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Barbie Stull (right) just celebrated her tenth year as owner of Cugini's Restaurant. Her challenging journey is an inspiration to entrepreneurs everywhere. Read about her on page 3.



A Lions Club blood drive in memory of Kate Jauch was the most successful in local history. Read about it in Tidbits on page 12.



Jack Feys won the MVP award at the recent Holiday Basketball Tournament. Read more about the boys' basketball team on page 14.



Over a hundred slaves from the Medley District served with the Union in the Civil War. See our Honor Roll list on page 16.

Commissioners Delay Final Vote on Chicken Ordinance

By Link Hoewing

In a somewhat surprising move, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville delayed taking a final vote on the ordinance they have been considering that would allow residents to raise chickens in their backyards. After a prolonged discussion at their January 17 meeting, the commissioners did appear, however, to coalesce around a compromise proposal offered by Commission President Jim Brown. It will likely be the policy to be voted on at the next meeting in February.

Brown started the discussion by saying that the Planning Commission finished its consideration of the issue in the fall and recommended the town adopt an ordinance that would repeal a prohibition in the town code regarding the raising of chickens in residences and include instead a new provision adopting the county's code on the issue. The county allows residents to raise chickens but prohibits the keeping of

roosters, establishes set asides from property lines for chicken coops, and requires coops to be "an auxiliary building" (i.e., stationary, fixed, and not on wheels).

Brown said that since the Planning Commission forwarded its recommendation, the town commissioners held their own session to hear input on the issue. He noted that many people had also sent emails to the commissioners concerning the topic. It was his view, based on the substantial amount of input the town received, that the issue was not ripe for a vote. Instead, the commissioners should discuss further what they have heard from citizens. He also did not think it was the right approach to send the issue back to the Planning Commission. He felt that the commissioners should come up with their own solution and vote on that.

Commissioner Martin Radigan said he had "heard a few things that might need to be changed" in the proposal but

on the whole felt that the "vast majority (of citizens) are in favor" of allowing chickens to be raised at residences.

Commissioner Sarah Paksima agreed with Radigan that a large majority of citizens who had spoken up or submitted comments were in favor of allowing chickens to be raised in town. She also said she felt that people should generally have some freedom to use their property as they wish. "We should not tell people what pets they can have," she said.

Brown responded that he remains concerned about how the ordinance would be enforced and about where on a resident's property a coop would be located.

Commissioner Jeff Eck was clearly the most opposed to allowing chickens to be raised in town and offered several rules that he hoped would carefully restrict the ownership and raising of

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Slavery in Montgomery County

By Rande Davis

In conjunction with February being Black History Month, we reflect in this issue on the sorrowful existence of slavery in our county and provide an Honor Roll of those blacks who served the Union cause during the war.

At the beginning of the Civil War, three in ten residents of Montgomery County were slaves. For the most part, Montgomery County residents who were slaveholders had fewer than ten and—often—just a few. One had more than one hundred slaves.

This degree of slave ownership represented a decrease from earlier days largely due to planters having switched from tobacco to grain production, the farmer having depleted the soil, and the latter requiring less year-round labor. With this change, some enslaved were manumitted (freed); sold, usually further south; or "hired out" to people needing labor, with payment to the slaveowner.

The presence of a significant free Black population was of a deep concern for those holding others in bondage, fearing possible "slave revolts" and concern about runaways being so close to the Mason-Dixon Line. Indeed, the now-famous trail of the Underground Railroad passed through the county. Among the unique features of race in Maryland was that in both absolute numbers and in percentage, the state had the largest free Black population of any other that sanctioned slavery. At the time of the breakout of the Civil War, the 770 slaveowners in the county represented seven percent of the White population. The general population's perspective on slavery, however, can be measured by the four-way presidential contest in 1860.

In the four-way presidential contest, the most pro-slavery candidate,

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Rev. Phillip Johnson, of Sugarland's St. Paul Community Church, recorded an oral history of his life as a slave.

Family Album



Charlie Glass, Grace Shepherd, Karen and Bill Anderson, and Scott Daniels were welcomed into the Monocacy Lions Club by Membership Chairman Dick Franklin (second from left).



Despite the winter morning, this team of volunteers worked on the exterior of the damaged home.



Val Dickerson, Hannah Helfert, and Amiyah Paksima helped with painting the kitchen.



For those who haven't driven down West Willard Road lately, the progress on the new school is substantial.



Helping Hands volunteers, Catherine Beliveau and Tom Pugh.



PBA youth basketball: Preparing the sports stars of the future!



Poolesville Baptist's Associate Pastor Armal Prodimi and Pastor Joel Gilbert hosted the church's Saturday morning mission of providing free bread to area folks.

Focus on Business

Cugini's Barbie Stull: Blazing Her Own Path

By Rande Davis

Ten years ago, Barbie Stull of Cugini's Restaurant was at an important crossroads in her life. After college, she worked for over a decade in various restaurants in the area from Staub's Country Inn in Beallsville to Bailey's Pub and Grill in Germantown. She was a young mother trying to figure out what she wanted to do to advance her career that might work with her desire to be with her daughter. She saw her chance when Dennis and Lynne Stillson decided to sell Cugini's Restaurant, retire, and head south to warmer weather. With support and encouragement from her father as her personal business mentor, she decided this was her chance. Although she recognized the large challenge ahead, she was not dissuaded from taking the leap. It was a huge step forward, but she was confident in herself, her experience, and felt the time was right.

Cugini's had been a popular pizza restaurant and bar, but she had many ideas to bring a renewed spark to the restaurant. She expanded the menu, looked to add her own personal touch to the food like her new pizza sauce and her bestselling homemade honey sriracha wing sauce. She refreshed the décor, and she began trying different things to rejuvenate Cugini's. Her steak and cheese and chicken wings are renowned throughout the area. She introduced breaded jalapeño ravioli dipped in marinara sauce, high-end sipping bourbon, and flights offering four-ounce samples of craft beers to try. She is especially pleased with Cugini's online ordering system. "It keeps things moving, and the phones don't get tied up as much."

One Christmas, she even had me dressed as Santa Claus to entertain the kids. It was a fundraiser for the American Legion, a group she has strongly supported from the very beginning.

Barbie saw an opportunity for IPA craft beers and micro-brewing their own beer. She entrusted another Poolesville High School alumnus, beermaster Daniel Glazier, to develop the concept of this exciting new beer program. The innovation has proven to be exceptionally popular with Cugini's hosting tap takeover events featuring local and regional IPAs.

Then it happened. She hit the pandemic brick wall. The lockdown began.

She recalls the day the shocking news came in an email that dining inside was to end. That last day, at 5:00 p.m., when the lockdown began, she bought every-one one last shot, toasted the past, and proclaimed with steadfast determination, "We will see you all again, when this is over."

It was her positive energy, a sink or swim attitude, and amazing support from her customers and others that supported an entirely carry-out model. The cars literally lined up outside to pick up their orders as she, Danny, and staff began hustling back and forth from oven to curbside. It was like "bailing out the boat," but it sustained her.

When the chance to dine outside came, she brought in outdoor heaters, plastic drapes to ward off rain and wind, and she, the staff, and customers made it through those chilly days.

Then, wham, just like that, the shutdown came again! "The second shutdown hit us harder than the first time," she recalled. Fear of not making it was greater this time, not because she lacked confidence in herself and staff or faith in her loyal customers, but perhaps things were not in her control after all, her fate not as much in her own hands as it was in the government's power; nevertheless, she powered through. She reintroduced BOGO Monday (buy one large pizza get one large cheese pizza free), Craft Beer to Go, Wednesday Wing night, half-price on wine on Thursday, and the return of the amazing Pour House Trivia on Tuesday, which packs the dining area with nearly every table made up of teams competing in the trivia contest.

The masks are gone, the crowds are back, and Sunday during football is booming. Cugini's, going all the way back to the Stillson time, was the go-to place for Steelers fans, of which there is a huge following in our area.

Barbie Stull, from the very beginning, has been a role model for, not just female entrepreneurs, but for all persons seeking a sense of independence in creating their own destiny. She welcomes all the new emerging restaurant business in Poolesville to boost her sales, too. As she sees it, when the parents go out for dinner, they like to order pizza for the kids, so it's a win-win for everyone.

Through it all, with her perpetual welcoming smile, her creativity, energy, positive attitude, and, yes, even her courage, she has blazed her own pathway.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

All the Poop and Scoop about Chicken Coops and Other Backyard Adventures

By Rande Davis

Living in the Ag Reserve sure does give us an opportunity for some unusual headlines. We like to give our perspective on the news of the day as presented in each issue, but the big news this time admittedly caught me a bit off guard. I don't mean to be disrespectful to anyone's vision for a better life, but I must confess, the pull to treat the hot issue of backyard chickens humorously is beyond my ability to ward off entirely.

When I first heard of this proposal, I was beyond perplexed. My first experience with backyard chickens as a child was not pleasant. I was vacationing at my grandparents' in a rural upstate New York farming town, with neighbors who raised their own chickens. It was fun at first. Then that fateful day of reckoning came for the next door birds.

As the owner pressed the head of one of his chickens on the top of a very worn butcher block, he swung his ax toward the exposed neck of my very favorite bird. With a startled jerk, the headless chicken began running in total panic around the yard, wondering, I am sure, what the hell had just happened. Meantime, I might as well have been living in a Freddy Krueger movie. As an innocent boy of only about six, the spouting burst of blood and the trail of the burgundy plasma swirling in all kinds of directions throughout the yard were something I came to horrifically think about for quite a while. Usually, just before I dozed off to sleep.

I haven't thought that much about that experience until now.

My immediate opinion about the proposal was to be against it, not just because of my youthful aviary PTSD, but also since we already have a very beautiful fox wandering around our backyard, in the morning and early evening, trolling the squirrels. If you build it, will they come?

My second encounter came as a victim of an angry chicken owner upset with town officials enforcing a community-agreed-upon ordinance not permitting chicken coops in town.

In his anger and revenge, he removed the birds (not sure how), but he dropped off the roosters at the door of Poolesville Town Hall. Pecking here

and there, they finally found their way to my backyard. It was a fun novelty for a short while. They were beautiful Rhode Island reds, as cute as any bobble-headed creature can be, eating the dropped bird seed under our feeders.

It was when my grandkids started to name them that the battle began. I knew, for use of better terminology, that I was in deep bird doo-doo. Have you ever tried to pick up a rooster who has no interest in your affection? I can be rather hyper at times, but this bird was way out of my league. I gathered up four of the grandkids, my wife, and a couple of neighbors. We encircled them and slowly closed the circle around them with gloves, bags, and nets at hand. The very recently-named roosters went by us faster than Superman's famous speeding bullet. Dodging around us as if we were cement statues—our feet seemingly nailed to the ground—cackling loudly as they easily circumvented all of us. Have you ever heard a rooster laugh hysterically? Well, I have.

It was then that my creative juices began to flow. I emptied my black compost bin, opened it up just enough to fit a rooster through, placed a board on top leaning it over the opening like a patio roof and with a stick underneath to hold it in place. With a forty-foot string attached to the stick, I sat down in a lawn chair holding my end of the string and patiently waiting like a fisherman, expecting the big one. Now, all I had to do was just be patient. The problems began to come quickly. First, the birds wouldn't go into the bin at the same time. Secondly, before I could traverse the fifteen yards after pulling the string, with the board now properly dropped over the entryway, leaving the roof open to the air, they simply flew out. Who'da thoughta dat?

A bemused visitor to my feathery dilemma smiled and asked me a very simple question, "Why do you think they call them roosters?" All I came up with was something about their male inclination. He replied, not as uppity as one might have expected, that "they are called roosters because at night they roost." All I had to do was to find where they roost. He assured me, while asleep, they are nearly comatose. Simply "find 'em, grab 'em while in this stupor, and place 'em in the cat cage." Easy enough.

I waited for darkness and sure enough, on a rather low-lying branch, there they were, sound asleep, with heads buried into their bodies, making their necks disappear just in case a predator with an ax happened by.

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Garden

The Garden Roller Coaster Ride of 2022

By Maureen O'Connell

Sometimes looking back can help us look forward. The photo accompanying this article is the author's fifty-year-old, hundred-foot-tall white pine tree that was snapped in half by gale force winds this past December 23.

How did your garden fare in 2022? It was a roller coaster ride of extreme temperatures in both directions, torrential rains, flooding, and drought conditions all over the country. Some areas were hit harder than others. Our Monocacy area saw a little bit of everything. Will this be the new normal? I grew up in Scranton, Pennsylvania and Morristown, New Jersey. I vividly remember winter snowstorms where the snow almost reached the second story of many houses (I am not making that up!) and there were many snow days from school. Lately, our weather isn't looking much like our days of winter past.

Discounting climate skeptics, our gardens in 2022 were tested as rarely seen before. Yes, there were climate fluctuations in other years, but climate



The author's hundred-foot-tall, fifty-year-old white pine tree was snapped in half by gale force winds on December 23, 2022

change and its effects on our environment are here to stay. We went from August heat waves to the coolest October since 2006. The first third of November saw temperatures soaring into the seventies and eighties in many parts of the country then suddenly shifting to colder conditions. December 23 brought single-digit temperatures and gale force winds to our area.

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Meet Your Vet

Butch Mezick: The Real Deal— From Troubled Youth to True Hero

By Rande Davis

I will always be grateful that I once wore the uniform of the United States Army. Most people don't know it, but only about one percent of the population serves or has served in the military. While my service was honorable, it does not compare to many of the men and women in the Poolesville American Legion with whom I stand while saluting our flag. There is no higher honor a person may have than to stand in formation among such patriots.

Even among this group of veterans, there are those who stand above the rest—not in height but in stature. They are the Real Deal, if you will. They are the heroes of the heroes. Right here in Poolesville, we have our fair share of such warriors. Among them humbly stands Byron "Butch" Mezick, a man who served distinctly at what militarily is referred to as the tip of the spear.

Fortunately, Butch has written his personal memoir of his journey as "troubled youth, on the brink of failure," to a learning leadership as a battle-hardened non-commissioned officer who served in Vietnam. His book, *Vietnam: A Marine's Chronicle of Change* is a journal noteworthy for its raw, undiluted candor and humility. For those who have never served in combat, his account is as close a glimpse of that experience that one may get.

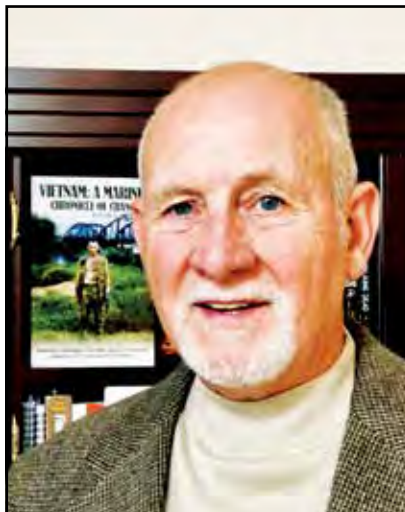
His is not a Hollywood-like story of a superhero, nor is it one for the faint of heart. It is the story of how a directionless youth, entering the Marine Corps as a grunt, through the most harsh and challenging circumstances, learned skills of leadership, commitment, and the value of determination. His life's course of study evolved into learning, as he says in the book, "the fundamental concepts of fear, courage, violence, compassion, sex, and death." If there existed a Ph.D. in Life, meet Dr. Butch.

His belief in a Creator "brings me to the edge of my comprehension, where knowledge stops, and faith begins as I faced imminent death." His story exposes the hardwired evolutionary survival instinct: "Better him than me."

He tells a riveting tale devoid of embellishment about a young man learning the skills of leadership from what, he surprisingly learned, was not just from strong role models, but from what at times can only be described as personal screwups. His is the remarkable story of how one can emerge from failure, bad judgements, and mistakes and overcome it all to become an exceptional noncom. How low did he get? Judge for yourself: "After being verbally assaulted and humiliated by the Bravo Company's captain, I walked out of the command post extremely dejected. Realizing that I am in severe trouble and the penalty I am soon to receive will negatively affect my wife, who expects to deliver our first child in February, I realize that I am on the path of failure, a man not deserving even to be a husband, father, or hold corporal rank in the U.S. Marine Corps. I didn't just grow at that moment, I am 'jerked up' into the reality of who I am."

His is not only a strident book of the hard realities of life in combat. This leatherneck shares his softer, personal side, too. He recalls his mother as he departs for Parris Island: "If it weren't for my mother and her influence, I would never have graduated high school. The woman with a big smile vigorously waving me goodbye has accomplished a mission. She has climbed a mountain."

His story had been silently held within himself for so long, so why did he decide to write this highly-personal book? "First, I could not share my feelings because, post-Vietnam, I had to support my family with hard work and pursuit of education. Second, America did not want to hear anything about the men



Byron Mesick has shared his unvarnished and harrowing story of personal growth in Vietnam: *A Marine's Chronicle of Change*.

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Senior News

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Are you looking for activities that stretch your mind, renew your body, and lift your spirits? Then visit the website for Poolesville Seniors, poolesvilleseniors.org, or call 301-875-7701 to register for a wide variety of virtual and in person events. **Registration is required, but all events are open to the community.** Most in-person events are located at Speer Hall at Poolesville Presbyterian Church.

February 2

Thurgood Marshall: A Trail-Blazing Civil Rights Victory in MoCo

Join historian Ralph Buglass to learn about William Gibbs and his lawyer Thurgood Marshall and the part they played in a trail-blazing civil rights case in 1937 Montgomery County.

February 9

Black History Month: Boyds Negro School

Join Claudia Golenda, vice president and one of the archivists for the Boyds Historical Society, for this special presentation covering the history and preservation of the Boyds Negro School, the only school for children of color in that area between 1896 and 1936. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

February 10

Heart 'N Soul Auction

Enjoy the thrill of the hunt during our ten-day online fundraising auction. Win the perfect gift for a friend, loved one, or yourself. Watch our website for further information. Beginning February 10; bids close on February 19 at 8:00 p.m.

February 11

Heart 'N Soul Gala Dinner Dance

Join the fun at our annual fundraising dinner dance! Gourmet catering by Simply Fresh Events, and music by Gina Beck's Soul Party and the Souled Out Horns. Ages 21 and over. Registration required. Tickets are limited. *St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville.* 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

February 16

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Explore the next historic Ag Reserve Property with local historian Kenny Sholes. Dotting the landscape is an array of impressive historic homes

standing as a visual reminder of those who came before us and the important part they played in American history for centuries. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

February 17

Friday Movie Night: Dog

Two former army rangers, Briggs (Channing Tatum) and Lulu (a Belgian Malinois), race down the Pacific Coast Highway on a time-sensitive mission. Comedy-Drama. Rated PG-13. Registration required. *Speer Hall.* Snacks and conversation start at 7:00 p.m.

March 9

Spring into Savings

Join Larissa Johnson, MoCo's Residential Energy Program Manager, for a "Jeopardy-style" event where you can win prizes while learning how to reduce energy usage in your home and keep money in your pocket! 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Indoor Open Play Pickleball. *Poolesville Baptist Church Family Life Center.* 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Bridge and Other Games

Snacks provided. Registration required. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Virtual.

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

Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email info@poolesvilleseniors.org. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Indoor Ladder Play Pickleball. *Poolesville Baptist Church Family Life Center.* 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on their YouTube channel. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from

Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.

Fun Fact...

February

February is the only month during which it's possible to go the entire time without having a full moon.

February, March, and November always start on the same day of the week unless it is a leap year.

The odds of being born on February 29th are about one in 1,461. Those born on a leap day can be called a "leaper" or "leapling."

There are many U.S. states that entered the Union during the month of February. These include Massachusetts, Oregon, Arizona, and Mississippi, which were readmitted.

On February 2, 1848, U.S. and Mexico signed the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended their war. The U.S. paid Mexico fifteen million dollars in exchange for California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas.

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All the Poop and Scoop about Chicken Coops and Other Backyard Adventures

I got a stepladder and all went nearly as planned. To avoid startling them, I grabbed them firmly by the body just above the tail. Regrettably, the bird hadn't gotten the instructing email. Upon being grabbed, the rooster began squawking wildly in an entirely out-of-control manner. On a summer night, when sound can carry so well, that darned bird was doing its best to perfectly impersonate a panicked person being brutally attacked. Outdoor lights of neighbors came on all around, and before they could call the cops, I started yelling, "It's a rooster! It's a rooster!" Well, long story long, I did get them in the cat cage and to animal control.

My lesson to be shared: Catching or raising chickens will not be as simple as it sounds. Be careful what you wish for. As to an ordinance, there is much to be developed. Like how many to allow? Do you include roosters who will be sure to wake everyone at 5:30 a.m.? What about your personal interest versus a neighbor's financial goals? Will your neighbors see your coop as adding to their home value or decreasing it? What about cats or pets who are let out to do their thing only to encounter a hungry fox? What about the smell from the poop in the coop and the flies attracted to said smell? Then there is the coop itself. How big, where to place it, proper maintenance, cleaning, etc.?

To the hopeful chicken owner, I will try to stay openminded. I do accept, with even non-organic eggs now at \$4.89 a dozen, it's quite understandable. Until Aldi starts selling them again for \$.89 a dozen, raising your own makes sense even to this "chicken-phobe."

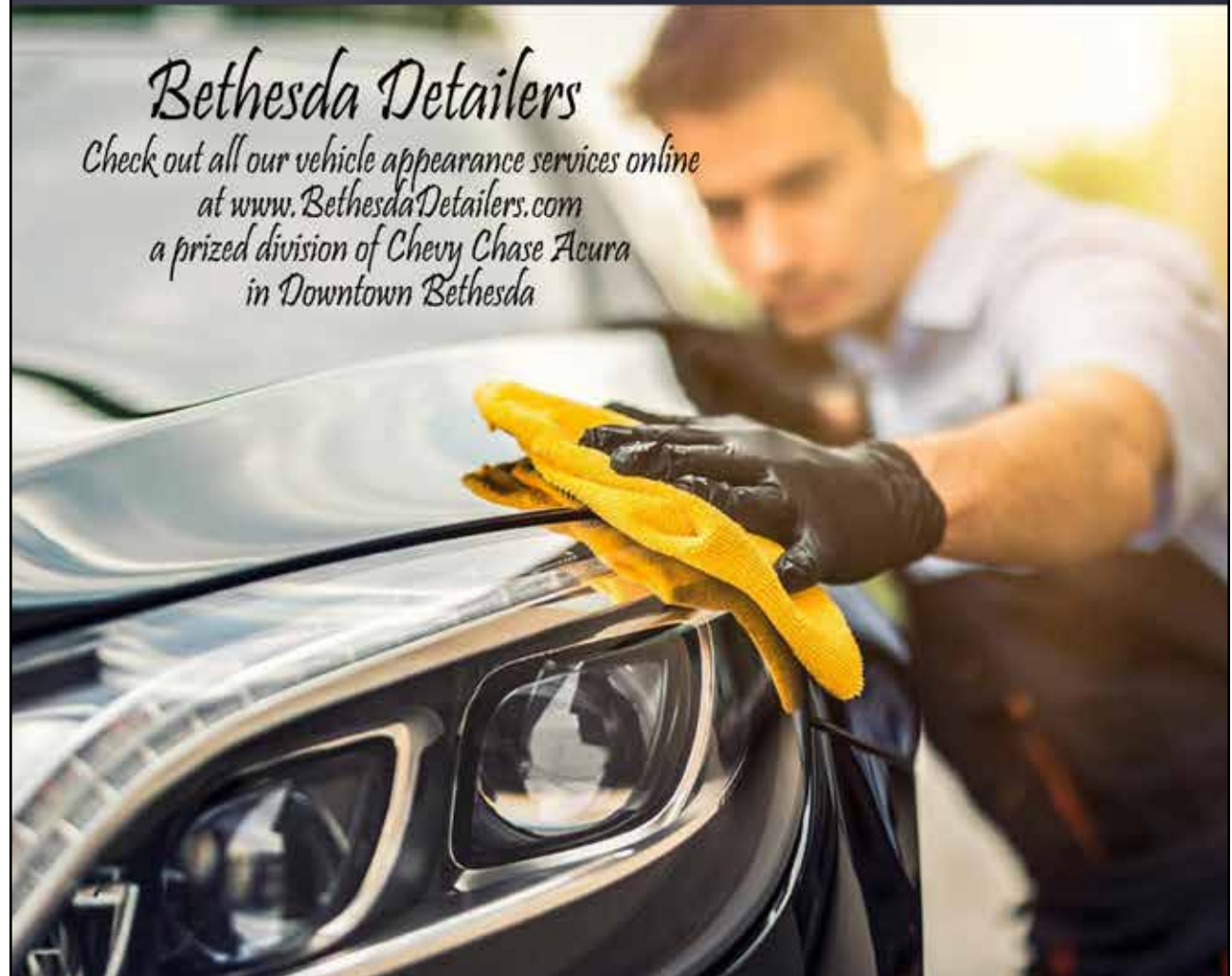
To our town commissioners, I congratulate your willingness to consider this proposal and your determination to think this fully through. The permission to raise chickens needs to come with many restrictions. Your task is to get them right.

In the meantime, I am tired of mowing my lawn, and I really would like to have a few fuzzy loveable little sheep in the yard chewing all day, keeping my grass at bay. Heck, I can even envision them grazing at my Christmas nativity scene to add a sense of reality and amusement for the grandkids. Come to think of it, wouldn't it be nice if we all got a chance to make being in the Ag Reserve a real part of our life's experience here. You don't have to bet the whole farm, if all one wants is a very small piece of it.



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Business Briefs

Tom Kettler Honored for His Volunteer Service

Tom Kettler, co-owner of Kettler Forlines Homes, recently received the 2022 Volunteer of the Year Award from the Maryland Building Industry Association (MBIA). The MBIA represents over one thousand builder and associate member companies from across Maryland and is an affiliate of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB). Tom is currently serving as a national delegate representing Maryland at the NAHB. Tom has a long history of serving MBIA as a homebuilding judge, panelist, and member of assorted MBIA committees. He is also past president of Homebuilders Care Foundation, the community service arm of MBIA.

Locally, Tom is also very active as a community volunteer. He is currently serving as the president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce. He originated the PACC 5K for Poolesville Day, has chaired the PACC tourist map, worked with Helping Hands, WUMCO, and the Poolesville Day Committee.

Mary Kuruppu of Little Learners Child Care Retires

After eleven years as the owner of Little Learners Child Care, Mary Kuruppu is retiring. She took over her daycare service in 2011 after having taught math at Frederick Community College.

In retiring, she is grateful to the parents and the community at large for all the support and friendships she has had throughout her years running the school.


The new owner of Little Learners Child Care is Rakhshinda (Noshi) Sohail. Noshi started working with children (in the early childhood field) fifteen years ago, in many different roles. She is thrilled to be a part of Little Learner Child Care Center and very excited to bring her professional hands-on experience and educational qualifications to fulfill parents' expectations and to contribute to the center's mission, vision, and values.

Married for twenty-eight years, Mary and her husband have three children, two sons (twenty-five and fifteen years old) and a daughter (five years old).



Noshi Sohail celebrated with Mary upon Mary's retirement from Little Learners Child Care.

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Slavery in Montgomery County

Southern Democrat John Breckenridge, won nearly all the states that would soon secede. He received forty-six percent of the vote in Montgomery County. "Unionists"—who opposed secession (but were not necessarily antislavery and even included some enslavers)—were a slight plurality in the county. Abraham Lincoln, who opposed slavery's spread but vowed not to interfere where it existed, got two percent of the vote. His support was primarily from the Sandy Spring area in a predominantly Quaker community.

Near the end of the Civil War, in November 1864, a new Maryland constitution abolished slavery (giving Maryland the distinction of being the only state south of the Mason–Dixon Line to end slavery on its own).

Many of the county's slaves served in the military during the war. For those from the Medley District, we list their names in an Honor Roll of service on page 16. The list of names and service information came from records of slaveowners applying for a post-war \$300 "bounty" to repay them for the "loss of their property" from their slaves' being drafted or volunteering to serve into the Union Army. Maryland Republicans stopped the plan.

The regiments of Black troops in service from Maryland during the Civil War consisted of the 4th, 7th, 8th, 19th, 30th, 38th, and 39th, two companies of the 2nd and 1st, and twenty-one cavalry regiments, including several naval recruits and some detached companies of infantry.

The Montgomery County *Sentinel*, dated 12 March 1880, reported, "Basil Dorsey (colored) died last Sunday night. He was a noted darkie in our midst and had served through the late war on the Confederate side." He was also drafted into the Union Army.

Editor's note: We thank Montgomery History for much of the information in the article and direct our readers for more information to www.montgomeryhistory.org.

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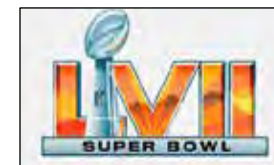
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Commissioners Delay Final Vote on Chicken Ordinance

the animals. He repeated comments from a previous meeting that anyone desiring to own chickens should have to notify all their neighbors, and if one objected, a permit would be denied. He also worries that the ordinance would be enforced by neighbors "ratting on" each other, causing friction in the community. Finally, he added that the requirement to limit the number of chickens a homeowner could own be based on square footage and that this would mean that owners of townhomes would not be able to own chickens.

As an alternative plan to address many of these issues, he proposed that the town support the creation of "chicken clubs" similar to the "community garden" concept. Space could be reserved in town for people to come together and establish a club that would jointly raise chickens and maintain the space and the coops. He said this plan would allow townhome owners to be involved in raising chickens.

Commissioner Ed Reed said that he would propose that a new ordinance prohibit the ownership of roosters. He said, "All we can do is control the permitting process" and suggested the commissioners take the proposed ordinance drafted by the Planning Commission and mark it up.

In response to all the comments, Brown said that we have "already walked down a path" by which he seemed to mean that the Planning Commission had approved a proposal to allow people to raise chickens in their backyards after much input. He then proceeded to offer a compromise which had several components.

He first said that only certain types of hens should be allowed under the new ordinance. Some, like guinea hens, are quite loud. The compromise ordinance should limit the number of chickens based on the total square feet of open backyard available. The town has very few ¾-acre or larger homes, so a square foot limit would ensure that only very small numbers of animals could be raised. He also strongly supported setbacks to keep not only the coops from nearby yards but the chickens themselves. This could be done by requiring that "runs" be built that enclose the chickens near their coops. Finally, he said all coops must be "permitted" just as other accessory buildings in town must be, and all coops and chickens must only be raised in the backyard.

It also appears that, under his proposal, all current chicken owners who raise them despite the existing ban would have to seek a town permit. They would not be "grandfathered" into the new ordinance.

Most of the commissioners seemed to be comfortable with the proposal Brown outlined. There was some discussion about limiting the total number of permits that can be issued each year to reduce the strain on staff; however, some commissioners seemed to feel that "we are not likely to see a lot of permits," as Paksima put it.

The commissioners next moved on to hear requests for financial grants from the town. Brown pointed out that this was a listening session to get input for the budget process. All grant requests would be discussed by the commissioners as they considered the FY2024 budget.

The first speaker was Tom Kettler representing the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC). PACC publishes a map, directory, and calendar for the Poolesville area that includes everything from local businesses of all kinds to the locations of various attractions. It was last published in 2018, and eighteen thousand copies were distributed. Large, weather resistant versions of the map are also posted in various parts of town. PACC distributes the map and posts it in various locations. Reed asked what the "target" audience was for the map, and this prompted a discussion about trying to get the map into venues down county where people are not as aware of what is happening in the Upcounty. PACC asked for a grant of \$5,000.

Lynn Schaeber, representing Poolesville High School, requested a grant of \$2,500 to help pay for the high school post-prom party. The party will once again be held at the high school.

The Poolesville Area Seniors Committee (PASC), represented by Marion Briançon and Bill McDonald, requested a grant of \$25,000 to support the work of the group. Briançon explained that the group had hired a full-time executive director and had substantially improved the range of offerings in which seniors could partake, including many online.

Finally, Jennifer Freeman, representing the Community Food Share program, described a new initiative called "Food as Medicine." It is designed to help procure fresh vegetables and fruit and distribute it to WUMCO clients who have chronic diseases or health problems. Research shows that eating less processed and more fresh foods can help improve chronic health outcomes. Freeman said that WUMCO, which has been helping schedule and conduct health clinics

for people who have difficulty accessing medical services, is a partner in the program. She requested a grant of \$25,000 to launch the program.

Town Manager Wade Yost discussed two new reports about the town's water and sewer systems. Each year, the town develops a Municipal Water Capacity Report and a Wastewater Capacity Report. The reports include the three most recent years of flow data contained in the Monthly Operating Reports on the water and sewer systems. To determine the annual average water flow, the monthly average flow for each month is averaged with the other monthly averages over three years. A similar averaging process is used for the town's sewer system. In both cases, an overall average is developed. This number, plus any additional permits that have been committed, is subtracted from the state permits that limit how much water can be withdrawn or how much sewer capacity can be used to get an assessment of how much water and sewer capacity remains available.

Yost said that, based on these assessments, the town has a net available wastewater capacity of 147,272 gallons per day and a net available water capacity of 75,272 gallons per day. These figures compare to a permit for water withdrawal allowing a maximum of 750,000 gallons per day and a waste water treatment permit allowing for a maximum of 650,000 gallons per day to be treated at the plant.

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In Your Own Backyard

Thanksgiving Farms and the Trojan Horse

By Jon Wolz

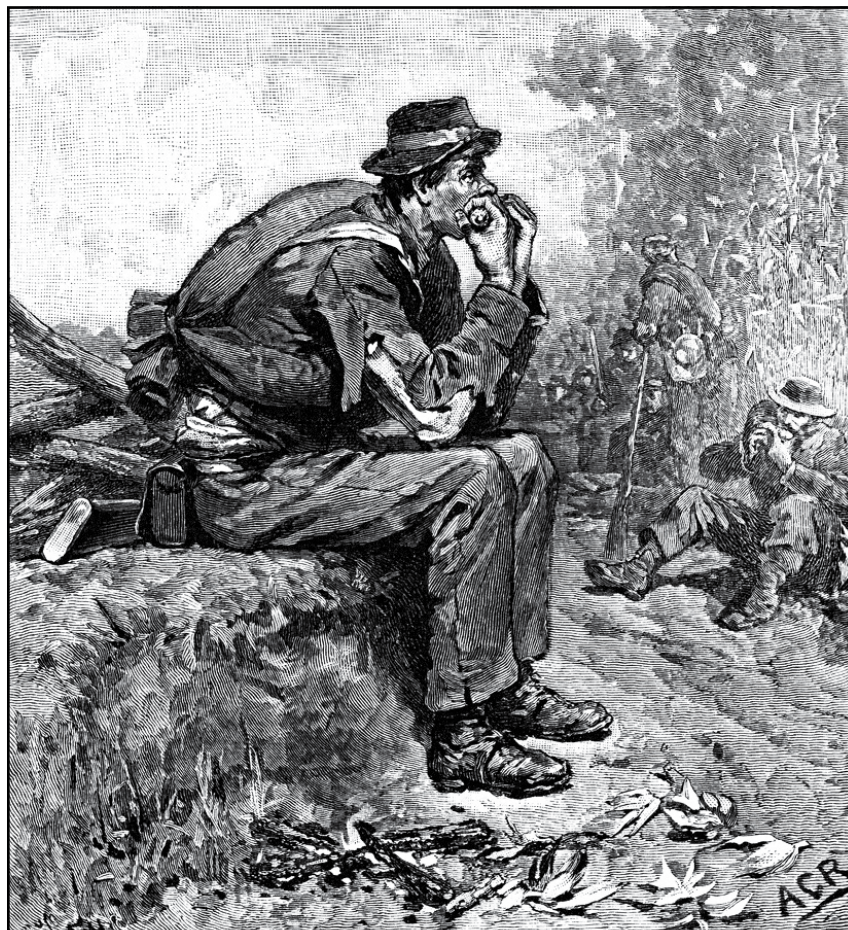
On a cool but bright sunny December morning, I met Melanie Zimmermann at Thanksgiving Farms and climbed into her Honda Element. She was about to give me a tour of the family farm. Along the way, we would stop and talk with her father, Hal Zimmermann. I knew the farm had an interesting Civil War history, and I wanted to hear about it firsthand from Hal. To me, Thanksgiving Farms is a wonderful place to visit. My wife and I often stop by to buy produce or plants. It is a unique place and reminds me of my youth when my parents took me to Behnke's Nursery that was once in Laurel.

In 1980, Timothea Zimmermann (Hal's wife) obtained one of the first business loans in Frederick County. and she bought the Three Springs Farm. She was grateful for the opportunity and renamed the farm: Thanksgiving Farms.

Our first stop on the tour of the farm was at the Victorian house that faces Buckeystown Pike. It is painted pink with turquoise pickets and railings on the upper porch. At the house, Hal came outside, and we met. He led me into the house. Once inside, I saw we were standing in a room that had once been a log cabin. Hal said that the cabin is the second oldest structure in Frederick County and was built in the 1700s. When he and his family first moved to the farm, they began to update and restore the old house. A man who was doing work began pulling off plasterboard in the back of the house, and Timothea saw, along with the workman, that there was a "beautiful log cabin" being exposed. In 1905, the structure had been expanded with the Victorian house part added on to the log cabin.

Hal talked about the connection to the Civil War. In September 1862, the Confederates marching to Frederick, before heading west where they fought the Battle of Antietam, stopped at the Three Springs Farm and ate green corn growing in the fields on both sides of the road. Eating the unripe corn gave the men diarrhea.

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A Confederate soldier eating green corn directly from the stalk by Allen C. Redwood. The history of farming during the Civil War was a history of pillage.

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Tidbits

A Mystery Story That Seemed to Disappear

In our last issue, we were thrilled to put on our front-page sidebar a picture of Monocacy Cemetery Project's Glenn Wallace receiving a special award at the annual Wreath's across America program. The teaser led you to our Tidbits column, and lo and behold, the story was not there or anywhere in that issue. For all of you who were mystified and disappointed, here is what you should have read:

Glenn Wallace again hosted the Wreaths across America initiative at Monocacy Cemetery in a solemn recognition of those who have served our nation in military duty. Over two hundred volunteers joined in laying wreaths at the headstones of over four hundred veterans to honor them for their service and make sure that their memory is still alive and their service never forgotten.

Not only was the Wreaths across America remembrance program a great event, but additionally, Lisa Lowrey Gonzalez of the Goshen Mills Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, presented Glenn with the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, Historic Preservation Committee, Historic Preservation Medal and Certificate in recognition of outstanding achievement in historic preservation.

Ms. Gonzalez noted that Glenn has worked with her DAR Chapter to educate them on preserving cemeteries, the Wreaths across America program, preserving the gravesite of the Revolutionary War patriot, Zachariah Waters, and other historic preservation matters.

Congrats, Glenn, well deserved.

Helping Hands Comes to the Rescue

When a large tree fell on a home in Beallsville, it did so much damage that the owner thought her home was gone forever. Then Helping Hands came to the rescue. Under the direction of Lance Wolin, Senior Vice President of Donohoe Construction Company, who managed and supervised everything, the home was repaired. He has been a leader of Rebuilding Together for over thirty-two years and has brought his expertise in home repair to the aid of dozens of troubled homeowners lacking the funds to maintain and repair their homes.

Normally, such charitable work is a result of a significant time of planning and preparation. With this project, time was of the essence. The team from Donohoe and other volunteers accomplished their work and secured the home in just days.

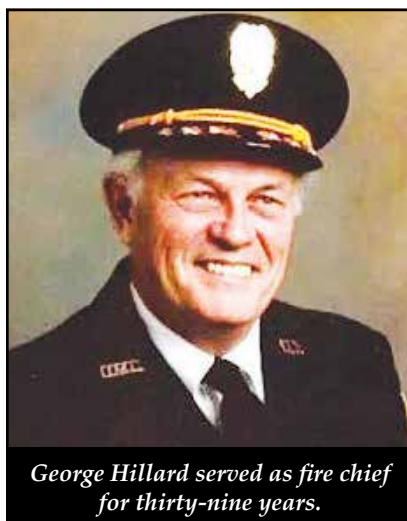
The work was extensive. It included: major roof and soffit and vent repair, exterior siding replaced, a complete gutting of the kitchen with installation/replacement of the oven and microwave, new cabinets, and complete painting. Additionally, wiring in the basement was repaired, new lights were installed, and the sump pump was repaired.

Blood Drive in Honor of Kate Jauch

The Monocacy Lions Club, working with the Red Cross, sponsored a blood drive on January 31 at the Poolesville Baptist Church in honor of Kate Jauch. Kate, a loving wife, mother, and dear friend to many in our area, passed away on December 14. It was Kate's wish to have a blood drive in her name in hope of helping others through this life-saving gift. As an advocate for this work of the Red Cross, it was her deeply-held hope that these donations save precious lives. Several Poolesville High School students, local friends, and family also volunteered at the event.

Chief George Hillard: We Can Never Forget Him

In our annual Hail and Farewell tribute to those who passed away, we forgot someone so iconic in our area that his passing was front page news. As his tribute was categorized as a frontpage item, and not a Remembrance, we missed adding his picture to our special tribute. To be sure, we shall never forget his contributions to our community as UMCVFD Fire Chief and Commissioner of Poolesville



George Hillard served as fire chief for thirty-nine years.

(fourteen years) and volunteer extraordinaire. Nor would let this unintentional oversight stand, so we proudly provide his picture here to see his smiling face and warmly remember him one more time.

Bodmer Won Girls' 3200-Meter!



Poolesville senior Anna Bodmer (center).

On January 25, senior distance runner Anna Bodmer took the top spot in the 3200-meter race (11:38.40) at the Montgomery County Indoor Track and Field Championship ahead of B-CC's Ani Bailin (11:42.58) and Blake's Emilie Creighton (12:00.02), becoming PHS's first indoor track county champion.

Eighteen runners competed in the final heat. Ninety-five schools participated in the Invitational held at Prince George's Sports and Learning Complex in Landover and hosted by Quince Orchard High School.

Prior to that, Bodmer had finished second in the girls' 3200m race at the twentieth Annual Montgomery Track and Field Invitational on January 14.

St. Mary's Hosted Visiting Students from Illinois

Father Kevin O'Reilly of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville celebrated a special Mass for St. James Catholic High School students who traveled over seven hundred miles from Chicago, Illinois to attend the Right to Life March on January 28, in Washington, D.C.

St. Mary's was chosen as the students wanted to attend Mass at one of the Archdiocese of Washington's only two consecrated Shrines to our Lady of Fatima. St. Mary's contains a relic from the children who were visited by the Blessed Mother at Fatima in Portugal.



Students from Illinois chose St. Mary's for their Mass during a recent trip to Washington.

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February Days

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From wild wastes of the Arctic snow;
Above us droops a wintry sky,
A bleak white landscape lies below.

But, 'neath the chilly Polar blast,
A low, sweet undertone I hear:
"The wintry storms will soon be past,
And pleasant Spring-time days
are near."

— Ellwood Roberts

Things to Do

February 3

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' basketball vs. Walter Johnson. 5:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball vs. Walter Johnson. 7:15 p.m.

February 5

The Boyds Historical Society Celebrates Black History Month

Open house at the Boyds Negro School. Admission is free. Black children attended grades 1 through 8 at this school from 1895 to 1936. The school gives guests a glimpse of a rural, one-room Black school circa 1900. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

February 6

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

February 7

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' basketball vs. Quince Orchard. 6:00 p.m.

February 10

UMCVFD Auxiliary Bingo

Featuring cash and gift cards with door prizes. Refreshments available for purchase; no outside food and/or beverages. Admission is \$20 which includes a game card and three chances to win in each game. UMCVFD Fire Hall, 198001 Beallsville Road, Beallsville. Doors Open: 5:30 p.m., Games Start: 7:00 p.m.

Valentine's Day Friendship Dance

Sponsored by Shine on Together. For persons 16 years and up, all abilities. Socializing and making new friends, dancing with DJ Kevin. Cugini's Pizza, and Ice Cream Sunday Bar. Memorial United Methodist Church. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

February 11

Heart and Soul Gala

Sponsored by Poolesville Seniors: live music, dinner, and dancing. Music by Gina's Soul Party and the Souled Out Horns; catering by Simply Fresh Food. See info@poolesvilleseniors.org. St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville. 6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

February 12

Superbowl LVII

Enjoy game time with friends at area restaurants or order in for your party from them as well.

February 14

Valentine's Day Specials

Why not order a heart-shaped pizza from Cugini's for the kids while you go out to dinner?

February 17

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' basketball vs. Richard Montgomery. 5:30 p.m.

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February 19

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February 23

PACC 2023 Annual Member Meeting

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Youth Sports

Mid-Season PHS Boys' Basketball Report

By Jeff Stuart

Despite a tough early season, you get the feeling there are better things ahead for the Poolesville High School boys' basketball team. They have had some good moments, and there is a lot of basketball left to play.

"For us, it has been up and down so far," said coach B.J. DeBuchananne, at practice on January 4. "We have three wins. We started out beating Wheaton by about twenty-five points. That was a good win for us. Then we had a stretch of four straight games where we played really tough teams. We just were not really able to shoot the ball well enough to get over the hump and get a win. We lost to Clarksburg, Damascus, B-CC, and Magruder. Damascus [was] undefeated at 8-0. Then we followed up with a win at Watkins Mill just before the holidays, and in a holiday tournament, we lost to St. John's Catholic Prep and were able to beat New Life." They hope to find consistency in the second half of the season.

"I think our most complete game from start to finish was the opening game against Wheaton," DeBuchananne continued. "We shot the ball well, and defensively, we created a lot of turnovers. Individually, senior Van Rosenbaum has led us in scoring averaging. He had a couple of good games where he scored twenty points. He had five or six steals in a couple of games. Senor Jack Feys has had a couple of games where he had double-doubles. (A player records a double-double if they score ten points and grab ten rebounds in the same game.) In the holiday tournament, he was selected to the all-tournament team. He had twenty points in the first game and ten rebounds, and in the win over New Life, he had fifteen points, eight rebounds, and seven steals.



Andrew Jauch, Joe Royal, Evan Raines, Van Rosenbaum, Jack Feys, and Abhi Cheerla of the 2023 PHS boys' basketball team.

"Going forward we are looking to find that consistency, especially with those guys coming off the bench. We have had a couple of injuries to our starters that we are trying to fight through. Our starting center, senior Andrew Jauch, jammed and broke his finger...and senior guard Joe Royal sprained his ankle in a preseason scrimmage. He is still struggling with it a month later."

In the Falcons 65-38 seasonopening win over Wheaton, Van Rosenbaum had twenty-four points, five rebounds, and five steals. Senior Abhi Cheerla had ten points and four steals, Jauch had eight points and eight rebounds, and Jackson Hartke, a junior, had eight points, eight rebounds, and three steals.

On December 9, at home, PHS lost a hard-fought game against a tough Clarksburg team, 57-53. The Falcon defense forced multiple turnovers in the first half, but cold shooting left them in a seventeen-point deficit. They battled back in the second half and seemingly tied the game late with a lay-up, but the basket was waved off due to a charging call.

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The Garden Roller Coaster Ride of 2022

No one can completely predict the future, and weather forecasting involves a great deal of uncertainty and limited skill in developing weather outlooks. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the average winter temperature has risen three to five degrees across our region with 2022 as the world's sixth warmest year on record. This might not seem like a lot to you, but in environmental terms, it is. For many years, weather predictions stayed in a consistent range. To each time there was a season, and each season carried with it a changed weather forecast.

Is it time to change the way we garden? The use of fossil fuels has undeniably increased the amount of greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane in the atmosphere. Many people choose to ignore this scientific fact; it is easier to continue along your favorite route as opposed to making lifestyle changes. You might ask who wouldn't like a warmer winter? But this scenario carries a couple of negative impacts: Warmer winters allow the northward spread of insects and pests; secondly, warmer winters have resulted in longer growing seasons for trees and shrubs due to earlier budbreak. This might look like a good thing, but it increases the potential for late spring killing frosts. I have seen this often in April in my 'Endless Summer' hydrangeas.

How can gardeners help reduce the effects of climate change on our gardens? We cannot eliminate all the dangers, but there are some things that we can do to help mitigate them. Gardens have a front row seat to the impact of climate change. They can be the "canary in the coal mine" for climate change.

Here are some easy things that you can do in your gardens this spring to help the environment.

Grow plants, especially native ones. They absorb carbon dioxide in their photosynthesis process, turning it into sugars and locking it out of the atmosphere for years. Stored in their woody stems and roots, it eventually turns to decayed plant matter in the soil.


Select more heat-, pest-, and drought-tolerant plants. Many plants on the marketplace promise a degree of protection, but no plant is foolproof. A plant that thrives in my Barnesville backyard may not do as well in your Poolesville garden. External factors can vary greatly, even in short distances. Seek out the best recommendations from trusted horticulturists. Look around your neighborhood gardens and parks to see what plants are doing well.

Mulch. It can reduce summer soil temperatures by 20° F. In winter, it provides an insulating layer that can prevent soil heaving and protects the roots of woody plants and herbaceous perennials. It also keeps weeds in check, as weeds with warmer weather become increasingly aggressive.

Choose organic fertilizers, skip the chemicals.

Reimagine your lawn. Reduce your lawn size to mow less and use less gas to power all the tools we think we need. Get a push-reel lawnmower, hand tools, and a rake. Instead of a traditional patch of grass, mix meadow grasses and wildflowers throughout your yard to help pollinators and to support biodiversity.

Lessons to learn from 2022: Never give up and never bank on stability in the garden. Sustainable gardening is a very popular term these days, but give it a try in your own garden, no matter how big or small. Balance your choices in facing the best and the worst in your garden for 2023.




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- **A class of toxic chemicals called PFAS** can contaminate water, farmland, wells, and crops. The Town of Poolesville is already on the case, with the closing of two wells. PFAS testing must now extend to other areas of the Ag Reserve and county. SCA joined other local groups in January in urging Montgomery County officials to prohibit the use of certain PFAS-containing fertilizers, called biosolids, on agricultural land.
- **Terra Energy, a subsidiary of Terra Innovations Inc.,** recently bought 740 acres at the site of the Dickerson power plant and waste incinerator. Over half that acreage is Ag Reserve land. SCA is closely monitoring this company's plans, which could include a data center and a large solar energy installation.
- **A dispute continues over conservation zoning regulations** for almost 12,000 acres encompassing and to the east of Sugarloaf Mountain in Frederick County. The Frederick County Council passed a once-in-a-generation land-use plan for this area in December 2022. But the Council rejected the zoning regulations that would implement and enforce the plan. Those proposed regulations are now being considered anew. SCA continues to support protecting this rural and recreation area from commercial and dense housing development.

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Honor Roll of Military Service

Medley District African Americans Who Served in the Civil War

By Rande Davis and Jim Poole

The following is a list* of slaves from this area (some freed) who fought with the Union during the Civil War. Most enlisted or were drafted between ages 16 to 24. There was one aged 45 and another 55. Some were paid as substitutes for someone else. One served both with the Confederacy and with the Union.

*First published in *The Republican Citizen*, 15 September 1865 (*Frederick County, Maryland Newspaper*)

Ambush, Jetson, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Ambush, Patrick age 22, left with
military (no further record)

Awkward, Samuel, drafted 9 July
1864 Free Black Barnesville

Beall, John, age 40, drafted paid
substitute \$400 ~\$150. Bounty.

John Beale, Hired Substitute

Bender, Ambrose, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Beander, Archibal, drafted
9 July 1864

Brooke, Lewis, age 20, left with
military (no further record)

Brooks, George, age 24, left with
military enlisted Co. D, 19th Regt.
USCT Inf. 31 Dec. 1863 died
13 Mar. 1864

Brooks, Lewis, age 20, left with
military Co. B, 2nd Regt. Inf.

Brown, Lewis, age 23 drafted, Co. K,
2nd Regt. USCT Inf.

Bruce, Benjamin, age 24, enlisted
Budd, Dennis, age 25, drafted 5th
District Montg. Co., Md.

Coates, Edward, age 21, left with
military (no further record)

Coats, Lloyd, drafted 9 July 1864

Collis, Ephraim, age 20, enlisted

Conn, Thomas, age 55, left with
military (no further record)

Davis, Basil age drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Davis, Frank age 25, drafted
9 July 1864

Dorsey, Basil age 24, drafted
9 July 1864 also noted having served
in Confederate Army

Dorsey, Hezekiah age 21 enlisted
27 July 64 Co. A, 31st Regt. USCT Inf.

Dorsey, Peter, age 20, enlisted

Doy, Peter, age 20, left with
military 23rd

Galloway, Levi, age 17, left with
military (no further record)

Gibson, Henry, age 25, left
with military

Gray, William, age 19, enlisted Co.
G. 23rd Regt. USCT Inf. 1 July 64

Green, Frank, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Green, Hillary, drafted 9 July 1864

Hall, Alfred, age 21, drafted

Hall, Daniel, age 27, left with
military (no further record)

Hamilton, Hanson, age 24 paid \$300
drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Hamilton, John, drafted 9 July 1864

Hamilton, Spencer, age 45, left with
military (no further record)

Harper, John, age 20, enlisted

Harrison, Ambrose, age 22, enlisted

Harrison, George, drafted 9 July 1864

Hepburn, Leonard age 40, drafted
9 July 1864

Hollman, James, age 25, enlisted Co.
H, 122nd Regt. USCT Inf.

Homes, Patrick, drafted 9 July 1864

Jackson, John, age 20, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Jackson, Sam, age 41, left with
military (no further record)

Johnson, Charles, age 40, left with
military (no further record)

Johnson, Daniel, age 27, drafted
9 July 1864

Jones, William age 23, enlisted
Co. G, 1st Regt. USCT Inf.

Jordan, George age ,16, enlisted

Jordan, Henson, drafted July 1864

Lee, Bennett, age 53, left with
military (no further record)

Lee, Charles, age 22, left with
military (no further record)

Lee, Frank, age 19, drafted

Lee, Jack, age 19, drafted

Lee, Moses, age 22, enlisted Co. E,
45th Regt. USCT Inf.

Lee, Peter, age 20, left with military
(no further record)

Lee, Richard, age 21, left with
military drafted 9 July 1864

Lee, William, age 20, enlisted 1 April
1864 Co. A. 5th Mass. Regt. USCT
Cavalry deserted 30 Mar. 1865

Lodge, Sylvester, age 37, enlisted

Lloyd, Jackson, drafted 9 July 1864

Lloyd, Jarad, drafted 9 July 1864

Lyles, Edwin, age 16, enlisted

Lyles, Levi, age 24, enlisted

Lynch, Patrick, age 22, enlisted D.C.
Colored regiment

Lynch, Razin, drafted 9 July 1864

McGill, Allen, age 34, drafted

Meekins, Martin, left with military
(no further record)

Meekin, Wallace, age 18, left with
military drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Mellbower, John, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Melton, James, age 25, enlisted

Miles, Benjamin, age 31, enlisted

Milton, Joseph age 23 left with military

Modick, Richard, age 22, drafted
9 July 1864

Nailor, Cephas, age 23, enlisted

Nortan, James, drafted 9 July 1864

Onley, Henr, drafted 9 July 1864

Owens, Saul, age 28, enlisted

Peter, Henry, age 26, drafted

Peters, John, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Prather, Henry, drafted 9 July 1864

Price, Benjamin, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Price, George, age 21 enlisted

Proctor, Henry, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Price, William, age 35, left with
military enlisted in Co. E, 39th

USCT 13 Apr. 1865 mustered
out 13 June 1865

Rather, Joseph, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Riggs, Chester, age 16, left with
military (no further record)

Riggs, George, age 24, drafted
9 July 1864 arrested for not reporting
26 Aug. 1864 found unfit discharged
7 Mar. 1865

Riggs, John, drafted 9 July 1864

Riggs, Warren, age 23, left with
military (no further record)

Riggs, Wilson, age 20, enlisted

Rollings Unah, age 19, left with
military (no further record)

Russel, Alexander, drafted
9 July 1864

Russell, Thomas, age 26, enlisted

Sewell, Edward, age 19, Hired as
a Substitute for C.C. Thillman

Shipley, Albert, age 21, drafted

Smith, Hellery, age 24, enlisted

Smith, Thomas, age 26, enlisted Co.
C, 39th Regt. Inf. 23 Mar. 1864 to
4 Dec. 1865

Smoot, Basil, age 21, enlisted

Snowden, John, age 30, enlisted

Sprigs, Henry, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Toogood, Frank, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Turner, George, age 22, drafted
9 July 1864 enlisted

Turner, Henry, age 20, enlisted

Twine, James, age 22, enlisted
1 April 64 Co. G, 23rd

Walker, Isaac, age 27, drafted
19 Nov. 1864 Co. D, 39th Regt.
USCT Inf.

Warren, Charles, age 25, left with
military (no further record)

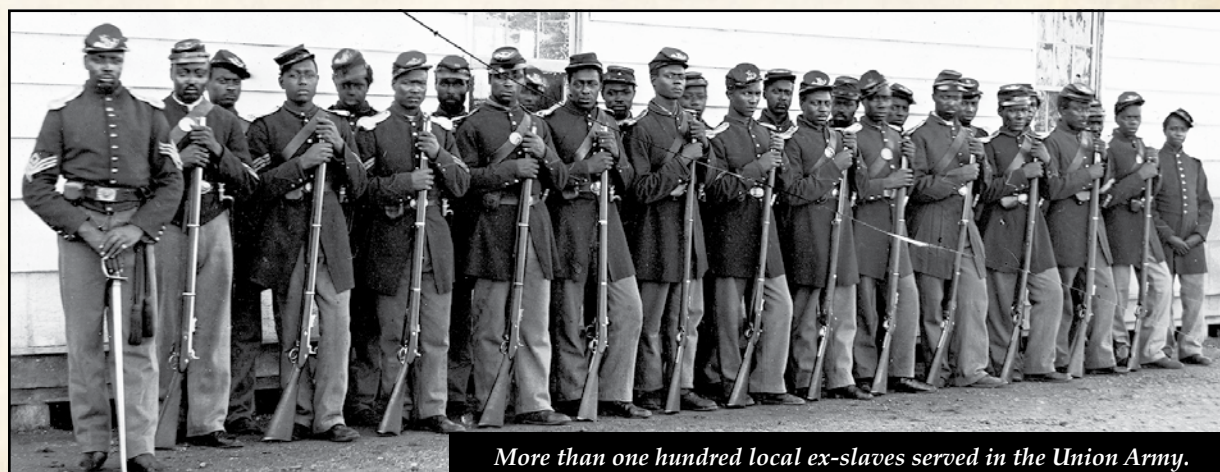
Warren, Henry, drafted 19 Nov. 1864

Warren, James, drafted 9 July 1864

Warren, Patrick, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

Warring, Frank, drafted
19 Nov. 1864

White, James, age 28, enlisted
9 Jan. 64 in Co. B, 26th Regt.
USCT Inf.



More than one hundred local ex-slaves served in the Union Army.

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Butch Mezick: The Real Deal—From Troubled Youth to True Hero

killed, or wounded, physically or mentally. The problem for me was that almost everyone I interacted with had no idea of how privileged they were, so I had to fight another war within my country. Yes, I continued to be primarily silent as many of my fellow Americans spoke of how they could never harm anyone and how much disdain they had for war."

Others didn't want to face such bare truths; however, he reached a point where the motivation to share his story became overwhelming. "I fulfilled my obligation to family and friends with hard work and a moral compass." He was determined to share some of the raw, unfiltered experiences of many of his generation. "The reality of U.S. citizenship with its extraordinary opportunities comes with a debt that every generation must pay."

His mission was to "share unfiltered history because the burden to protect and defend our nation and its values system is not over, it's just beginning."

It is with certainty, I believe, that every reader will find his book describing unbearable fear and danger along with fully hilarious moments of personal growth and achievement compelling and enthralling. It's not for everyone for sure—not politically correct. War, real war, is hard to digest. While difficult in many parts to read by even those who have served in combat, in many ways, it is more important to read by those who have not done so.

Editor's note: Butch worked as a broadcast technician for NBC News in Washington, D.C., for thirty-five years. His job was to understand, repair, install, or build all electronic equipment within the news bureau. He also traveled worldwide with NBC News as technical support during presidential tours and election campaigns. After he retired, he became a certified group fitness instructor and a certified personal trainer.

His book is fast approaching 1,000,000 pages read using Amazon's Kindle Unlimited and has sold approximately 730 books in other formats. The readers and book buyers represent five countries, primarily the U.S. and U.K. The book has been rated 473 times by readers, earning a 4.5 out of a possible score of 5. Thirty-six readers have written reviews on Amazon.



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Youth Sports

Big Win at Damascus Highlights PHS Girls' Basketball Season

By Jeff Stuart

"We are coming together as a team," said Poolesville High School girls' basketball coach Katie Hackey at practice on January 12, "which is good. Our scoring is coming together. We are now getting confidence in and around the paint and outside the three-point line. We are looking to shoot a little bit more. We are working much better than at the beginning of the season, Defensively, we have always been strong. We are starting to meld really well now. Our best game was our second game at Damascus. We lost to them by one at home...so to go to Damascus and win was really satisfying. We really played well. Senior forward and captain Lauren Hopkins had a double-double in that game with sixteen points and seventeen rebounds. She was dominating in the paint, finishing strong at the rim. That was her best performance all season...our offense finally came together. We won convincingly, 52-37.

"As for memorable individual plays, against B-CC we were coming back, and at the end of the third quarter, Breanna Salovich, a junior, threw a full-court pass just over the head of the last defender to sophomore Alex Sosna. It was just a long baseball throw, and Alex caught it on the run and laid it in to cut the lead to a single point. It really picked us up, but in the fourth quarter, we were at that time still having trouble scoring and finishing, so we could not complete the comeback. We lost, 43-34.

"Recently, we have been playing good team basketball. In different games, different girls are stepping up. We don't have just one individual girl that is standing out every game. It rotates. What I like about that is that it means we are working together, moving the ball around, and playing a team game. We are not being selfish. At the end of the game, the scoreboard shows 'us' as the winners, not individuals. That's what matters. I really focus on teamwork, and that's why we are playing so much better.

"I focus on division games. We have Kennedy coming up, and we have Rockville again later this season, and there is a big game coming up at Walter Johnson. They are always tough and that is their senior night, so we hope we bring our best game for that one. We do have some tough games coming up to finish up our season."

"This season we have been closer than a normal team," said Hopkins, "and that has really helped us in close games. I think we played our best in the second against Damascus. We were in Damascus. We had some fire under us because we lost to them by one point the first time at home, so we wanted to get some



Ella Franklin, Lauren Hopkins, Lizzie Kovacs, Avery Penn, and Phoebe Snelson.

Photo by Dorin Lantless.

revenge and keep them from winning the division. It was pretty intense. We started out the game pretty flat. They were beating us, 16-4, so we picked it up and caught up with them and didn't look back. We were ahead the rest of the game. Our first game against Wheaton was a good season opener for us. Everyone was able to score. I want to give a shoutout to Alex Sosna and Kate Dacanay. They are both sophomores on a varsity level team, and those are big shoes to fill on a primarily older team. Kate was on JV last year. She played summer league

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Big Win at Damascus Highlights PHS Girls' Basketball Season

with us. She is sort of our sixth man on varsity. They both bring a lot of intensity and assets that we didn't necessarily have before. Against B-CC, that length-of-the-court Salovich-to-Sosna pass and score to close out the third period was our best individual play of the year so far."

"I think we have a lot of talent," said senior captain Lizzie Kovacs. "We have a good senior class. We also have some very good underclassmen. We have a good balance of guards and forwards. We work together well. In our first game against Damascus at home, we just weren't really clicking. Our shots weren't falling. We lost by one point in a very important division game. We were down by three points late. I hit two free throws to cut the lead to one with little time left. We just could not pull it out, so in the rematch at Damascus, we were really motivated and determined to beat them. It was an important division game. We started off kind of slow, but we had a lot of energy coming off the bench. Our shots started falling. We worked together really well. We were hustling. Now we can tie them for the division title. We cannot be the only winner.

"A shoutout to senior forward Avery Penn who has stepped up a lot this year. She is crazy on the rebounds. She is very aggressive, and to Breanna, she is a game changer on defense. She has a lot of energy. I am looking forward to the Quince Orchard game because it is sort of a rivalry and a lot of us know the players on that team, and I am definitely looking forward to the Walter Johnson game, which is actually going to be our Senior Night game, on February 3. Last year we lost to them on a three-point buzzer beater at the end, and we definitely want to beat them this year, and I think we can do it."

Other seniors are guard Phoebe Snelson and forward Ella Franklin. Other juniors are guards, Katie Hopkin and Cortney Hurbaneck. Other sophomores are Leila Reid and Kacey Raines.

After these interviews, the Falcons—who had started off winning just one of their first four games—won five in a row. Victories over Kennedy and Einstein pushed that winning streak to seven. On January 20, Whitman ended that streak, but a convincing 55-34 win over Whitman followed, improving their record to 9-4 with seven games left to play.

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Pitts Quips



**And Moses said, "Listen up now, remember,
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By Terri Pitts

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Remembrances

Doris Elaine (Johnson) Harner

Doris Elaine Harner, 88, of Boyds, passed away on January 9, 2023.

She was born on January 21, 1934 in Kensington.

She was the daughter of the late Luther Stewart and Grace Lillian Johnson. She was preceded in death by her husband Harry L. Harner in 2011; infant son, Harry L., Jr.; son, Ronald J. Harner; sister, Nancy; and brother, Martin.

Surviving are her two children, Patricia Taylor (Paul) and Janet Lawless (James); five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one brother, Thomas; one sister, Linda; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Doris grew up in Montgomery County. She lived in Boyds from 1945 to 2021 and in New Market from October 2021 until passing. She attended Gaithersburg High School and later received an associate degree from Montgomery College. Doris also attended many classes and seminars related to her nursing assistant career.

Doris was a devoted housewife, mother, and grandmother. Her nursing assistant career of forty-eight years was spent working in psychiatry and geriatrics.

Doris enjoyed spending time with the family and family vacations at Deep Creek Lake. Her hobby was working in crafts for many years.

She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.



Doris Elaine (Johnson) Harner

John C. Petro

John C. Petro, a resident of Poolesville, passed away on January 24, 2023. He was 64 years old.

John grew up in Rockville and graduated from Perry High School in 1977. He attended the University of Maryland where he earned a bachelor's degree in Economics and later a master's equivalent in Teaching.

John learned the trade of auto body repair from his father. After working in auto shops, John began a career at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in the 1990s, applying thermal coatings on spacecraft. John's work flew on over thirty satellites, including the International Space Station, the Hubble Space Telescope, and the James Webb Space Telescope, and will fly on missions still to launch. In parallel, John held a career as a high school teacher where he taught auto body skills to the next generation at Thomas Edison High School. John's favorite hobbies were skiing, airbrushing, and spending time with his rescue dogs, Molly and Biscuit. He loved red velvet cake and his mom's yellow bean soup.

John is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Susan Petro, two loving children, Elaine Petro (Peter O'Halloran) and Timothy Petro (Kimberly Westbrook); cherished granddaughter, Madeline Petro O'Halloran; devoted mother, Susan Petro; caring sisters, Kathy Petro (Marty Riskam), and Marie Petro (Tom Jenkins). He is preceded in death by his father, John Petro. He leaves behind his faithful dog, Molly.

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Remembrances

Mary Jane Poole

Mary Jane Poole, 73, of Frederick, passed away on January 9, 2023.

She was the loving wife of James Poole.

Born on April 29, 1949 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Daniel and Anna (Root) Dickerson.

Mary Jane is survived by her husband; three grandchildren, Shannon Marie Edwards, Billy Edwards, II, and Cheyenne Lynn Bare; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Kelli Jean Bare; and her son-in-law, Dallas William Bare.

Mary Jane was a founding member of the Surratt Society and held a passion for collecting dolls and learning about the Civil War.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to a charity of your choice.



Mary Jane Poole

Samuel James Hardwick

Samuel (Sam the Man) J. Hardwick, 32, of Poolesville, passed away on January 26. Born on November 20, 1990, he was the youngest son of Joseph G. and Patricia A. Hardwick.

Sam loved spending time with family and chatting with friends at his favorite spots around Poolesville. He enjoyed watching all sports and was a huge Maryland and Washington football fan as well as being Poolesville High School's Number One sports fan.

He was an avid bowler and won multiple trophies and medals through Special Olympics bowling. He loved playing baseball with his Challengers baseball team. He liked volunteering and helping anywhere he could. His big heart, compassion, and concern for others made him one of a kind. He was a bright light in everyone's lives with an infectious laugh and a smile always on his face. He was a blessing to everyone who had the chance to be in his presence and made us all better people for knowing him. He is an amazing example of how one person can touch so many lives despite their circumstances. Sam was one of those people who had such a positive outlook on life. He was a true inspiration and the kind of person we should all strive to be. To know Sam is to love Sam.

Sam was survived by his siblings, Vicki Hardwick (Curtis Holmes), Kevin Hardwick (Melissa), Eric Hardwick (Stacy Spelman), Clair Ketchum (Stephen), Alice Carpenter (Wade), Steve Hardwick (Vicky), David Hardwick (Jennifer), and Jennifer Gaulrapp (Chad); aunts, Ellen Farrell, Mary Doyle, Clare Kanofsky, and Mary Margaret Lager; and numerous uncles, nieces, and nephews.

Sam was preceded in death by several aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to Maryland Special Olympics



Samuel James Hardwick

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Mid-Season PHS Boys' Basketball Report

The most points the Falcons scored in a game last season was fifty-nine in a win over Magruder. They have surpassed that total five times already this season, topping out with seventy-seven points at Watkins Mill on December 21. That is the most points they have scored in a game in several seasons.

"Our team chemistry is pretty good," said Rosenbaum, a 6'2" guard. "We enjoy being around each other. It's been fun so far. We are playing a more up-tempo game. It's definitely a change of pace. Our seniors lost their sophomore season to COVID, and we got a new coach, so we are still learning. We will get there. We need to clean up a few things and get ready for the second half of the season and get some more wins. I think we played our best in a scrimmage against Sherwood. We didn't come out with a win, but we played well against a very good team. For me personally, Wheaton was my best game. It was a great way to start the season. I am looking forward to the rematch against Damascus here. They are a good team, but I feel like if we play our best, we can beat anyone."

"We are having fun," said Feys. "We have been able to win some games. That has been a stretch for us in the past. We are sharing the ball. I think that is the key. Coach DeBuchananne brings a high energy. We are scoring more. It is nice to be able to do that. I think we were pretty solid against Wheaton. We were a hard team for them to play. For me personally, I had a pretty good holiday tournament. I think I had a good game against Damascus the first time. I like to give a shout out to Van who is our leading scorer, and to Andrew, our starting center, he is, like, the heart of our team, he is there when we need a score—and senior Evan Raines, he is like the unsung guy on our team. You don't hear too much about him. He doesn't score the most, but he leads the team in assists, steals, and rebounds. Jackson has been hitting some big shots. We have all been playing together since third grade, so there are not a lot of surprises. The loss to Clarksburg was tough because they are supposed to be the best in the county, and we feel like we should have beaten them. It came down to the last possession, and I was hit with a charge call."

Other juniors are guards, Ryan Griffith, Carson Smith, Brady Cournoyer, Luis Grossnickle, and Jackson Hartke.

After these interviews, Poolesville lost a very competitive game to Damascus at home, 47-37. They trailed by only three at the beginning of the fourth period. Then came convincing wins over Rockville and Springbrook. They lost close games to Kennedy, by three points, and to Einstein, by four points. At Whitman, on January 20, they lost by a single point in overtime, 54-53. They had had the lead late in both regulation time and in overtime.

The Falcons finish the home season with Senior Night on February 17 against Richard Montgomery.

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Thanksgiving Farms and the Trojan Horse

While his men camped around the farm, Stonewall Jackson needed a horse because Jackson's favorite horse, Little Sorrel, was missing after crossing the Potomac River at White's Ford. Little Sorrel was Stonewall's preferred and trusted horse during the general's war years. He was stocky and round barreled. Jackson found the horse on a Union supply train the previous year near Harper's Ferry that had also been carrying horses. Jackson took a couple of horses for himself and named one of them Little Sorrel. The farmer at Three Springs Farm at the time, Benjamin Shreve Moffett, Jr., gave Jackson a gray mare. When Jackson mounted the horse the next morning, it did not move, so Jackson kicked its rear with his spurs. The horse reared up and threw Jackson to the ground, injuring Jackson. After he was ready to leave the farm, Jackson rode in an ambulance wagon. Jackson's aides dubbed the gray mare "The Trojan Horse." Jackson never mounted that horse again, and Little Sorrel reappeared.

While at Jackson was at Three Springs Farm, General Lee stopped by to check on him. Lee was in a wagon too, because he had fallen off his horse two weeks earlier, injuring both wrists that prevented him from holding the reins of his horse, Traveler.

Hal said the farmer was a tenant farmer and the farm was once part of Carrollton Manor. Hal mentioned the Confederates stopped by the farm in 1864 after the Battle of Monocacy. The log cabin and nearby grounds were used as a hospital. Hal and Melanie said they have found bullets with teeth marks in them on the property. Were bullets used for soldiers to bite on during surgery, I wondered?

The wounded did not participate in the march on Washington under the command of Lt. Gen. Jubal Early but went south, leaving Maryland. Melanie mentioned that Native American artifacts have been found on the farm. She took me to the spot across from the house where there is a spring and a structure by a spring. That structure is made of cinderblocks and another section is made with dry laid stones. That was the place where the Three Springs Fisheries sold their goldfish, water lilies, aquatic plants, and vegetables before moving up the road to what is now Lilypons. Then we visited a spot downstream from the spring where there was once a grist mill. We drove around the farm where we saw orchards, vegetable gardens, and fields waiting to be planted in the new year. I greatly appreciated Melanie's taking me around the family's farm and listening to her father tell the old history of the place.

After my visit with Melanie, I viewed the historic Civil War wayside sign out front of the farm. I did research to learn more about the local Civil War history and of the farm. In September 1862, the Confederates came to Maryland to take

the war out of Virginia, find new recruits, and to find food for the troops. The Confederates needed to replenish their army and feed their troops. They were also hoping that, by fighting in northern territory, the war might end, and they may be recognized by European countries. About thirty thousand soldiers marched up Buckeystown Pike. George Templeton Strong wrote in his diary, "We traced the position in which the rebel brigade had stood...for a half a mile by the thickly-strewn belt of green cornhusks and cobs, and also...by a ribbon of dysenteric stools just behind."

The farmer at Three Springs Farm who gave Stonewall Jackson the horse, in the 1860 census, was Benjamin Shreve Moffett, Jr. He was living with his wife, Drucilla and their three young children. Benjamin was born about 1826 and his wife about 1827. He and his wife were married in 1848. Also living with them in 1860 was a sixteen-year-old farm laborer, George Kohlenburg. On December 23, 1863, Benjamin was registered for the draft for the Union Army; however, in the comments by his name it is written, "Lost one eye." I did not see any record of him serving in the army. By 1870, Benjamin and his family were living in Loudoun County where he was a farmer. He had a personal estate value of \$15,000 and real estate valued at \$20,000 in 1870. Benjamin Moffett, Sr., was living in Jefferson, Maryland as a farmer and died in 1865. He is buried at the St. Mark's Apostolic Church Cemetery in Petersville. He had enslaved people. I found no record of Benjamin, Jr. keeping enslaved people. Benjamin, Jr. died in 1886 and his wife in 1882. They are both buried in the Union Cemetery, Leesburg. George Kohlenburg would move to Adamstown and then Buckeystown where he would become a station agent for the B&O Railroad. He married and raised a family. He died in 1926 and is buried in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. In a map of the Civil War in our area, Three Springs Farm appears as well as the Three Springs Mill Bridge over the Monocacy River. In an 1873 map, Thomas Trundle (Tenant) Three Springs appears.

Bullets were not used during Civil War surgeries. Chloroform or ether was used. The teeth marks in the bullets came from hogs foraging for food. After the Battle of Monocacy, both Union and Confederate soldiers were buried in makeshift graves on the battlefields where they died. In 1866, the Union dead were reinterred in the Antietam National Cemetery at Sharpsburg. In 1868, the Confederate dead were reinterred at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick. At the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, there is a Confederate Row of graves. There is a monument that reads, "This stone marks the last resting place of 408 unknown Confederate soldiers who gave their lives in the Battle of Monocacy, July 9, 1864. Honor the brave."

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What is canine influenza? Everything you need to know to protect your dog(s) from this preventable viral respiratory disease.

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Dog flu is on the rise in the U.S. It is not just humans getting hit with the sniffles this winter.

A rapid increase in the number of documented cases of canine influenza, or dog flu, has been a cause for concern among veterinary experts and owners recently in the United States. New cases have appeared in California, Colorado, D.C., Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia.

Here is some advice and tips on how to learn more about the contagious respiratory disease and best practices for prevention and treatment for your furry friends.

Dog flu, or canine influenza, is a contagious respiratory disease in dogs generated by Type A influenza viruses, and two strains of influenza exist. One is the H3N8 virus, and the other is an H3N2 virus.

H3N2 is the newer, current virus. H3N2 emerged in the U.S. in 2015, and it's currently causing alarm for veterinarians and dog owners.

Canine influenza rapidly spreads from one infected dog to another through respiratory droplets from coughs, sneezes, and barking, says American Veterinary Medical Association.

Signs of canine influenza include cough, runny nose with yellow to green discharge, and high fever. Other symptoms such as fatigue, eye discharge, and reduced appetite could be signs that your dog might have influenza as well. Secondary bacterial pneumonia is also very common once the virus has taken hold.

There is a sizable proportion of dogs that will progress to pneumonia, just like people infected with flu.

When it comes to canine influenza, taking signs seriously early on is crucial. Being able to identify symptoms and taking swift action to seek treatment can help your dog from worsening and can keep the disease from spreading to other dogs.

Most dogs that come down with canine influenza will suffer the typical flu symptoms mentioned above, which can persist for up to 21 days, though some dogs may have asymptomatic infections. This is important to know as all dogs in a household with one dog positive for influenza must stay quarantined in the house for 21 days.

Vaccines are available for the two known strains (H3N8 and H3N2) of canine influenza, and dogs can now receive a two-dose vaccination program 2-3 weeks apart to prevent both. Vaccines will take three to four weeks to provide maximum immunity.

Just as humans are advised to receive the flu shot every year, dogs can get vaccinated by their veterinarian to provide a higher level of protection from infection.

No human infections with canine influenza have ever been reported; however, canine influenza has infected cats, including an incident in which the flu broke out at a shelter among its dogs and caused respiratory illness in the cats. This is uncommon, but in close quarters, transmission and infection can occur.

Tests are available to confirm if your dog has H3N8 and H3N2 canine influenza virus infection.

If you're concerned that your dog may have been exposed, might be ill, and are aware that an outbreak has happened in your community, call your veterinarian to find out if testing should be done and how to proceed. Do not bring your dog to your veterinary clinic unless instructed by your veterinarian.

Also, if you feel compelled to take your dog to an emergency veterinarian or clinic. Keep in mind that canine influenza is easily spread. Bringing infected dogs into a clinic could spread the disease more. When given a heads-up, your veterinarians can prepare a clinic by clearing visiting dogs from the path of an infected dog or can arrange to meet and treat a dog in its home or in the parking lot of a veterinary center.



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