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*These kids took hunger seriously. Find out how they helped on page 3.*



*The mystery of this recently-discovered Civil War-era rifle includes what may have happened to cause the barrel to explode at the stock end. Details on page 5.*



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## *Poolesville Board of Elections Will Hold Commissioner Results until All Votes Are Received*

By Rande Davis

The 2020 Poolesville Town Commissioner election had a record voter response with 1,722 mailed-in or dropped-off votes arriving by election day. The norm for town elections is approximately 1,300 votes. The in-person vote on election day at Poolesville Town Hall was only 247 voters.

Although all state election boards have released voter counts to date, even before all mail-in votes are counted, the Poolesville Board of Elections voted not to release any preliminary totals per candidate until all votes are counted at one time on November 6.

The final vote will be tabulated and announced on November 6 and will be posted on the town's facebook page.



*David Wilson, Ed Reed, Jerry Klobukowski, Martin Radigan, and Jeff Eck, the candidates for town commissioner, greeted the remaining voters who chose to vote in person. The two not smiling lost.*

## *American Legion Post 247 Creates Week-Long Tribute to Local Vets*

By Rande Davis

As part of a week-long tribute to local veterans, the Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247 has created a tribute of poster photographs of local members, listing their name, branch of service, rank, and years of service. The display will remain at the monument area on Whalen Commons until the Sunday after Veterans Day, November 15, 2020.

The post invites the general public to join them on Veterans Day, November 11, at Whalen Commons for a tribute to all those who have served our nation in military service. The post will welcome, for the first time, the United States Space Force. The ceremony starts precisely at 11:11 a.m., as that was the exact time at which the armistice for World War I was signed in 1918. Originally called Armistice Day, it is now called Veterans Day.

The short tribute will include opening remarks by the commander, a prayer



*This is a depiction of the American Legion Post 247's special display for Veterans Day. The actual display will be set up on November 8 and will remain until Sunday, November 15.*

for those who served and serve, pledge of allegiance, national anthem, and an invitation to the guests from the general public to offer tribute to any of their friends or family who served. The post is anticipating the *Monocle*, Fox News Channel 5, and DVM.com to cover this news event.

American Legion Post 247 was chartered in October of 1949 after an organizing meeting held in Dickerson. The charter officers were: Commander Mansfield W. Daniel, Vice Commander Charles H. Jamison,

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# Family Album



## WUMCO's Annual October Walk-a-Thon



The cul-de-sac on Zullo Drive hosted a ghoulish cemetery.



These ladies gave up their own time to make sure our voting experience would go smoothly.



Karen Anderson and Jocelyn Harris volunteered at the polls.



Ray and Theresa Douglas went to the next level with this front yard pirate ship for Halloween.

## Tidbits

### Elgin Tribute Uncovered

You may not even know of the Charles Elgin, Sr. bridge in Poolesville. One of the reasons why might be that the state sign designating the honor was covered by branches from shrubs surrounding it. Tom Kettler and Tim Pike recently teamed up to cut the branches back to make sure that the honor to Mr. Elgin was more visible to those driving over the bridge.

Charles Elgin, Sr. served Poolesville throughout his long life as postmaster, a vestry member and senior warden at St. Peter's Church, historian, and perhaps most importantly, as the longest serving "mayor" of Poolesville.

One of his most important accomplishments was lobbying the state government to correct a serious problem on Route 107. Today, a sign that dedicates a bridge to him was erected especially for his leadership in getting the bridge built. Prior to the construction of the bridge (located about one mile outside of town limits heading east), the area was prone to severe flooding, often cutting the town off from traffic heading west into Poolesville. It was in this area that a sharp curve in the roadway became a most serious cause for many serious car accidents, some of them fatal.

### Poolesville Unites to End Hunger

On Saturday, October 10, several Poolesville congregations and community members gathered at Poolesville Baptist Church in an effort to help address hunger needs around the world. Over the course of about four hours, roughly sixty children, teens, and adults gathered to package over fourteen thousand meals to be sent overseas with an organization called Rise Against Hunger (RAH). This ministry has a goal of eradicating food shortages in impoverished communities around the world by 2030.

Poolesville Baptist Church and members of the community began partnering with RAH several years ago as a means of honoring Jaclynette Broadhurst, the late wife of PBC's former pastor Dr. Jace Broadhurst, who died from breast cancer in 2015. Jaclynette had a social and spiritual passion for the world. RAH continues to be a way for the church and community to honor her memory and carry on this tradition. Since her passing, RAH events here in Poolesville have packaged and donated over fifty thousand meals. Lord willing, they'll continue this tradition in October of 2021.

The church thanks all who came to invest a little time and energy to make a difference in the lives of thousands of people.

### Winners of the WUMCO Walk-A-Thon Costume Contest and Scarecrow Contest



Most Original: Maddie and Jax (twins) as "Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm!"



Tom Kettler, along with Tim Pike, cleared the brush away from the Elgin Bridge sign.

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## Rande(m) Thoughts

### Thoughts on a Political Leader When Leaving Office

By Rande Davis

With the election now in our rearview mirror, my thoughts this week turn to the one who now leaves the elected position for which so many of us held such widely divergent opinions. No, I am not talking about the presidency, that topic is for other publications. I prefer to stick to our wheelhouse, local politics, and I am speaking of town commissioners, especially the departure of Valaree Dickerson as vice president of the Town of Poolesville Commission.

Her gift to the town has always been her public service, elected or otherwise, but one of her most unique gifts is choosing to leave to make room for a new voice, a new vision. Our town commission elections are always done in a way that we never lose the value of experience of service from the group, electing three one time, and then two the next. I am not necessarily a proponent of term limits, as my preference is that the voice of the people not be stifled. If they choose longevity, I am not theoretically against that. Still, I greatly admire Val's decision to make room for someone new. My bet is that if she had run, she would have been re-elected.

With the early announcement last summer that she would not run again, she instantly became a front runner for grand marshal of the Poolesville Day Parade. During the ten years I served on the Poolesville Day Committee, the rule for the first seven years was not to select an elected official as grand

marshal, with an established preference being to select someone who was serving the area in a fully private and personal way. For the most part, back then, paid service was also disallowed. Good servants such as Jim Brown, Jerry Klobukowski, and Grace Shepherd were wonderful people who were selected after the previous tradition was dropped by the committee. Don't misunderstand me, all those people were well deserving of public recognition for their service.

Now that she is no longer a commissioner, I proudly step forward to nominate Val for Grand Marshal in 2021. Trying to list her many contributions after twenty-eight years of serving the community would take up way too much space here, but I will list some just to give you an idea just how much she has contributed to Poolesville and the area.

Valaree Dickerson has served as PTA president, Post Prom volunteer for ten years, was an originator and chairperson of the WUMCO toy program, participated in the creation of the Poolesville Military Support Group for wounded warriors, coached PAA cheerleading, facilitated donations for the Single Mothers of MoCo, helped establish Together, for families of addicts now operating as Families Anonymous at St. Peter's Church, served as a past member of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, and has provided her DJ services free of charge for many benefits in the town.

I proudly served with Val, Ray Hoewing, and others in helping to create the Poolesville Area Senior Center, first meeting at the retreat center in Beallsville. Congratulations, Val, on a job well done. As I wish you well, I end with your favorite personal quote:

"One votes to make a change once a year, volunteers serve to make a change every day."

## Local News

### Virtual Premiere from MoCo LMP

By Rande Davis

A new documentary, *The Three (Known) Lynchings of Montgomery County, Maryland*, will have its premiere on November 15 at a virtual event sponsored by the Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project (MoCo LMP). The film uses news clippings, maps, other documents, and interviews to detail the three lynchings that are known to have occurred in Montgomery County between 1880 and 1896.

"I'm really excited that MoCo LMP has decided to host this premiere," said director Jay Mallin, a Silver Spring filmmaker. "The group's goals and my goal in making this film completely dovetail—to provide people the opportunity to be aware of what happened in our county, to see exactly where the events occurred, and to spark discussion of how their impact carries through to today."

"We are proud to work with Jay on the release of this important film," said Beth Baker, a spokesperson for MoCo LMP. "We believe that facing our

painful history is the first step toward racial healing and reconciliation."


Three African American men were lynched in Montgomery County in the late 1800s: Mr. George Peck and Mr. John Diggs-Dorsey in 1880 and Mr. Sidney Randolph, sixteen years later. The incidents were reported in news accounts that conflict in many details but which nevertheless were published nationwide. Although many of the accounts depicted these incidents as the work of relatively small groups of local citizens, the aftermaths made plain that almost no white person of authority in the county—not its prosecutors, jurors, elected officials, journalists, or preachers—seriously objected to the public murder of the three African American men.

The documentary, funded in part by a 2019 grant from the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County, will be shown by MoCo LMP in a virtual event by Zoom, followed by a panel discussion with questions featuring Mallin and the three people who appear in the film: Anthony Cohen, a historian and founder of the Menare Foundation, Sarah Hedlund, archivist and librarian for Montgomery History, and Michael V. Williams of Montgomery County Public Schools. Williams, MCPS Teacher of the Year in

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## Mystery History

### Piece of Civil War History Found

By Rande Davis

Sometimes our history remains hidden, and at other times it simply pops up for all to see. That is the case with a Civil War-era rifle which was found inadvertently by a local resident on his property in the area. The property owner prefers to remain anonymous, but thanks to his sharing, the rifle and its history are no longer buried in the ground.

Interestingly, the only thing left of the rifle is its barrel with the stock and trigger mechanism apparently long gone. It is apparent that the rifle was destroyed by an explosion within the barrel. Such an explosion could have occurred for various reasons, but the rifle was most likely simply thrown away after the barrel at the stock end was split open from an explosion. While it might have been from a faulty barrel, it is more likely it came from either an overloading of powder or bullets jammed in.

We recently shared the discovery with Town Engineer John Strong who is a Civil War and rifle enthusiast expert in his own right. He took the rifle to a representative of the National

Rifle Association, and the rifle's history is most fascinating.

The dirt-covered rifle is an M1841 Mississippi rifle, a muzzle-loading percussion rifle used during the Seminole Wars, the Mexican American War, and the American Civil War. Since Poolesville was a pro-secessionist town, it is not surprising that the rifle was used in the 1st Mississippi Regiment of the Confederate States of America. Designed in 1840, it most likely came from the armory in Harper's Ferry. Its original cost was \$16.00.

Eli Whitney Blake managed the Harper's Ferry Armory in 1842, and under his contract with the U.S. Government for making this new rifle, he would have retooled the machinery and fixtures originally designed for making an 1822 flintlock musket.

Thomas Warner, a foreman, who was master armorer at the Springfield Armory, was experienced with this retooling process. Warner is credited with equipping the Springfield Armory with a set of new, more precise machines and a system of gauging that made it possible to achieve, in the later 1840s, the long-desired goal of interchangeability of parts in military small arms.

As to the owner of the rifle? While no one can know for sure, it looks like the poor fellow not only lost a rifle but possibly his life or at least his nose in the misfortunate backfire.

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- This year, because of the Covid pandemic, we will be delivering all food and toys for the holidays. Volunteer delivery people are needed, so please call us at the number above and press 2 to volunteer. We know the community will step up as always to help those in need in Poolesville, Boyds, Barnesville, Beallsville, and Dickerson have wonderful holidays.

### Covid-19 and WUMCO

- We continue to serve people in need in our community (Poolesville, Boyds, Dickerson, Barnesville, and Beallsville). We give thanks to the many generous people who have contributed food both directly to the office and through the parking lot cupboard at Drs. Pike and Valega's office. We are grateful to our neighbors for their generosity. We always need more food!
- Financial contributions have been coming in strongly. We are seeing more requests for financial assistance. We are grateful for all our financial supporters and encourage you all to make additional or new donations. Contribute either from our website or send a check to our post office box (see below).

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## Senior News

### Poolesville Seniors Offers a Variety of Virtual Programs For the Community

Poolesville Seniors is offering a wide variety of virtual programs in November that will meet community needs for exercise, information, and socialization. All events are open to the entire community.

#### Mondays

**Tai-Chi** with Maureen Ivusic, 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

#### Wednesdays

**Chair Yoga** with Twyla Insalaco, a certified yoga instructor specializing in flow yoga. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Zumba Gold** with Karen McPhatter. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

#### Saturdays, November 7 and 14

Senior Weight Training with Zack Etheridge. 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

#### November 6

**An Evening with a Poet and a Painter**  
Poolesville poet Bernard Jankowski

and Frederick painter Ed Ramsburg have collaborated on three books over the past fourteen years. Their latest book, *Shadows of the Monocacy*, captures the spirit of living in and exploring our region. 7:00 p.m.

#### November 11

##### Virtual Social with Hal and His Pals

Hal and His Pals present music of the '50s, '60s, and '70s. You don't want to miss this event! The last time this group performed in Poolesville, they had their audience dancing in the aisles. 1:30 p.m.

#### November 12

##### A History of Martinsburg

Presented by Chuck Copeland. Chuck is a descendant of former slaves who were owned on and eventually freed from plantations right here in the Agricultural Reserve. 7:00 p.m.

#### November 19

##### Ag Reserve Properties

Kenny Sholes continues his series on the historical properties of the Agricultural Reserve. 7:30 p.m.

#### December 1

##### Holiday Crafts

Offered by Chris Rickert and Annette Rosanelli. 1:30 p.m.

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### Poolesville Seniors Offers a Variety of Virtual Programs for the Community

Participants will make two holiday ornaments. There is a small fee for this activity. Materials needed for the craft project will be delivered contact free to the front porch of the participants on November 30.

#### Upcoming Events

Keep checking this column in the *Monocle* as well as the Poolesville Seniors website for developing details about the following programs, still in the planning stages.

#### December 5

Latrobe Quarry Walk with Jon Wolz.

#### December 11

Songs of the Season Family Sing-A-Long with Rick Normoyle. 7:30 p.m.

#### Monthly Tuesday Virtual Senior Lunch Bunch

This event will be held monthly via Zoom, starting in December, and will feature rotating themes.

#### Outdoor Walking Club

Did you miss one of the Poolesville Seniors' programs? Many of their recent offerings were recorded and are now available with a link from their website: [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org).

To register for the programs listed above and to receive the Zoom link for each, visit [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org). If the registration information for the event you're interested in isn't available now, check back closer to the date of the program. To be added to their mailing list or for questions, email: [info@poolesvilleseniors.org](mailto:info@poolesvilleseniors.org). To receive a hard copy of their monthly newsletter, call 301-875-7701.

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## Tribute

### Val Dickerson Honored

By Rande Davis

Val Dickerson stepped down as Town of Poolesville commissioner after eight years, finishing her time as the vice president of the board of commissioners. As a commissioner, she served as commission liaison to the parks board and events committee. Upon her departure, it was noted that she exemplified serving the residents in a positive, effective, and proficient manner throughout. As a result, she continued to fulfill a personal goal of always seeking to build key relationships. This can be seen in various ways. She played a leading role in building excellent relations with county and state officials which proved to be essential in the process of advocating for a new Poolesville High School.



Val Dickerson received accolades from the town and those she served with as commissioner: Martin Radigan, Jim Brown, Val, Kerri Cook, and town engineer John Strong.

She was "very proud and satisfied with the relationships I created from day one with our local commercial property owners. We were able to get empty spaces filled and support new interested business prospects immediately. Working under the leadership of Jim Brown truly made that process possible as, together, we worked closely with our business partners." Concerned that there may have been some slippage in that regard more recently, she stated that she hopes that the "current and new board can get back to nurturing those by doing what I did for so long, meeting with the building owners."

Valaree was an originator in the creation of Sustainable Poolesville and worked hard to see Poolesville become a certified municipality under Sustainable Maryland. During her time as a commissioner, she was also pleased the town was able to complete the turnover of ownership rights from the state to the town of several local roads, including Fisher Avenue. This enabled the town to finally get the crosswalks updated for safety and for long-term maintenance to be more immediate.

Her one regret was not being able to obtain some sort of senior citizen appropriate-living accommodations. "I have been advocating for this for years. Our seniors deserve the opportunity to transition within a community that they helped to build, to live safely and comfortably forever. I hope that the Willards' new property, when finally approved, will accommodate this with first floor living space available."

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## Garden

### Put Your Garden To Bed

By Maureen O'Connell

For many of us, our gardens have been a place of joy and refuge for the past eight months—a place to momentarily escape to forget the nightmare of our new “normal” daily lives. As winter approaches, it is time to put our gardens to bed for the winter and remember that a summer garden is made in the autumn and winter. It never sleeps.

Winterization is a gradual process. In some areas, it can begin in mid-October right up until the ground freezes. In our Monocacy area, it can vary from year to year, with temperatures in November and December often very mild. If you cut some perennials back too soon, this will encourage new growth that will not have sufficient time to harden off before freezing temperatures arrive. The main reason for a pre-winter garden cleanup is to remove dead and diseased plants and to protect them from winter's cold and damaging conditions. It is also a good time to assess your perennial gardens and to correct mistakes and problem areas. It is also the best time to dig up, rearrange, and divide existing plants, and to plant new perennials and shrubs, and spring blooming bulbs.

**What and When to Cut Back Now.** I dig up and discard most annual flowers. They have had their brief time on the stage. One exception is zinnias; their dead seed heads provide winter food for the birds. In the vegetable garden, remove everything from the bed surfaces, spent tomato, squash, and cucumber vines; all stems, leaves, and seedlings and other plant debris that can provide a winter hiding place for unwanted bugs and their eggs. The better your clean up now, the fewer problems you will have next spring.

**Herbaceous Perennials.** Many plants die down to ground level at some point in the late fall. I cut them back to about six inches above the ground so I can tell in the spring where they are planted. Examples are peonies, hostas, foxglove, dianthus, and phlox. At this time of the year, my peonies and phlox ‘David’ are covered with powdery mildew and must be cut way back. There are some herbaceous perennials that maintain basal foliage; they lose all of their top growth, but at the base of the now brown and yellow stalks, there is green lush healthy growth. I leave them alone until the following spring. Some examples of these types are *Oenothera* (Evening Primrose), *Salvias*, *Penstemons*, and *Scabiosas*.

There are also some plants that remain up into the winter; they are very cold tolerant. They don't turn brown or yellow despite killing frosts. I often have some lavender, *Perovskia* (Russian Sage), and catmint still green in January. No problem; I will deal with it next spring. German or bearded iris fall into this category, but they require special treatment. Their leaves look lush and green until Christmas, but don't leave them like that all winter as the foliage can harbor their enemy, the larvae of the iris borer. I have lost several beautiful irises to the borer. Siberian irises don't have this problem, so I let them die down on their own.

**Flowering Shrubs.** They fall into two basic categories: those that bloom on previous year's wood and those that bloom on current year's wood. Azaleas, lilacs, and some hydrangeas are examples of the first category. Never prune these in the fall as you will remove next year's flower buds. *Caryopteris* and *Buddleias* (Butterfly Bushes) are in the latter category and should be left alone in the fall.

**Roses.** I treat roses like flowering shrubs and cut back by about a third any of the very long shoots that can be damaged in the winter winds. I leave the more precise pruning until the spring. My rugosa roses are an exception. They are very hardy, and their wonderful, tasty rosehips provide food for the birds most of the winter.

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It is tempting to just leave the garden as it is. Even my enthusiasm for garden chores seriously wanes about now, but, without being too tidy, it just looks so much better for your winter walks to take in a neat, properly-cut-back garden. Come next spring, you will be re-energized for a new season—and, the birds will thank you all winter.

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## Youth Sports

### Echoes of PHS Sports Past

By Jeff Stuart

Ah, high school sports! I remember you well. The PHS athletic fields and gymnasiums are empty, except for the echoes of past competitions. Here are some past highlights worth remembering.

On Friday, November 14, 2008 the undefeated Poolesville girls' volleyball team (19-0), under the direction of Coach Fran Duvall, resoundingly defeated Glenelg, 25-6, 25-7, and 25-13 in the Maryland 1A State Championships at Ritchie Coliseum. From the start, these girls wanted to raise the bar for an already very successful program. They did. They did not lose a match or even a single game all season. In the state championship, outside hitter Celi Blanc, setter Jenny Better, Chelsea Glowacki, Jess Chittenden, libero Paige Sekerak, Christina Hansen, Megan Kenneweg, and Tori Kirpatrick were the players.

In 2013, the Falcons made another appearance in a state final, becoming the first Poolesville team to do so at the 2A level. Assistant Coach Meghan Kenneweg was on the 2008 championship team, and sister Sarah, a libero, was hoping the 2013 team would win one of their own. They came very close. After losing the first two sets, Poolesville rallied to win games three and four and led 11-8 in the tie breaker before losing to Patuxent. Allyson Convers, Rosie Barry, Caroline Leng, and Fangfei Yin were key players.

Not to be forgotten was a thrilling regular season victory over 2013 3A state champion and archrival Damascus earlier that season before a raucous home crowd. The visiting fans from Damascus were just as loud. The Falcons trailed two games to none before refocusing and taking care of business, winning the final two games convincingly, 25-13, 25-15, and the tie breaker, 15-9.

On November 10, 2014, Poolesville's football team (7-3), under Coach Will Gant, came from behind for a 27-24 win over Rockville at home that secured a place in the playoffs.

The Falcons trailed, 24-20, before scoring the go-ahead touchdown on a fifty-yard pass from quarterback Steven Morningstar to wide receiver Sean Parker, Jr. with less than five minutes left. Gant told the team that it was a game every player would remember for the rest of their lives.

Also, in 2014, the girls' soccer team had an amazing regular-season twelve-game winning streak, including wins against some of the county's larger and more elite soccer teams. They earned the top seed in the region. They played at a championship level, but in a 3-2 loss to Churchill in the season's final game, outstanding goalie Kirsten Darraugh suffered a concussion and was not available for the playoffs. Darraugh had shut out nine opponents. Despite a valiant effort, the Falcons fell, 3-2, in overtime to South Carroll in the playoffs. "Annie Hasselbalch [was] our season's most valuable player," said Coach Justin Anderson. Elisa Botten, Lucy Wang, Karen Comfort Sachi Howson, Isabel Durkin, Kat Creedon, Abby Beeler, Hailey Khalil, Alec Frost, Kylin Milisits, and Brooke Nessel were also key players. Emily Jia, as a backup goalie, was excellent against South Carroll making many important saves.

The boys' soccer team certainly saved their best for the 2014 playoffs, upsetting the number three seed Francis Scott Key before losing in the region final to Liberty. "Our boys were relentless and played well, just the time ran out on us as we lost, 3-2," said Coach Christos Nicholas. Senior Brian Galfond lifted the Falcons at season's end, starting with a spectacular bicycle kick goal against Rockville that was featured on YouTube. He scored two goals against FSK and two more in the region final. Christian Andrade had fourteen saves in goal. Sophomore Filip Burnett scored a goal against FSK.

For cross country, a highlight was the 2013 season when both the boys' and girls' teams finished second in the 2A state championship. It was the late Jim Vollmer's final season as coach. Chase Weaverling finished in first place overall for the boys, followed by Stephen Lang, William Stamm, Matt Psaltakis, and Elan Guzman. Claire Beautz was third overall for the girls followed by Theresa Nardone, Chelsea Pennello, Denise Larson, and Fiona Whifield. In other years, there were memorable performances by Ryan Lockett, Andrew Lent, Nandini Satsangi, and Logan Rohde.

In 2011, the Falcons field hockey team advanced to the state final with a win over Century in Annapolis. Century really dominated in the first half of the state semifinal, but goalkeeper Amy Defnet kept them off the scoreboard. Century scored about six minutes into the second half. Kelsey Carnahan scored to tie the

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Within its first year, the group held raffles and dances to raise funds for a future permanent home, something never accomplished. Today, Post 247 meets at the Calleva offices in Poolesville.

In the early years, community service included American flags for vets at local cemeteries, funds for polio research and heart disease, toys for youngsters in need, and funds to assist hospitalized veterans.

Post 247 continues as a veterans' organization devoted to service of others, not only to members and other vets, but to the community as a whole. This "band of brothers" proudly boasts sixty-three members, including seven women.

In our community, Post 247 has given out awards to students of Poolesville Elementary, Middle, and High Schools, including scholarships; sponsored oratorical contests at the high school; provided scholarships to Boys State candidates; contributed to the Wounded Warrior Program and Fisher House; planted flags on graves; and much more. The organization prides itself on sponsoring events that have social and historical benefits such as a recent crossing of the Potomac River at White's Ford on foot, joined by local girl scouts; a social dinner at the "old saloon" at Calleva; its annual barn dance fundraiser; and other historical field trips. Local vets interested in joining Post 247 can email [jsingh@crossroadstalent.net](mailto:jsingh@crossroadstalent.net).

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**Tidbits**

**Business Category:** BC110: "Horsing Around" by Kismet Farm

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**Kids:**

**Most Original:** Maddie and Jax (Twins) as "Pebbles and Bamm-Bamm!"

**Cutest Kid:** Christine (18 months), "Giddy Up Cowgirl"

**Pets:**

**Cutest:** Dolly in "Just Keep Swimming"

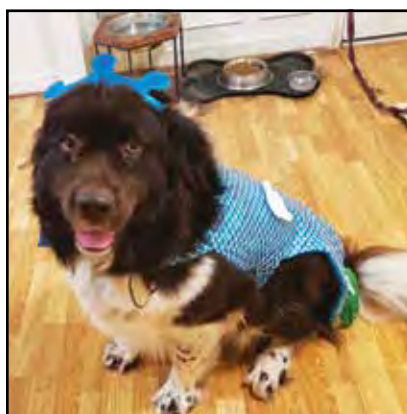
**Most Original:** Grace and Lisa as "Thing 1 and Thing 2"



Christine, the "Giddy-Up Cowgirl."



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Recent Crime

**Burglary Arrest:** Germantown officers and detectives arrested a juvenile and charged him with six burglaries in Boyds. Police noticed that a spate of burglaries had been occurring in a small geographical area and stepped up patrol in that area. On the night of October 26, undercover officers observed someone wearing a mask and using a flashlight to look into the rear door of a townhouse on Gate Dancer Lane. They then saw him climb onto the deck and shine the flashlight into the living area of the house. Officers then moved in, but the suspect ran. After a foot chase, the suspect was arrested. Police then obtained a search warrant for his house and found property that had been taken in other burglaries. All of the break-ins had occurred in the dead of night.

**Telephone Scam:** The telephone call scam epidemic has continued, and some of the victims have been well-educated members of the community. The caller tells the recipient that either their tax bill is due and there is a warrant for their arrest or that they have

committed a crime and a warrant exists for their arrest. In either case, the recipient of the telephone call is offered a quick way to get out of trouble which is to wire, send, or somehow transfer funds to the caller in minutes. The Montgomery County Police Department has expressed amazement at the number of people who have fallen for this scam. Over \$1.5 million have been stolen from county residents so far. The police department will NEVER ask for a credit card number or offer to exchange money for a warrant cancellation: NEVER.

### Past Crime: 1905 to 1910

James Whalen, the young man who had been shot by Deputy Sheriff Embry, died at the Georgetown Hospital. Embry had been on duty when a ruckus broke out at the Cabin John Hotel, and Embry rushed to quell it. In the confusion, Embry was attacked by Whalen. Embry fired one shot that struck Whalen in the abdomen. Originally, doctors had thought that Whalen would survive due to his strong physique; however, their predictions were wrong.

Sheriff Mullican removed Ollie Harris from the Montgomery County jail and took him to Baltimore in fear that friends of Henson Poole would storm

the jail and lynch Harris. Poole and Harris were on a hunting excursion in the wilds north of Poolesville when some sort of argument broke out, and Harris shot and killed Poole. It took some days to track Poole down, but once he was captured, he was held at the Rockville jail. Mullican planned to hand Harris over to Baltimore detectives who were skilled in the "third degree method" of questioning, and it was thought that the truth would be obtained.

Harris was also being held on the suspicion that he was the one who brutally assaulted his aunt Clara Harris near Travilah. Ms. Harris had been hit over the head with a heavy iron bar and was left to die on her farm. Money was also missing from her home. Witnesses said that they had seen Ollie Harris at the Masonic Fair in Rockville on a spending spree and told the sheriff that they had never seen Harris with so much money.

J. L. Croxton, the popular telegraph operator at Boyds Station, walked off the job and told his employer that he had had enough of the petty crime and harassment by young men in the area. He cited the latest episode when a stone was thrown through the window of the telegraph office and struck

him in the head. Croxton said that he was leaving for the Argentine Republic where he planned to live. Croxton had been an employee of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for over twenty years. He was beloved in the area because he would sometimes send messages without charging residents if message traffic was slow.

Deputy Sheriff Collins went to the home of Ernest Jenkins at Croypley, a small settlement between Rockville and Glen Echo. Collins held a warrant charging Jenkins with wife beating. Jenkins came to the door with a pistol and opened fire on Collins who returned the fire. Collins expended all of his ammunition and left to visit nearby homes to get more ammunition. None was obtained. The next morning, Deputy Collins returned with several of his friends, all of whom he had deputized, and they surrounded the house. When Jenkins saw all of the armed men, he came to the front door and surrendered. Collins then took Jenkins to the jail at Rockville where he was held for trial.

There was much excitement in the county as several groups were formed in hopes of catching the man who

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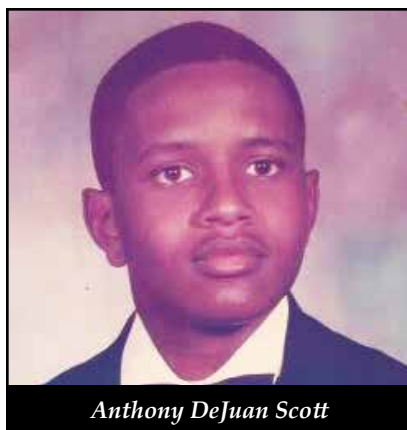
## Remembrances

### Anthony DeJuan Scott

Anthony DeJuan Scott of Poolesville passed away on October 13 at the age of 50. He graduated from Poolesville High School in 1988, attended technical school, and worked as a civil engineer for part of his life. Anthony was a loyal friend, a caring son, and a loving father who will truly be missed.

He is survived by his parents Alice F. Scott, William E. Scott, Sr., and stepmother Alice T. Scott; half-sister Christel Evans (Jonathan) and step-sister Kimberly Houser; his four children, sons Alex Scott (Ashley), DeJuan Scott, and Jayden Shipe, and daughter Essence Scott. He also leaves behind four granddaughters, Madison Scott, Kaylynn Scott, Vaeda Scott, and Eliana Scott; and a host of aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by brothers, William E. Scott Jr., Aaron J. Scott, and Brandt S. Trillanes.



Anthony DeJuan Scott

### Kyra Tamara Sosna

Kyra Tamara Sosna, 51, of Poolesville passed away on October 30 at home.

She was the loving wife and best friend to Ronald Sosna.

Born on September 3, 1969 in Long Island, she was the daughter of Ralph B. and the late Christine (Des Fontaines) Draves.

Along with her husband and father, Kyra is survived by her two daughters, Alexandra and Camden. Kyra lived for her daughters and loved her Sweat Pea and Boogey with all her heart.



Kyra Tamara Sosna

She was predeceased by one brother, Alexander Draves.

Throughout her fight against cancer, Kyra showed strength, honesty, humor, determination, and grace. She continued to live life to its fullest. Kyra was a Director of Revenue Accounting for Marriott International and was a Washington and Lee University alumna.

She held her friends dear to her heart and, in her passing, her family is grateful for the love and support that they have provided.

In consideration of family members living in France and Belgium and due to the COVID-19 crisis, a celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in her memory to the Foundation for Women's Cancer (230 W. Monroe Street, Suite 710, Chicago, IL 60606) or the Gift of Life House (401 Callowhill Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123).

### Howard Whisman

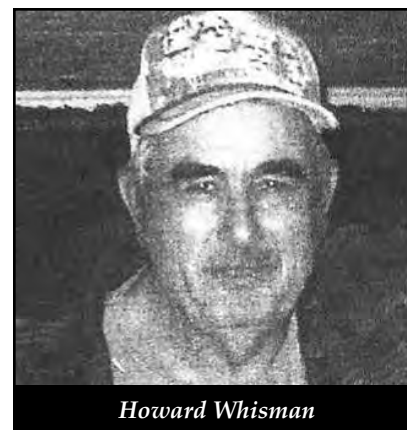
Howard Eugene "Jinx" Whisman of Dickerson passed away on October 26, 2020 at home. He was born in Maryland on March 13, 1942 to the late Frank William and Annie L. (Harrison) Whisman.

Howard is survived by his best friend and companion of twenty-seven years, Annabelle "Piggy" Davidson, and her three children, Annabelle E. Davidson of Brunswick, Evelyn Rowland of Hagerstown, and Ricky Davidson, Jr. and wife Katie of Brunswick. He is also survived by Annabelle's grandchildren, Kelly Hottinger, Carter Hottinger, Joshua Corl, Thomas Corl, Zachary Rowland, and Ashlee Davidson.

Also surviving are two sisters, Frances Johnson of Westminster and Nancy Smith of West Virginia; one brother, Albert Whisman and wife Della of New York; a special brother-in-law, Floydie Degrange of Frederick; and many nieces and nephews.

Howard was predeceased by siblings, Frank W. Whisman, Jr., Carl Edward, Helen Marie Degrange, Henry Ray, David Lee, and Wayne Douglas; and Annabelle's granddaughter, Meghan Davidson in June of 2020.

As per Howard's wishes, he will be cremated.



Howard Whisman

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Virtual Premiere from MoCo LMP

2016, narrated the film. He also appears in it, speaking from personal experience on the impact of the county's legacy of racial terrorism in Montgomery County today.

The premiere will be free but requires registration at [tinyurl.com/mocolmpnov15](http://tinyurl.com/mocolmpnov15). The link to register is also available online at the website of MoCoLMP, [mdlynchingmemorial.wixsite.com/montco](http://mdlynchingmemorial.wixsite.com/montco), and on the film's website, [thethreelynchings.film](http://thethreelynchings.film).

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**Echoes of PHS Sports Past**

game with about eight minutes left, picking up a rebound of a shot the Century goalie kicked out. The Poolsville crowd made a lot of noise, chanting, "We believe that we can win." There was a scoreless first overtime. Finally, with 3:11 left in the second overtime, Allie Green scored to give PHS the sudden death win.

In the state final again in 2012, after again beating Century in the semifinal, Sarah Onderko scored off a centering pass from Allie Green less than seven minutes into the game against Glenelg who had not trailed all season. Despite a great effort by goalkeeper Madison Lamanna, Poolsville lost, 5-1. In the regular season

home finale that year, Poolsville defeated traditional power B-CC for the first time, 3-2, as Kelsey Carnahan took a cross from the right and drilled home the winning shot in overtime. Jocelyn Bodmer had a first-half goal. The Falcons reached the state final again in 2014, finishing 14-3-1 overall and defeating Century again in the semifinal, 1-0. Senior Amanda Chasin was awarded a penalty stroke. She buried the shot into the left side of the net, eliciting a loud response from her Falcon teammates and Poolsville fans. "It was a beautiful stroke," Century coach Terry Duryea said. "There [was] nothing any goalie could do to stop that ball from going in."

The Falcons lost a tense 1-0 game to Kent Island in the final. They had not

allowed a goal in their last six regular season games or in the playoffs. Chasin, Mary Hall, Haley Wilson, and Anna Murgia were captains of that team.

Speaking of beautiful goals, on September 12, 2019 at home, junior left forward Ellie Bean scored such a goal against rival Damascus with 13:07 left in the game to put Poolsville on top, 2-1. That lead held up, giving new coach Taylor Bowen her second win at PHS. It was the biggest win of the fall season for Falcon athletics. Bean scored another "beautiful goal" on September 18 at Quince Orchard with 3:34 left in a scoreless game. The Falcons held on for a 1-0 win. The game was live streamed over the Quince Orchard Athletics website.

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**Police Blotter: Past and Present**

had shot and seriously wounded schoolteacher Charles Souder. Souder had been shot and robbed while walking home from school on a footpath near Redland. Several men were stopped and questioned, but none matched the description provided by Souder. At 2:00 a.m., Deputy Quinter spotted a suspect near Wheaton. The man turned and ran into the forests of Rock Creek, and the posse led by Quinter opened fire with all sorts of firearms. It was thought that at least one bullet had taken effect as a blood trail was found in the woods.

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## Celebrating 31 Years of Service

### Your Dog's Personality Changes with Age, Study Finds. Here's How.

Adapted by Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

As with their human owners, dogs' personalities change as they age, but some traits stay the same. All pet parents know that their pets in older age aren't the same as they were as puppies, but owners often can't pinpoint the exact personality changes brought on by the passage of time.

A study published recently in *Scientific Reports* attempts to map out those changes and finds that there are some personality traits, such as attraction to novel experiences, the desire to explore, and the urge to run around, that seem to change for most dogs with age.

"Similar to humans, dog personality is both stable and malleable," said the study's lead author, Borbála Turcsán, a research fellow at Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, Hungary. "Dogs that are active and curious when young will remain active and curious when they get old, but only compared to other dogs. A dog's personality changes over time, and, on average, every dog becomes less active and less curious as they get older."

To study how dogs' personalities might change with time, Turcsán and her colleagues recruited 217 border collies who were participants in the Clever Dog Database in Vienna. The dogs' ages at the beginning of the study were 6 months to 15 years old.

At the outset, the dogs were evaluated using a series of tests known as the Vienna Dog Personality Test. Four years later, the researchers invited dogs that were still alive, along with their owners, back to the lab for retesting. Thirty-seven dogs (and their owners) showed up.

Included in the tests were:

- Exploration test
- Frustration test
- Novel object test
- Ball playing test
- Obedience test
- Problem-solving test

When the researchers compared the dogs, they found that the most active and curious ones in the first test were still the most active and curious ones four years later but that, individually, they were less active and curious than they had been. Overall, the researchers found that the dogs' attentiveness and ability to solve problems changed a lot during life, improving up until about 6 years of age and then remaining stable. The novelty-seeking trait didn't change much in early life, but then, when the dogs were 3, their curiosity about novel objects and situations started to decline.

The study's findings may not apply equally to all breeds, Houpt said. "They used the smartest breed to study, and [the downward trends], when it comes to diminution and novelty-seeking, might be different with beagles, for example."

There was some good news for dog owners, Houpt said. "Dogs get less active with age, and that should give hope to the people who have puppies that are too active, and while they become less oriented to problem-solving and novelty-seeking as they get older, they remain obedient and social, which is probably the most important thing for owners."



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