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Charlie Glass thanked Pat Ferris for her cooking at the Odd Fellows luncheon meal. More in Family Album on page 2.



New proud parents Faith and Fury. Learn more about them in Monocacy Nature and Wildlife on page 6.



This proud grandpa had the honor of swearing in his granddaughter. Find out who and why in Tidbits on page 7.



The original East Oaks Estate. Read about its history in Foundations on page 10.

Proposal to Include Monorail in I-270 Plans

By Link Hoewing

At their July 1 meeting, the Town of Poolesville commissioners heard from Bob Eisinger, a county resident and leader of a group proposing that a monorail system be added to plans to expand and improve I-270. Eisinger's appearance was in part a result of a previous meeting in which State Del. David Hidalgo-Fraser asked the commissioners to consider plans being made to improve I-270 and I-495 and to offer their thoughts about how various proposals would affect Upcounty residents and the Ag Reserve. Hidalgo-Fraser introduced Eisinger and said that he felt his ideas merited attention and consideration by the commissioners.

Eisinger is a lifelong resident of Montgomery County from Bethesda and has been involved in real estate for much of his life. In 2018, he formed the High Road Foundation that advocates for the full investigation of transportation alternatives within



Illustrative rendering of a proposed monorail for I-270 by High Road Foundation.

Montgomery County, Maryland, and across the nation to support the goals of conservation, traffic congestion relief, economic development, and

advancing the emerging technology of autonomous vehicles.

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Meet the New Poolesville Football Coach: Anthony Nazzaro

By Jeff Stuart

The new head football coach of the Poolesville High School Falcons is Anthony Nazzaro. He replaces Justin Sickeri who moved on to take over the head coaching job at Seneca Valley. Nazzaro was the head football coach of the Blake Bengals for thirteen seasons. In 2011, his team posted its best-ever record, finishing 7-3. His team made the playoffs for the first time in team history in 2012 with a 6-4 record. Most recently, he was the offensive and defensive line coach at Sherwood High School. In a recent interview with the *Monocle*, he discussed his past experience, his goals and expectations for the football program, his philosophy, the Town of Poolesville, and why he expects to be around a while.

What are your measures for success?

As a team, I think the best measure for success is: Are we getting better as the season goes on? I believe that if the answer to that question is yes, then we are being successful. If we continue to improve, winning will take care of itself.

What strengths do you bring to the program?

Experience, knowledge, and professionalism. I have been coaching for twenty-six years (sixteen as a varsity head coach). In that time I have studied the game and can coach all three phases of football (offense, defense, and special teams). I work hard and make sure my team is prepared. I treat people well and will represent the



Coach Anthony Nazzaro

team, athletic program, school, and community in a very professional manner and in a positive way. I tell my players that I want guys that will conduct themselves accordingly.

I like to think of myself as a very positive person, so I coach from a

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Family Album



Carolyn Repass was thrilled to win one of the many door prizes.



Dedicated volunteers made sure the food was ready and delicious.



Two Heritage Weekend visitors (left) joined Dolores Milmoie, Dr. Chet Anderson, Maureen O'Connell, and Sharon Bauer at the John Poole House and Trading Post.



Shirley Sporey, Carolyn Repass, and Betty Jean Selby enjoyed their time together at the Odd Fellows annual summer luncheon.



Spencer Schmidt delivered door prizes to the winners at each table.



Patty Wolz was the pleased recipient of the special gift of flowers.

Odd Fellows Summer Luncheon for Seniors



The Odd Fellows Grand Noble Steve Horvath along with Rich Norwood welcomed the seniors to their annual summertime luncheon.



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Rande(m) Thoughts Back to the Future By Monorail

By Rande Davis

What was your immediate thought in reading the headline in this issue? Probably quite simply: What? Fantastic! Wow! Nah, never happen. Are they crazy? Great, when? Love it. Won't work. Many opposing thoughts from many different people, but I bet most of you shared one reaction: Tell me more.

As a newspaper person, I was thrilled when I first read the Town Government Report. One glance at the story and I knew anyone passing a *Monocle* display would have to pick it up. Everyone's secondary response would have to be: Tell me more.

As an individual whose entire professional career has been primarily marketing magazines, I have preached this simple concept to prospective publishers for better than forty years and it never gets old, never changes. My favorite example of this concept regards *Baltimore Magazine* in 1995. The highest-selling issue that year? The one of then-Pope John Paul II immediately after his visit to the city boasting focused illuminative articles, along with loads of pictures. It came in with a record high, better than ninety-five percent sold. The worst? The cover story featuring great things to do on weekends with a photo of a woman jumping out of an airplane. Demographics for the publication dominated with female readership of over thirty-five to fifty-five percent, with quite high incomes. The picture was not something most of them were likely to jump at as a great weekend. Sales for that issue came in at a record low of nine percent.

I think we are all visionaries at heart, we love thinking about the future. It's natural when young, and as we age can be as rejuvenating as it is fun. How many of us are still waiting for the Jetsons' auto-plane? At least, I have seen Detective Dick Tracey's phone-watch come to life in ways entirely unimaginable in my youth. A monorail train whizzing down I-270? Yeah, I can see that.

As I read through the headline

story, I sense one critical thing that may doom the idea. A monorail has many attributes: energy efficient, quiet, non-obtrusive to existing traffic, swift, and convenient, possibly even with a surprising hidden cost-benefit of no parking problems as eventually self-driving cars will drive us to and from the station. Good points but lacking in one thing. Is it fun?

I know something about using mass transit. I did it for over five years, commuting from the West Point, New York area to New York City, boarding at Beacon, N.Y. and exiting at Grand Central Station before my ten-minute walk to Rockefeller Center. The Hudson-Harlem line had cars that were old, but the seats were Lazy-Boy-like, reclining into a nice resting position while the legs were raised. The railroad allowed eating and drinking. In the morning, that meant coffee and breakfast which was something to do on the way to work and not for wasting time at the kitchen table. In the evening, some groups of four that selected the seating arrangement of two seats facing each other, brought their foldable portable table top and played cards. Often, after a few games, one or two passengers made their way to the bar car for adult libations. The truth is, though, most used the commute to catch up on sleep.

The scenery in all seasons for half of the trip was right along the Hudson River, twisting and turning its way to Manhattan or home and was postcard-like in its beauty (until you hit Yonkers or Harlem).

How much fun was it? My daughter, Mieke, at five years old, may have said it best. While taking her with me to my office for take-your-daughter-to-work day, she was amazed by how quiet it was on the morning train. Finally, in her loudest little girl voice, she shouted out, "Daddy, why is everyone sleeping?" In the wonder of youthful eyes, the riders were missing a great time. Fortunately, the stillness changed to muffled laughter.

If the planners, who so diligently focus on those things that trigger the brain in explaining a monorail's worthiness, begin to seek ways to make it fun and trigger the heart, they may actually be on to something. I realize a metro system is different than a train ride, but it's still a worthy goal. Good luck!

In Your Own Backyard A Nice Walk along The Towpath

By Jon Wolz

A nice walk along the towpath and the C&O Canal Historical National Park is from the Monocacy Aqueduct to Noland's Ferry, a little over two miles. Any time I walk this stretch, there are cyclists and other walkers. This section is heavily treed and has ample shade during the summer months. Recently, the canal prism was dry-to-damp, and on a recent walk with my son, Thomas, we did not experience any mosquitoes. There are a large variety of birds calling, singing, and chirping along this walk.

The park service information board at Noland's Ferry gives a very brief history of what life was like during canal operations and before there was a canal. Walking from the Monocacy Aqueduct parking lot right before the aqueduct is the unmarked boundary dividing Montgomery and Frederick Counties. My walk across the aqueduct is done slowly because I always marvel at the scenery and sights. Located up the Monocacy River is the



Historic Noland's Ferry, famous travelers of the past crossed the Potomac River using it.

viaduct where trains carry coal to the Dickerson power plant and go back across with empty cars after making a delivery. I often see trains crossing the river. Downriver is the mouth of the Monocacy River where it empties into the Potomac River. During summer months, swallows nest in the crevices of the aqueduct. Often, I see great blue

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Local News

Noah Would Be Impressed

By Rande Davis

Following a burst of near-tornado-strength winds that lasted under twenty minutes last week, the region was hit again by record torrential rainfall the morning of July 8. While the region experienced unusual high levels running up to 3.5 inches of rain, our area had the highest level recorded at a measuring station in southern Frederick County at 6.3 inches.

Creeks, canals, and other low-level intersections throughout the Upcounty overflowed, in some cases, making traversing them impossible at worst, and inadvisable at best. Facebook lit up with photos and videos of the dramatic rise in water levels as users shared information and warnings on closed or obstructed roadways. Fortunately, damage and injury were reported to be minimal as the storm, while dumping unprecedented amounts of water, was also a swift-moving cloudburst. Outside of some inconvenient tree obstructions and a reported sink-hole, by Tuesday morning, the skies were blue, and traffic patterns were back to their normal "smooth sailing."



The torrential rains caused serious havoc to parts of the C&O Canal. Here, the picnic table was moved from the hill on the left, and a crevice was cut by the overflow of water from the canal.


Fun Fact...

The sunflowers at McKee Beshers Wildlife Management Area off River Road near Poolesville are in full bloom this month!











The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) planted nine fields with sunflowers to provide food for wildlife.

Visitors should remember that the property is a wildlife management area and not a park, so there are no public bathrooms, no garbage cans, picnic tables or shelters, and there is the potential for exposure to poison ivy, mosquitoes, and ticks. **For a map to the area**, see <http://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Documents/Mckee-BeshersSunflowers.pdf>





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Nature & Wildlife

The Eaglet Has Flown

By Susan Petro

Poolesville's own baby bald eagle, affectionately named Storm after the weather that almost claimed her life, fledged from the safety of her nest on June 25. A successful fledging of a baby eagle into our community is exciting news in itself, but this first flight is especially miraculous because Baby Storm's story almost ended shortly after it began.

On April 15, after a night of powerful storms and a day of relentless winds with gusts reaching forty-eight miles per hour, the nest tree that held the barely-two-week-old eaglet began to fall. A fall from that height would mean certain doom for the tiny eaglet inside the nest at the top of the tree, but Storm's story didn't come to an end that day.

The spring of 2019 was wetter than most. The previous year saw record-breaking amounts of precipitation, and the rainy weather in 2019 showed no signs of letting up. Sometimes, it seemed the rain was never going to stop. The nest tree, which is located on the edge of a bucolic horse farm a short distance from Poolesville, was already leaning from the weight of the eight-foot-wide nest and weighed approximately two thousand pounds or more.

During the early winter months, the eagle parents were seen visiting the nest and adding new nesting materials. By mid-February, at least one parent was always on the nest incubating this season's eggs. Bald eagle parents take turns with nesting duties. As one parent flies in to take over, a delicate switch takes place. The parents takes special care not to injure the eggs with their giant talons as one gracefully moves away, and the second gently takes over. Often, one parent stands guard in a nearby tree as the other parent keeps the egg warm and dry.

On or around April 1, the parents were seen feeding a baby eaglet who was not yet visible as it stayed safely harbored in the nest bowl below. As leaves started to emerge on the surrounding trees, the nest tree remained bare, and it was clear that the tree was dead and was leaning to one side just a bit; nevertheless, the nest stood strong, steady, and firmly anchored between multiple branches at the top of the tree.

A major topic on the news during the winter and spring months was the



Storm and Faith resting.

relentless rains that seemed to be part of a never-ending cycle that had begun the year before. By early April, the ground was saturated, and it wasn't unusual for roads to be blocked from fallen trees and branches; however, the eagles were thriving and taking turns keeping their baby well-fed, warm, and dry.

April 14 was another stormy day. Heavy rains fell throughout the night. The following day, the rains had subsided, but the heavy winds continued all day. There is little doubt that the nest tree rocked and rolled throughout the night and day until one gust became one too many and the nest tree roots lifted out of the ground.

This was the day that, by lack of a sheer miracle, the story of Baby Storm would have been over had the tree and nest toppled to the ground below.

As I approached the horse farm on the eve of April 15, I could see that something was clearly wrong. I drove by three toppled trees on the short drive down the rural road to the farm. When I looked into the nest woods, the tree was not in its normal spot standing alone between the two groves of woods. Panic set in. As I looked deeper into the woods, I saw the nest still sitting atop its tree. It was enveloped in the branches of what I can only describe as an angel tree that had caught it mid-fall. The nest and the tree were now leaning heavily onto another tree and tilted at a significant angle.

Certainly, I thought, the eaglet would have been tossed from the nest during the fall, but, to my amazement, there was an eagle parent sitting calmly on the nest. As the winds continued to howl, one parent cared for the baby as the other flew back and forth to the nest with new sticks and fresh hay to fortify and level out the nest. Somehow, the baby eaglet survived the ordeal.

Over the next few weeks, the winds and rains continued. As a now-very-nervous eagle watcher, I visited the farm with the gracious permission of the owner to check on the progress of



A proud new parent soars.

the eaglet almost daily. Each new storm brought new worries that this would be the one that would topple the tree and the nest, leading to an almost-certain demise of the baby. How much longer the angel tree could bear the weight of another tree and nest was anyone's guess.

The tree never fell, and the baby was now clearly visible as it grew from a tiny eaglet whom I dubbed Baby Storm to Mighty Storm. She continued to thrive under the devoted care of mother, Faith, whom I envisioned faithfully keeping her eaglet secure in the nest as the winds howled and the tree tumbled, and Fury, the father who flew through the furious winds to shore up the nest after the fall.



Storm at sunset.

As spring turned to summer, the eagle family thrived. By early June, Storm stood as tall as her parents. She could be seen stretching and flapping her wings, preparing for life away from the nest. By the third week of June, Storm began to hop to nearby

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Tidbits

Winners of the Mystery Photo Contest

The winner of the June 7 Mystery Photo Contest was Gene Bennett who correctly identified the building that was destroyed in a 1953 fire and then rebuilt as the Odd Fellows Hall occupied by Poolesville Barber Shop. In the June 21 *Monocle*, Susan Longo won the drawing for the \$20 gift certificate to Watershed Café by correctly knowing that the dry cleaners and post office pictured is the right side of Bassett's restaurant. The building has also hosted Titus's Tastee Diner, Larry's Restaurant, and a flower shop. Be sure to identify and enter the contest in this issue. We promise all readers that the odds that they have found themselves at the intersection in the picture is no less than ninety-nine to one. It may be a little tricky to identify as it looks little as it does today. There is one good clue in the picture, though.

Poolesville Area Senior Center: Grateful for Support, Looks to the Future

The Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) board of directors is especially grateful for the support given by so many in the area for its programs for senior residents. The new fiscal year is off to a great start with donations up by twenty-five percent. The mission of keeping seniors social, active, and involved is an important part of a quality lifestyle. Through donations by concerned citizens, the programs can remain robust and strong. The group looks for donations online at www.paypal.me/pvilleseniors or send a check to PASC, P.O. Box 264, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Photo by Terri Pitts

Back row: Carl Brill, and Rich Norwood.
Front row: Judy Ohr, Cora Coakley, Tookie Gentilcore, Melissa Rose, Marie Briançon, Leigh Platt.

All such donations are used completely for program activities (a county grant supports part-time staff). Whether you attend or have a relative or neighbor who attends, the mostly-free activities such as weekly chair yoga, Zumba Gold, pickleball, and mahjong, monthly book club and movie night, quarterly socials or our many very popular bus trips are all possible through these donations.

Overnight Accommodations on the Canal

On June 28, there was a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the completion of the restoration of Swain's Lockhouse. The historic facility now becomes one of seven lockhouses available to rent overnight through the C&O Canal Quarters program. The building is on Swain's Lock Road at Lock 21 in the C&O Canal National Historical Park. The restoration project took over three years and, according to Steve Chaudet, Chair, C&O Canal Trust, "The collaboration that made this possible between the National Park Service, the C&O Canal Trust, Friends of the Great Falls Tavern, and the C&O Canal Association represents public-private partnership at its best." The lockhouse can sleep up to eight, has central A/C and heat, has a kitchen with stove, oven, and refrigerator, a bathroom with shower and tub, and is ADA accessible. The interior furnishings

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Garden

The Dog Days Of Summer

By Maureen O'Connell

As we approach the end of July, our gardens often slip into a floral wasteland. They start to look a little worn out and, with the heat, humidity, and gnats, even the most dedicated gardener's enthusiasm to work outside begins to wane.

How does your garden look? Surprisingly, mine does not look too bad, considering I do not use any insecticides or fungicides. Some of this success, though, is the result of prior planning and selecting the right plants for the right place. The ideal flower garden develops in waves, reaching crescendos of bloom, depending upon a chronological succession of flowering plants. The challenge is to choose a combination of plants that will keep your garden colorful and interesting from March through November. Avoid planting annuals and perennials that all bloom at the same time in one spot. Distribute them, then you are not left with gaping holes in the landscape. There are plants for early to mid-spring, summer, fall, and into the first hard frost of October or November.

In late winter, when my ferns and hostas are still in their winter beds, their neighbor, the Hellebore Lenten Rose, is coming alive under the leafless old, white dogwood tree. The thirty-seven-year-old tree has lost many of its limbs, but there are still enough to shade everyone when the summer sun is high in the sky. Almost overnight, the handsome, evergreen foliage appears, sheltering the beautiful emerging blossoms of pink, burgundy, red, purple, and white and green hues. They will last into May when they retreat and give the stage over to the lush hostas and ferns.

Don't limit yourself to tulips, daffodils, and crocuses for your spring garden. My all-time favorite early May plant is the bleeding heart, *Dicentra spectabilis* 'Alba.' The most common variety has pink heart-shaped blooms, but the pristine white of 'Alba' gives this perennial an entirely different character. Supposedly, it is slightly less vigorous than the pink varieties, but mine is about twenty years old and strong, as it reappears after even the harshest winter.

It is said that Thomas Jefferson's favorite spring plant at his home in Monticello was Columbine, *Aquilegia*. When I visited there several years ago, I noticed that his gardens were filled with this beautiful perennial. My 'Dove' variety has pure white, long-spurred delicate flowers that bloom in May and June.

Another spring flowering plant that is often forgotten is *Polygonatum* or Solomon's seal. It lives happily in my garden in the shade with the hostas and ferns, producing fragrant, small, white bell-shaped flowers that dangle beneath attractive, arching stems. They have no serious insect or disease issues, and they multiply by rhizomes in the garden. Their sweet perfume is strongest on warm, still evenings. Around this same time, *Centaurea montana* or perennial Bachelor's Button lights up the spring garden with large, showy, deeply-fringed, violet-blue flowers. It will rebloom in the fall if cut back after the first flowering period.

The summer offers a groaning board of annual and perennial plants from which to choose. Here, again, try to scatter their bloom time throughout the summer. While some will produce flowers for a month or two, there are many that bloom nonstop from June into September and October. The favorites in my garden are the carefree *Echinacea*, the perennial *Geranium* 'Rozanne' (common name: cranesbill), classic daylilies, the hardy *Coreopsis*, *Heuchera*, yarrow, the hummingbird favorite *Agastache*, and different varieties of hydrangea.

There are some plants that wait until August or September to enter the stage. One unusual perennial you don't see too often in gardens is the *Tricyrtis* or toad lily. It might have an unflattering name, but this shade lover offers some of the most beautifully-shaped flowers to be found among perennials. I have four *T. hirta* 'Miyazaki' hybrids that thrive in dappled shade with my Japanese painted ferns. They have upright stems lined with white blooms spotted with maroon. I sometimes forget they are there as they are somewhat overshadowed by the ferns. They deserve to be admired at close range.

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Foundations

A Survey of Our Inheritance: Killmain

By Kenny Sholes

You have to wonder how Henry Young felt, as he looked down from his bedroom window at the East Oaks Estate in early 1863, about the Union Army's encampment—known as Camp Heintzelman—spread across a good portion of his yard. As a slaveholder with family members actively fighting on the side of the Confederacy, it seems likely that he was not thrilled with his Union guests. Based on letters from soldiers at the camp, the scene was one of great activity: units drilling across the fields, soldiers singing and playing cards late into the night, and countless fires burning twenty-four hours a day. A lot had changed since Henry's father, also named Henry (Sr.), built East Oaks in 1829 on a quiet plot of land given to him by his father, Ludwick.



East Oaks Estate today.

In 1812, Ludwick Young moved his family from Hagerstown to land between Poolesville and White's Ferry (then Conrad's Ferry) known as Killmain. Ludwick and his wife Mary Catherine made the move with six children, aged three to twenty-two years old. Moving into a large stone home that had been built in the 1750s (and sadly demolished in the 1950s), the Youngs quickly got to work farming. In 1820, Ludwick died at the age of fifty-five and left parcels of land to each of his children. Henry Sr., Ludwick's second oldest son, received the rights to 255 acres of the Killmain survey.

The Youngs were already a prosperous family (as is evident by the amount of land they owned), but in 1823, when Henry married Margaret Chiswell from the wealthy Chiswell family, he solidified the family's financial position for the next few generations. With this combined wealth, Henry, Sr. had his East Oaks Estate built in 1829. A classic example of the popular federal architectural style of the time, East Oaks bears striking similarities to two other large plantations in the area: Inverness (built in 1818) in Dickerson and Annington (built in 1813) near White's Ferry. There's no coincidence here: Margaret's sister lived at Inverness and her brother-in-law's brother lived at Annington. As a result, Henry and Margaret undoubtedly spent a great deal of time in both homes and, when building East Oaks, looked to the same builder of these grand estates.

By all accounts, Henry, Sr. was a successful and innovative farmer, just as his father Ludwick had been. The 1850 census indicates that Henry's estate was worth \$12,500 (wealthier than ninety percent of farmers in the Medley District at that time) and that he owned ten horses, seven milk cows, forty-one sheep, sixty-nine pigs, thirty-three cattle, and was growing a variety of grains (wheat, corn, and oats) and vegetables (potatoes, beans, and peas) on his land. Today, East Oaks is on the market with an asking price of \$3.8 million dollars, a 31,000 percent property value increase over the 169 years!

One mystery that remains to be solved: Where are the early members of the Young family buried? We know from historic records that there is a Young Family cemetery somewhere near where the old stone home once stood. Unfortunately, the records of the cemetery's exact location cannot be found. I believe the site is somewhere near the intersection of White's Ferry Road and Edwards Ferry Road, but few further details are known. Perhaps a reader of this article knows more.

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Yeas and Neighs

Sold on RSD Horse Auctions In Kearneysville, West Virginia

By Andie Devynck

I'm breaking with tradition in several ways for the first time in my two years of writing this column. First, I'm speaking in the first person because I'm sharing the spotlight with the subject, the new management and location of what used to be the Eylers Horse Auction in Thurmont, Maryland. Second, I'm sharing my first-time personal experience of what it was like to sell my husband's horse there on Friday, June 7. Lastly, I'm relaying my observations of the event to a knowledgeable horse community that has not often had good things to say about horse auctions in general—and for good reason. It is my hope my readers will keep an open mind, reserving judgment until after the story has been told; bear in mind that this article is the exception to the rule, and feel not just free but encouraged to send me any and all feedback.



Ponies at auction. Call Daddy.

My husband Didier bought his horse, Boogyman, from a private seller in Virginia five years ago and was thrilled to own his first-ever horse with whom he instantly fell in love. Boogy was so good to and for him, both on the ground and under the saddle. Sadly, after three years of this mutual love affair, Didier found himself out of town on interpreting assignments with increasing frequency and length of time, leaving Boogy without the attention and work he needed and deserved. The final blow came when, on a whim, Didier tried his hand at polo in a beginners' clinic at Seneca Polo Club last year and caught the bug but good.

Would that Boogy were a polo pony make and model, but as an ex-racehorse and at sixteen years of age, he was not going to fit into the future Didier was now imagining. After unfruitful attempts to find local leasing and sale solutions to the dilemma, we found ourselves out of time and money, and knew we had to enact what I considered to be nuclear option: bringing Boogy to a horse auction and trying our luck there. After years of hearing tales ranging from distasteful to downright shocking regarding the treatment of horses at public sales, as well what might lie ahead for them, I was negative about the entire enterprise; however, I had heard that there was a new operation, RSD Horse Auctions, just past Harper's Ferry, and I decided to do a little research on it in order to make an informed decision. I reviewed their website, communicated with Tim Smith via phone and email to talk about the consignment process, and then read a few reviews online to see what Jane Q. Horsewoman was saying about her experiences. Everything checked out well enough that I felt inclined make the leap. While I felt armed with information, and Didier concurred that we should give it a try, we were both generally anxious about heading into completely unknown territory. At least, we agreed, if we didn't feel comfortable at any point in the

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Proposal to Include Monorail in I-270 Plans

Eisinger pointed to energy usage in various forms of transportation from airplanes to subways and cars and said that studies have shown that electrically-driven monorails use far less energy per person than any other form of transportation. He said that the government owns the rights of way along I-270 and the “footprint” of monorails, or the amount of land needed to position and build them, is very small. Monorails are concrete structures that are elevated and have support posts only every hundred feet or so. As a result, building a monorail does not disturb large amounts of land or interfere substantially with surrounding areas.

Modern monorails, Eisinger continued, are fully automated, move on rubber wheels, and require very low levels of maintenance. Because they are elevated, they do not interfere with traffic or reduce the number of roadways available for cars as dedicated bus lanes would. He also noted that autonomous cars are advancing faster than many think and that they will require special lanes in the early stages of deployment. Monorails will not impinge on available roadways and will also provide convenient points where self-driving vehicles can drop off passengers so they can reach other locations. In this sense, monorails, Eisinger said, are a means of planning for an emerging future and will help promote the transition to new forms of transportation technologies.

In the discussion at the conclusion of Eisinger’s comments, it was pointed out that, while monorails themselves may have small footprints, they would need stations and parking lots, too, which would involve lots of construction and land acquisition. Eisinger said that as autonomous cars evolve, fewer people will park their cars; instead, they will be dropped off by their vehicles. With the flexibility of monorails, it would be feasible to interconnect them with other existing public transportation such as the MARC train and Metro.

Hidalgo-Fraser urged the commissioners to express their support for the monorail concept. He said it would help commuters in the Upcounty and would help preserve the Ag Reserve by reducing congestion on the highways and by keeping development focused around the I-270 and Route 355 corridors.

The commissioners next turned to amendments to their small cell technology legislation that would regulate the use and management of rights-of-way for new 5G wireless systems in neighborhoods. They had heard testimony some weeks back asking that they modify their then-pending legislation to ensure that 5G networks do not degrade over time. It was suggested that while the networks may initially comply with exposure limits for wireless energy emissions, they might degrade over time, and there is no way to know what might happen if this occurs. The amendments require wireless companies to recheck the performance of their networks whenever they apply for additions to their networks and for renewal of their licenses. The proposed amendments are set for a public hearing on August 5.

Finally, the commissioners were told that the Willard family had developed some preliminary concepts for pathways, green space, and roadways that might be included in a future development proposal. This is far from a comprehensive proposal of any kind and does not include any information about locations of proposed houses or concept plans for what the development might look like. The Parks Board will hear about these initial concepts at their July 10 meeting.

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A Nice Walk along the Towpath

herons, turtles sunning on logs, egrets, and Canada geese hanging around the aqueduct. There is a large amount of tree debris piled against the aqueduct in and out of which snakes swim. One evening in the spring, Steve Horvath and my son Charles were on the opposite wall of the aqueduct from the towpath and they saw a river otter swimming through the debris.

Just up the towpath from the aqueduct is the Indian Flats-Hiker Biker Campsite. This campsite has a nice closeup view of the Potomac River. When the river floods, this campsite is underwater. Up the towpath, one comes upon Culvert #70 that has the Little Tuscarora Creek flowing through it. This culvert is six feet wide. Farther up the towpath is Culvert #71 that has the Tuscarora Creek flowing through what remains of the culvert. This culvert on the berm side (opposite side to the towpath) has collapsed. This culvert is sixteen feet wide and the stonework on the exit side of the culvert is very impressive.

The Tuscarora Indians once occupied this area that became the C&O Canal and the surrounding nearby area is Tuscarora. About a half mile up the towpath from Culvert #71 is the Noland's Ferry area. At the boat ramp is the location of where the ferry once operated. The original ferry was run by Francis Awbrey in 1735, and Philip Noland took over operations in 1754. Native Americans used this Potomac River crossing dating from the Paleo-Indian (14,000 years ago) through the Late Woodland times (early nineteenth century). The archeological items found in the Noland's Ferry area make up artifacts from mostly a Late Woodland village at this location. Two collectors originally discovered the site in a nearby farm field in 1948 and found points, pottery, banner stones, celts, grooved axes, a bonefish hook, and shell beads. Collecting artifacts in National Parks is prohibited, and permission should be obtained from property owners before collecting on private property.

The old Native American passage was known as the Carolina Road that was used not only by Native Americans, but by colonial settlers as well and went from Lancaster, Pennsylvania through Frederick following what is now Route 85 crossing into Loudoun County following Route 15 though Leesburg all the way to North Carolina. The route on the Virginia side became known as the Rogue's Road because of thieves stealing livestock and goods from travelers. The ferry site once included a country store, blacksmith shop, wagon shop, tailor, and cobbler. There is flat ground, restrooms, and a parking lot where these buildings once stood near the boat ramp. George Washington often used the ferry when traveling from Virginia. On August 5, 1785, after crossing the ferry, he dined at a building known as the Dutchman's which once stood near the present-day Tuscarora post office, a mile away from the ferry. On May 19, 1776, traveling from Charlottesville, Thomas Jefferson crossed the Potomac River using the ferry on his way to the Continental Congress in Philadelphia where he wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence. In late December 1778, 4,300 British and German prisoners reached the ferry after traveling from Cambridge, Massachusetts. A year earlier, they had surrendered in upstate New York. When they reached the Potomac River, there was high water and ice floes. They crossed the river using scows and drifted far below the ferry before landing on the Virginia side. In May 1781, American General Anthony Wayne took 1,000 soldiers from Pennsylvania, crossing at Noland's Ferry, to Virginia where he was to support the Marquis de Lafayette at Yorktown against the British General Cornwallis.

By 1833, the C&O Canal was constructed and passed Noland's Ferry. The canal disrupted commerce between farmers in Loudoun County, Virginia and merchants in Maryland. The canal company arranged for farmers to ferry their produce across the canal. In 1848, a canal ferryboat sank with a load of wheat that prompted the canal company to build the first bridge across the canal in 1848 at Noland's Ferry. Two more bridges were later built at this spot, and the 1936 flood washed away the third bridge, leaving the sandstone abutments that remain today. In the 1830s until the early 1900s, there was a hamlet known as Licksville. By the 1900s, the name became Tuscarora. In Licksville, near the canal, there was a slave-trading center that sold slaves to buyers from the deep South. Most of the slaves at Licksville that were sold were sent across the Potomac River at Noland's Ferry down the Carolina Road chained together in long lines known as "coffles." After the canal was built, some slaves may have been sent by boat down to Georgetown, then to the slave trading center in Alexandria where they were put on ships and sent south. Noland's Ferry was used by slaves fleeing the South. There were safe houses in Frederick County, Maryland, including one at Cooling Springs Farm in Adamstown owned by Ezra and Margaret Michael. This farm

was thirty miles from Pennsylvania and freedom. The springhouse at that farm was used to hide fleeing slaves.

In 1852, a wooden bridge was constructed at Point of Rocks four miles away from Noland's Ferry. As Washington, D.C. became more developed with its own river crossings and with the Route 15 bridge, Noland's Ferry became less popular and ceased to operate. Today, there is one stone building near the access road that was built in the early 1970s that serves as a water intake facility for the Alcoa aluminum plant and drinking water for parts of Frederick County.

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Metz Gets First Professional Hits

On Saturday June 22, Robbie Metz, playing second base, got his first two professional hits, playing for the Grand Junction Rockies. After being hit by a pitch to lead off the top of the third, Metz lined a single to left with one out in the top of the fifth. He struck out in the sixth, walked in the top of the eighth and singled to left again in the top of the ninth.

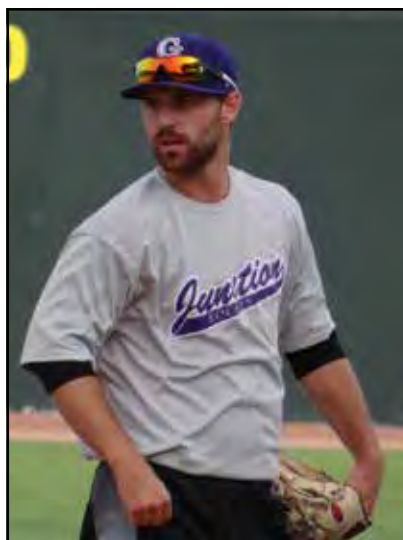
His team won, 5-2, against the Rocky Mountain Vibes in a game at Colorado Springs. He is batting .333. His first RBI came on Sunday, June 16 in a 7-6 loss at Ogden. He grounded out to shortstop, scoring a runner from third. Robbie has made no errors so far.

HPU's Pearre Named to Big South All-Tournament Baseball Squad

After collecting a program record four wins at this year's Big South Championship, High Point University baseball had two players named to the 2019 All-Tournament Team this May, trailing only championship finalists Winthrop and Campbell for the most selections on this season's squad. Freshman Brady Pearre (PHS 2018 graduate) was one of three outfielders selected to the 2019 team.

Big South All-Tournament Outfield

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Former PHS baseball star Robbie Metz is now playing professionally with Colorado's Grand Junction Rockies.

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depict what would have been present in the house in 1916, the year when the National Park Service was formed. The cost per night is \$160. More information may be found at canaltrust.org.

Following in Gramp's Footsteps

Natalie Markoff, a recent graduate of Tuscarora High School, received a naval academy foundation scholarship for track to attend a prep school in California. She is following in the footsteps of her grandfather, Calleva's Nick "Chief" Markoff, who recently had the honor of swearing his granddaughter into the program.

Nick attended the United States Naval Academy from 1960 to 1964 and was a running back on the football team during the time of legendary Roger Starbuck. He is the architect for Markoff's Haunted Forest. Natalie lives in Buckeystown with her parents, Nicholas and Jennifer Markoff, and siblings, Nicholas, Mitchell, and Camille.

Poolesville Bikers Combine Fun-of-the-Ride with Great Causes

Bikes and Breakfast Maryland, which gathers once per month at Whalen Commons, has been growing over the nearly two years since its inception. On July 7, well over one hundred bikers assembled to share bike stories, show their bikes, and enjoy the camaraderie of those who share a passion for the open road. They also, on occasion, find ways to harness this gathering as a way to assist good causes. On hand at the recent Sunday morning event were representatives of the Hogs and Heroes Foundation. They are a community of motorcycle riders and patriotic citizens who support public safety, the U.S. military, and the Wounded Warriors Program.

They also provide Honor Missions for fallen police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical workers, as well as military members killed in action and other U.S. military veterans. Specifically, they support the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police C.O.P.S. ride, Ocean City Bike Fest, active duty funerals, and Wreaths across America. Their website is hogsheroesfoundation.com.



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Questions?

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

A Monocacy Moment



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Focus on Business

All in the Family: Retirement of Buster Watkins Leads to Merger

By Rande Davis

As of July 1, 2019, two local companies are joining forces, Watkins Cabinet Co., Inc. in Barnesville and KWC, Inc., a kitchen and bath remodeling company in Damascus.

The recent retirement of J. Rudell "Rudy" Day, who has been the sales manager at Watkins Cabinet, and his wife, Cici, office secretary, at the end of June, left a void. Ken and Kathy Watkins, owners of KWC, have stepped up to fill that void. Their expertise will serve to enhance Watkins Cabinet and make it an even better company to serve the area.

Watkins Cabinet Co. was founded in 1952 by Wilbur "Buster" Watkins and his wife, Jeannette. It is one of the leading cabinet companies in the area, manufacturing top-quality, custom-built cabinetry for every room of the home. The showroom and factory are located on Sellman Road just outside of Barnesville. With the passing of the founders, three members of the second generation, Joan, Frank, and Gerri, now run the business.

KWC was founded in 1976 by Ken Watkins (son of Buster) and his wife, Kathy. They have specialized in kitchen and bath remodeling, cabinet and countertop work, home improvements, and repairs. Ken and Kathy will bring over forty years of experience in designing, building, and installing kitchens, bathrooms, bookcases, entertainment centers, and home and commercial offices. Ken is a Certified Kitchen Designer (CKD) as designated by the National Kitchen and Bath Association.

Because the two companies are related in business as well as being family, it made sense to come together and have the benefit of a single company.

In addition to the custom cabinets manufactured on site at Watkins Cabinet,



Pastor Danny Moore of Barnesville Baptist Church blessed Rudy and Cici Day on the occasion of their retirement celebration.

they will offer some of the stock cabinet lines that Ken Watkins has been using. In many cases, this will lead to shorter lead time and a lower price point for customers who do not need the extra value of custom cabinetry.

With this merger, they are looking forward to continuing a family tradition of serving the community with outstanding products and enhancing the customer experience with the exceptional quality and service that has been the benchmark of Watkins Cabinet Co. for over sixty years.



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Sold on RSD Horse Auctions in Kearneysville, West Virginia

process, we could turn around and go home—no harm done and back to the drawing board.

The tack auction began at 6:00 p.m., the horse auction at 8:00 p.m., so we aimed for a 4:30 p.m. arrival, giving us time to settle Boogy in and figure out what we needed to do to ready ourselves and him for his showing. When we pulled into the expansive gravel parking lot, we were guided by signage to the back of the warehouse-sized barn and check-in. We were first greeted by the grounds manager and the on-site veterinarian who gave Boogy his number to wear in the ring and drew blood for a mandatory Coggins. We were then instructed where to find Boogy's box stall and the bathrooms.

We were certainly not the first to arrive but were among the early crowd which gave us time to settle Boogy in and take a good look around. The first thing I observed was how spacious and well-appointed the boarding area was. The box stall aisle had fifteen 10'x 10' wood stalls with sliding doors, and retractable metal openings for horses to hang their heads out and greet potential buyers. Each stall had a deep layer of wood shavings bedding, brand new water buckets—already filled—and several flakes of hay. There were steel rings at the back of each stall if owners wished to tie up their horses.

We embarked on a quick self-guided tour of the smaller metal pen stalls in the main barn—each also with plenty of shavings, filled water buckets and hay flakes—followed by the ventilated indoor auction area (replete with seats up front and bleachers in the back) and the outdoor vendors' area with rows of mostly Western saddles and a BBQ and burgers food truck that would beckon us later in the evening. We returned to Boogy for his grooming and tacking, and began to answer questions posed by the growing number of interested parties beginning to take notes on the horses that caught their fancy.

Didier made use of the outdoor bluestone arena to warm Boogy up and show him off as the crowd gathered, as other horses and riders came and went. All was well, and Boogy went back to his stall to hang out until it was his turn, while we found a spot on the bleachers and watched tack sell, and then horses. Given that the typical attendee wore cowboy or girl boots and hats—the ladies in bling, and the men not so much—it was clear that the quarter horses, mules, paints, and ponies would be the ones to attract the bidding. In fact, Boogy was the only Thoroughbred there that evening.

Lucky for us, the young woman from Winchester who may have been the only Thoroughbred lover was also there. We knew she wanted him after seeing him in his stall, in the ring, and in front of the auctioneer. We watched her earlier in the evening buy several items of tack in hot pink, and I hoped they would end up adorning our Boogy—which they did. She bought him for a price that made us all happy, settled up with the office (they have several efficient women behind the counter who will bend over backwards to make sure personal service is given and everything is in order), and we all said goodbye before she loaded him up on the trailer to head home.

Obviously, this was a great experience for us. We were so happy to have Boogy go to a kind person, and we were both relieved that the process went well for us all at every point. I can honestly say that I had only one negative reaction as a horsewoman and animal lover, and I took action to remedy the situation without asking permission or forgiveness, but that was neither the fault nor the responsibility of the auction; it was solely that of the owner. If anyone wants to hear that story, ask me directly.

I remain in awe of competent cowboys and cowgirls and the horses who work so hard for them. I had the pleasure of watching one trainer in particular ride so wonderfully that I could easily picture plucking him off the back of the lovely mare he was showing, changing him into dressage show clothes, plunking him on the back of some warmblood, and be certain he would ride just as elegantly as he did in the ring; however, I also saw some examples of riding and horse management that I would term as redneck—not cowboy—and it was disturbing, confirming one of the images in my head before we arrived. We can find insensitive riding and horse care at any establishment, so I have to chalk it up as par for the course.

I wonder how many of you who hold the same trepidation I did before this experience would be willing to go to an auction now to see for yourselves? I'm not exactly throwing down the gauntlet here, but I'd like to hear about what happened for you if you do. Oh, and by the way, the BBQ alone was worth the drive, and I highly recommend the homemade coleslaw and sweet tea to go with it.



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

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Theft from Auto: 17200 block of Spates Hill Road, 17000 block of W. Willard Road.

Theft: 20400 block of Mouth of Monocacy Road.

Past Crime: 1959

County police were puzzled by the death of a Frederick man who was found lying in the middle of Route 355 near Hyattstown. Police said that a companion had been also found there but was alive. He was taken to Suburban Hospital, but when he regained consciousness a few days later, he could not remember anything about the incident. No skid marks or auto

fragments were found at the scene, and the men's clothing had no auto paint on them. A pathologist said that the deceased man had been standing when he'd been struck.

The Potomac River claimed its third drowning victim of the summer. Police said that two fishermen sighted a body near the shore near Seneca and called the police. An investigation revealed that the victim was cutting the grass when he suddenly turned off the motor, jumped into his car, and was not seen again until his body was recovered.

County Police Officer Fred Pearson was selected to receive the National Police Association's Medal of Valor. He was only the third living officer to receive the award. Pearson had saved several lives during the Germantown Nursing Home fire when he had rushed into the building before the fire department arrived and led several elderly ladies to safety.

Four county men were arrested by county police for showing and viewing indecent films. Police said that they were tipped off that pornographic films were being shown in a house on Viers Mill Road. When the police paid a visit, they found four men sitting about viewing the films. Police said that they confiscated twenty-five photographs and 16mm film.

Montgomery County Police were engaged in an all-out manhunt for a former county woman who was wanted for murder in Kansas City. Police in Kansas City said that the twenty-three-year-old woman shot and killed her male acquaintance and then took off in his car. They believed that she was headed back to Montgomery County. Police were watching several residences for the fugitive.

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The Dog Days of Summer

in many shapes and colors. Dahlia tubers can be successfully wintered-over in cold climates like ours, but I have not had much luck doing this. I love them so much, I am content with planting new ones each season and enjoying them for a short time. Other fall-blooming plants that you should consider to round out your garden are asters, sedum, and fall grasses. One of my favorite asters is *Aster x frikartii* 'Monch.' They flower in September in an extraordinary shade of lavender

blue. They look great combined with *Rudbeckia* 'Goldsturm.'

Don't plant any of these perennials to merely add color and interest to your gardens. Remember the wildlife creatures who depend upon your garden for food and shelter for themselves and their offspring at all times of the year. There are bees, wasps, hoverflies, butterflies, beetles, moths, birds, frogs, toads, and newts, creepy crawlies like shield bugs, mice, voles, shrew and, yes, rabbits and deer who need your garden to live. Plant enough for everyone. Being a Good Steward of the Earth has many meanings.

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Meet the New Poolesville Football Coach: Anthony Nazzaro

positive point of view. I focus on the positives and don't dwell on the negatives. If we are not good at something, I don't sit around and complain about it. I work to fix it.

What is the most rewarding part of being a coach?

Seeing the growth in the players as they work through the program, not just from a football sense but as an overall person. The players come into the program at the end of their eighth grade year as nervous boys and leave four years later as mature young men ready to take on the next chapter of their life.

What is your off-season conditioning program like?

Over the summer, we are at the school four days a week. Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, we do a combination of lifting and cardio work. Tuesday, we spend a lot of time in the classroom learning the offensive and defensive systems.

When you think about your typical day as a coach, what kinds of tasks would you be doing?

Head football coach is really a year-round job. What fills my days typically depends on the time of year. Right now, it is mostly opening the weight room, ordering equipment for the coming year, and watching film of last year's games for evaluation purposes. During the season, I teach my five classes, plan practices and games, watch hours upon hours of film, and talk with college coaches about our players. At the beginning of the off-season, the returning players get some time off. I watch film and evaluate the program, help the seniors navigate the recruiting process, and plan for the off-season. Beginning at the end of January, we are back in the weight room. I continue to help the seniors with recruiting and begin working with the underclassmen to prepare them for the recruiting season.

Poolesville is a small school and typically has a smaller roster than many of the schools it plays. How does this affect your approach?

The first thing is that it makes conditioning that much more important. We will probably have a lot of two-way players that will need to be able compete for four quarters.

Recovery and care and prevention of injuries are also going to be crucial. It is not realistic to think that we can go hard in practice Monday through

Thursday then play Friday night, so we are going to scale back what I would typically do on a Monday, go hard Tuesday and Wednesday, then pull back again on Thursday. The challenge becomes finding the right balance because if we hit too much in practice, we end up hurting ourselves, but if we don't hit enough, we run the risk of not being physically prepared on Friday nights.

Due to injuries and other things, PHS had a difficult year last year. Where do you start?

Coming in as a new staff, we start at the beginning. The first thing we have to do is build relationships with the players at Poolesville. The guys in the program have had a rough deal with me now being their third head coach in three years. As a result, I think a small number of the kids have soured a little towards the program and are not sure they want to continue playing football. I have been letting them know that I plan to be here for a long time and bring stability to the program, but not having been in the building, it has been tough trying to convince some of the players on the fence about playing that they should give it a go. Now that the school year is over and I can get to the school with more regularity, I think that relationship-building aspect will be easier. The good thing is that the guys that are still committed to the program are working hard getting ready for the upcoming season.

What about the developmental youth programs that support the Falcon football program?

I am hopeful that the PAA can build back up to get the young kids in the community playing football at an early age. I want to create a partnership where we can support each other.

How will you generate community interest for the program?

From what I understand, the community is already very supportive of the football team. I think if we can become a program that, as I said earlier, represents the school and the community in a positive way, then the community will continue to support us.

Are you a patient person?

I like to think so. I understand that change doesn't happen overnight. Of course, at the same time, I want to win now, so I guess I am patient when I need to be.

What is your previous experience coaching football?

I have coached high school football for twenty-six years. My first four years were at Northwester High School in Prince George's County. I

coached one year on JV and three on varsity. From there, I spent four seasons at Magruder High School, one as an assistant coach and three as the head varsity football coach. I spent the next fourteen seasons at Blake High School, again one as an assistant and thirteen as the head coach. My last four years, I was an assistant coach at Sherwood High School. At various times throughout these twenty-six years, I have coached offensive line, running backs, defensive line, and linebackers. I have been an offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator, and special teams coordinator, as well.

What is your football playing background?

I played two seasons of varsity football at Sherwood High School. From there, I went to the Catholic University of America where I lettered in football all four years.

Have you coached other sports?

At the high school level, I have been both the head coach and assistant coach of the outdoor track and field teams at both Blake and Sherwood. In addition to that, I have coached my children at the youth level in basketball, football, and soccer.

Did you participate in other sports?

In high school, I played football, basketball, and competed in track and field.

What attracted you to the Poolesville coaching job?

The community—I love the small-town atmosphere. I like that Poolesville is a true community school. At this stage in my career, I wasn't looking for my next stop, I was looking for my last stop. This isn't a stepping stone job for me. It is where I want to be for a long time and eventually retire.



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Remembrance

Ann McManus-Rice

Ann McManus-Rice, of Germantown and formerly Poolesville, passed away on July 3, 2019.

She was born on November 28, 1946, in Brooklyn, New York. She was the loving daughter of the late Aloysius P. and Mary (Fitzgibbon) McManus.

A graduate of St. Agnes Seminary in Brooklyn, New York, she obtained her X-ray technician license from St. Mary's Hospital and also a business certificate from the Catherine Gibbs School of Business.

Ann was employed by the Montgomery County government for twenty-three years. She professionally and caringly provided health assistance to the children of Montgomery County Public Schools as a health room technician.

Ann was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville for forty-six years. She was a member of the Sodality and enjoyed working many a church dinner. Ann was an extraordinarily strong and compassionate woman with a keen sense of humor and will never be forgotten.

Ann's greatest joys were the time she spent with her children and grandchildren. She shared her love of reading and storytelling. She was dedicated to their health and happiness from the moment they were born and throughout their lives. Her memory lives through her three children, Ann Rice Schofield (Joseph), James, and Brendan (Carey); three siblings, Mary McManus, Elizabeth Smith (Eugene), and John McManus (Grace).

She was the loving grandmother to grandchildren, Aaron Cantler (Kristie), Ashley Rice, Sean Rice-Schofield, and Everly Rice; and one great-grandchild Isabella Rice.

She was preceded in death by grandchildren, Reed Cantler and Sophia Rice.

In lieu of flowers, donations be made to Casey House Hospice, www.montgomeryhospice.org.



Ann McManus-Rice

Edna L. Larman,

Edna L. Larman, 97, of Boyds, died on June 22. She was the wife of the late Marshall G. Larman.

Born on October 29, 1921 in Riner, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Claude S. and Lethia (Massey) Jarels.

Surviving are three daughters, Judy Marshall of Boonsboro, Shirley Burns of Hagerstown, and Leanna Grosen of Boonsboro; and one sister, Nancy Wentzel of Hagerstown.

Edna was a proud grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and great-great-great-grandmother.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Nancy Larman; two sons, Harry and Marion Larman; one sister, Betty Watkins; two brothers, Harvey and Johnny Jarels; and one granddaughter, Jessica Larman.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Enda's name to St. Jude Children's Hospital (stjude.org).

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A deer enjoying the sunset.

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The Eaglet Has Flown

branches but always remained within a few feet of the nest.

On June 22, the entire family was seen at the nest. I wondered if this was to be the last day I would see the entire family together as it was soon time for Storm to leave the security of the nest. Faith flew from the nest to a nearby branch and looked back towards Storm

as if to say, "This is how it's done."

As I watched the three eagles on the nest together, I noticed that Storm was huge, bigger than her father, Fury. Males are generally smaller than the females. Her beak was longer and her head rounder like her mother's, Faith.

As Storm and her family spent a relaxing evening at home, Faith began squeeking at an approaching large bird. A juvenile bald eagle flew directly over the nest. Was this perhaps Storm's

brother or sister from last year's brood returning to the nest to welcome Storm into the wild?


Storm kept practicing her skills for the next few days. When I arrived on June 25, the nest was empty, and all three eagles were gone. Baby Storm had fledged before I had arrived and was now a free and wild juvenile bald eagle learning about life with her mom and dad who will continue to teach, feed, and care for her for the next few

months as she learns the ropes. I hoped that she was safe on her journey.

Two days later when I stopped by the farm, Storm was perched in a nearby tree, the same tree in which her parents had perched to watch over her. A parent was nearby. All was well in eagle land. I finally felt my job as the self-appointed eagle watcher was done. The miracle of Baby Storm and the angel tree was now complete.


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Tips to be Prepared with Your Pet in Case of an Emergency

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Many of you just experienced a massive rainstorm during which upwards of 7 inches of rain fell in just 2 hours. These are unique events that nature produces to be sure we know we are really not in charge on this planet. Events like these also show us where the holes in our preparedness for ourselves and our animal friends are present during an emergency.

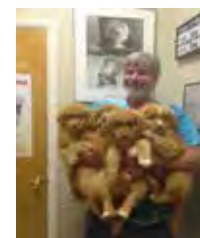
Here are 5 simple tips that will give you peace of mind for your pets and you—should disaster strike.

1. **Microchip your pet:** A microchip that is implanted and registered can greatly increase the chances that you will be reunited with your furry friend should you become separated during a disaster. Collars and harnesses can fall off, but a microchip is a passive device that stays under the skin for the life of your pet, ready to identify your pet if he/she is separated from you.
2. **Pet ready bag:** Keep a small backpack/suitcase handy that has a three-to-five-day supply of your pets' food, treats, and medications. You can rotate all the items in the bag monthly, so it stays fresh. Be sure you have a leash and extra collar in the bag. Often, people do not keep collars on their pets unless they are traveling. Leashes should be strong nylon or leather. Do not use a retractable leash. These can too easily get tangled or caught in objects or around people's legs and in an emergency; that is not what you need to deal with at the time.
3. **Don't put your pets in the basement or tied up outside:** During a natural or man-made disaster, you want your pets to be in a safe location away from exterior walls or areas that could flood. Basements are only appropriate in case of a tornado. Leaving your pet tied outside is never a good idea and an even worse idea during a disaster. Just remember how rapidly the water rose in many places during the recent rains. Your basement can rapidly flood if drains or water runoff areas become blocked. Dogs and cats can swim, but they get tired like we do, and if they are tied, they have no chance to escape the rising water.
4. **First Aid Kit:** Most first aid kits for people can be used on your pets. Gauze, tape, cotton wrap, and vet wrap are all good items to have on hand in case your pet gets cut or develops an open wound. Do not use alcohol; instead, have a clean bottle of water to flush out an injury. Paper towel is also a very good item to keep. It can be used to compress a wound or wipe out debris from a wound. For pets and some people, a muzzle that fits your dogs and cats is very important to help them avoid biting you or someone you know as you are trying to help your injured pet. Your veterinarian can help you get the correct type and size muzzle for your pet.
5. **Friends and Family on Alert:** Think about friends or family that live outside your area but are within driving distance. Give them a call or visit them to discuss having a safe place to stay for a few nights with your pets in case your home is not safe to stay in. Knowing that there is a safe place that you and your pets can go to and ride out a natural or man-made disaster can greatly decrease your stress and keep your pets safe.



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