Mayo Clinic where it was first identified.

The new organism was found in six patients out of nine thousand tested in the Minnesota, Wisconsin, or North Dakota areas. They found also that when they looked at the clinical signs of these patients, they were very different. Instead of a "bull's eye" red lesion around the site of the tick bite, these patients had a diffuse, chicken pox spotty appearance. Besides the commonly-found fever, headache, rash, and neck pains, these patients also had nausea and vomiting. Other anomalies in clinical signs were extreme sleepiness, vision trouble, and seeing double. Chronic arthritic changes continue to be the hall mark sign of both types.

It is most likely that this *Borrelia sp.* has just started to come into contact with humans and domestic animals as the range of the host ticks continues to expand and change. Researchers in Wisconsin found the new organism in black-legged (deer ticks). While still considered very rare, up to 3% of ticks collected across Wisconsin tested positive for the new *Borrelia sp.*

Doxycycline is still effective in killing both species of bacteria when diagnosed early, so if you or your pet travel to the Northern Midwest region of the country, be sure to protect yourself and your pets from tick exposure. No cross productivity tests have yet been done on the current Lyme vaccine. Zoetis animal health has just released a new DNA recombinant Lyme vaccine that has extended specific proteins to a number of Lyme variants currently seen in nature. Some cross productivity may be available based on the commonality of the genome found between the two *Borrelia sp.*

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