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Melissa Rose, Janice Berkland, and Renata Funk at PASC's birthday party. See more pictures in Family Album on page 2.



Two of the best coffee table publications ever! Find out whose table in Local News on page 4.



Who came to the Lions meeting? Why, Henry the Owl, of course. His story is in Tidbits on page 10.



Give this horse a monocle. He is part of news in Yeas and Neighs on page 16.

Fair Access Committee Holds Landmark Meeting With County Officials

By Link Hoewing

In a busy week last week, the Fair Access Committee (FAC) held a meeting with more than a dozen county officials at Poolesville Town Hall to press the case for a new high school and multiuse facility. The committee also urged residents to write the governor and state legislators in support of major school construction legislation that could fund up to \$800 million in school building programs over the next ten years, helping ease the way towards full funding of a new high school.

In opening the meeting with county officials, Kevin Schramm, the chair of FAC, provided a brief overview of the multiuse facility proposed by FAC and the reasoning behind the proposal. He said the purpose of the meeting was to ensure all players involved in shaping the project got to know each other, exchanged views, and developed a process for moving forward.

Council Member Andrew Friedsen, an at-large member who attended the



Link Hoewing Fair Access Committee member, Ethan Grobowski, student member of the FAC, Kevin Schramm FAC chair, Councilmember Andrew Friedsen, Jim Brown FAC member, Rebecca Muenster FAC member, Commissioner Kerri Cook, and Jerry Klobukowski Poolesville Commission president and FAC Access member.

meeting, said the meeting was a "reflection of the interest we all have" in this proposal. He said everyone needed to engage in looking at the needs of the Upcounty and determin-

ing what the proposed solutions would look like and how they could work. The process involves multiple county

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A New Tradition: Second Annual PES Parents vs. Staff Basketball Showdown!

By Kerri Cook

On Friday, March 15, a Poolesville basketball rematch occurred between PES Parents and PES Staff. The stands in Poolesville High School's "new gym" (built in 1978) were, for the second annual game, packed, with onlookers excited to see the two adult basketball powerhouses play. The Parents' team defended its title victoriously in an incalculable final score due to the introduction of fundraising jars which encouraged fans to pad the teams' scores with dollars. In fact, the high school gym scoreboard itself could not keep up with the inflated scores rising above two hundred points for each team.

Instead of the usual scene of parents cheering on children and teens in their

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The PES Staff basketball team for 2019. Curious readers wanted to know if it is true that both teams scored more than 200 points each.

Family Album



Alyson Nadon-Ortega was joined by her dad, a professional vocalist. He sang "The Lord Only Knows" at the special occasion.

Those celebrating birthdays from January through March were the honorees at PASC's quarterly birthday party.



Denise Jacklin, Leigh Platt, and Anne Beliveau joined in the birthday fun.



PASC's Spring Birthday Celebration honored local seniors who had birthdays from January through March.



Fresh from their PASC Golden Zumba class, Janette Alexander, Barbara Polak, Marcia Blisard, and instructor Karen McPhatter ate birthday cake guiltlessly.



Accomplished JPMS pianist Alyson Nadon-Ortega performed beautifully for the PASC's Spring Birthday Celebration party.



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Rande(m) Thoughts

The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same

By Rande Davis

So many times, in my life, I have thought of that phrase, especially when things were not going as expected, and just as importantly, as desired. It's a kind of a reminder to relax, to say to myself, "You have been through it before, so don't panic, you will get through this as well. You have been there before during times of stress, difficulty, or pressure." It's like waiting for the pendulum to swing back to your comfort zone. It usually pops into my mind whenever something uncomfortable is happening that I cannot control. Often it is at deadline. It's another way of saying, "Okay, everything will get finished in time. I have been at this madhouse point before. It will come together. It really will."

Nineteenth century journalist Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr is credited

with first penning the phrase in our headline, but really, the thought must have been on the minds of mankind for eons before.

For us, residing in Poolesville and the Ag Reserve, this phrase, whether we know it or not, actually gets us through every time we have a public debate about any proposed change. Getting up there in age doesn't have many benefits, but fully understanding the eternal truth of this proverb is one of them. A more modern way of saying it is: "Been there, done that."

I ruminated about the role of change in the last issue. That column was more about how we handle the negative impacts of change. Now I want to visit the flip side of the coin. This time I want to consider what we would do if we had that "magic wand" to see change not as a problem but as a hope.

I want to engage you, our reader, with your wish list for change. I hand you the magic wand. Let's wave the wand together for two things right away just so we can get them out of the way: a new school and a grocery store.

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Local News

Calleva's Sneak Peek Open House and Happy Hour Bring Out the Town

By Andie Devynck

The stars came out early last Friday evening when the new Calleva Office and Farm Store at 19936 Fisher Avenue opened its doors to the public for the first time. The event, a fundraiser for Manna Food Center of Gaithersburg, drew Poolesville residents and Calleva fans from all around curious to see (and subsequently admire and marvel at) the complete revitalization of this historic building. Calleva and Poolesville lucked out with a warm and dry Friday—and a hearty turnout.

The talent and artistry of the Calleva staff were present everywhere, inside and out, from the rustic West Virginia wood clapboard hewn in the Calleva mill that all can admire just driving through town to the fifteen-foot-long masterpiece of a table with the artist's rendering of the Potomac River on its heavily-lacquered surface. Set atop said table—and others scattered



Calleva's DIY renovation of the old Williams store seemed to bring the outdoors inside.

about the spacious, highly-decorative tin-ceilinged room—were scores of hors d'oeuvres, a smorgasbord of local fare from some of the Ag Reserve's finest food and beverage concerns.

Calleva continued its tradition of supporting diverse businesses in our community by offering the delectable tastings inspired by the recently-published cookbook, *Bread and Beauty: A Year in Montgomery's Agricultural Reserve*. Attendees could peruse (and purchase!) the coffeetable-worthy book, written by resident author Claudia Kousoulas and produced by Ellen Letourneau (photos by George

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Town Government

Commissioners Adopt Legislation Regulating the Deployment of 5G

by Link Hoewing

At their bimonthly meeting on April 1, the Town of Poolesville commissioners considered and adopted legislation designed to provide tools allowing the town to control the manner in which 5G or next generation wireless technology is deployed. Unlike today's mobile data or wireless technology, 5G must be deployed using fiber lines connecting poles with transponders spread throughout neighborhoods at numerous locations. The new legislation requires that companies desiring to deploy 5G must get the approval of the town before they begin deployment.

Before adopting the legislation, the commissioners held a public hearing in order to get input from citizens. Only one citizen testified, Keir Soderberg. He complimented the commissioners on being proactive in adopting rules to ensure that deployment is carefully managed and is not done in such a way that neighborhoods are overwhelmed by the size or height of the poles and transponders.

Soderberg pointed to rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which oversees the wireless industry, that set standards for power levels used in 5G antennas and establishes frequency parameters. In effect, he said, these standards establish exposure limits regarding the electromagnetic energy emitted by 5G transponders. Soderberg asked how the town would determine whether companies deploying the technology are meeting the standards, but he also asked how the town would ensure that the equipment continued to meet exposure limits years in the future after the equipment has been in use for some time.

Town Manager Wade Yost said that the town did not currently have plans to set up monitoring equipment during deployment or later on. Town Attorney Jay Gullo noted that the FCC sets standards for frequency emissions and power levels for all communications equipment that would be deployed, and this should help ensure that exposure limits were within the guidelines.

Soderberg thought that this would be helpful but said that exposure levels are affected by power levels as well as where equipment is sited.

During the discussion about the issue, Gullo pointed out that the town could write in the ordinance requirements concerning monitoring. These requirements could be made a part of future contracts with the town to which companies must submit and agree. It might also be possible for the town to do periodic monitoring, but that could be difficult given how widely in neighborhoods the technology would be deployed.

The commissioners decided that language on this issue of exposure limits would need to be added to the legislation; however, the FCC has set a deadline of April 15 for local jurisdictions to establish their own regulations. If they have not done so by that date, the FCC's rules would apply by default. The commissioners decided unanimously to pass the legislation but agreed to develop amendments regarding exposure limits that will be considered at the next town meeting on April 14.

During the Open Forum portion of the meeting, Joyce Breiner of Poolesville Green offered a brief presentation regarding so-called solar farms. These are open spaces or farmland on which large numbers of solar panels are deployed. These large-scale deployments can take up acres of land in some cases. Relatively few local jurisdictions have yet set out zoning ordinances that allow for such deployments. Studies by experts at the United Nations have estimated that by the year 2030, the world will need fifty percent more fuel than it has today, forty percent more water, and thirty-five percent more food. Given these numbers and the already significant impacts of climate change, finding ways to encourage the deployment of renewable energy technologies is vital to our future, Breiner said. She urged the commissioners to take a lead on this issue and adopt changes to the town's zoning ordinances that would allow for the large-scale deployment of solar panels in areas zoned for rural or farm uses.

Following Breiner, Doug Boucher, a local resident living near Dickerson and a scientist and climate change expert, offered his views. A recent study estimated how much of each state's total power requirements could be met by solar energy. In the case of Maryland, almost thirty-nine percent of the state's energy needs could be met by solar power. Some of that demand could be satisfied by

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Foundations

Surveying Our Inheritance

By Kenny Sholes

I am pleased to start as the *Monocle's* contributing writer for Foundations, a column dedicated to highlighting the history and stories behind historic homes and buildings in the area. Before jumping in, I wanted to take a little time to introduce myself and explain why I think the exploration of our local history—our inheritance—is so important.

I've spent the majority of my life here in the Ag Reserve. Growing up, my father and I spent countless hours driving the rustic roads throughout the Medley District. Now grown up and living back in Poolesville, I find myself jumping in the car on a weekly basis to drive the same roads I did as a child, this time with my five-year-old in the backseat. The thing I love most about these explorations is that no matter how well I know this land, I always see something I never noticed before: a stone wall, a small creek, a barn tucked away in the woods, the glimpse of the roofline of an old home I never knew existed.

I bring my five-year-old, Sawyer, for a few reasons: First, it's a fun way to spend time together; second, I think it's important our children grow up understanding their origins—good and bad; and, finally, and most selfishly, because Sawyer will inevitably ask me a question on every drive that is both simple and profound in ways only a child can verbalize.

A few weeks ago, we were standing on the banks of the Potomac River at White's Ford. For those of you who know your Civil War history, you know that it was at this spot in the fall of 1862 that the Confederate Army crossed the river from Loudon County into the Ag Reserve before marching north to eventually fight at Antietam. After describing this scene to Sawyer, he turned to me and asked, "Well, if they crossed the river, where's the bridge?" After explaining that the soldiers walked through the water, he took a few minutes to think further on the issue before asking, "If they walked through the water, how did they make sure their robots and drones didn't get wet?" I wasn't sure I know how to even begin answering that one.

Obviously, I expect Sawyer's grasp of history to improve as he gets older, but the question served as a reminder that with each new generation, our understanding of the past is slightly more biased towards the technologies and experiences of the current, and it's to this point I'm able to answer the other question my five-year-old asked me that same day on the Potomac, "Why do you like old houses so much?"

The old homes that dot the landscape of the Ag Reserve have literally weathered the test of time. Despite all the changes this region and country have gone through over the decades, these homes have served as a constant—a tangible reminder to all of us about those who came before us—and if we believe the community we live in today is a great place, then we should really spend some time better understanding these people of the past for it's these people and the actions

they took, both good and bad, that have resulted in the community we have today. Maybe there's something to be learned from these actions that can help us ensure the community we pass on to our children is even better than the one we inherited.

Realizing that I know far too little about the people and events of our collective past, I've taken a proactive approach in the last few months to explore the Ag Reserve, with a specific focus on the incredible historic homes we drive past each day. Within these homes lie the stories of

this land, and I think it's incredibly important as a community that we keep these stories alive. To accomplish this, I'm reaching out to the owners of historic properties, scouring historic archives, and working to share what I've learned with the community. Hopefully, you will follow along and share the stories and lessons you hear with others.

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Stonewall Jackson's troops crossing the Potomac River at White's Ford in 1862.

Ag News

Watching Grass Grow

By Lisa Warffeli

Imagine you have spent hours working on a soufflé, using only the freshest ingredients and adjusting the oven temperature until it's just right. Then, as you delicately take your masterpiece from the oven, it falls. Now, picture yourself in a field on an August day: the sun is beating down on you; you have just finished cutting hay; and your stomach constricts as you hope the weatherman was right and that it will remain hot and dry for three more days. Then you feel it, the first drops of rain. You watch as your beloved hay gets wet, knowing that, just like your soufflé, it is ruined. Despite the potential for disaster, local hay farmer Aren Johnson jumps in his tractor every year to raise food for the area's horses, cattle, and alpacas.

Almost five years ago, Aren decided to start from nothing and raise hay. His father told him it was "probably not his best option," but Aren does not regret his decision. Aren's father raised hay and straw near Hershey, Pennsylvania, and Aren grew up helping on the farm. He attended college and earned a degree in international business management. After completing his degree, Aren was hired to manage a farm in Montgomery County, but when the farmer became ill, the farm operation was shut down, and Aren was out of a job. Aren had two choices: Find another job or start farming on his own. Aren chose to be his own boss.

Aren went with what he knew and started growing hay. I had a lot to learn from Aren about hay. Did you know hay is a grass? When I learned this, I had to ask myself, How hard is it to grow grass? Most folks have lawns which they have to mow. Aren was patient enough to explain that the grass growing in front of our house or out in our field is different from what he grows. It all has to do with nutrition. The grass in front of your house does not have the same nutrient content as that in the varieties he plants. Aren plants Timothy and Orchard seeds. These grasses have the right nutrient content for animals and grow well in this area. He also can get two or three years out of one planting before native grasses take over.

Aren plants his Timothy and Orchard seeds typically in the fall, but he has to pay close attention to the weather. He wants to get seeds in the ground after the heat of summer is



Farmer Aren Johnson.

gone and in time for the seeds to get roots before the ground freezes. This is usually between September 5 and 15. Rain, though, can mess with his schedule like it did last fall. Because the ground was so wet, Aren could only plant about 600 of his 700 acres. He decided to plant this spring. Grass seed planted in the spring has to compete with weeds and usually takes a year before it is ready to be cut; whereas, fall plantings can be cut as early as May.

It is the cutting and baling which are the hardest parts of being a hay farmer because you are at the mercy of the weather. As Aren put it, "You can't control it, and everything you do depends on it." Remember holding your breath while taking the soufflé out of the oven? Try holding your breath for three days. That is the amount of time Aren must let the hay dry in the field. He cuts the hay and then goes over the hay multiple times with machines to turn it, known as tedding, exposing it evenly to the sun to dry it. Ideally, hay should have between eight and thirteen percent moisture content before it is put into round and square bales. Any higher moisture content increases the risk of mold growing in the hay which would make the hay unusable.

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Local News

Longtime Crossing Guard Retires

By Kerri Cook

This past month saw the end of an era for the corner of Fisher and Wootton Avenues. Chontelle Hockenbery, who, for the last sixteen years has served as the Poolesville community crossing guard, blew her traffic whistle for the last time. Hockenbery has watched many a child and parent pass through her intersection over the years and has witnessed numerous changes in the town as well.

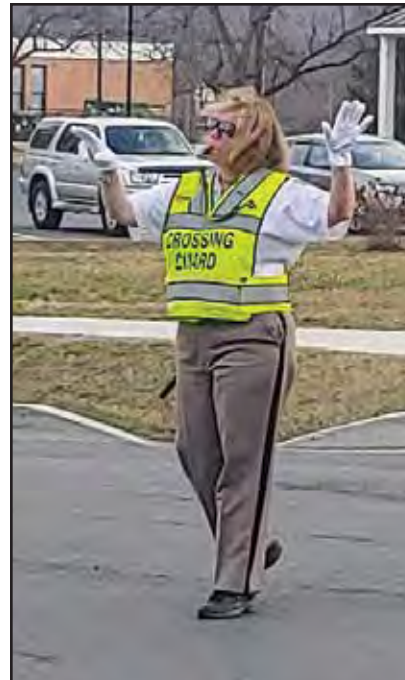
Hockenbery's family moved to Poolesville in 1974. She attended her last year of elementary school at PES and graduated from Poolesville High. She remained in Poolesville and became an employee of Selby's Grocer. Later, a local police officer suggested the position of crossing guard to her. "I immediately loved the job," Hockenbery said. "I have loved meeting the new families in town, watching all my kids grow up and come back as wonderful additions to our community." She cites the loss of Selby's, the addition of Tractor Supply, increased

construction vehicles, many more tractor trailers making deliveries, and more users for Ride On bus service as major changes for the town.

Hockenbery saw her role as a crossing guard as more than making sure children, their siblings, and their families made it safely to and from their destination, but also for her to be a positive person in their daily lives. Said Hockenbery, "As a crossing guard, for many kids, you are the first person a kid might hear saying, 'Good morning' or 'Have a great day!' My goal has always been to make sure that I said that to every child that walked across my corner."

Indeed, Hockenbery reports that some of her favorite memories include watching a timid PES child in the beginning of the school year blossom into an adventurous one by June. She also had the pleasure of watching the faces of children in our rural location awed by large combines, planters, and other machinery moving through the intersection, taking up the entire road.

Hockenbery continues to work with children in her current role as school nurse in another elementary school in the county. She is excited about her new adventure and feels that it was a true honor to serve "the best community" during the years she had as



Recently-retired safety guard, Chontelle Hockenbery, will be missed by the kids.

Poolesville's crossing guard. She adds, "I never realized how much of an effect my kids and my community would have on me"—and she will continue to tell her neighbors to have a great day.

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Tidbits

Monocle Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations to Amanda Schaff for correctly identifying the Frederick Poole House in our photo contest in the April 5 issue and winner of the drawing for a \$20 gift certificate to the Watershed Café. For our history buffs, the elderly woman standing alone is Frances Poole Williams. She is the one who greeted President Truman and General Marshall at her home as written about in the Mystery History in the same issue. You also see her as a young woman in the other Frederick Poole family picture on the left. She is third from the right. The gentleman on the left is the real Frederick Poole, son of Poolesville's founder, John Poole, Jr.

If you missed out on all this by not reading the April 5 issue. You can still see it at monocacymonocle.com. Check out our *Monocle* Mystery Photo contest in this issue and send your entry via email to win a chance to win a gift certificate to Watershed Café.

C-SPAN Recognizes Documentary Work of PHS Students

Congratulations to Poolesville High School students for their video documentary productions that were recently recognized by C-SPAN as part of that network's StudentCam national competition. The goal is to have students learn to think critically about issues that affect their communities and our nation.

This year, students in grades six to twelve were asked to create a short (five-to-six minutes) video documentary on a topic related to the new 2019 competition theme, "What does it mean to be American? Choose a constitutional right, national characteristic, or historic event and explain how it defines the American experience."

The PHS students are tenth graders, Ava Checkan, Angela Engle, and Alison Wang for "Choice, Convenience, Cost: Fast Food in America," and tenth graders Naomi Cocker, Sanna Moore, and Charlotte Vogel for "American Values: Freedom of the Press."



Students honored by C-SPAN: Ava Checkan, Angela Engle, Alison Wang, Sanna Moore, Naomi Cocker, and Charlotte Vogel.

Get Off that Couch Now

The Monocacy Lions invited Suzanne Shoemake, director of the Owl Moon Raptor Center, to address the Monocacy Lions at a recent meeting. Did you know that the Monocacy Lions is not only a robust community service group doing spectacular good works in our area, but it also hosts a wonderful fellowship meal twice a month for its members and invites a wide variety of representatives from many intriguing groups to speak at the meal?

Now that you know, why are you not there, too? Face it, your TV is just not as interesting or nearly as much fun. The Monocacy Lions is open to men and women who are looking to make meaningful contributions to their community and the world, along with being part of a terrific group of like-minded people.

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School News

Annie is in Town

Come out to Poolesville High School on April 12 and 13 at 7:00 p.m., and April 14 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to experience the story of a little orphan girl just searching for a family. *Annie* guarantees a night full of laughter, optimism, and joy that would brighten up anyone's "Hard Knock Life." This musical is filled with bright characters portrayed by the students of Poolesville High. These

characters, from the nasty orphanage caretaker, Ms. Hannigan (Calley Mullin and Cathryn Treleven), to the mischievous orphans, to the warm but slightly clueless Mr. Warbucks (Jacob Pelzman) will just make your night. Combined with an amazing set and marvelous costumes, you will find your eyes glued to the stage for every moment. Bring your friends and family and enjoy iconic songs and engaging dancing.

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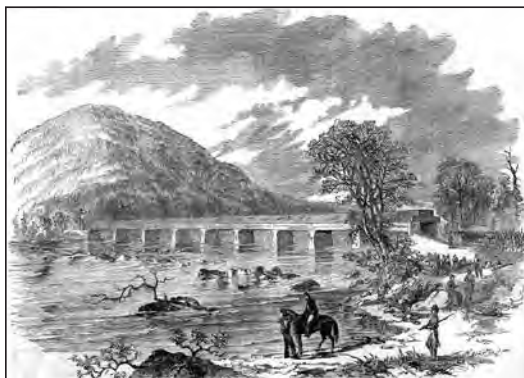
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Fun Fact...

A side note to *Surveying Our Inheritance*, By Kenny Sholes, on page 6—

Farther north on the Potomac River, the Potomac Furnace Company built the original Point of Rocks bridge in the 1850s—a narrow, covered bridge across the Potomac River—to transport its pig iron to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal and Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from the shores of Virginia to the Maryland side. Unfortunately, it was destroyed by the Confederate Army in 1861 when they destroyed all bridges along the Potomac River and C&O Canal. The bridge was gone a year before the crossing at White's Ford.

Illustration from Harper's Weekly, June 29, 1861.





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The Blue Hearth is now open every weekend.

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April 5

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' lacrosse. Magruder. 3:30 p.m.

UMCVFD Auxiliary Bingo

Featuring cash and gift cards as well as door prize drawings. Enjoy an evening of relaxing fun while helping to support your local fire department. Bring a friend! Refreshments available for purchase. *UMCVFD Firehouse, 19801 Beallsville Rd.* \$20. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; games start at 7:00 p.m.

April 6

HOP Fundraiser

Fundraiser for Coach Kevin Dorsey at House of Poolesville. 10% of proceeds from 6:00 p.m. to close.

April 8

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Girls' tennis. Northwest. 7:00 p.m.

Volleyball. Clarksburg. Boys at 5:30 p.m.; coed at 7:00 p.m.

April 9

PASC Special Event: Declutter to De-Stress

Seminar and lunch. *Café, 17750 W. Willard Road.* 12:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Game

Track and field. Northwest. 3:30 p.m.

April 10

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' tennis. Rockville. 3:30 p.m.

Boys' lacrosse. Blair. 7:15 p.m.

Volleyball. Quince Orchard. Boys at 5:15 p.m.; coed at 7:00 p.m.

April 11

PASC Special Event: Eggstravaganza

Eggstravaganza craft class. *Café, 17750 W. Willard Road.* 2:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Seneca Valley. 3:30 p.m.

April 12

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' tennis. Seneca Valley. 3:30 p.m.

Boys' lacrosse. Seneca Valley. 7:15 p.m.

April 12, 13, and 14

The Blue Hearth

Annual Spring Fling

Sales bonanza! Featuring Poolesville's No Stoplight band from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. You may bring your own bottle. Great décor and gift ideas for Easter. Friday: noon to 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

PHS Midnight Players Present: Annie

A big musical for a little orphan. *PHS Auditorium.* Thursday and Friday: 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

April 13 and 14

23rd Annual Gas and Steam Show

Featuring gas engines and tractors; antique cars and trucks. Live music on Saturday. Kiddie tractor pull, hay wagon rides, etc. Great food and prizes. Visit with our family zoo of pigs, chickens, or goats. Old time saw-mill demo. Dogs are welcome. Free. *Agricultural History Farm Park, Derwood.*

April 15

Paint Night with Karen

House of Poolesville. 8:30 p.m.

April 16

PASC Special Event: Pizza and Movie Night

Unbroken—Path to Redemption. *Café, 17750 W. Willard Road.* 6:00 p.m.

April 19

Library Special Event: Scales and Tales

Meet two birds of prey, one snake, and one turtle, from Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Ages 3 to 12. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 11:00 a.m.

April 20

Library Special Event: Banner Bag Bonanza

Make customized bags from banners. Ages ten and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 2:30 p.m.

April 23

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Boys' tennis. Wheaton. 3:30 p.m.

Boys' lacrosse. Blake. 7:15 p.m.

April 24

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Paint Branch. 3:45 p.m.

April 25

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Lacrosse. Clarksburg. Boys at 5:30 p.m.; girls at 7:15 p.m.

April 26

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Volleyball. Gaithersburg. Boys at 5:30 p.m.; coed at 7:00 p.m.

April 26, 27, and 28

Countryside Artisan Spring Tour

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textile artists working in oil, pastel, watercolor, pencil, ceramics, porcelain, glass, enamel, stone, wood, yarn, textiles, photography, tea, hops, and grapes. Visit countrysideartisans.org for details. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Native Plant Sale

Sponsored by the Friends of Black Hill Nature Programs. Many of the plants on sale have been cultivated locally and are important food and shelter for Maryland butterflies, birds, and other wildlife. All proceeds from the sale go to support nature programs at the park. For more information: Friends-blackhill@gmail.com. *The Greenhouse at Black Hill Regional Park, 20930 Lake Ridge Drive, Boyds.* Friday: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

April 27

Library Special Event: Kids Connect with Computer Science

Learn Python 3 with basic programming class. Ages 8 to 11. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 3:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Sports Home Games

Baseball and softball. Quince Orchard. 1:00 p.m.




April 5



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Garden

The Legacy of Luther Burbank

By Maureen O'Connell

The next time you enjoy a baked Russet potato or McDonald's French fries, thank Luther Burbank (1849-1926). It is interesting that this American botanist, horticulturist, and pioneer in agricultural science, developed this potato, a superstar of the food and restaurant world and the most frequently-consumed potato on the planet, and most people don't connect it to the genius of Luther Burbank.

This potato was born out of the tragedy of the Potato Famine in Ireland in 1845. The crop failures, which had a devastating effect on the Irish people and their economy, were caused by a late blight, a disease that destroys both the leaves and edible roots, or tubers, of the potato plant. Burbank was only a child at that time, but as he became a well-known horticulturist, he read about this tragedy and vowed to improve the common Irish potato. He observed twenty-three potato seedlings from an Early Rose parent. One seedling produced two to



Stargazer Lily, an F1 hybrid plant.

three times more tubers of a larger size than any other and was blight resistant. It was introduced into Ireland, and the cultivated strain was marketed to farmers in the United States in 1871.

Burbank, over his fifty-five-year career, developed more than eight hundred strains and varieties of plants, including one hundred varieties of plums and prunes, ten varieties of berries, fifty varieties of lilies, many vegetables, nuts, and grasses, and hundreds of ornamental flowers.

His most successful strains and varieties include the Shasta daisy, the Fire poppy, the July Elberta peach, the Santa Rose plum, and the Free-stone peach.

In my article in March, I wrote about my journey as a gardener and my decision not to use any pesticides in my gardens to protect my plants from diseases, pests, and the ever-changing conditions of the environment. Over the past several decades, the world started to pay more attention to garden practices and their effect, for better or worse, on our fragile environment. Horticulturists took notice and so did the chemical industry. The scientists resolved to hybridize more plants that would be tolerant or more resistant to these elements. The chemical industry's answer was "Better Living through Chemistry," and they developed an arsenal of insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides to wage war on these pesky threats to crops and flowering plants, shrubs, and trees.

Hybrid plants always existed in nature. For centuries, farmers have known that crossbreeding of animals and plants could favor certain desirable traits, but it was Gregor Mendel, an unknown Augustinian monk living in what is now known as the Czech Republic and his pea experiments

conducted between 1856 and 1863, that established many of the rules of heredity.

He is known as the Father of Modern Genetics.

In his experimental gardens, he bred "true" lines of pea plants and patiently waited for them to crossbreed in specific combinations. A mildew-resistant pea may be crossed with a high-yielding but mildew-susceptible pea to create this "more desirable" vegetable. Over the last hundred years, horticulturists have worked to develop plants with: increased quality and yield of crops; increased tolerance to environmental pressures (salinity, extreme temperatures, and drought); resistance to viruses, fungi, and bacteria; increased tolerance to insects and pests; and tolerance of herbicides. Burbank was a disciple of Darwin and Mendel, and it influenced and guided his lifelong study of plants.

There are different ways to pollinate a plant. Burbank crosspollinated the flowers of plants by hand, and he selected the seeds of the most promising ones. Open pollination is when it occurs by insects, bird, wind, humans, or other natural mechanisms. Because there are no restrictions on the chosen flower for pollination, plants are more

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Youth Sports

Youth Is the Main Ingredient as PHS Spring Sports Begin

By Jeff Stuart

Baseball

"I have a very young team this year," said baseball coach Steve Orsini. "I have two seniors: Cade Seely and Will Jamison. I will have four underclassmen returning: juniors Josh Widenhofer, Luke Trythall, and Max Fisher, Jr., and sophomore Stevie Orsini. Josh, Luke, Max, and Stevie all contributed last season and did a fantastic job. I expect them to show leadership and be big contributors again this season. Players to watch from the JV are juniors, Eamon Murphy, Tommy Stoughton, and Owen Brill, and sophomores Alex Pope, Tommy Miles, and Colin Gross. These kids are very hard workers and love baseball. Just because we are young, do not count us out. They know and understand what it takes to win and be a winner."



Play ball!

Softball

"We have twelve returners with experience which will help," said softball coach Laurie Wohnhas. "Many have improved their play because of the work they did in the off season. This will create competition for time on the field."

"We have a tough schedule, but it will make us better for playoffs. All the

players understand their role on the team which helps with team chemistry. Seniors are Gwen Boe, Maddie Burdette, Allison Ransom, Clare Wilson, Maureen Hueting, Meghan Dower, and Casandra Maier. Juniors are Jenna Stroud, Holly Raines, Sami Kellogg, Jessica Convers, and Alaina Shields. Sophomores are Ainsley Hagen, Catie Galant, and Colleen Hueting.

Boys' Lacrosse

"This year's boys' lacrosse team is small in numbers but big on hustle and heart," says Coach Stuart Orns. "We have a short bench after graduating ten seniors off of last year's squad, and fewer players coming out this spring. We do have excellent senior leadership

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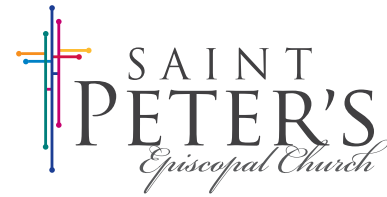
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By Susan Petro



Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday - April 14
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Passion and Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms, Passion and Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday - April 18
7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing, and Stripping of the Altar (Families Welcome!)

Good Friday - April 19
4:00 p.m. Family Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday - April 21
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir and Orchestra
11:30 a.m. Egg Hunt

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Yeas and Neighs

Madison Fields Forever

By Andie Devynck

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The Madison Fields Therapeutic Riding staff, Equestrian Manager Jessica Simpson and Head Riding Instructor Maggie Jackson, pride themselves on offering a safe, cooperative, accepting, and inviting atmosphere in which they seek to empower people of all abilities to participate and contribute. With a combined thirty-three years of experience with horses—much of it in the therapeutic riding world—Jess and Maggie believe in the strength of a diverse, interdependent community working together to help one another achieve their greatest potential: an environment where all riders and visitors can reconnect with themselves, one another, and the natural world; hence, their motto: We all grow best when we are growing together.



Head Instructor Maggie and Program Director Jess of Madison Fields.

The mission of the therapeutic riding program, known as Equine-Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT), at Madison Fields is to improve each rider's quality of life by fostering a nurturing and healing relationship with the therapy horses. Jess and Maggie and their assistants use the therapeutic and healing capacity of eight gentle horses (including two minis!) to improve the well-being of people of all ages with a variety of needs and diagnoses, including autism, cerebral palsy, learning disabilities, and traumatic brain injury. They provide both mounted and un-mounted opportunities within the program.

More specifically, Therapeutic Recreational Riding (TRR) consists of mounted lessons that teach students basic horsemanship skills under the guidance of a certified riding instructor. The primary focus is to meet recreational and leisure goals in a relaxed atmosphere of support and socialization. Equine Assisted Learning (EAL) is an unmounted experiential learning approach that promotes the development of life skills for educational, professional, and personal goals through equine-assisted activities. Madison Fields is a member of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International group, and complies with P.A.T.H. International safety standards.

When children with autism grow up, they age out of federally-mandated supports administered through the public schools systems. Without viable options that provide sufficient support in adulthood, adults with autism often don't have opportunities for continued growth, learning, and participation in community that would enable them to achieve their greatest potential. Herein

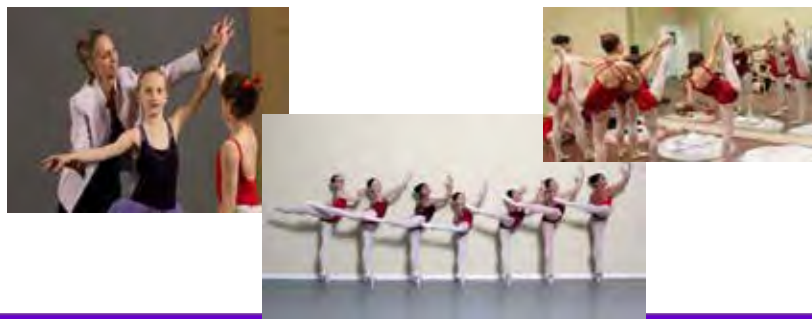
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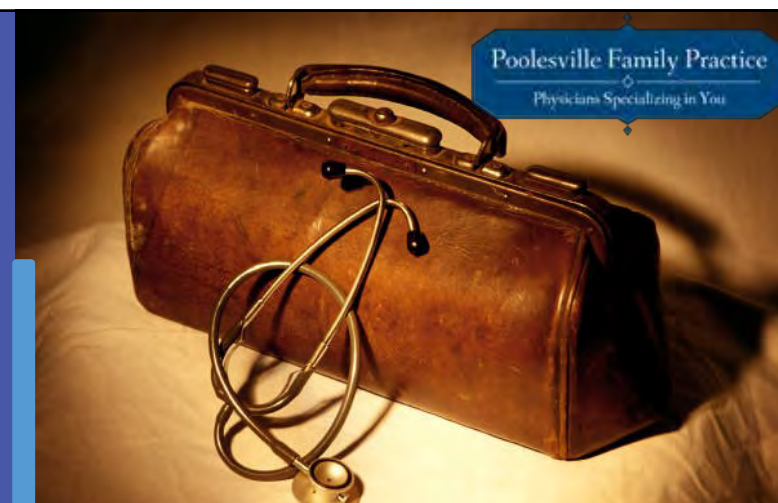
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Commissioners Adopt Legislation Regulating the Deployment of 5G

installing panels on buildings and houses, but many people cannot afford to invest in solar panels, and, in many cases, houses are not suited for solar panels due to their construction or condition. The cost of solar technology has dropped dramatically and ground-mounted solar panels deployed on a large-scale basis are now feasible.

Frank Jamison, a local realtor whose family owns farmland in the Poolesville area, appeared to discuss solar farms. His family owns a 140-acre farm on Cattail Road in Poolesville. He has been approached by a number of companies who want to deploy solar panels on his land. In some counties nearby, rules had been adopted to allow for large-scale solar panel deployments.

During discussion about the idea, it was offered that limits could be set on deployment. Legislation pending in the Maryland legislature, for example, would allow for large-scale deployments but would cap the total size of the land area used based on how much energy would be generated in each instance.

Jamison said he was not asking the commissioners to approve a rule change or specific deployment proposal. Instead, he knew the town had adopted a number of green policies and he thought the idea of solar panel deployment in open lands in the rural parts of town was worth study. He suggested the town set up a task force or study group to look at the idea.

Commissioner Klobukowski said that the town was due to revise and update its Master Plan in just over a year. He wondered if the idea could be studied as part of the Master Plan review process. The idea was tabled for further study.

In the final action of the evening, the commissioners discussed the payment of a stipend to the chair of the Poolesville Day Committee. The committee is not an official town body and is instead a volunteer citizen organization. It does raise funds on its own through contributions, largely from local businesses, and by charging vendors for spots they use to sell food and other items to people attending Poolesville Day. Otherwise, the event is free to attendees, including rides for the kids, inflatables, and music. Poolesville Day has become a huge event, attended by people from around the Washington area, and is a complex and challenging event to manage.

As a result, the chair of the event spends literally hundreds of hours helping plan and manage the committee and its activities, along with support from Town Events Coordinator Cathy Bupp. The town supports the event with a large grant to offset major costs, and the issue of how to fund a stipend for the chair in light of the substantial amount of time and work involved in leading the Poolesville Day Committee was discussed. The town could fund the stipend directly in the grant given to the committee at the beginning of each year or it could provide the grant and allow the committee to make its own decision about the stipend. In the end, the commissioners decided to leave the decision up to the committee, although the grant to the committee has not yet been made for the year.

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The Legacy of Luther Burbank

genetically diverse. The resulting plant variety can slowly adapt to local growing and climate conditions over many years. This takes time and it does not always result in a better or worse plant; whereas, in a hybrid plant, you select the traits you want to pass on to the newborn plant. An heirloom variety has a history of being passed down in a family or community, similar to the generational sharing of heirloom jewelry or furniture. Hybridization is a controlled method of pollination in which the pollen of two different species or varieties is crossed by human intervention. Hybrids can occur naturally through random crosses, but for the commercial market, seeds are carefully selected to create a plant with desired traits; they are labeled F1; however, any seed produced from an F1 plant is genetically unstable and cannot be saved for use in future years. The resulting plant would not only be not true-to-type, but it would be less vigorous. You must purchase new seeds every year and they are usually expensive.

Many F1 plants are offered in garden catalogues and garden centers. Some better-known ones are: Hybrid lilies (Asiatic and Oriental), some



Rose 'Sugar Moon.'

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varieties of sweet corn, the Stargazer lily, Meyer Lemon tree, Better Boy and Big Boy tomatoes, the tangelo, the plumcot, many begonias, Madonna Lily, the hybrid Rugosa Roses, and the Rose 'Sugar Moon.' GMO plants are a different topic which I shall leave for a future column.

The journey of the farmers of ancient times, Charles Darwin, and Gregor Mendel to the present-day farmers and gardeners is a long, circuitous route. As we head into the spring planting season, I shall leave you with this quote from Luther Burbank:

"Flowers always make people better, happier, and more hopeful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul."

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Weekend Masses

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SUN..... 8:00AM Mass

10:45AM Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

SAT..... 4:00-4:45PM

Special Lent Schedule

WED..... 7:00PM Confession

7:30PM Mass in Church

8-9:00PM Adoration/Confessions

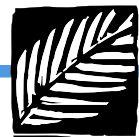
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04/14 Palm Sunday..... 8:00AM

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04/18 Holy Thursday..... 8:00PM

04/19 Good Friday..... 8:00PM

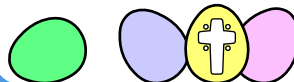
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A New Tradition: Second Annual PES Parents vs. Staff Basketball Showdown!

sport, this time, adults were the ones dribbling, passing the ball, and taking the shots. Poolesville residents served as coaches for both teams. On Team Parents, long-time basketball player, Russ Schlossburg took the helm, and for the Staff, kindergarten teacher and coach extraordinaire, Amy Hufnagel, led her team. Parents and Staff, each comprised of about fifteen to twenty men and women, began the evening by running onto the court and making their collective way through their respective team's student-made banners. Adult cheerleaders acted the part for each team, as well, equipped with battle signs, chants, and ribbons in their hair. Longtime resident and professional referee, George Deyo, presided over the game.

The crowd of mostly elementary and middle school students and their families seemed to have a particular bias toward Team Staff. Poolesville resident and fourth-grade teacher, David Fry, was a noticeable fan favorite. Also involved in the community event was the PES chorus, which sang the national anthem, as well as the



The parents played with passion and injuries to eke out another victory over staff.

school mascot, Stripes the Tiger, who was seen taking selfies with onlookers and instigating crowd "waves." For the halftime show, PES children performed a hip-hop number, and PES staff cheerleaders danced for the crowd as well.

Kids and adults alike got into the spirit of camaraderie and good-

natured competition. They cheered, ate food made by members of the community, and bought raffle tickets for a chance at a halftime free-throw. Perhaps the biggest spirit award winner of the night though was Parents' team player, Jennifer Armenta, who participated in the jump ball to start the game but could not play,

as she had injured herself during one of the enthusiastic team practices a week earlier. The event, which raised about \$3,000 for the school, was a wonderful excuse to flip the usual formula for Poolesville sporting events. On this night, it was the adults putting on the show for the kids—and for all of us.

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Mystery History

Mystery History Tidbits: How Many Do You Know?

By Rande Davis

We often hear from readers how much they enjoy learning about our shared history through our column called Mystery History. It was conceived as a history column about stories and details not commonly known. If the history was the kind of item that could be on a metal sign along the roadway, we eschewed writing about it. Over the years, we have printed at least a hundred such stories. Many you have read, others you may have missed.



This Mystery History picture is of Coxen Road in Poolesville. The vast majority of readers know this road well, but it is not on a town map. The house on the right could be thought of as the first mobile home in Poolesville.

This column of Mystery History is a sort of Tidbits of Mystery History, a list of amusing local historical facts. They have a more complete story, but, for now, we'll only give a brief description of the topic.

Using a convenient handle to introduce each item, we ask you:

Did you know...

...that the Seneca Indians were never prevalent in our area? While some may have come through as a hunting party, this upstate New York Iroquois Nation was used as a generic term by British Colonial troops to refer to all Indians, just as we, in days of old, thoughtlessly referred to all Hispanics as Mexicans. More prevalent here were the Piscataway people from southern Maryland. They were forced from their homeland by the belligerent Pennsylvania Susquehannock people who wanted the Piscataway crabs, clams, and bountiful seafood.

...that one time a pilot hung by his parachute from a tree on Peachtree Road after his plane crashed? Don't worry, he was rescued by a local resident with a ladder and pickup truck.

...that the house behind Watershed Café at the end of Milford Mill Road was not built there? It was built in the field across from the Poolesville Post Office and moved by steam engine and logs in 1904.

...that another house directly behind Watershed Café was once owned by Congressman Thomas Plater? He wasn't just our congressman; he was a congressman for all of Maryland. Why? Back then, there were no congressional districts. Each congressman served the whole state. Adding a "rest of the story" feel, the congressman's dad was a participant in our nation's Constitutional Convention. His name was George Plater, and true students of Maryland history would know of him for something else. He was the state's governor from 1791 to 1792. Was his a one-year term? No. An untimely death cut short his time as governor.

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Barnesville Baptist Church Easter 2019 Schedule

Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday
❖ **Worship 10:45 am: Easter Bell Choir Concert**

Friday, April 19 Good Friday
❖ **Good Friday Service 7:00 pm**

Sunday, April 21 Easter Sunday
❖ **Easter Sunrise Service on Sugarloaf Mountain 6:15 am**
❖ **Worship 10:45 am: "Scenes from Passion Week" Easter Cantata**

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WUMCO Help, Inc. Matters

Celebrating 51 Years of Service

by R. Adam DeBaugh, Assistant Executive Director

WUMCO Wednesday at Watershed Café

Mark your calendars! The Watershed Café in Poolesville will donate 10% of its income on the first Wednesday of each month. See you there!

Is your church helping WUMCO?

Many churches are partners with WUMCO Help in assisting people in need in our service area (Poolesville, Boyds, Barnesville, Beallsville, and Dickerson). Churches that support us include Boyds Presbyterian, Poolesville Presbyterian, Memorial United Methodist, St. Peter's Episcopal, Our Lady of the Presentation Roman Catholic, Kunzang Palyul Choling (KPC) Buddhist Temple, Open Door Metropolitan Community Church, the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, United Church of Christ of the Seneca Valley, Poolesville Baptist, Barnesville Baptist, and others less frequently.

What can you do?

Many churches have baskets or boxes in the narthex or foyer for people to drop off non-perishable food donations for WUMCO Help. Some have regular Sundays on which members are encouraged to bring in food. Some churches ask for specific items during the month (soup, tomato sauce, etc.). Open Door MCC gives a raffle ticket for each item donated on the second Sunday of each month. After the worship service, a ticket is drawn, and the winner wins a \$10 Starbucks gift card.

Encourage your church members to also become members of WUMCO. If your church would like, we can provide flyers to insert in the bulletin about WUMCO. Catherine Beliveau or Adam DeBaugh are happy to come talk to your congregation about WUMCO as well.

If you are not part of a spiritual community, you can always drop food donations at the WUMCO office, 17550 W. Willard Rd., Poolesville (across from the high school), or at Poolesville Town Hall or the parking lot cupboard at Drs. Pike and Vallega. Of course, you can most assist WUMCO by becoming a member by sending your check to WUMCO at P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837 or going to www.wumcohelp.org/Membership. Membership starts at \$50 a year, and members receive a membership card that gives the holder discounts at local businesses and restaurants.

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Questions?

Please write Adam DeBaugh at wumco2@gmail.com if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for this column.

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Madison Fields Forever

lies the heart of the Madison Fields programs: inviting those who are often found at the edges of society due to their perceived physical and/or cognitive differences back into the mainstream of life.

In an effort to accomplish this, the staff at Madison Fields have created a space that is accessible for people of all abilities to be able to experience the therapeutic sensory-rich farm environment. Whatever the issues, clients find increased self-esteem, independence, and connection. Madison Fields endeavors to create jobs and volunteer opportunities rooted in agriculture for the training and reintegration of marginalized populations into the workforce with programs focused on rehabilitation, education, community engagement, life-skills development, and respite. In addition, they provide opportunities for recreation in which members of the greater community can engage with a neuro-diverse population.

The programs Madison Fields offer include agricultural education for nearby schools and organizations in order to foster a greater understanding of our vital role as stewards of the natural world as well as the development of a neuro-diverse "agrihood" wherein residents with unique needs are valued, accepted, and supported in fellowship with other community members.

They have opened these programs to adults and children with autism or other intellectual or developmental disabilities, wounded war veterans, the elderly, local artists and thought leaders, students, cause-driven organizations, and local community members.

The stunning four-hundred-acre property features a fish pond and dock, miles of forest trails, over a dozen horse pastures, crop fields, ten designated housing lots (for future neuro-diverse housing), and a perennial stream. The farm also includes several existing buildings with future plans for additional purposefully-built structures depending on current and ongoing donations.

One Madison Fields point-of-pride, now in its second year, is the Job Readiness Program which provides structured training opportunities for adults of all abilities. Through this program, participants discover interests in agriculture, expand knowledge, gain experience, and develop skills that assist them as they explore the possibility of employment. Unemployment or under-employment often stands in the way of a life of greater independence, self-worth, full participation, and sense of purpose. This pilot program seeks to affirm that all individuals have value to add and vital contributions to make to the building of local communities and the world at large.

Madison Fields is hosting HC Summers' free Equine Educational Meeting Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Anna Pesta, PhD, Purina Equine Nutritionist, is presenting "Managing for Optimal Gastric Health in Performance Horses" followed by Dr. Justin Sobota, MS, MSM, DVM, who will be lecturing on "The Whole Horse Approach When Wrestling a Lameness." Given the hour, HC Summers will be offering light hors d'oeuvres and assorted beverages. Additionally, door prizes will be given out, and tickets will be sold to win an Orion cooler!

Madison Fields is located at 21355 Big Woods Road. For more information about Madison Fields and/or the Madison House Autism Foundation, contact jsimpson@madisonfields.org or madisonfields.org, and www.madisonhouseautism.org. To get more information or to RSVP for the free Equine Educational Meeting, contact Annie Levin (call/text) at 614-202-7370 or alevin@landolakes.com by Friday, April 5 or visit hcsummers.com/events/27018/ free-equine-educational-meetingH.C. Summers.

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Memorial United Methodist Church



Sunday, April 14th

Sunday School - 9:15-10:15am

Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am

Children's Time begins during Worship then dismiss to Social Hall for Craft and Refreshments

Thursday, April 18th

Maundy Thursday Service w/Communion - 7pm

Friday, April 19th

Good Friday Stations of the Cross - 3 to 7pm

Self Guided

Sunday, April 21st

Sunrise Easter Worship Service - 8am

Sunday School - 9:15-10:15am

Easter Sunday Worship Service - 10:30am

Weekly

Sunday School - 9:15-10:15am *(ages 2-adult)*

Worship Service - 10:30-11:30am *(Nursery available)*

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**Calleva's Sneak Peek
Open House and Happy
Hour Bring Out the Town**

Letourneau and Poolesville resident Martin Radigan). Plentiful loaves of bread baked by Calleva's resident wizard, Flash Hill, sat alongside local cheese and ham. Lastly, petite bacon cornbread muffins (in the cutest mini-iron skillet you've ever seen!), savory palmiers, and other tiny Bread and Beauty desserts rounded out the noshes.

All drink options were locally sourced as well: Waredaca Brewery Company and Rocklands Winery occupied the handsome (and crowded) wood bar at the back, while Calleva staff offered a non-alcoholic 'Mocktail' in mason jars—another recipe from Bread and Beauty—using honey from local beekeeper Joe Long's Honeyfx Apiary (one-pound jars and honey flights, sets of which are for sale in the Farm Store section). It's no wonder the party went on well past the advertised two-hour time span.

For those of you unfamiliar with either Calleva or its history, Nick, Alex, and Matt Markoff (the sons of Nick "Chief" Markoff and Mary McEwan) founded the outdoor center in 1993 as a small summer camp. The brothers fundraised for their project by creating the now nationally-famous Markoff's Haunted Forest, billed as "Maryland's original greatest Halloween event." Chief recalled the opening night (and playing his part was lying in a coffin) brought in a whopping grand total of \$70, which doubled the following night, and then took off exponentially, financially as well as creatively. Today, twenty-six years later, the Haunted Forest is going strong, and Calleva is known nationwide as an innovator in outdoor education, with over one hundred school and community partners in the D.C.-metropolitan area.

Even those who have grown up being Calleva campers may be unaware of the deep outdoor activity history from which it sprang—on the McEwan side of the family. Calleva was initially modeled after Valley Mill

Camp (started by the McEwans), where the Markoff brothers grew up working with their parents. It was the McEwan family, Mary notes, who began the legacy, starting with her grandmother who gifted to Mary's mother a pre-Revolutionary Era mill house and forty-plus acres in Silver Spring. The McEwan women were intrepid outdoorswomen, counting among their passions: horseback riding, canoeing, sailing, hiking, and camping. Legend has it that Mary's mother demanded that, at the end of Mary's college year abroad in Europe, she bring her back only two things: a specialized kind of German kayak and a prized Parisian face cream. As many locals know, the McEwan family members, men and women both, have gone on to be superior—and even Olympic—athletes, specializing in the water sports (canoeing and kayaking).

Over the years, Calleva has developed its own unique brand of outdoor adventure that encompasses summer camp, wilderness educational experiences, environmental education, small-scale sustainable farming, and more. For instance, spring beekeeping classes begin soon. The Dirty Dinners, consisting of local farm fare ingredients, local wine and lively bands, have become a highlight of the summer outdoor dining season (consult the website for the 2019 dates). The opening of the new in-town Office and Farm Store has given the organization a public interface that will serve as the nerve center (as well as a home upstairs for summer staff) overseeing operations in Dickerson and Violet's Lock as well as the Virginia Campus at the Madeira School in McLean). Poolesville is lucky to have Calleva as a nearby neighbor and business with, now, its own storefront in town.

For more information on any of the organizations which supported the Sneak Peak Open House, please visit one of the websites below:

- www.mannafood.org
- www.breadandbeauty.org/buy-now/bread-beauty
- www.rocklandsfarmmd.com
- www.waredacabrewing.com
- calleva.org

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**The More Things Change,
the More They Stay the Same**

Is there a commercial establishment, public service, educational or entertainment opportunity you would want to have here? What about the look of the area? What would you change (add to or take away)? On this positive side, coming up with

answers is not so easy. We don't have it all, but we're not that far away from it, either.

Think about it. Send me an email of your thoughts. Become the changemaker with your newfound magic wand. It could be a simple list or a more elaborate exhortation, but fill me in on what change you think we need by emailing me at rdavis@monocacymonocle.com.



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Monocle Mystery Contest



This rarely-seen photo shows a crowd of people filling the center of Poolesville. Another shot from a different angle is iconic in the history of Poolesville. Do you know why the people are there? If you are in this picture, let us know.

Email your answer to rdavis@monocacymonocle.com. There will be a drawing from the correct answers to win a \$20 gift certificate to the Watershed Café.

Monocacy Critters

Serendipitous Pet and Animal Pictures*



These Sandhill cranes, rarely seen in our area, were recently spotted across from the Poolesville Golf Course. Guess once the course failed to open, they moved on for the season.

Photo by Susan Petro.

*Do you have an unusual or funny picture of a pet or animal? Mail or email the picture to editor@monocacymonocle.com or P.O. Box 372, Barnesville, MD 20838



Easter Season Celebrations Poolesville Presbyterian Church

Palm Sunday

April 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday

April 18 Agape meal at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service

April 19 Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service

April 21 at 6:30 a.m. (on Sugarloaf Mountain)

Easter Sunday Service

April 21 at 10:30 a.m.

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Tidbits

Check out their Facebook page for contact info or ask your friend who is already a member. Think you don't have a friend who is a Lion? Oh, yes, you do. With scores of members all living right here in the Poolesville area, you must know at least one.

The power off button on your remote control is on the upper left.

What Happened to All the Entertainers?

If you saw our Tidbits column last issue about the Watershed Café having local performers at their establishment on a weekly basis and decided to check it out but found no one performing, we have a confession to make: We told you Sunday when in fact it is Saturday. Sorry for the mistake, but at least going to Watershed Café is fun every day anyway.



A group of Monocacy Lions cleaned up roadside litter along one mile of Route 107 just east of the entrance to town. As you can see, they almost needed a bigger truck.



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Date: Friday, May 17, 2019	Individual Prize Categories: Men's / Seniors' / Ladies'	
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Palm Sunday, April 14

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Holy Thursday, April 18

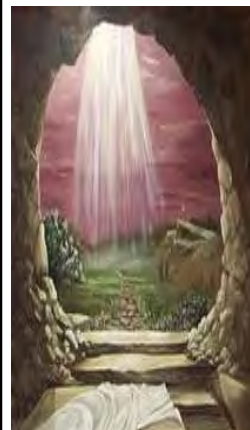
Morning Prayer at 9 am
 Mass of the Last Supper at 7:30 pm
 Adoration in the Repository 8:30 - 11 pm

Good Friday, April 19

Morning Prayer at 9 am
 Confession at Noon
 Stations of the Cross at 3 pm
 Service of the Lord's Passion at 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday, April 20

Blessing of Easter Food at Noon
 Easter Vigil at 8 pm with the Solemn
 Easter Fire



Easter Sunday, April 21

Sunrise Outdoor Mass at 6:30 am
 (bring your chairs, blankets & maybe a flashlight)

8, 9:30 & 11 am - Mass

10:30 am - Easter Egg Hunt

All are Welcome!

Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Theft: 19500 block of Fisher Avenue, 17800 block of White's Ferry Road.

Assault: Unit block of Jonesville Court.

Vandalism: 19700 block of Wootton Avenue.

Past Crime: 1952

A posse of ten Montgomery County officers searched a wide area of the county in search of a twenty-seven-year-old man who had been arrested for the attempted rape of a nine-year-old schoolgirl at her school. Detective John Leahy said that the man had been painting inside Bethesda Elementary School when he lured the girl into a bathroom where she was assaulted. The police were called and arrested the man who was then taken to the third floor of the Bethesda station. While left alone with a stenographer and a detective, the man slipped out the office door, went down the back steps, and onto Wisconsin Avenue. Meanwhile, the suspect hailed a taxi which drove him up Rockville Pike to near Strathmore Avenue. When the cab driver heard the alert over the cab radio, he told the man to get out. Fortunately, Officer James Lawrence was there and chased the man on foot into a wooded area. Lawrence fired warning shots at the suspect who continued to run but into the arms of three other officers who were converging from the area of Garret Park.

Under a new plan county, residents could call the nearest county station and state, "I need a doctor," in cases of serious illness or accidents. The man on the desk would call from a list of doctors who would then drive to the

scene. In emergency cases, an officer would pick up the doctor.

A raiding party, led by Chief Orme and consisting of Captain Dayhoff, several patrol officers, and two detectives, descended on a farmhouse near Poolesville hoping to arrest a man who had been accused of brandishing a rifle at another man. The police set up a ring around the house and called for the man to surrender but received no response. Finally, when the weather turned violent with wind and rain, the officers knocked down the front door only to find the suspect asleep in his bed. He said that he had not heard the officers yelling his name.

Officer Robert McAllister was shot to death after he encountered a drunk driver on the way to the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. shift at the Silver Spring station. McAllister had seen a car operating erratically on East West Highway and stopped the car. He then placed the prisoner into his own family car and was driving him to the station when the suspect pulled a gun and shot McAllister to death. A foot chase wound through Silver Spring, and the suspect was arrested inside some apartments near 16th St. and East West Highway.

A despondent housewife was saved from certain death by the actions of her thirteen-year-old son and two neighbors. The woman had doused herself with cleaning fluid and then set herself on fire outside her Gaithersburg home. The boy grabbed a rug and threw it over his mother while the neighbors poured water over the pair. The boy, a Boy Scout, later said that he had learned lifesaving tactics as a scout.

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

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Youth Is the Main Ingredient as PHS Spring Sports Begin

from Clark Trone, Niko Sofelkanik, Ethan Gaddis, and Nick Beaton. It will be important for them to set the tone for the team. Colin Hemingway is coming off an excellent sophomore season, and he is one of the top players in the county at his position (long stick middle). We are hoping that Zach Onderko can make it back from a knee injury to add depth and strength to our defense. Unfortunately, we may have lost Colin Hammett to a pre-season knee injury, so we will have to adjust our offense to make up for the loss his goal production.

"We are also excited to have Connor Sorrell as our goalie. Connor has put in a lot of work and has really developed his skills which will be a big boost for the team. Another player to watch is Jalen Inman who continues to improve and is a key to keeping our defense strong.

"This year's schedule is favorable because we have a lot of tough games to play on our home field. I hope we can get solid fan support and continue to grow the game in Poolesville."

Girls' Lacrosse

"Heading into our season we are looking forward to a total team approach," says new girls' lacrosse coach Mike Wills. "We are led by our senior captains, Rachel Bupp, Sarah Mullikin, and Melody Zhang, as well as seniors Mackenzie Kovach and Caitlin Harris. Juniors and

sophomores to look for this season are: midfielders, Maya Rosenbaum, Mackenzie Keese, and Kaitlyn Jurata; attackers, Jordan Rendzio, Jessica Volkle, Mary Deffinbaugh, and Abby Fisher; on defense, Makayla Lemarr, Jessica Mense, Kyra Bertolini, Ariana King, and Solomiya Brannman; and we have two seasoned goalies, Remy Anderson and Kendall Griffith. We have also welcomed two freshmen: Jolie Orns and Emily Bupp. They will add a lot of skill to our team. We are excited to get our season going and to see what we can do. We lost several key players that went on to play at college, so we need players to step up and fill those voids. I think we have several players that are capable of doing that, but we will have to work our hardest as a complete team to have success. Wins won't come as easily as previous seasons'."

Girls' Tennis

"This season's squad returns ten players from last season," said girls' tennis coach Andy Johnson "Talented freshman Angie Zhao will play first singles. Transfer junior Maria Hancu joins the team and will play singles as well, along with Sayaka Shanbhag and Val Mozolina. Seniors, Isabel Huntley, Pauline Mnev, and Anusha Chinthalapale, anchor our doubles teams and are joined by Hallie Maytin, Christine Tang, Mahima Thirukkonda, Molly McCutcheon, Divya Mathur, Roshini Parameswaran, and promising freshman Kaviya Kandaswamy."

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Mystery History Tidbits: How Many Do You Know?

...that Coxen Road, for decades, was Poolesville's main street? It's partially still there, but it was renamed Beall Street. You probably don't recognize it, but it is the road where the Poolesville Town Hall sits. Originally, it stretched from Darnestown to the center of town, passing first in front of the John Poole House before connecting with what we call Elgin Road.

...that Route 107 didn't always have a drastic ninety-degree turn as you approach Poolesville from down county? The road was changed in the early 1800s to come into Poolesville on the road we now know as Fisher Avenue. Why? Heavy flooding on Coxen Road and a desire to add valuable road frontage for the homeowners on the other side of the town. Originally, Coxen Road curved gently into Poolesville to emerge behind Dr. Eeg's and extend into town.

...that on the ground outside of the Stump Insurance offices in Poolesville is an odd stone next to the driveway? It was a site marker, noting the distance from Washington, D.C. and used by the post office as a designation of postal boundaries.

...that Markoff's Haunted Forest wasn't the first haunted entertainment in the area? In the field between Dollar General and the Verizon telephone building stood a home, similar in outward appearance to the House of Poolesville. For a number of years, the local Jaycees used the abandoned structure as a Halloween site. Yep, that's another tidbit, we actually, at one time, had a Poolesville Jaycees.

...that there is a site somewhere on Westerly Road that had an amazing amount of Civil War bullets? Seems it was a firing range for Union troops stationed here during the conflict. We dare not give the exact location; it's private property, and the owner would not be too pleased to have a bunch of souvenir hunters in his yard.

...that the site of the Poolesville Baptist Church hosted a special fair? It's somewhat well known that Poolesville was the site of the first Montgomery County Fair, but of lesser fame is that the site of the Poolesville Baptist Church hosted another kind of fair, a traveling, three-day extravaganza called a Chautauqua. This big-tent affair was not hosted by Barnum but by W.H. Radcliffe. It featured serious lecturers as well as musical plays, bands, a male choir, along with instrumentalists from harpists to silver Swiss handbells. One speaker, a Mr. E. F. Farquhar, was tantalizingly billed as a "man who has something to say and knows how to say it." He had to compete for attention with Dr. Daniel H. Martin who was "an eloquent speaker who handles his subjects with more than the usual brilliance and clarity of thought."

...that Truman and George Marshall weren't the only big political names to come to town (as we learned last issue)? President Lyndon B Johnson and Sen. Wayne Morse (D-OR) ate pie at Betty Watkins's Tastee Cupboard. Her pies were famous, and her place is now occupied by Bassett's, which, at various times, also housed a post office and flower shop.

So many Mystery History tidbits and so little space. Perhaps, we will offer this up again another time. We only have about fifteen years of memories to share. In the meantime, try not to miss any more Mystery History tales.

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Watching Grass Grow

From May to November, Aren is cutting and baling hay. "Every sunny stretch of weather we get, we bale." The square and round bales are cured in barns. In the winter, when grass no longer grows in the field, Aren sells to horse, cattle, and alpaca farms. Hay and water ferment in the stomachs of livestock, keeping the animals warm and providing nutrients.

Would he recommend his career choice to others? Aren says, "You can't do it yourself. You need to have friends and people who can help you." He tells me a farmer has to be less prideful and ask for help when he needs it. It is all about cooperation and reciprocity. He may help a farmer today and that farmer may help him next week. He says farming is stressful but rewarding.

As I thank Aren for speaking with me, he is already climbing in his truck to head out to the field to plant seed, hoping Mother Nature is a bit nicer this year.

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Fair Access Committee Holds Landmark Meeting with County Officials

agencies, and he said it is good to see the interest shown by all of the agencies and the county executive's office. He emphasized that "we shouldn't say no growth," but then not build facilities to meet the needs of citizens in the Ag Reserve. He also pointed out that there are many needs in the county and not enough resources.

Catherine Matthews, the director of the Upcounty Regional Center in Germantown and an aide to County Executive Marc Elrich said, "We really applaud any community that comes up with solutions and not just problems." She added, "Where there is a will, there is a way," and suggested that perhaps things could be done "incrementally" in some instances. She asked whether there are priorities that "stick out" and whether the community had talked about "phasing in services."

Jerry Klobukowski, an FAC member and president of the Poolesville Commission said that it is very clear what priority the community has: "We are looking for the construction of a multiuse facility and completely new high school." He emphasized that an entirely new high school is key to the community.

Jim Brown, another FAC member and a Poolesville commissioner, said that the "school and its condition is the nexus" for the project, but he went on to say that the "lack of services is critical" and said that the poor health outcomes in the Western County revealed in a recent county study "drove a lot of our concerns."

Seth Adams, a key official in the Office of School Construction for the school system, said that the county had changed its approach to school construction. Poolesville is one of nine schools the county is now studying in-depth. The studies will result in recommendations to the superintendent regarding the facilities and conditions of these schools. Adams said they are using a set of "Key Facilities Indicators or KFIs" to assess the condition of facilities and the assessment of Poolesville High School is complete. "We know from the assessment that there are a number of issues to address at Poolesville." He went on to say that schools are changing and "they won't look like they do today" in the future. As a result, planning must change, too. He pointed to cafeterias and the traditional role they have played as an example of how school facilities will need to change. In this context, as schools are changing in their roles and functions, it is "perfect timing to hear from other departments."

Victoria Buckland, the Chief Operating Officer for Health and Human Services, said that her department has had a partnership with the school system in creating "wellness centers" for students and families in schools. These facilities are planned using a number of factors, but socioeconomic factors are big drivers, although not the only drivers. As a result of the experience they have had with wellness centers, they have "some models we can use" to look at clinical facilities that are a part of a school building. She said there is a difference in the Poolesville proposal. She asked, "What service mix would be integrated into the multiuse facility?"

Robin Riley, head of the county's recreation department, said that the department does not have the space in the Poolesville area to do programming. The department did have some programs at the high school in the past, but they were not very successful. "Until there is space to do programs," she said, "we won't be able to offer them here based on our experience."

Russ Hamill, incoming chief of the Montgomery County Police, said the police "need to manage expectations" when it comes to facilities, including satellite stations and substations. People expect that there will be "detectives at these stations," but that is not the reality. Satellite stations can work well, but they are

not always successful. People point to the Olney satellite station as a success, but not every station works well, and there are unique factors involved in each case.

In response to questions, Seth Adams said that terms like "modernization" and "revitalization" are no longer used when it comes to school facilities. He said that the KFI analysis for Poolesville is complete, and a report on the findings will be released in May. In the spring and summer, his department will be looking at PHS and its needs. Aging infrastructure and capacity are not the only criteria driving school facility investments. Programming needs in schools are now a major driver in evaluating investments in schools. Career readiness in particular is one such programming element. He said the recommendations regarding Poolesville will be forwarded to the superintendent in the fall. He added, "We want to make sure our recommendations are reasonable and feasible" and that they are "for the long-term." He said that if funding from other departments in the planning and recommendations could be leveraged, it could be a real opportunity for everyone.

Caroline Sturgis, an assistant chief operating officer with the county executive's office, said that she wanted to reassure everyone, "You have the attention of the county executive." Their staff has been discussing Poolesville internally. She added that they have been "looking at the data and are committed to looking holistically."

As the meeting drew to a close, Catherine Matthews said that "we should set some milestones and points where we need to get back together." Link Hoewing said that regular meetings might help ensure the process progresses and proposed meeting monthly. After some discussion about the capital budget process, the timing of recommendations for school facilities to the superintendent, board of education hearings on school construction, and the release of the KFIs, the group agreed to meet in June to continue the dialog and determine where things stand at that stage.

Seth Adams noted near the end of the meeting that in releasing the KFIs, "We don't want the community surprised by our recommendations." The board of education will want a detailed presentation in the fall about proposed school construction projects. In the process, the other agencies who have projects that might be incorporated in proposed MCPS projects will work with the school system to plan out how that might work.

Catherine Matthews also said that the county executive will be holding budget forums for the public in late April/early May and urged the FAC to attend.

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Chad Anthony Quaglietta

Chad Anthony Quaglietta, age 30, passed away on March 31, 2019 at Frederick Memorial Hospital after a long and valiant battle with cancer. Born December 3, 1988 as a preemie at Children's Hospital in Washington, D.C., Chad was a born warrior. His family moved to Houston, Texas when he was one, and he lived there until age fifteen when they moved to Jersey City, New Jersey. There he attended Hudson Catholic High School and, although his time in Jersey was short, in true Chad fashion, he made lifelong friendships with his easy spirit and welcoming smile. Upon graduation, Chad made his way back full circle and returned to the D.C. area, calling Poolesville home. He attended Salisbury University and graduated with a BA degree. Not one to let grass grow under his feet, he began working as a technical recruiter. He was employed at Experis in Gaithersburg at the time of his diagnosis in 2016. Chad was a gentle soul who never met a stranger and always greeted everyone with his dynamic smile and positive attitude. It is no secret why he had so many friends. Over the last two years, Chad could be seen taking long daily walks throughout Poolesville where he met and made many friends along the way. Although Chad lived in various places, his heart always remained in Texas where he spent most of his life.



Chad Anthony Quaglietta

Chad is preceded in death by his father, Anthony Charles Quaglietta. He is survived by his brother and best friend Erik Quaglietta of Frederick; his grandparents, Tom and Patsy Dillingham of Poolesville, and Frank and Barbara Quaglietta of North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and all of his friends' children who called him Uncle Chad.

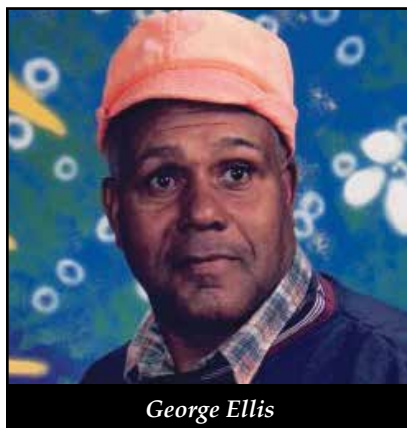
The family will be receiving friends on April 5 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 10:30 a.m. followed by Mass at Our Lady of the Presentation.

Please feel free to wear a pair of "fun" socks in Chad's honor as he wore them every day.

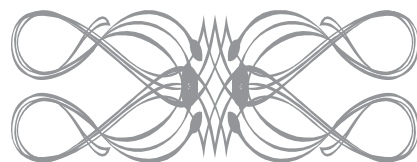
In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Chad Quaglietta's name to the Testicular Cancer Awareness Foundation, 202 North Avenue, #305, Grand Junction, CO 81501.

George Ellis

George Ellis was born on April 28, 1937 and passed away on March 23, 2018. George was a resident of Poolesville, Maryland.



George Ellis



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Celebrating 30 Years of Service

Pet Lovers in the U.S. Spent \$72.56 Billion on Their Pets in 2018

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

When it comes to providing food, healthcare, and other necessities for our pets, we apparently aren't skimping. A new analysis shows we spent \$3 billion more on our pets in 2018 than we did the year before.

American Pet Products Association released its annual industry-wide report which shows that pet lovers in the United States spent \$72.56 billion on their pets in 2018. The numbers reflect a 4 percent increase over 2017 expenditures of \$69.51 billion.

The food category easily topped the list of expenses. We spent more than \$30 billion on kibble and specialty food, a 4.3 percent increase from the year before. The report projects that, this year, we'll spend almost \$32 billion.

Our next biggest expenditure was veterinary care at a little more than \$18 billion, an increase of 6.1 percent over 2017's costs, but, according to the report, it's not the cost of healthcare that accounts for the increase. **The overall cost of pet healthcare has dropped, making care accessible to more people and increasing the frequency of vet visits.**

The report projects that the pet insurance trend will continue to increase, with pets living longer and requiring more complex and extended medical care.

Scientific research from the Human Animal Bond Research Institute shows that the bond formed between people and their pets yields valid health benefits to both pets and their owners. It's a partnership; if you take care of your pets' health, they're going to take care of yours.

In the category of over-the-counter medications and supplies, the figures rose 6 percent, to a little more than \$16 billion. Supplies include pet beds, collars, leashes, toys, travel items, clothing, food and water bowls, pet tech products, and other accessories.

We spent a little more than \$2 billion on buying pets, down 4.3 percent, and \$6.11 billion on other services.

Whether you purchase a pet from a breeder or adopt from a shelter or rescue group appears to fall along generational lines.

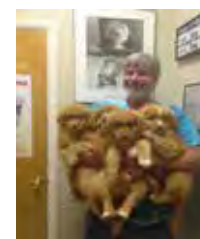
Millennials are more likely to adopt at shelters and rescues, and they are three times more likely to patronize independent pet stores. Baby Boomers and Gen Xers look more toward breeders, according to the report.

It's clear that giving pets the best lives possible is still a top priority for pet owners, and they're willing to spend more on the quality products and services they consume, if it means more quality time with their beloved furry friends.



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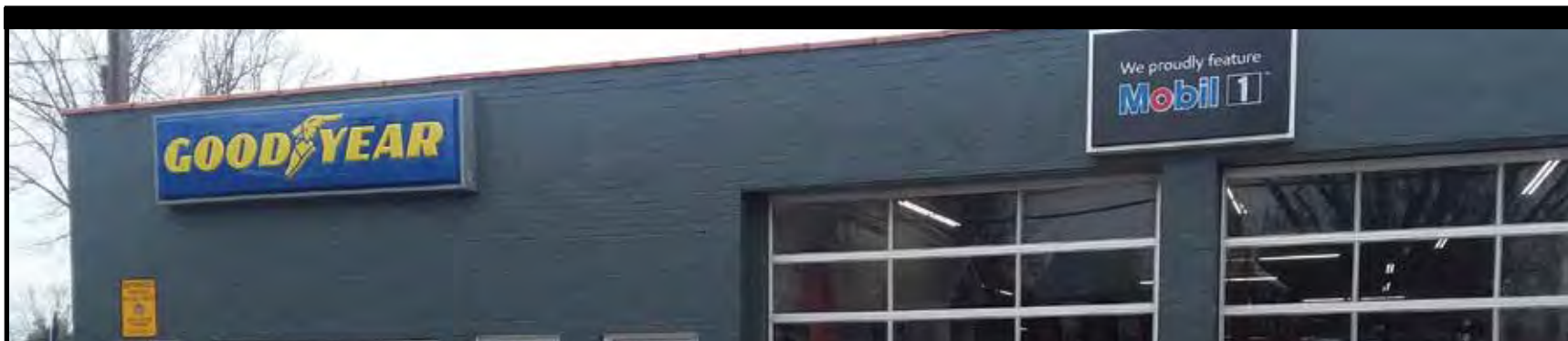
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