



This gentleman has a local school named for him. Details on page 6.



Local birds and sunflowers get their day in the sun on page 10.



It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's— Female Athlete of the Year! To discover her mild-mannered identity, turn to page 12.



Celebrating the beauty of butterflies on page 15.

Commissioners Delay Votes on Restriction of 24-Hour Business and Regulation of Gas Station Location

By Link Hoewing

At their July 6 regular meeting, once again held via Zoom, the Town of Poolesville commissioners decided to delay votes on two ordinances that would implement changes in current zoning laws for some new businesses. The two ordinances have been under review for several months and were recommended by the Planning Commission. One of the ordinances would severely restrict businesses that wish to operate on a twenty-four-hour basis, and the other would regulate the location, positioning, and operation of any new gas station.

The delay was agreed to in order to hear from Town Attorney Jay Gullo in closed session. He said he wanted to review the implications of the ordinances from a legal standpoint and discuss letters that have been submitted from property owners who might be affected.



A 24-hour gas station has been proposed for this location behind CVS.

After agreeing to the delay, the commissioners considered a major annual road paving contract that needed their approval. Town Manager Seth Rivard explained that the town sent out a bid request to repave significant numbers of roads or parts of roads in town. The bid project is another in a series of annual projects the town

undertakes in an effort to maintain roads and prevent deterioration in town infrastructure. Parts or all of Cattail Road, Cissel Manor Drive, Doctor Walling Road, Selby Avenue, Bruner Way, Hillard Court, Hillard Street, and Koteen Way are included in the project.

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The Great Tree Giveaway of 2020

Hugging a tree is so down-county. Out here in the Upcounty, one doesn't hug trees, one adopts them. Linda Pepe of Barnesville, active in a number of local environmental groups and a member of the Montgomery County Forestry Board, put out the word that a nursery in Carroll County was sending free trees for pickup at Kingsbury's Orchard in Dickerson. One of the groups that got the word was Sustainable Barnesville which helped coordinate the receipt and distribution of around 450 native trees to over fifty individuals and communities in the Ag Reserve.

The trees were donated by Clear Ridge Nursery in Carroll County. Mickey Edens of the nursery told the Monocle that the owner, Joe Barley, was the driving force behind the giveaway project. Due to a general downturn in orders for trees, in part



Clear Ridge Nursery in Carroll County donated thousands of trees to people and groups across the state. These folks handled 450 trees for our area.

from COVID-related state budget cuts for tree planting by the highway department, the nursery found itself with a surplus of around five thousand trees that might have to be destroyed. Barley put the word out to the

Maryland Forest Service which in turn notified groups and individuals all over the state who began agreeing to accept trees.

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Family Album



Even the heat does not deter the fun of skateboarding in the fresh air.



Fridays at Calleva feature fun outdoor dining as attested by Val Dickerson and her family.



White's Ferry Store and Grill is now offering outdoor dining, too.



Femi Frishman brought her dog Beast out for some fresh air, too.



Social distancing rules at the American Legion Post 247 meeting.

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The Great Tree Giveaway of 2020

Sustainable Barnesville quickly created a working group with local nonprofits, Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA), Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SGA), and Poolesville Green. The group collected tree requests from the public through various outreach channels and determined that they could find homes for 450 trees, including four species of oak, river birch, red maple, black gum, and tulip trees. Gene Kingsbury, the owner of Kingsbury's Orchard, offered space on his property to handle the tractor trailer, to stage the trees and keep them watered, and to host distribution. The working group contracted Frez and Sons, a trucking company that frequently works with Clear Ridge, to transport the trees to Kingsbury's Orchard. In less than a week, the group and various volunteers sorted through all the requests and allocated the trees, notified recipients of delivery and distribution dates, and sent them helpful information on the care and planting of their new trees. The group requested a donation of two dollars per tree to cover the shipping costs. Twenty-three people volunteered to help with the process.

The fifty-three-foot-long tractor trailer arrived at Kingsbury's Orchard at noon on a Thursday and was swarmed by fifteen volunteers, including five from the Town of Poolesville's landscaping crew. The specimens were unloaded and organized by species. Three hours later, tree recipients started to arrive, their orders were processed, and another crew of volunteers loaded trees into their vehicles. COVID-19 precautions were used throughout to minimize risk to both recipients and volunteers. Over four hours on Thursday and another four hours on Friday, all trees were picked up to go to their forever homes.

In thanks for donations received, one hundred of the trees were given to MCA to be used in their Re-Leaf the Reserve program to reforest areas of the Ag Reserve, especially along streams. Thirty trees were given to the Town of Poolesville to be used in their public parks, and two trees will be planted in the Town of Barnesville's new park, Lillard's Corner.

The working group offered special thanks to Clear Ridge Nursery; Maryland State Forester Dan Lewis; Gene Kingsbury; Sustainable Barnesville cochair Joyce

Bailey; Sustainable Barnesville cochair and Excel master Audrey Morris; Sustainable Barnesville member and SGA President Lauren Greenberger; Sustainable Barnesville member Linda Pepe; MCA executive director Caroline Taylor; Joyce Breiner, executive director and co-founder of Poolesville Green; Seth Rivard, Preston King, and the Town of Poolesville crew; and our many community volunteers: Joe Worrell, Woody Bailey, Dolores Milmoie, Dalis Davidson, Dana Bleiberg, Jane Thompson, Shareef Hamm, Joel Nguherimo, Andrew Bacas, Chris Bacas, Carol Bewley, and Julie Super.

For information on the health of your own trees or planting new ones, information is available at the Arbor Day Foundation, www.arborday.org. Mickey Eden added that Clear Ridge Nursery grows all its stock onsite at the nursery from root stock and seeds, and they still have trees left. He reminded all the beneficiaries of the trees to water them regularly well into the fall, especially during this hot summer.

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In Your Own Backyard

Civil War along the C&O Canal: A Hillside Discovery?

By Jon Wolz

Note: This is Part 2 of a three-part series of Civil War along the C&O Canal. Part 1 may be found in the June 5, 2020 issue of the Monocle available at monocacymonocle.com.

When Colonel Lee's cavalry approached White's Ford, they were met by a few companies of the 99th Pennsylvania Infantry under the command of Lt. Col. Edwin R. Biles who defended the ford from the hillside with about two hundred men. Biles was not present at White's Ford but was a mile and a half down river from White's Ford near Conrad's Ferry (White's Ferry today) guarding Weedin's Ford. The troops at White's Ford were faked out of their position by Colonel Lee. I later found in the book, *I Rode with Jeb Stuart*, that the 99th Pennsylvania Infantry was on a "precipitous quarry bluff" on October 12, 1862 as the Confederates began arriving to cross White's Ford.

Colonel Lee had arrived at the ford crossing before Stuart. By messenger, Stuart advised Lee that "the ford must be gained at all hazards." Lee's plan was to "assail the quarry bluff in front and from his left flank, while a strong party of cavalry made a dash at the ford" to cross the river "in spite of and through the fire of the enemy." The book mentions a "quarry bluff" twice where the Union soldiers had taken position above White's Ford, so Steve and I found the quarry where the 99th Pennsylvania Infantry was positioned looking down on the Confederates.



Jeb Stuart's cavalry heading for the Potomac River with Sugarloaf Mountain in the background after the raid on Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

While thinking about his circumstances, Colonel Lee developed an idea. He sent a courier with a handkerchief tied to his sabre with a note to the Union commander. The note said that General Stuart, "with his whole command, was in his front and that the hopelessness of making a successful resistance must be apparent; to avoid unnecessary bloodshed he was called to surrender; fifteen minutes were granted for compliance with this demand, at the expiration of which his line would be charged." After delivering the note, fifteen minutes passed without any signs of surrender from the Union soldiers. Lee ordered his artillery to fire and for his troops to advance on the hill. Just at that moment, Lee saw the Union soldiers retreating, marching eastward down the river. Major Pelham set up one of his cannons on the towpath at Lock 26 and fired in the direction upstream in the direction of the Union troops who were closing in on the Confederates who were coming from the area of the high bluff overlooking the Little Monocacy River. The Confederates crossed the Potomac River and rode safely to Leesburg, Virginia with captured horses, supplies, and prisoners. Union forces arrived at White's Ford after Stuart's men had crossed the river. Pleasanton did not believe it would be useful to pursue Stuart into Virginia.

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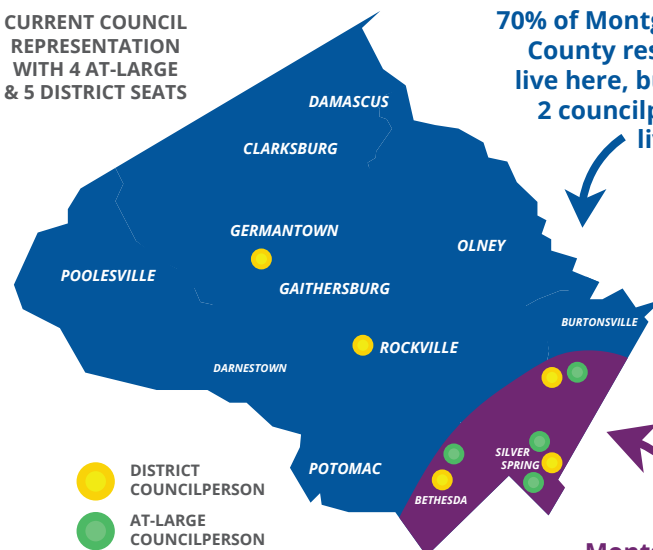


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Rande(m) Thoughts

Difficult Decisions During Difficult Times

By Rande Davis

Recent events and local pressures had me thinking and reflecting most recently on the role of the *Monocle*, especially in these turbulent times. Since its origin, the *Monocle* has served best by being a whole-community publication, a publication that informs accurately while entertaining and educating the readers. While viewing the political issues of the day from differing perspectives, John Clayton and I have always prided ourselves on being role models of persons of differing political persuasions working together toward a mutual mission. Some days it's easier than others. Keeping everyone happy is not always the case.

Our last issue of the *Monocle* is an excellent example of the point. With the disruptions and disappointments that Poolesville High School seniors (forever known as the COVID-19 class) have endured this year, we sought to provide a very special commemorative edition to honor them and to give them their deserved day in the sun. Much of the traditional special attention experienced from graduating high school was lost to them. Like weddings postponed and funerals canceled, losing significant parts of your senior year is to lose what is a highly personal, unique experience that cannot not be fully replaced.

We wanted this moment, this issue, to be just for them. We were so pleased to publish every senior's picture that was provided to us, and it was a very costly and challenging goal. We removed many of our standard feature columns to get it all in. We did keep Remembrances and Town Government Report, but the original plan was for no other news.

Then three events came in at the last minute clearly challenging our goal to focus only on our seniors. The first was the large passionate and impressive march for justice stemming from the national Black Lives Matter movement and then came the middle-of-the-night destruction of the White's Ferry Confederate commemorative statue. Under any other circumstance, the former would have been our headline with the latter our below-the-fold. What to do? In the final analysis, I stuck with the original plan. As it turned out, that decision did not settle well with many people. Apparently, it became a negative focus in a Zoom

discussion group on race relations during which disappointment with the *Monocle* was voiced. While I understood these "breaking news" events were too important not to put in this special edition, the primary disappointment expressed came from the decision not to put the Black Lives Matter story on the front page.

Learning of this development, I immediately renewed my request to meet with Pastor Chuck Copeland and Ed Reid, two of our most outstanding African American leaders in Poolesville and persons I am proud to count as friends. John Clayton and I had a three-hour meeting with them at Commissioner Kerri Cook's residence to review the decision, and I am so pleased our good friendship was made even better.

For readers still concerned about that final decision, I feel compelled to share the process. During the Friday March for Justice demonstration, local pastor Chuck Copeland said something that stuck with me and that helped to finalize my decision to stay with the planned special edition tribute concept. He said he wanted the March for Justice "not to be a moment, but a movement." I agreed with that. The issue of local race relations is one that should continue into the foreseeable future via discussion groups and special events; therefore, I believed that this moment belonged to the seniors.

Ironically, the first draft of the front page did include a picture of Chuck Copeland on the cover side bar as a "tease" to the BLM story inside. Then something happened I had not planned on. The PES final year students held their annual student clap-out tradition via a vehicle parade around Whalen Commons instead of the hallways. This changed my plans for Family Album. Consequently, the clap-out had to be on the front side bar. I had two choices left: Either Pastor Chuck or Fred Swick, our legendary and beloved athletic coach who was retiring after forty years of teaching and coaching and being PHS's athletic director. His picture worked well with the Senior Class special concept, the other did not. Although I decided not to use Black Lives Matter on the front side bar, I did provide a half page of pictures to an article I am proud of for its accuracy of the event. A half-page collage for a very small paper is no small addition.

As I stated in my June 5 column, calling for a unique discussion on race relations grounded by bold frankness, I hope those offended understand, at

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Garden

The Truth about Roses

By Maureen O'Connell

Many rose aficionados have many tips and tricks on how to grow the perfect rosebush with perfect blooms. Some swear by talking to your roses, dousing them with brewed alfalfa tea, spraying with a mixture of vinegar, water, baking soda, dish soap and cooking oil, red pepper sprays, and milk and water sprays. Sorry to say, none of these methods completely work to ward off rose diseases and pests. Let's sort out fact from fiction. From my many years of growing roses in Barnesville, I have learned that they cannot exist in our climatic conditions on their own. Oh, you might get some blooms, but usually, the shrub will not be very pretty to look at. Roses, like many other flowering plants, are susceptible to many diseases and insects.

There are basic conditions to first consider. Roses need at least six hours of sun daily; the soil must drain well and supply nutrients; mulch to protect the soil from drying out; frequent inspection for damage, and careful pruning; but you still have to deal with the creepy crawlies and many diseases waiting in the wings to attack your rose.



*A rose by any other name
would still smell as sweet.*

The American novelist and poet Gertrude Stein (1874 – 1946) wrote in her 1913 poem "Sacred Emily": "A rose is a rose is a rose is a rose." This is often interpreted to mean that simply using the name of a thing already evokes the imagery and emotions associated with it. I don't think that is necessarily true. There are more than 150 species of roses. Most horticulturists divide them into three main categories: Wild Roses, Old Garden Roses, and Modern Roses. Among these we find: Climbing Roses, English Roses, Floribunda Roses, Grandiflora Roses, Groundcover Roses, Hybrid

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The Truth about Roses

Tea Roses, Rugosa Rosa, Miniature Roses, and Polyantha Roses. Roses are more varied in bloom style, color, fragrance, growth habit, and size than any other group of plants.

I have often stressed the importance of selecting the right plant for the right location under the prevailing climatic conditions. In David Austin's Handbook of Roses, he breaks down his rose selections by: best for fragrance; best for health; best for flowering; best for cutting; best for attracting bees; best for hot and humid climates; best for poor spoil; best for hot and dry climates; and best for shady areas. Many roses are described as disease and pest resistant. David Austin said that he believed that 'Olivia Rose Austin' is the finest and most disease-free rose he ever bred. This claim can be misleading as disease reactions can vary from one location to another, depending upon disease pressure and climate conditions. Pest populations can also vary from state to state and from neighborhood to neighborhood.

In my forty years of living in Barnesville, I have had over one hundred rosebushes. Mister Lincoln, Charles Darwin, Emily Bronte, Falstaff, Queen Elizabeth, The Pilgrim, Just Joey, Princess Grace, Peace, Winchester Cathedral, and many others have all at one time visited my gardens. They were all very healthy and beautiful, but that was because every Saturday morning they received their chemical cocktail. No insects or diseases crossed their lush green foliage and opening flower buds, but, about ten or fifteen years ago, I decided I could not continue spraying when I faced what it was doing to the environment, man, bees, butterflies, birds, and beneficial insects. My roses eventually all died.

I missed my roses. Three years ago, I decided to plant two soft pink 'Olivia Rose Austin' roses and one rich yellow 'The Poet's Wife.' The two Olivias live in a new small garden with sun and partial shade. They share the bed with sage, rosemary, thyme, *Allium* 'Purple Sensation,' dianthus, and the Oriental Lily 'Casa Blanca.' The Poet's Wife lives in an older garden in the Upper Garden and receives full sun. Her neighborhood is quite crowded with the pushy *Tradescantia* (Spiderwort) and *Physostegia virginiana*. Olivia I gets better and better every year. Her sister, who lives in a little more shade, is having a harder time, but both are free of pests and diseases. The Poet's Wife is on her last legs—insect- and disease-ridden. This year I bought another David Austin rose, 'Golden Celebrations.' He lives across the lawn from Olivias I and II, but he seems to be doing very well. I do have two other rose types: the Knockout Rose and four Rugosa Rosas. I reluctantly mention the Knockout, since I don't like him. When William Radler introduced the Knockout Rose in 2000, it was greeted to huge applause as the "carefree, low-maintenance rose." I don't think that it has lived up to its vaulted reputation at all—but it is everywhere now: backyard gardens, gas stations, street median strips, etc. It does repeat bloom, but if you don't dead-head the hundreds flowers, the plant looks quite messy. It also attracts pests and diseases. I could live without it.

When I moved to Barnesville forty years ago, a friend gave me three Rugosa Rosa plants, 'Roseraie de L'Hay.' They are the Super Stars of my garden. They form large, dense, often very thorny, shrubs, five-to-six feet tall and are covered most of the summer with large, double flowers of rich crimson-purple with contrasting stamens, but their shining glory is their intense perfume that you can smell from halfway across the yard. In the fall, they bear large rosehips that the birds feast on for months. Few roses are as easily grown, as disease resistant, or as winter hardy. They are my Phoenix of my garden—every spring from their dead-looking old limbs, they send up new green stems that grow to shower themselves with new blooms.

Going back to my title and my question, can roses exist without some kind of preventive spraying? I have asked the horticulturists at the David Austin Rose Center in Shropshire, England, Kew Gardens in London, and the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at the New York Botanical Gardens in the Bronx if they sprayed their roses. They all answered yes. "Their gardens are show gardens, after all." David Austin Gardens recommends Bayer Bio Advanced Disease Control, but states to use it according to directions. Do I spray my three David Austin roses? Yes, I do, but I use Bonide Rose Rx 3 Rose Spray which is recommended for organic gardening. I use it early in the morning when the bees and beneficial insects are not active. The Bayer product is systemic, meaning it suffuses itself in the whole plant and when it germinates, including nectar and pollen. That is why it is so effective at attacking pests, but unfortunately it targets bees, butterflies, birds, and beneficial insects.

I might not have Mister Lincoln, Queen Elizabeth, and Just Joey, but I will always have my Rugosas.



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Foundations

A Brief Survey of Our Inheritance: The Edward U. Taylor Elementary School

By Kenny Sholes

In the early 1950s, still under legalized segregation and the auspices of "separate but equal," the Montgomery County School Board decided to build four new elementary schools in the county for African American students. Here in the Ag Reserve, this was a significant development. Opened in 1952, the Edward U. Taylor Elementary School in Boyds was celebrated by local African American communities who had been teaching students in mostly one-room schoolhouses since the end of the Civil War. For the first time, local African American children would all be taught in the same place and within a modern facility that, for the most part, was separate but equal.



The Edward U. Taylor School in Boyds.

The school was named for Edward U. Taylor, a 1923 graduate of Howard University who, from 1923 to 1951, served as the supervisor for African American education in the county. By all accounts, Mr. Taylor worked tirelessly to improve the educational opportunities available to African Americans across the county. Leading the charge to open the first African American high school in 1929 (located in Rockville), Mr. Taylor spent his mornings personally teaching the high school students and his afternoons checking in on the elementary schools across the county.

The completion of the new elementary school in Boyds bearing his name, in addition to the other three newly-opened African American elementary schools in 1952, was truly the realization of Mr. Taylor's dream. Unfortunately, Mr. Taylor's untimely death in 1951 meant that he was not present to witness this realization.

Notably, in 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* found racial segregation in schools to be unconstitutional, paving the way for nationwide school integration efforts. Despite the ruling, it wasn't until 1961 that Taylor Elementary would become integrated—one of the last schools in the county to do so. Interestingly, Taylor Elementary was the only school of the four new elementary schools to make the transition from segregated to integrated.

The school building went through a number of upgrades in the late 1950s and 1960s, bringing the school to eight classrooms, a multi-purpose room, offices, a teachers' lounge, a speech and language center, and a kitchen. Rededicated in 1969, the program pamphlet for the ceremony—which included speakers, bios of notable individuals, and a floorplan of the school—is available online at the Maryland Historical Trust website for interested readers.

Closed in 1979 due to low enrollment numbers, the building now serves as the Taylor Science Center, storing and processing science kits for Montgomery County Public Schools. The school building is currently under evaluation for designation on the county's Historic Plan for Historic Designation. If designated, the building would benefit from needed county preservation and safeguarding efforts, ensuring that our children will be able to visit the site in the future and learn about racial segregation as well as the integration process that took place in public schools here in Montgomery County. The county council will hold public hearings as part of the evaluation process this fall where public comments will be welcomed.

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least—if not agree—with my decision. I am proud of the accuracy of our article on the event in the paper, and I remain hopeful that the discussion about our local race relations will continue, like the *Monocle* itself, as a whole community process.

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Commissioners Delay Votes on Restriction of 24-Hour Business and Regulation of Gas Station Location

Rivard said the lowest bid proposal came in at just over \$465,000. The low bidder was C. J. Miller Company. Even at that level, Rivard estimated the town is saving anywhere from \$80,000 to \$100,000 on the paving project due to the lowered costs of asphalt and the fact that so many construction companies are anxious to obtain new projects. The vote to approve the paving project was unanimous (5-0).

Next, the commissioners considered a request from Montgomery County Public Schools to waive various fees that are usually imposed for new construction projects by the town. He said the total amount of fees for such things as engineering reviews of proposed plans was relatively small, just a few thousand dollars. This is because even though a new building will be constructed, it will take the place of the existing school which already has sewer and water taps. The commissioners unanimously approved the request.

Rivard next discussed a proposal from Finnley Ryan, a Poolesville High School senior in the Global Ecology Studies Program. Ryan does not live in Poolesville but explained that he has “come to really appreciate it and think of this place as home.” He said that for his senior project, he would like to get the town’s approval for a project to develop new walking paths in parts of town where none now exist. The paths would not be paved but rather would be built out of natural soils and surfaces. While Ryan outlined several possible paths, Rivard said that the “most likely path that will work is what I will generically call the Hillard St. Trail on the west side of town. This is almost exclusively all town property.” He noted some private easements would be needed and possible help from the town with one low-lying area.

Ryan requested no money from the town at this juncture but said that he would need support both in allowing him to work on the path where it crosses town property and in obtaining easements on private property where needed.

The commissioners were enthusiastic about the plan and pointed out that there are a number of existing paths in town, and that the town has been made more walkable over the years by expanding the number of sidewalks. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski added that, years ago, some homeowners had objected to new paths being built behind their homes. He said they had not realized that the paths would be constructed although they were in town master plans. He suggested the proposal be sent to the Parks Board for review. The commissioners decided unanimously to do so.

Finally, the commissioners considered a new water allocation plan for the town. Rivard explained that the town has long had a water allocation plan for the distribution of water taps going back to the days when water restrictions were imposed. He said a new plan had been developed and approved by the Planning Commission and needed commissioner approval.

The plan contains a list of parcels of land that will require water taps if they are developed. He said that just because a landowner’s piece of property is listed in the plan does not mean they are “guaranteed” taps. They first have to submit site plans and get approval for them before the taps can be made available. The water taps are allocated on a “first come, first served” basis, and it is essentially a forecasting guide for the town in the event all of the allocations are requested. If this were to happen, about 75,000 gallons of water in total would be utilized. The town reserves a “buffer” of water capacity of thirty percent to ensure that there is enough water for public uses and for such things as fire safety.

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Tidbits

The Sunflowers Are Here!

July means acres and acres of blooming sunflowers in the fields of the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area, and Susan Petro has been busy with her camera. As soon as word gets out, throngs of visitors from all around come to the fields located off of River Road in three separate locations to take pictures and enjoy the scenery. The best time to arrive is early in the morning or just before dusk. Parking over the weekend is difficult. Local birds, like the iridescent indigo buntings, enjoy feasting on the abundance of seeds, making the fields a birder's dream. To learn more about the fields, which only last about two weeks, visit Maryland's Department of Natural

Resources website: dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/publiclands/central/sunflowers.

Special Police Escort Tribute for Boyds's World War II Vet

The daughters of Barney Fineblum, 94, wanted to do something special for him on Memorial Day in recognition of his service during World War II. They all met about a block from his home in Woodbine, along with two policemen from the Carroll County Police Department, who were so kind to join in the honor to him. They drove to his driveway, with horns blowing and sirens blasting, loudly cheering for him.

Barney has a great life's story, starting with his coming to America as a small Jewish child and includes his playing competitive softball right up until his late eighties.

The *Monocle* will be preparing a Tribute to Mr. Fineblum but, in the meantime, wanted to share this wonderful event with our readers now.

Mollie Bodmer Receives Valor Award

The Prince William County Chamber awarded Poolesville's Mollie Bodmer a 2020 Valor Award. Mollie is a technician with the Prince William Fire and Rescue Department.

For those missing our original report on the matter, Mollie was playing golf at the Poolesville Golf Course with her grandfather Charlie Glass. Lynne Bodmer, her mother, heard of a man in need of assistance at the golf course via a dispatched call and called Mollie to alert her to the situation. As it turned out, she was not far from the person, and she jumped into action. She found the man pulseless, without breathing, and her training immediately took over as she performed CPR. As the course staff arrived with a defibrillator, she talked them through the process while continuing to perform CPR. After twelve minutes, a pulse was detected, and the person began breathing on his own. Soon after, an ambulance arrived and transported him to a local hospital where he was discharged just a few days later.

Her citation stated, "Mollie's ability to remain calm, take charge of the scene,

use her professional training, and perform high-quality CPR is the reason why the man is home with his family today."

Beetles on the Ferry

The Mid-Maryland Vintage Volkswagen Club members recently crossed from Maryland into Virginia via White's Ferry. The group started this past February, but COVID-19 put the brakes on its growth. Now up to thirteen members, they try to make monthly cruises together, exploring beautiful parts of our countryside. Anyone who has ever owned a VW beetle or bus has "a story and a smile to share about their experience." Any VW owners wanting to join may contact John Bowles (hrrsjhny0@aol.com).



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Youth Sports

Logan Rohde, PHS Female Athlete Of the Year

By Jeff Stuart

What have been your major highlights/achievements in basketball, cross country, and track? Include club activity.

When we won states for basketball, and in track I went to states two years, and in cross country I went to states all four years, and we won regionals twice.

What are your most memorable games or in-game moments?

My most memorable race was when I had to race without a shoe. It was at a cross country meet at states. I was running up one of the hills and someone stepped on the back of my heel. I didn't fall, just kept running. One of the moms on the team took a picture of my shoe sitting in the course. As a senior captain, I advised my younger teammates to tie their shoes tight and tape them on for certain courses. When you are an aggressive runner, you

always risk bumping into people and such. Fortunately, I never got injured. I have a cross country shirt that says something about running dirty with a picture of a mud puddle. I always ran better in cooler rainy muddy courses; however, it's easier to lose a shoe in those situations. I also ran without a shoe in eighth grade. I went all the way down right at the start. I was actually tripped when another runner stepped on my foot. When I got up, I was in last place. I ran the whole race with one shoe and finished in second.

My most memorable basketball game was against Paint Branch when I was an underclassman. I tried so hard. A bunch of our girls fouled out, and I made a foul shot in the last few seconds to give us the lead. We were winning, but then a girl on Paint Branch made a layup to win. It was awful. We lost, and it ended Coach Hackey's winning streak.

If you could get a redo or reset for anyone moment, what would it be?

I would not change anything.

Do you like or participate in other sports?

I do swim team in the summer, and I do enjoy that.

Tell readers about your coaches and teammates.

In basketball, Coach Hackey was amazing. When I came to PHS, I wasn't really ready to be point guard, but she believed in me and helped me figure it out. Cookie Magaha, Makayla Lamar, Mary Hobbs, and I have played together throughout high school and even year-round with AAU. In track, one teammate that really helped and inspired me was Nandini, she was so fast and she was the nicest person you would ever meet, and she pushed me in practice every day.

How do you handle stress and pressure?

I love anything outside, basically, like hiking, biking, and swimming. That is how I deal with stress.

How do you balance athletics and academics? Is it difficult?

I just practiced each day and did my homework afterwards. It was not very difficult for me because I have done it for so long. I have gotten so used to it.

How competitive are you on a scale from one to ten?

I might not be verbal about it, but I would say I am a ten.

When did you get your start in basketball, track, and cross country?

I started running cross country and track in fourth grade, and I have



Logan Rohde, PHS Female Athlete of the Year.

played basketball for as long as I can remember.

What are your main motivations for doing athletics?

I just enjoy them, and I like being active and competing.

Do you have any pregame rituals, superstitions, or special pregame meals, etc.?

I used to eat pasta before race days for cross country and track. For basketball, I would always do a braid into a ponytail in my hair.

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Logan Rohde, PHS Female Athlete of the Year

What subject do you enjoy most?

Science.

What have you read recently?

That's Not What Happened by Kody Keplinger.

Where do you plan to go to college?

I am going to Salisbury and will try out for the basketball team there. I wanted to be able to play basketball, so I looked at programs that would be a good fit for me. I met with the coaches and the team and I liked them. I also

liked the proximity to Ocean City. They have the major I want, biology and environmental science. They are rated a good school for it. It is far enough away that my mom can't come visit whenever, but close enough that I can go home often and quickly.

"Logan is a very hard worker," said track coach Prasad Gerard, "and when she puts her mind to it, she can get the job done."

"Logan is a very smart and determined young lady," said new girls' basketball coach Katie Hackey. "I enjoyed coaching and watching her grow the last four years."

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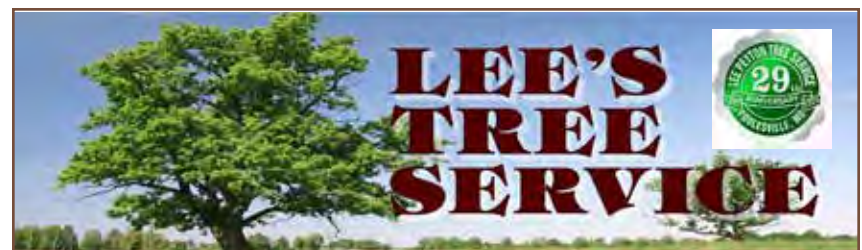
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Monocacy Nature and Wildlife

Tales of the Monarchs, Swallowtails, And Other Native Butterflies

By Susan Petro

Summer has arrived in Poolesville and the surrounding communities of the Agricultural Reserve. The plague known as COVID-19 is somewhat on the downswing in this area, and residents are enjoying the outdoors after a long spring confinement—finally able to fully enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. Gardens, forests, and fields of wildflowers are in full bloom, attracting a full array of winged creatures that are mostly beautiful and essential to the cycle of life.

Butterflies are, hands down, the most beautiful of our winged insects that gracefully flutter, fly, or glide from flower to flower. They often boast large colorful wings that resemble masterful paintings lined with yellows, oranges, reds, blues, and beyond. According to Maryland’s Department of Natural Resources website, there are over 150 species of butterflies and skippers found in Maryland. They range in size from the large and showy swallowtails, with wingspans reaching up to 4.5 inches, to much smaller and inconspicuous varieties that blend into the foliage



Zebra Swallowtail



Swallowtail

A typical butterfly has four life cycles. It begins as an egg which is often laid on the undersides of leaves which they will feast upon when they emerge as caterpillars. In this stage, caterpillars can be destructive to their host plants. They grow rapidly and then transform into a chrysalis where they begin a metamorphosis by pupating into their next stage of life as a butterfly.

My favorite butterfly memory almost didn’t happen. That particular year, I planted some milkweed flowers in my garden to attract native butterflies. I was rewarded with a variety of monarchs, swallowtails, and other species which feasted on the milkweed and other flowers. I remember noticing some small eggs below the milkweed’s leaves and thought they must have been laid by a visiting butterfly. I soon forgot about the eggs.

One afternoon, while sweeping the ever-present cobwebs off my porch, I almost brushed away a beautiful pale aqua-green object that was hanging from a piece of siding, but I stopped just short of knocking it loose to take a closer look. I soon realized I was looking at a chrysalis—perhaps, the first I’ve ever seen. Around the rim of the roughly two-inch object were delicate gold beads.

The chrysalis hung near my front door for the next few weeks. I’d peek every now and then to wonder at its mysterious progress. One day, as I approached my front door, I saw a monarch butterfly breaking free from its casing.

Over the next few hours, the monarch carefully expanded its wings to dry out. The new butterfly continued to sit on the ground below the now-empty casing, learning to flap its wings. Then, just so quick, my newly-emerged monarch was gone—off to explore the world.

Unlike most butterflies that overwinter in colder climates, monarchs must fly south, up to three thousand miles, to the mountains of Mexico where they roost in huge clusters from October through March. In the early spring, the butterflies rely on environmental cues and directional aids to begin their long journeys north.

The monarchs rely on a steady diet of milkweed along their journey and dense forests for their roosts. Habitat loss has been a threat to the future survival of the beautiful monarchs.

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Born in Auburn, Maine, in 1949, Davis attended Edward Little High School where he was an outstanding athlete. He was accepted into the United States Military Academy at West Point, from which he graduated in 1973 with an engineering degree. While at West Point, he distinguished himself as an outstanding cross-country skier and ski jumper on the Nordic Ski Team, Biathlon, and Track teams, earning three West Point athletics letters for his NCAA competitions.

Davis started his military career in the infantry. After Airborne and Ranger Schools, he served with the 4th Infantry Division in Ft. Carson, Colorado, and the 3rd Infantry (The Old Guard) in Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the Presidential Honor Guard. Fluent in French, Davis was posted to the Office of the Army Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Paris, where he and his wife Barbi lived for two years and he obtained an M.A. in French through Middlebury College at the Sorbonne. While there, he served as a personal aide to President Reagan during a state visit. In 1982, he returned to West Point to teach French in the Department of Languages.

In 1986, he resigned active duty to move back to Maryland and start his business and family but continued serving in the Army Reserve. He completed an MBA at George Washington University and an MA in Strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College. He was called up after 9/11 and completed two mobilization tours in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving staffs of the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired with the rank of colonel in 2005.

In addition to managing Sugarplum Tent Company, Davis was active in the community, serving two terms as a commissioner on the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (1991 to 1996). He also served on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Tent Renters' Association (MATRA).

An avid boater for the past twelve years, Davis and his wife enjoyed many trips up and down the Intracoastal Waterway and then moved their boat to Venice, Florida, where they were active members of the Venice Yacht Club. Davis was also a forty-five-year member of Tranquil Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Auburn, Maine.

He is survived by his wife of forty years, Barbi; their son, Davis Oliver Richardson; mother, Mary Richardson, of New Gloucester, Maine; brothers, Barry (Deb) of Auburn, Maine and Hutchinson Island, Florida, and Brian (Kathleen) of Hopewell, New Jersey; sister, Debra of New Gloucester, Maine; many nieces and nephews; and countless friends, devoted army buddies, colleagues, and many gracious clients.

The motto of Davis's West Point Class of 1973 is "Proud and Free, '73." Though we feel a loss in our souls by his passing, friends and family are proud to have been associated with his strong and meaningful life for his brief stay here on Earth.

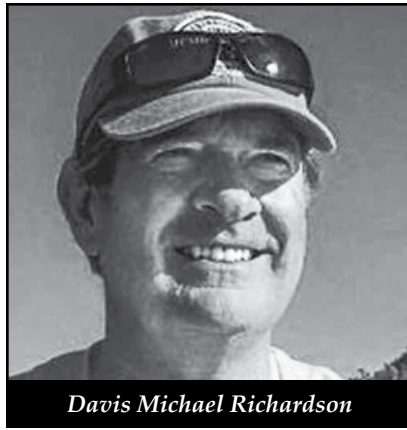
Contributions in Davis's name can be made to the New Gloucester (Maine) Public Library, 379 Intervale Rd., New Gloucester, Maine 04260.

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Tales of the Monarchs, Swallowtails, and Other Native Butterflies

In addition to monarchs, a variety of swallowtails, including the tiger, zebra, and spicebush, are common in Maryland. Smaller species, like the skippers, painted ladies, buckeyes, fritillaries, and many more grace our local gardens.

While enjoying all the colors our summer gardens and wildflowers provide, be sure to take time to enjoy our winged beauties, as well. Planting butterfly-friendly plants and eliminating pesticide exposure will help ensure a colorful variety of these beauties year after year.



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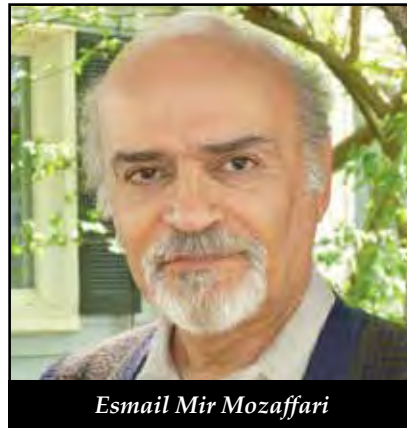
Remembrance

Esmail Mir Mozaffari

Former Poolesville resident Esmail Mir Mozaffari passed away from a heart attack while visiting friends in the area in June. An immigrant from Iran, he studied at George Washington University where he obtained degrees in Higher Education Administration and Clinical Psychology.

As a businessman, Mir was a purveyor of Persian rugs and was the proprietor of Caudussian Rug Gallery in Poolesville. As an educator, he was an administrator of his own computer science school. As an artist, he was a gifted and talented painter, noted for not only original work but also for reproductions of famous works; his rendering of the Mona Lisa was stunning. As a man, he was gentle, kind, peaceful, and a joy to be with, always ready to offer a smile, a piece of candy, or tea. While here, he resided in Dickerson and was a proud member of the Monocacy Lions Club.

He leaves behind two grown children, daughter Yaseman Bright, a teacher at Clarksburg High School, and son, Kiya Mir Mozaffari.



Esmail Mir Mozaffari

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Civil War along the C&O Canal: A Hillside Discovery?

Because of the movements of Stuart as he approached the Potomac River, the Union Army shifted its troops to different locations, leaving White's Ford under guarded.

The Confederates had ridden completely around the Union force of about 100,000 men who were still camping near Sharpsburg, Maryland. Stuart achieved his objectives of securing fresh horses, mules, arms, and supplies; capturing about thirty civilian officials to exchange for captured Confederates; and destroying important railroad equipment, buildings, and track in the vicinity of Chambersburg. His men did fail to destroy the important railroad bridge over Conococheague Creek near Chambersburg.

Captain White continued to ride for the Confederacy and was promoted to major, serving on the staff of Stuart. After the war, he helped Confederate Maj. Henry B. McClellan write the book, *I Rode with Jeb Stuart*. This McClellan was a first cousin of the Union Maj. Gen. George McClellan. Also, White was in the mercantile business in Baltimore and moved back to Barnesville in the late 1880s. He died in 1891 at age sixty-five and is buried in the Monocacy Cemetery.

Stuart was known as the "eyes and ears" for General Lee and was mortally wounded at the age of thirty-one in the Battle of Yellow Tavern. By the end of the war, Colonel Lee had been promoted to major general in charge of the Confederate Cavalry. After the war, he was elected to the United States House of Representatives from Virginia and died in 1891 at age fifty-four.

The 99th Pennsylvania Regiment saw significant action during the Civil War. They fought in August 1862 at the Second Battle of Manassas and afterwards rested at Alexandria, Virginia until September 13, 1862. They marched to Rockville, Maryland, arriving on September 16. They were in the rear guard and did not see action at Antietam. On September 19, they marched to western Montgomery County where they guarded fords at Edwards Ferry, Weedins Ford, White's Ford, and Hauling's Ford. On October 28, they crossed the Potomac in pursuit of the Confederate Army and never returned to their camps along the Potomac of 1862. The brigade saw action in many battles and campaigns including Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, and Appomattox. There were three Medal of Honor recipients.

McClellan's failure to stop the Confederates at White's Ford and his failure to pursue them after they crossed the Potomac along with the Chambersburg raid contributed to his imminent loss of his command. President Lincoln reached the end of his patience with McClellan and replaced him as commander of the Army of the Potomac with Maj. Gen. Ambrose Burnside on November 7, 1862.



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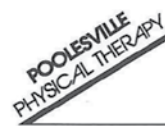
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By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

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Theft: 15800 block of Sugarland Road, 17700 block of White Ground Road, 23600 block of West Harris Road.

Past Crime: 1890-1899

George Neale, suspected as being the co-defendant of Sidney Randolph in the murder of Sadie Buxton, was released from jail after a coroner's jury could find no evidence to connect him with the crime. In June 1896, a man (or men) had broken into the Buxton house in Gaithersburg and had used

an ax in an attempt to kill the entire family. Mr. Buxton suffered severe head injuries, and Sadie died in a Washington Hospital. The only possible motive was that Mr. Buxton had testified against Neale in a court case several years before, and Neale had been sent to prison. Nearly everyone in Montgomery County was convinced of Neale's guilt, but he had to be released due to no evidence. This case ended with the lynching of Randolph when a mob broke into the Rockville jail and took Randolph outside of Rockville to a place near where Montgomery College is today and hanged him from a tree.

The case against Edward Howser, who was charged with rape and incest against his thirteen-year-old daughter, was moved to Hagerstown due to strong feelings in Montgomery County. The testimony on the first day of the trial did not go well for the defense

as both the girl and her mother testified. There were some problems seating a jury, and deputies had to bring citizens in off the street. The foreman of the jury was the former sheriff of Washington County. The trial lasted two days and, after a deliberation of an hour, the jury found Howser not guilty

President McKinley got involved in a Montgomery County case of larceny and arson. William Crutchfield was in the custody of the D.C. Police on a minor charge, and Sheriff Collier held warrants charging Crutchfield with the more serious crimes. Sheriff Collier could not obtain extradition papers, so somehow President McKinley heard about the case and promptly pardoned Crutchfield, technically making Crutchfield a free man, but Sheriff Collier stepped in and arrested Crutchfield and took him to Rockville to face the charges.

John Trundle, the ex-tax collector of Montgomery County, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement. It was alleged that Trundle had failed to turn over \$10,000 in tax receipts upon leaving office. He was indicted by the grand jury and was awaiting trial.

During a free fight near the Concord Church on River Road, Fred Burgess dangerously stabbed Mr. B. C. Kyle. Kyle was at the emergency hospital in Washington and was said to be in a bad way, and there were fears that he would not survive. Deputy Sheriff Embry tracked down Burgess in Georgetown and extradited him to Rockville.

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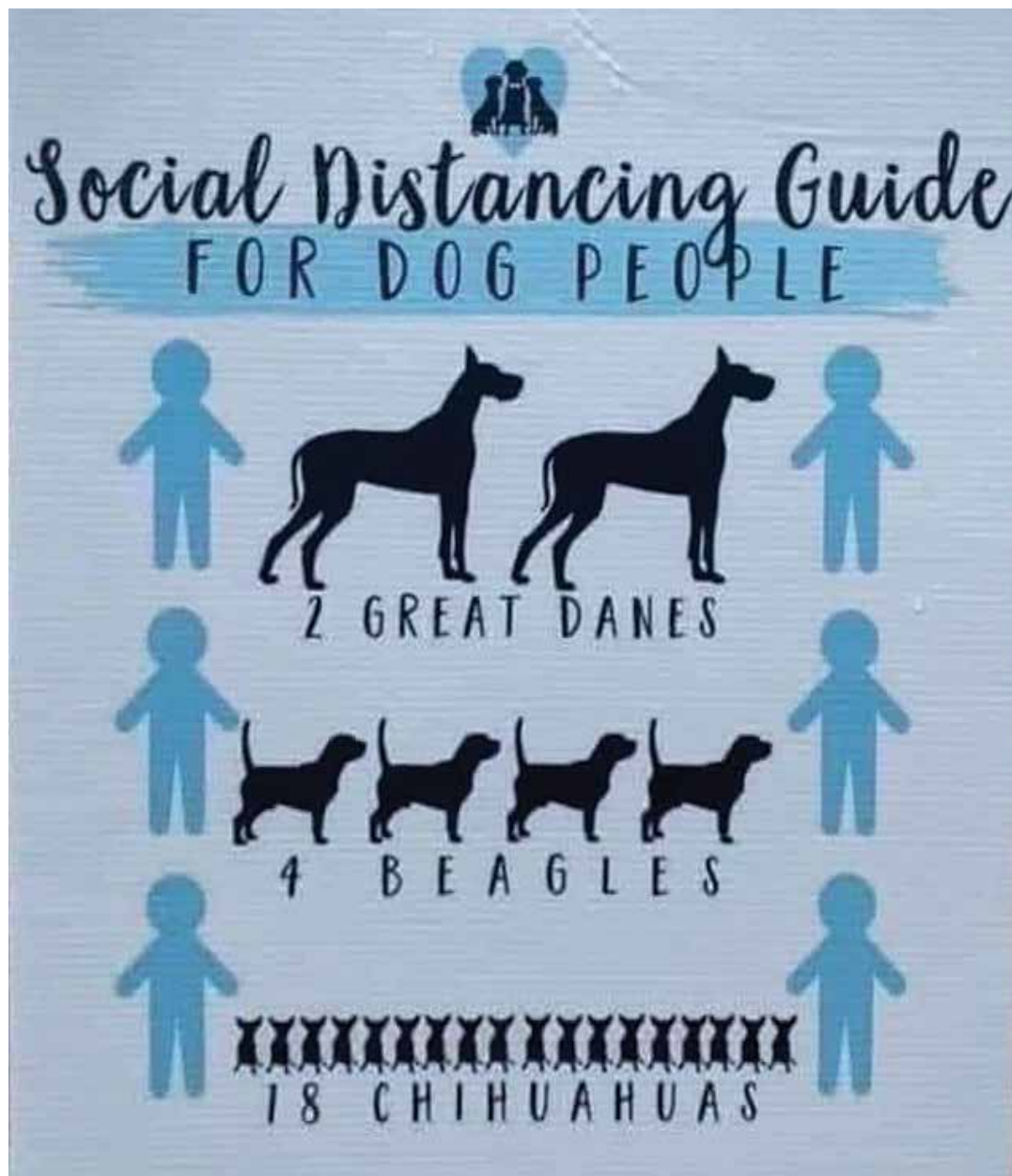
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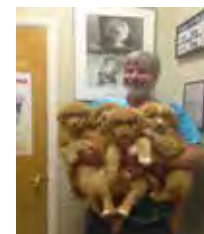
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