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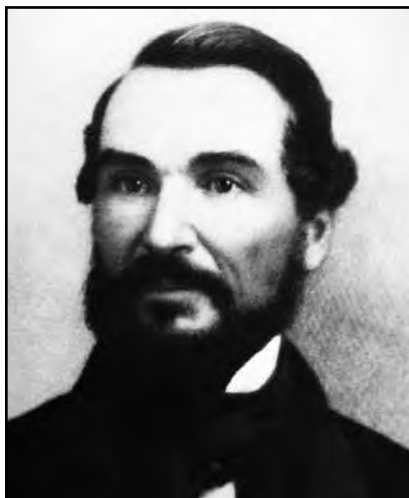
Hundreds of people gathered at the top of Sugarloaf recently. What did they do there? See Family Album on page 2.



St. Paul's Community Church's cemetery got some serious help from these volunteers. Find out why in Tidbits on page 7.



These bags of trash didn't just get filled by themselves. Read about the cleanup effort at the riverfront in Tidbits on page 15.



This locally-famous man and his wife Mary endured extreme heartache. Their story is in Mystery History on page 17.

MCP Opens Key Dialogue with Residents

By Rande Davis

The Montgomery County Police hosted a town hall meeting on April 23 through a policy initiative to facilitate a working partnership between the department and area residents. With a mission of problem-solving, not simply crime-solving, as its focus, a team from MCP held a discussion to gain a more open relationship between the public and the police, discuss local concerns, and answer individual questions to give guidance on how to handle specific safety issues.

Leading the discussion was Commander Capt. David Anderson from District 1. Also attending were Capt. Paul Liquorie, Director of Special Investigations, Alejandra Muñoz, Case Manager with MCP's STEER division, and local patrolmen Officer Pete Manoogian and Officer Doug Tressler.

STEER is a newly-formed section of MCP that addresses growing substance-abuse problems, especially opioid misuse, in the county. The acronym stands for Stop, Triage, Engage, Educate, and Rehabilitate. Muñoz intercedes during non-fatal



Montgomery County Police personnel hosted a town hall meeting seeking to build a partnership for a safer community. Val Dickerson introduced Commander David Anderson, Captain Paul Liquorie (Director, Special Investigations), Alejandra Muñoz (STEER case manager), and local Poolesville patrol officers, Pete Manoogian and Doug Tressler.

overdose situations with the goal to stop continued abuse by individuals, prioritize response, open communication with the addicted, and to educate to reach rehabilitation. STEER is a joint initiative of the Montgomery County Police Department, the Police Executive Research Forum, Maryland

Treatment Centers, and the Center for Health and Justice at TASC, Inc. (Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities). Its goal is to direct people in need of substance abuse treatment away from jail to an intervention program.

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Sidesaddle Racing Featured in This Year's Potomac Hunt Club Races

By Susan Petro

On Sunday, May 21, when the popular annual Potomac Hunt Races take place near the intersection of River and Partnership Roads, a new group of riders will be featured in the fifth race. The Exhibition Ladies Sidesaddle will include up to ten riders who are dressed in dignified attire reminiscent of female riders of the past and sitting aside—rather than astride—their horses. Make no mistake: These sidesaddle ladies won't be racing at a slow trot. The riders, securely mounted on their horses with safe and somewhat modern

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Susan O'Halloran and Robin Somers-Strom riding sidesaddle at the Potomac Hunt Race.

Photo by T. Pitts

Family Album



Boyd's Steve Gibson was recently honored as the Montgomery County American Legion's Legionnaire of the Year. Steve has been the treasurer and chaplain of the Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 American Legion (Poolesville) for many years.



Over 300 worshipers joined in the early morning tradition at Sugarloaf Mountain on Easter Sunday.



On an exceptionally-beautiful morning, those with front-row seats await the sun's bright arrival on Easter.



Clergy officiating at the Easter sunrise service on Sugarloaf Mountain: Rev. Allan Leonard (Abundant Life Church of God, Germantown), Rev. Michael Ibay (River of Life Church, Rockville), Rev. Yujung Hwang (Dickerson Methodist Church), Elder Carolyn McFall (Poolesville Presbyterian Church), Rev. Carrie Yearick (Boyd's Presbyterian), Rev. John Bayles (Twinbrook Community Church, Rockville), and Rev. Dr. David Williams (Poolesville Presbyterian).



Out of the darkness, early on Easter morning, the sun makes its first appearance at Sugarloaf Mountain.



Barnesville's Lisa Fedders (Town Clerk) with Commissioners Luke Fedders and Bonnie Brown who will be stepping down this May and not run for office again. Mildred Caller at the right will be running for commissioner on May 1.

Town Government

Town Commissioners Pass FY 2018 Budget with Little Fanfare

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville commissioners quickly approved the proposed FY 2018 town budget as the first order of business during their Monday, April 17 meeting. The budget, which has been under consideration for several months, attracted no public comment at the meeting, nor were any written comments submitted. The budget passed on a unanimous 5-0 vote.

After approving the budget, the commissioners heard a presentation about a proposed partnership with Utility Services Partners to provide insurance for homeowners to protect them against the costs of water or sewer problems on the "laterals" that connect their homes to public water and sewer facilities. Laterals are the pipes that are buried under the properties of homeowners in town. They are not maintained by the town as are the public facilities that lie buried under the town's rights of way and under roadways and sidewalks. Homeowners must pay for repairs and maintenance on these laterals.

A representative from Utility Services Partners (USP), Ashley Shirwarski, explained the insurance program to the commissioners. USP's insurance program covers the water lines and sewer pipes buried outside the homes of property owners leading up to the public facilities. The company also offers insurance covering water lines and sewer pipes inside the home, often buried under concrete floors in basements. Three separate insurance programs cover these different facilities, and homeowners can choose to purchase all or none.

Shirwarski said USP endeavors to "partner" with local towns and municipalities in offering the insurance to homeowners. The town itself is not responsible for any part of the program and does not necessarily have to endorse the insurance products. Instead, it can simply jointly introduce the program to town residents via an introductory letter sent to all homeowners. The town is explicitly exempt from any liability for the program under the arrangement with USP.

In part, the USP program is intended to first educate homeowners about the responsibilities they have for maintaining and paying for repairs and upkeep on the lateral pipes that cross their properties and lie beneath their homes. Most homeowners' insurance plans do not cover the costs of repairs needed for these facilities. USP's insurance programs are designed to cover a significant share of these costs.

USP offers insurance covering each of the three categories of lateral facilities: water lines coming from the public facilities in the street in front of homes, sewer facilities connecting homes to public facilities, and water and sewer lines inside the homes. The insurance does not cover "appliances" connected to water and sewer lines such as faucets or toilets.

USP vets plumbing companies under its program to provide service to homeowners who have the company's insurance. The company focuses as much as possible on "local" companies to provide services. In the event a homeowner has a problem, he/she

calls USP, and the company sends one of the plumbing companies on its list to make repairs. The company's insurance pays up to \$4,000 of the cost for each repair needed on outside lateral water and sewer lines. It covers up to \$3,000 of the costs for water and sewer lines that are inside the home. There is no annual limit on the insurance payments, so the homeowner is covered up to the limits noted for each separate incident reported.

If the town partners with USP, it would receive fifty cents per month from the company for each insurance product purchased by a homeowner. The company would send three letters per year to homeowners about the program including an introductory letter. Under USP's program, the town would agree to send out the introductory letter under its letterhead, but it would not have any responsibility for the program and would not have to endorse the company or its products. In essence, the town could "introduce" the company to local citizens, and the company would take it from there. Both the National League of Cities, which represents municipalities at the national level, and the Maryland Municipal League, which does so at the state level, have endorsed the USP program.

In the question period, Commission President Jim Brown asked Town Manager Wade Yost how often there are problems with lateral facilities that require town involvement such as paying for street or sidewalk repairs. Yost replied that the

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Lost in Time

Poolesville Community Band

This moment is dedicated to Doris Lewis who is in both of the historical pictures of the town's marching band. Doris passed away and her remembrance is in this issue.



Local News

American Legion's Bob Hernandez Leaves Commander Post

Poolesville's Bob Hernandez, who has led the local American Legion Post 247 for the past five years, decided not to seek re-election to focus on personal priorities.

John Robinson, who had been deputy commander, was elected the organization's new commander with Poolesville's Dave Wilson elected as deputy commander.

Bob took over the leadership at a critical moment after long-time commander, Bill Poole, had to step down and when the post moved its meeting place from Boyds Presbyterian Church to Poolesville. Bob also brought financial stability through his nearly single-handed development of sandwich sales on Poolesville Day.

Bob's leadership invigorated the post with new members and through his devotion to building esprit de corps, especially by sponsoring meeting refreshments to enhance post-meeting fellowship. He steps down especially pleased that fellowship and outreach to important local causes have grown.

For many in the Monocacy area, Bob is also well known for his many years of leading local Boy Scout troops.

The Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 meets on the first Thursday of each month (except over the summer) at Historic Medley's Old Town Hall Bank Museum at 7:30 p.m. and encourages veterans who would like to connect with fellow vets to join them.



Poolesville's Bob Hernandez (center) recently retired from his position as commander of the Poolesville Daniel-Jeffers Post 247 American Legion. The newly-elected commander is John Robinson (left). David Wilson was elected post deputy commander. Pam Hernandez was also given tribute as his supporting spouse. She is also a navy veteran and member of the post.

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Local News

Green Family Fun in Gaithersburg

Montgomery County's 3rd Annual GreenFest on May 6 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. is an environmental festival that features live music, food trucks, and a Kids' Pavilion of family-friendly activities.

There are so many ways to go green—composting, solar roofs, or bikeshare, to name a few—that it can seem overwhelming. We can all use a little help and guidance when taking positive steps, especially if we want to do it right to save time, energy, and money.

The Montgomery County GreenFest is an annual festival that connects residents of the county to those who can provide the guidance, tools, and financial incentives to help you go green. Plus, it's fun for the whole family with music, games, arts and crafts, and food trucks.

"GreenFest makes it easy and fun to connect with other county residents and businesses who are doing positive things for the community. Going green is not 'one size fits all.' It is about empowerment, support from neighbors, and inclusiveness, so we all work together to continue moving the needle forward," said Lisa Feldt, Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection.

This year's GreenFest activities include:

- Demonstrations on sustainable food and cooking by local farmers and chefs, including Chef Tony, Green Plate Catering, and Mark Mills of Chocolates and Tomatoes Farm.
- Live music and performances by Bach to Rock student groups, singer and guitarist Jimmy Lee, and the Thomas Young Ethiopian Dancers.
- A Kids' Pavilion with fun and educational activities all themed on water. From a 3-D stream maze to an interactive watershed activity, everyone will have a chance to play and learn.
- Skill building at a bike repair demo or at a workshop on composting, starting a community green team, or learning about quick home energy checkups.
- Short documentary films on wildlife and nature, including student films from Montgomery County Public Schools.
- More than eighty exhibitors and vendors, local nonprofits, native plants for sale, and artist vendors.

Maintaining a commitment to sustainability, the GreenFest will include event-wide food scrap composting as well as a Prescription Drug Take-Back booth hosted by the Montgomery County Police Department.

Wondering how to get there? Take public transit to GreenFest. RideOn is sponsoring two free shuttle buses. One bus will make a loop from the Lake Forest Transit Center and GreenFest, and a second bus will shuttle between the Shady Grove Metro and GreenFest. Everyone can ride for free, anytime between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Parking and bike racks are also available.

The Montgomery County GreenFest is planned by a coalition of partners, including the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, Montgomery Parks, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, the City of Gaithersburg, and local community and nonprofit organizations.

The event is free and located at Bohrer Park, 512 South Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. The event will be held rain or shine. For more information on GreenFest, please visit montgomerycountygreenfest.org.



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Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) Events

Pickleball: Mondays and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Game Day: Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church.

April 29

PASC Special Event: Wildflower Walk

Join ecologist and botanist Carol Bergmann on a botanical exploration hike. This is a fundraiser for Montgomery Countryside Alliance. \$10 for MCA members, \$25 for non-members. More info at www.mocoalliance.org. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Poolesville Library Special Event: Rededication

The rededication of the library in honor of longtime library volunteer, Maggie Nightingale. Refreshments, music, and attendance by local authors. 2:00 p.m.

HGCBT Presents

"Generation Variations"

Poolesville's Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, under the artistic direction of Fran Ichijo, will present "Generation Variations", an exciting mix of classical ballet, contemporary dances, and salsa. Visit hgcbt.org for more information or to purchase tickets. \$20 to \$25. *Our Lady of Good Counsel Performing Arts Center, 17301 Old Vic Blvd., Olney.* 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.



Patricia van Bergen

Hope Garden Ballet Children's Theatre's Jordan Zhang in rehearsal for the upcoming performance at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Olney.

8th Annual Haiti Festival

Dinner, silent auction, live entertainment. All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph's Church and School, Carcasse, Haiti. \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. *St. Mary's Pavilion.* 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

PHS Multi-Class Reunion

Special feature will be the playing of the movie, *Lilith*, filmed in 1964 with many PHS students in the cast. *Asian House of Poolesville.* 1:00 p.m.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

Safely turn in unused prescription drugs. Details in Tidbits this issue.

May 1

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Tennis. Blair High School. 3:30 p.m.

May 2

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' lacrosse. Rockville High School. 6:00 p.m.

May 3

PASC Event

Tai chi. Poolesville Baptist Church. 10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold. Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games

Baseball and softball. Wootton High School. 5:15 p.m.

May 5

UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary Bingo

Featuring cash and gift cards, 20 games, specials, door prizes, and raffles. Refreshments available for purchase. Outside food or beverages not permitted. \$20. Firehouse, Questions? Call 301-916-3375. *19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville.* Doors open at 5:30 p.m., games begin at 7:00 p.m.

May 6 and 7

Boys Presbyterian Church's Weekend Celebration of 140 Years!

This open-to-the-public event will feature a very special performance of "Sound of Music" by the granddaughter of Baron and Maria von Trapp, Elisabeth von Trapp. This is a special ninety-minute performance with a free-will donation of \$10.00 requested but not required. 4:00 p.m.

On Sunday May 7, a worship service will be followed by a picnic, entertainment, musical guests, and games for kids. An RSVP to 301-540-2544 is required, please. 11:00 a.m.

SCUU Auction

Sugarloaf Congregation of Unitarian Universalists will hold its Mayflower Auction at 16913 Germantown Road in Germantown. \$13 per person or \$20 for two people. There will be tickets for professional sporting events, vacation rentals, jewelry, art, and services to bid on. Silent auction from 6:00 p.m.

to 7:30 p.m., live auction begins at 8:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games

Lacrosse. Blake High School. Girls at 2:30 p.m., boys at 4:30 p.m.

May 10

PASC Event

Tai chi. Poolesville Baptist Church. 10:30 a.m.

Zumba Gold. Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

Poolesville Planning Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

May 12 and 13

JPMS Phantom Players' Performance

Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.* For more information contact Dee Turner at 386-453-9007 or via email at dtturner322@aol.com. \$10.00. Special meet-and-greet on Saturday, \$15.00. *PHS Auditorium.* Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday matinee, 1:00 p.m.

May 13

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Plant Swap

Dig and divide your most prolific perennials, shrubs, and tree seedlings

now to share at the Plant Swap. Put them in old pots, cardboard boxes, or plastic bags—whatever you have. Please label them as best you can. If you plan to sell and not just swap, bring a for-sale sign and label with clear prices. *Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson.* 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Community Breakfast

This is a free-will donation benefit for the youth group's summer mission trip. Breakfast includes eggs, sausage, bacon, hotcakes, baked goods, coffee, and milk. 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mid-Maryland Celtic Festival

A day of everything Celtic: music, food, dance, games, libation tasting, children's games, Scottish crafts, baking contest, athletic contests, rugby, and much more. Sponsored by the St. Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland. \$15.00. *Mt. Airy Fire Co. Carnival Fairgrounds, 1003 Twin Arch Road, Mt. Airy.* Visit midmarylandcelticfestival.com for details. Free parking for cars and family vehicles. 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

100th Anniversary of Fatima

Special event at St. Mary's: Rosary at 4:30 p.m., Mass at 5:00 p.m., and potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m.



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Tidbits

Phantom Players' Spring Production

John Poole Middle School is proud to present *Aladdin, Jr.* at Poolesville High School on May 12 and 13. Based on the iconic animated film, with an Academy Award-winning score by Alan Menken, Howard Ashman, and Tim Rice, Disney's *Aladdin, Jr.* is sure to send audiences soaring on a flying-carpet ride filled with romance and adventure.

The evening show is at 7:00 p.m. (\$10.00) and a special meet-and-greet show and party on May 13 takes place at 1:00 p.m. (\$15.00). Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Dee Turner at 386-453-9007 or via email at dturner322@aol.com.



Reid Taylor and Allie Burdette in the JPMS Phantom Players' production of *Aladdin, Jr.*

Boyd's Presbyterian Celebrating 140 Years

Boyd's Presbyterian Church will be welcoming Elisabeth Von Trapp and inviting the public to a free concert as part of its 140th anniversary.

In May 1877, Boyd's Presbyterian Church was founded. The weekend of Saturday and Sunday May 6 and 7, the church will hold an open-to-the-public celebration marking 140 years of service to the community and God. The festivities begin on Saturday, May 6 at 4:00 p.m. with the "Sound of Music," featuring the granddaughter of Baron and Maria Von Trapp, Elisabeth Von Trapp, a resident of Vermont. The concert is free, but a freewill offering will be collected. A suggested donation is \$10 per person.

On Sunday, May 7, a celebration worship service will begin in the Boyd's Presbyterian Church Sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. and will be followed by a picnic, entertainment, musical guests, and games for the kids. All are welcome, but an RSVP to the church office

is required. Please call 301-540-2544 to make a reservation.

Monocacy Cemetery Project and Sugarland Ethnohistory Project Team Up

Glenn Wallace, the legacy historian for the Monocacy Cemetery Project who has painstakingly catalogued the burial sites at the Monocacy Cemetery, has joined with other volunteers to assist in properly identifying and marking gravesites at St. Paul's Community Church on Sugarland Road.

The cemetery had a volunteer do ground penetrating radar on the entire property last year. He placed small flags on areas that showed a possible burial site. Wallace was asked to map the cemetery so the groundskeeper could remove the flags to begin the mowing season. The map will be a legacy item for St. Paul's and a future record of the old cemetery. The graveyard is part of the guardianship of the Sugarland Ethnohistory Project, volunteers and descendants of the Sugarland Community of freed slaves that had its origins partly from slaves and their family members who settled in this area, originally under the protection of Brigadier General Pomeroy Stone of the Union Army.



Volunteers plot the historical grave lots at the St. Paul Community Church.

Follow-Up to the Cleanup Help Request

In the April 7 issue of the *Monocle*, we reported on the scheduled cleanup in the vicinity of the Monocacy Aqueduct. The effort spearheaded by Jon Wolz and his wife, Patricia, and son Scott, was a part of a wider effort by the Alice Ferguson Foundation's Trash Free Potomac River Watershed Cleanup Initiative. That program was also part of the ninth annual Potomac River Basin Watershed Cleanup day on Saturday during April.

Assisting Jon and Patricia Wolz were his brother Scott and his wife Pattie, PHS student Luka Brizhik and his father Aleks, and Linda Delinger. This

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School News

PHS Student Wins High Honor in Essay Contest

Alvin Ya, a student at Poolesville High School, has won third place in the American Society of Human Genetics's 2017 DNA Day Essay Contest. Alvin's teacher is Ms. Mary Alice Adah. This year's highly-competitive contest saw entries from thirty-eight U.S. states and twenty-two countries. The success of Ya and Adah represents a wonderful accomplishment and real honor for the school program.

Alvin will receive \$400 as third-place winner. As part of Alvin's award, Poolesville High School will receive a \$400 equipment/materials grant to support the purchase of genetics-related laboratory equipment or classroom materials.

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Garden

I Miss My Roses

By Maureen O'Connell

When I was in London several weeks ago, I visited Fulham Palace and its Botanical Gardens. The site was the country home of the bishops of London from around 700 until 1973. It is now open to the public. I was especially interested in the gardens as the recent warm weather hastened the budding of many of the plants, especially the roses. There were hundreds of them with their tightly-curved buds waiting to unfurl into a kaleidoscope of color. As I admired them, it brought to mind how much I missed My Roses.

When I moved to Barnesville in 1980, I brought with me ten rose plants from my house in Darnestown. They were not particularly brilliant, but they led me down the path to my newly-acquired love of the Queen of Flowers, the rose. The ten little bushes grew to twenty, to forty, and eventually to one hundred hybrid teas, Old English Roses, rugosas, floribundas, grandifloras, and David Austin roses. Now as all rosarians know, roses have a reputation as fussy divas in the garden. They do not exist and flourish on their own, unless you live in Rose Eden. They are prone to disease and insect problems and do require the commitment to a regular control program to remain in good condition all summer. The intensity of care needed depends upon several factors: your geographical location, the vagaries of the weather, the local insect population, and your stamina. Our Monocacy area is located in the five-to-seven plant hardiness zones. It doesn't have the extreme cold of Minnesota (usually), the heat of Florida, or the desert climate of Arizona, but it does have climatic conditions not necessarily favorable to growing roses.

As my rose garden grew, so did my arsenal of chemicals: I had numerous insecticides, fungicides, and fertilizers to protect my beautiful roses. Every Saturday morning in the spring, summer, and fall, I faithfully sprayed them all. My roses were magnificent, the envy of the Philadelphia and Chelsea Flowers shows, thanks to, as the Dupont Company advertising slogan said, "Better Living through Chemistry"—but the environment was paying the price. Rachel Carson's 1962 book *Silent Spring* brought environmental concerns about synthetic pesticides to an unprecedented share of the American people. The book was met with fierce opposition by chemical companies, and it spurred a reversal in national

pesticide policy. Many gardeners, myself included, still used chemical sprays; the garden centers' and big box stores' shelves overflowed with chemicals for any problem you had in the garden. Every day, however, more research results on the effects of these poisons on the environment were in the news. Colony Collapse Disorder, a phenomenon involving the abrupt disappearance of honeybees in a beehive, was a worldwide concern.

About six years ago, I decided that I would not use chemical sprays in my garden. If my plants, even the roses, could not exist and flourish without my help, there was no place for them in my garden. The roses gradually all died as they succumbed to diseases and pest damage. To borrow the title of Agatha Christie's book: *And Then There Were None*. Gone were my Rose Hall of Fame beauties: Mr. Lincoln, Peace, Fragrant Cloud, Memorial Day, Queen Elizabeth, Just Joey, Double Delight, Pascali, New Dawn, Graham Thomas, Chicago Peace, to name a few. Even my more disease- and pest-resistant David Austin English Roses died.

There are roses on the market that say that they require little or no maintenance. I don't believe it. My apologies to William Radler, but your Knock Out roses just don't make it in my book. He introduced this new rose in 2000, and it quickly became the most sought-after garden landscape plant in the country. It promised everything: showy, continuous blooms, compact growth habit, no deadheading necessary, and resistance to rose diseases and pests. Just stick it in the ground and it will bloom, bloom, and bloom with zero care from you—not true—and, even if it were true, it is no Mr. Lincoln or Just Joey. Floppy roses don't count, not in My Rose Garden.

I missed my roses, so last year, when I was in London, I spoke with Mr. Austin of the David Austin Rose Center in Oxfordshire. I described to him my experiences with my roses, especially the difficulty of growing them in my area of the country. He suggested two David Austin roses that he felt might work: the new Olivia Rose Austin and The Poet's Wife. I ordered them from their garden center in Texas, and I planted them in a sunny area where I had never planted roses. I watered and pruned them all summer, but that was it—no chemical sprays. I handpicked the Japanese beetles and occasionally sprayed the leaves with a mixture of dishwashing liquid and water. They did very well. I am encouraged, so I ordered two more of these varieties. I doubt that I will ever again have one hundred rosebushes, but now there are four.

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Sidesaddle Racing Featured in This Year's Potomac Hunt Club Races

sidesaddles, can ride at speeds to match their male and female counterparts who ride astride during the race. One recent two-mile race lasted about 4½ minutes, approximately twenty-seven miles per hour.

Although sidesaddle racing has just recently been added to the local racing circuits, like the annual Potomac Hunt Club races, one local rider and member of the Potomac Hunt Club, Sarah O'Halloran of Dickerson, has been riding aside for twenty years and has been riding horses since she was old enough to walk. O'Halloran, who grew up in Essex, England, would often go fox hunting (where foxes are chased by hounds and horses, but not harmed) with her mother. One older lady in the group hunted aside. "I just thought she was the coolest lady ever," enthused O'Halloran. "I used to spend the whole day admiring her, and then it was just like a childhood ambition."

The tradition of horseback riding goes back to our earliest days of history, yet it was typically seen as a man's sport for many generations. It was simply thought to be improper for ladies to ride astride a horse. Women, with their long, heavy skirts were relegated to sitting sideways on the back of a horse and being led by or holding onto the waist of the men with whom they rode. The saddles created for ladies at the time consisted of a small, chair-like device that provided little in the means of comfort and control. Eventually, these saddles were outfitted with one pommel that the ladies could wrap their right leg over to make it easier to stay on the horse and safer to ride, "but you couldn't jump, because you would shoot out the front," said O'Halloran.

A second pommel was added in the 1830s which allowed women to jump and ride side by side with men for the first time in the hunting field; however, some ladies became seriously hurt when they fell off their horses and got hung up by their skirts and dragged. Modern sidesaddle outfits were invented to include a safety apron and a special release on the stirrup, making things considerably safer.

By the early twentieth century, sidesaddle racing fell out of fashion as it became socially acceptable for women to sit astride their horses, with either split skirts or breeches. According to the historic-uk.com website's riding sidesaddle page, the women's suffragette movement deemed sidesaddle riding a symbol of male domination. Most sidesaddles disappeared into the attics and barns, soon to be forgotten for all but a very few who continued the tradition. Today, original sidesaddles are hard to come by; finding one safely stored away is equivalent to finding an antique car buried in Grandpa's barn. O'Halloran's saddle dates back to 1906, and made its way to the U.S. from England, like many of the traditional wool habits worn by today's sidesaddle riders. Although some riders sew their own habits, O'Halloran said it is hard to find the quality of wool and fabrics in the local fabric stores that compare to the garment found in England, where the tradition of sidesaddle riding is more esteemed. Riding habits are the outfits worn by the women which include: a tailored jacket, cut away in the front so as not to interfere or be bulky; an apron that goes around the waist and lays over the legs to look like a skirt when the rider is mounted on her horse; breeches, specially-made pants for the rider which match the jacket and apron; and long leather boots complete the outfit. A top hat is worn for show, but when racing or hunting, the riders wear both their crash helmets and a safety vest over their habits. O'Halloran explained that a summer habit could be made from linen, for the fall tweed is used, and black or navy wool in the winter.

There will be a parade of the horses and riders in the paddock area before each race. Guests can get a better view of the riders and horses and pick their favorites before the start. This year, food vendors will be onsite for those who don't want to bring their own picnics to the event.

O'Halloran and her magnificent solid-white horse, Patrick, will be easy to pick out in the crowd this coming race day. Although many sidesaddle riders are beginning to use thoroughbreds for racing, O'Halloran is happy to ride her eighteen-hand, "jumbo-jet-sized" Irish Draft horse, Patrick, who is always a crowd favorite. "He's huge, he's white, so everyone can see him, and he's just fun," said O'Halloran. "Patrick is a fantastic horse for fox hunting, but he is not a thoroughbred. It's like the difference between a Dodge Charger (Patrick) and a Maserati (thoroughbred). Who's having the most fun? That's hard to say."

Much of the proceeds from the races are donated to TAPS, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, a military support group. More information about sidesaddle riding and racing can be found at the Side Saddle Chase Foundation's website or visit their tent at the races. To learn more about this year's Potomac Hunt Race or to buy passes, visit www.potomachuntracks.com.

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Youth Sports

More to Come from Boys' Lacrosse

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville Falcons boys' lacrosse team finished 11-5 last year and 10-1 in the region. There was a lot of excitement. This year's team starts with a clean slate and some holes to fill, but players, coaches, and fans hope there will be some carryover.

"We lost the big four on offense (Jonathon Hetrick, Jake Armstrong, Adam Branscome, and Reid Patton)," said senior attack Austin Nichols, "so for a lot of this year's attackmen, it is our first varsity experience. Only two have varsity experience, so we are looking to improve a little bit every game. We played well against Damascus in the opener (a 12-9 loss). We had too many turnovers, but we did well converting our chances and dodging defenders. We passed and moved the ball well. I think our best game so far was against Watkins Mill (a 15-2 win), offensively, our game against Northwest (a 15-11 loss in heavy rain)." Nichols, who leads the team in scoring with nine goals, scored the first goal of the season against Damascus to put the Falcons ahead. He scored twice more. Poolesville led a couple of times early in that game. DHS scored five second-period goals and led, 9-4, after three periods. The Falcons outscored the Hornets, 5-3, in the fourth. Austin also had three goals against WM.

Senior defenseman Dakota Grimsby, who picked up four ground balls against Churchill and three against Northwest, leads the team in forced turnovers with six. He wanted to give a shout out to a couple of other players but a howling wind made the recorded interview difficult to decipher.

"I think we have a lot of talent" said senior midfielder Colin Fisher. "We just have to stop the turnovers and unforced errors. We shouldn't be making them...Colin Hemmingway, the freshman, has had a great season. He has played really good defense. Sam Garrett has played good defense also."

"Junior Sam Garrett has become our first-option shut-down defender," said Coach Stuart Orns. "He is a relentless one-on-one player and dominant on ground balls. Sam's ability to clear the ball is an important element to help our offense get in rhythm, and sophomore midfielder Ethan Gaddis has become a sturdy two-way player, using the experience he gained from last



Colin Fisher, Austin Nichols, Dakota Grimsby, Keegan Hemmingway, and Tim McIntyre.

year as a freshman playing on varsity." Gaddis leads the team with five assists.

"For me, getting to play football with my younger brother Colin last fall and now getting to play varsity lacrosse with him has been really special," said senior midfielder Keegan Hemmingway. "He has played great. I am really proud of him." Keegan had a goal and an assist against Magruder. The 5-3 win was the Falcons' first of the season on March 23.

"Keegan is one of our senior leaders whose field presence and face-off capabilities provide versatility that enables him to play important minutes during the game," said Coach Orns. "Colin is the only freshman on varsity. He plays with poise and confidence rarely seen by such a young player." Colin leads the team with twenty-nine ground ball recoveries.

"I think our best game was against Damascus," said senior midfielder Tim McIntyre. "It was our first game coming out, and we really had to step it up. I think we did. I think the strength of our team is our overall defense. It really helps our offense out when we can clear the ball. Our team chemistry is good." Tim scored two goals against Northwest."

Juniors William Field and Pete Barry each have seven goals on the year.

"The team is working hard and improving as the season progresses," said Orns. "We have a good mix of seniors and younger players working together, and I think our best lacrosse will come in the second half of the season. I'm encouraged by the enthusiasm of the players. That will translate into making the game more popular in the community. Our JV team only has one loss to Damascus. They played very well in a tie with Churchill. This is an encouraging sign. Our teams are building the foundation necessary to become an established program. The number of players on our teams has increased each of the three years I have been coaching. We hope that this trend continues as lacrosse grows at

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MCP Opens Key Dialogue with Residents

Commander Anderson opened the public forum with an invitation to the public to help them develop a more effective approach to policing through advanced targeting as opposed to after-the-fact investigations. "We need the public to be our eyes and ears in the community."

Patrol Officer Doug Tressler spearheaded this outreach meeting and announced he will be scheduling similar monthly outreach meetings with the public. Tressler has been involved in the community on and off for many years and will next be meeting with local clergy to discuss issues of social media and online bullying. He stepped forward at the Monday night meeting to accept an invitation to be part of the community's Upcounty Prevention Network (UPN), a group of local people joined to develop a preventative program addressing youthful substance abuse rather than post-abuse crisis management. UPN is perfectly poised to work well with MCP's announced crime and substance prevention agenda.

MCP polices the safety and concerns of the 175,000 persons living in the county; Poolesville occupies a very large area but has a very low population. Fortunately, Poolesville retains its status as being low crime; however, it is not without key issues and concerns. The public queried the visitors about many different issues in town, especially: unsafe traffic and pedestrian concerns, and auto thefts, both of vehicles and items within vehicles. More than a few had their personal concerns addressed even after the meeting for the police to more specifically advise them in handling their unique problems.

Captain Paul Liquorie talked about some very disturbing changes in substance abuse, especially as it relates to opioids and pharmaceutical prescriptions. Non-fatal overdose issues in the county have risen from 56 cases in 2015 to 154 in 2016. Fatal overdose incidents have increased thirty-one percent, the primary substance culprit being painkillers. Synthetic opioids are forty to one hundred percent more addictive, and their potency is so great that the user can divide up a supply, making its per-dose usage cheaper.

The forum involved an in-depth discussion about narcotics, their types, dangers, and how to handle observed problems. A key message from MCP is not to hesitate to report your concerns to them. The non-emergency phone number is 301-972-8888 for worries that do not relate to a current or evolving concern or possible crime. If it is a crime or other concern that is taking place, better to be safe by calling 911. Commander Anderson made a special point: "If you witness an unexplained influx of people to one address, people coming and going, behavior that makes you very uncomfortable, you need to contact us with your concern."

Case manager Muñoz, who deals with just under two hundred clients, noted that the county is more interested in trying to rehabilitate drug abusers than in pursuing arrests. MCP priority in criminal activity is against dealers rather than users. Captain Anderson, however, admonished parents to warn their youth that the seemingly-simple sharing of personal pharmaceuticals, like Aderol, can lead to an arrest record that may burden them throughout their lives.

Patrol Officer Manoogian patrols the area at night, so he has limited person-to-person contact with residents, but he hoped his presence would result in the public being more comfortable in engaging with him as the need arises.

Commander Anderson closed by expressing that, through an improved public and police partnership, an important consistency of policing can evolve and can lead to better maintaining Poolesville as a safer community.

Corrections

In the March 24, 2017 edition ("Poolesville History and Achievements Honored at Kickoff for 150th Anniversary of Town"), it was stated that Poolesville High School was the first school to be integrated in the State of Maryland. Desegregation began in Maryland in 1954 and ended in 1958. Poolesville High School was integrated in the fall of 1956.

In the April 7, 2017 issue, the headline story "Residents Wave to the Future," Landon Puglisi, the prize winner who signed in to the event at the 150th position, was incorrectly identified as the son of Alexis Puglisi. Landon is the son of Jennifer Puglisi. Alexis, who was also in attendance, is his sister.

Youth Sports

Good Early Returns for Young PHS Boys' Volleyball Team

By Jeff Stuart

"I'm excited that we've got a young team," said boys' volleyball coach Tiffany Grimes. "It will be a building year for sure. I expect there will be a lot of teaching of the game from the ground level. I'm really looking forward to training my lefty middle, sophomore Alex Firestine. He's a big kid with a large wingspan, and I think he'll be a real asset at the net. He's very eager to learn and coachable, as well. Also, Daniel Chen is coming in as a freshman, and he's got a decent ball control and overall skill. Looking forward to building on that as well as giving him more experience on the court. I've got a freshman with good hands that I hope to transition into the setter position next year so we can utilize Zachary Zou as a hitter. Zou's got a really good vertical, and, even though he's not really a setter, he's stepped up this season to fill that gap. I'm thankful for James's leadership. In building years like this, I really don't pay too much attention to our competition as my objective is to improve the skills and game knowledge of our team. I'm really interested to see how this season pans out. Unfortunately, I won't be here for the entirety of the season. My husband and I are expecting our second child, Levi, in April, so I'm hoping these boys can really bond and build a strong team that can continue to grow and improve in my absence."



Falcons Alex Firestine, James Kimikiewicz, Ching-Yuan Lin, and Daniel Chen.

Junior Ching-Yuan Lin has been playing middle and high school volleyball for around five years. "I am hoping to get past the first playoff game and get to the semifinals," he said. "Volleyball was a club sport offered at my Chinese school, and I thought it was interesting, and when I played it I liked it a lot, so I continued. I like playing libero because you are like the guardian of the team; you guard the back line and try to dig every ball back to one of your teammates. I think our team is really good at both serving and serve-receive because we have worked extensively on those at practice."

"This is my second year playing volleyball," said Dou, a junior. "This year, we have a lot of newer and less-experienced players, so we need to develop our skills more so that we have a solid team for next year. I am looking forward to the QO game because last year we had a five-set match with them...Our setter from last year graduated so I was asked to set. It is a challenge. It requires mental toughness as well as physical skill."

"We are definitely inexperienced team wise," said Klimkiewicz, the only senior. "We have only three players back from last year. All the others are new. Some of them are pretty good. Some of them are club players. Everyone is learning the basics and getting into the game. We have to focus on mental errors. If we make a mistake, we have to pick each other up and move on. We need to work on our service-receive and passing the ball well and serving well. Once we get our connection going on the court and become a unit on the court, I think we will be a pretty strong team and will be able to compete really well. We have a lot of talent."

"I played one year of club volleyball," said freshman Daniel Chen who plays left back. "The season has started out pretty well. This year I want to improve my volleyball skills and grow as a player. I like the fact that volleyball is a team sport.

The upper classmen have taught me a lot. They are helping me to get better. I also am looking forward to the Blair match. I have friends there, and they are a good team."

The Falcons play at Blair on May 1.

Rounding out the team are freshmen, Steven Tan and Justin Ma; sophomores, Vivek Mehta, Srikar Mareddy, and Dominic Hoffman; and junior George Chen.

The boys started off with an impressive 3-0 win at home over Whitman on March 21. They lost to undefeated Walter Johnson in straight sets, but they took an undefeated B-CC (4-0) team to five sets at PHS. B-CC defeated all its other opponents in straight sets. Then at Quince Orchard on March 29, they dominated in a first set win and took the undefeated Cougars to a tie breaker. QO had also defeated all its other opponents in straight sets. So, despite their youth, they have been right there, competing with some strong opponents in the early season.

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Tidbits

small group was able to collect thirty-eight large bags of trash along a one-mile stretch of the Potomac river-front between Lock 27 and the Mouth of the Monocacy River.

The construction of the aqueduct began in 1828 and was completed in 1836. It is part of the C&O Canal, the most intact canal resource among the thirty-six major canals constructed in the United States between 1806 and 1850. The C&O Canal's chief engineer, Benjamin Wright, is considered by many as the father of American Civil Engineering. He was also the lead engineer on the Erie Canal prior to engineering the C&O Canal.



These are only 16 bags of the 38 collected on April 8 at the Potomac River's Mouth of the Monocacy area.

Want to be Part of History?

Who doesn't want to go down in history? The *Monocle* is joining with the Town of Poolesville in sponsoring a contest for the chance for you and your family's history to be encapsulated in a time capsule to be opened in 2067. There will be a drawing on May 30, the 150th day of the year, at Poolesville Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. The family will be interviewed and photographed by the Monocacy Monocle for an article which will be in a June issue. That paper will also be included in the time capsule that will be buried on Whalen Commons in October. The winner will also receive a commemorative framed version of our 150th aerial photo. Entry forms are available at town hall and on the town's website.

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On April 29 there is a safe, free, and anonymous opportunity to dispose of unused, unwanted, or expired prescription drugs. Locations will accept prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications only. Liquids, illicit drugs, needles, sharps, and syringes cannot be accepted as part of this take-back program. The two closest locations to this area are at the

Gaithersburg Police Station on Corner Avenue and at the Hefner Community Center in the Asbury Methodist Village on Russell Avenue.

If possible, prescription labels should be removed or personal information should be blacked out; however, pill

bottles will still be accepted if the labels are attached. No questions will be asked. This is an opportunity to safely empty out a medicine cabinet of drugs that are no longer needed.

Collection times are from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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More to Come from Boys' Lacrosse

Poolesville. This is the kind of participation and interest that will allow Poolesville to compete with the first-tier teams in the county."

Midfielders Michael McDonald, Michael Chilla, and Baharu Harris are seniors, as are defensemen Dylan Frendlich, Dakota Grimsby, Cole McKenney, and Anthony Mahshigian. Goalie Dennis Kim is also a senior. Brian Jacobs and Logan Sarr on attack are juniors, as are midfielders John Sartschev, James Royal, Roger Yerger, Hayden Sabas, and goalie Stefan Fessenden.

Other sophomores are Michael Basehore on defense and Clark Trone on attack.



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Mystery History

The Heartbreaking Life of Frederick and Mary Poole

By Rande Davis

In continuing our celebration of the 150th anniversary of the incorporation of the Town of Poolesville, we explore the tragic and heartbreaking life of Mary and Frederick Poole.

Frederick Sprigg Poole was the fifth son of John and Mary Prissilla Poole, Jr. Frederick's family home in the center of Poolesville is one of the most iconic in the village. This home, directly west of Bassett's Restaurant, currently houses Reva's Crafts-a-Plenty, Chrisler Homes, and the newly-opened Poolesville Fine Framing. The house was also a resting place of Col. (Senator) Edward Baker, a close friend of Lincoln, after he was killed in the Battle of Balls Bluff.

The father of Frederick, the founding father of Poolesville, John Poole, Jr., was born in 1769 and married Mary Prissilla Woodward Sprigg in 1799 when she was nineteen and just six years after he built and opened his trading post. The couple lived in the trading post only a very short while, since they moved to Prissilla's family farm in Barnesville shortly after they were married. It was a good thing, too, since the couple went on to have ten children during the subsequent twenty years.

For those of us living in Poolesville today, it is difficult to appreciate the hardship of living here at the turn of the eighteenth century. For the people who lived just twenty or thirty miles away, this area was referred to as the wilderness. One large plot of land here was registered as Peter's Forest.

For John, Jr. and Prissilla, life was hard but good. John was a leading member of the community and for their era, they were lucky to have eight of their ten children live to at least adulthood. When John died in 1828, Prissilla still had four children at home under the age of thirteen. She, a strong and resilient pioneer woman, had to bury four of her ten children during her lifetime, but fortunately lived to see the others prosper. Son, Thomas, became a doctor and built the Federalist estate at the corner of Fisher Avenue and West Willard Road, the current home of the Blue Hearth, a home décor establishment. Of course, son Frederick also did well as evidenced by his home.

How easy it is for us to forget just how harsh and challenging life could be back then, especially for the women of that time. Pregnancy, birth, survival, and longevity were so very precious to our agrarian ancestors, with special care and privileges extended to the women of those days whose very existence was threatened simply by virtue of their natural gift of childbearing. Still, as difficult as it was, nothing could prepare Frederick and Mary Poole for the life of tragedy they were to experience.



Wife of Frederick Poole, Sr., Mary Tillard Douglas Willson Poole.



Patriarch Frederick Sprigg Poole, Sr. with daughter Florence Prissilla Poole seated next to him. The first woman standing to the left is unidentified. The following three couples are Florence's daughters and spouses: Louie and Mary Hankins, the Rev. William and Frances Eleanor Williams, and Walter and Anna Cost Williams.

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Town Commissioners Pass FY 2018 Budget With Little Fanfare

town has never had such problems because the laterals the homeowner must maintain begin at their property line. No town facilities, like sidewalks, are located on homeowner property in town. This is not the case in all municipalities, Yost added.

Commissioners also asked how the company defines a "local" plumber. Shirwarski answered that the company first vets qualified plumbers within the boundaries of the municipality. If they cannot find plumbers who are qualified or who want to participate within the town, they would only then go outside town boundaries to seek qualified companies.

Yost said that the program could be helpful in educating homeowners about their responsibilities for sewer and water facilities serving their homes. Brown voiced a "slight" concern about an appearance of endorsing the program. Yost added that the town attorney was reviewing the USP program, and further action should await his conclusions. The commissioners agreed and put off further consideration pending the legal analysis.

The commissioners next considered a change to the structure of the Board of Zoning Appeals. The BZA currently has three members and a proposal to increase the number of board members to five was brought up at the meeting. The proposal is designed to make it easier, in part, for the BZA to get a quorum. The proposal was sent to the Planning Commission for its recommendations.

Finally, the commissioners turned to consideration of the proposed eight-percent increase in water rates that has been under review for some months. The proposal attracted no public comment and was approved unanimously by the commissioners. It will go into effect in the water bill to be mailed this coming July.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

The Montgomery County Police were unable to provide data for the past three weeks.

Past Crime

April 10, 1910 What started out as a possible murder mystery case turned out to be an unfortunate fall from a ladder that took the life of a Kensington woman. Kate Manakee, age 77, had been brushing cobwebs from the ceiling of the second floor bedrooms when she lost her balance. She fell off of the ladder and tumbled down the stairs and, as a result, suffered a broken neck. Two physicians responded to the house, but there was little that they could do. The sheriff responded and, upon inspection of the scene, declared Manakee's death accidental.

April 12, 1912 John Williams, aged sixteen and an employee on the farm of John Higdon, was charged with trying to poison the Brookes family. It was said that Mr. Higdon had

instructed to carry a jug of milk to the Brookes home. Instead, Johnson inserted a quantity of Paris green, a colorant once used as an insecticide, in the milk and then took it to the family. They did not consume it after noticing that it was discolored.

April 21, 1912 A. S. Williams of Washington was hauled before Judge Reading of the Rockville court after being charged with operating an automobile in Montgomery County without Maryland tags (in those days, a motorist had to display a license tag for every state that he entered). Williams testified that he had had no idea that he had entered Maryland. Judge Reading fined him four dollars.

April 30, 1911 Residents who lived along the Shoemaker Pike between Washington Grove and Laytonsville were reportedly angry about the reckless operation of automobiles along that stretch of highway. They took their concerns to Sheriff Viett who had recently obtained a motorcycle. He declared that he would spend some time patrolling that section of road.

May 6, 1911 William Soper, a Clarksburg area farmer, was fined fifty dollars in Rockville court after being

found guilty of an assault upon neighboring farmer Roger Murphy. It seems that Soper had erected a sign on the property of Murphy, and the two had quarreled. Soper had then picked up a club and struck Murphy over the head. Soper, who had claimed self defense, declared that he would appeal the verdict.

Some material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post

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Remembrances

Doris Matthews Lewis

Doris Matthews Lewis passed away on April 7, 2017 at her daughter and son-in-law's home in Frederick.

Doris was born in Dickerson to Walter K. and Eleanor Matthews on Dec 20, 1927. She is predeceased by four older brothers and an older sister. Her husband and high school sweetheart, Wendell, passed away in 1995.

Doris and Wendell started their family at Linden Farm and later built a home on farmland close by. They played in the Poolesville Band and enjoyed traveling to Colorado. Doris hosted the annual trip to Ocean City for her daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters.

She leaves behind her daughters, Joan and husband George Sharp of Cape Charles, Virginia, Teresa and husband John Snyder of Frederick, and Debora Lewis of St. David, Arizona. She is also grandmother to nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren who will miss their Nanaw.

The family would like to thank the many friends, family, and kind neighbors who looked out for her after Wendell's death, in particular, her late companion and friend Bill Griffith and his family, and a grateful thank you is offered to her friend and companion Lauren Cissel who took loving care of her this past year.

Visitation will be at Hilton Funeral Home on May 5, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be celebrated at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville, on May 6, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. with reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of Frederick County or St. Peter's Episcopal Church.



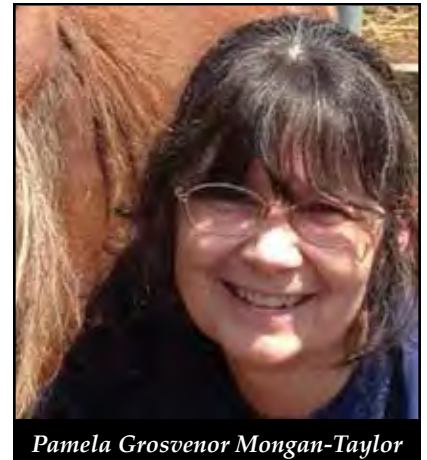
Doris Matthews Lewis

Pamela Grosvenor Mongan-Taylor

Pamela Grosvenor Mongan-Taylor, 60, of Poolesville, passed from this life on Thursday, April 13, 2017 while surrounded by her loving family. Born on May 13, 1956, in Memphis, Tennessee, she was the daughter of Alexander Graham Bell Grosvenor and Marcia Elizabeth Braman. She was a loving wife to her husband, Jeffrey D. Taylor.

Pamela is survived by her three daughters, Erin E. Dial and husband Blair of Suffolk, Virginia, Johanna M. Taylor of Poolesville, Jeanette N. Taylor of Poolesville; one grandchild, Christopher J. Flinchum; and one sister, Sandra R. Grosvenor and husband Mark Murphy of Annapolis.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Pamela Grosvenor Mongan-Taylor

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The Heartbreaking Life of Frederick and Mary Poole

To learn of their parental experience is to feel pain in your own heart as it broke for them. From 1834 to 1849, Frederick Sprigg Poole and Mary Tillard Douglas Willson Poole would have nine children. Only two would live to adulthood. Florence Prissilla lived to eighty-six and Frances Eleanor lived to twenty. Mary gave birth almost every other year for sixteen years, with six of them dying nearly as often. Little Robert Willson apparently died at birth while Cumberland Willson, John Frederick, Frederick Sprigg, Jr., Blanche, and Robert Willson, died within two years of their births. In the photograph, members of the Poole family sit on the front porch of the Frederick Poole House. The metal grate railing still stands. The date of the picture is not specific but had to be before 1888, the year of the death of Frederick and after 1883, the year Mary died.

The Frederick Poole House, rather poorly cared for today, was once a grand and luxurious home to a hardy, brave, and resolute family. Those family members living today could not provide an answer as to why Frederick and Mary had such an overbearing burden of personal loss during their life. As we experience our gratitude for living in Poolesville and the surrounding area during this sesquicentennial year, their story is just one reminder of the endurance and hardship of those who came before us. The loving family who occupy the front porch is a picture of a strong family who learned in a most difficult way to appreciate those blessings they did receive among the heartaches that came far too often.

Millard William Luhn

Millard William Luhn (Bill), 95, of New Market, died peacefully at home with his loving sister singing hymns to him before he departed this world. He was the husband of Mary Ellen Melvin Luhn of 69 years.

Bill was born on March 1, 1922 in Ijamsville, Maryland to Leslie and Annie Lucile (Leather) Luhn. He graduated from Poolesville High School and served in the Army's 31st Infantry/Dixie Division in the South Pacific/New Guinea during WWII. He was the owner of a painting and wallpaper business for over sixty years working in the Montgomery County and Washington D.C. areas.

He moved from Montgomery County to Frederick County several years ago to begin enjoying retirement and participated in activities at the Urbana Senior Center, New Market Young at Heart, and Daybreak Adult Day Services.

Surviving are his children, Teresa E. Luhn of New Market, Gary W. Luhn (Sherron) of Cookeville, Tennessee; grandson, Christopher W. Luhn (Tristica) of Cookeville, Tennessee; and his sister Barbara A. Zimmerman of New Market.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Mary E. Luhn; three brothers, Leslie T. Luhn, Donald L. Luhn, George S. Luhn; stepmother, Julia Luhn; and three stepbrothers, Charles C. Carter, James L. Carter, and Jacob S. Carter.

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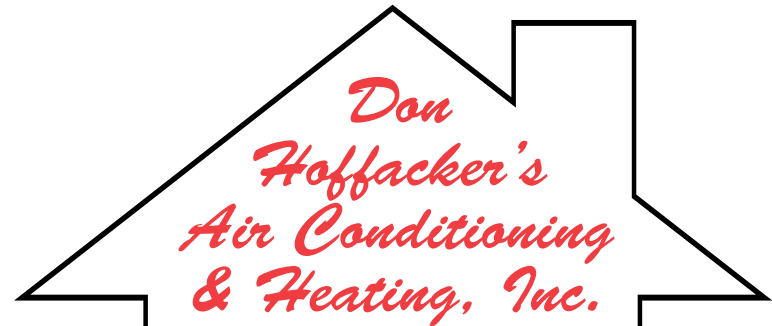
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