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HMD president Maureen O'Connell addresses visitors at the rededication of the Seneca Schoolhouse. More pictures on page 2.



Wearing the dunce cap proved popular with the students visiting the Seneca Schoolhouse. "Learn" more in Local News on page 3.



Austin Smith caught the biggest fish in Poolesville's recent fishing contest. See more results in Tidbits on page 9.



2015 girls' lacrosse update. See Youth Sports on page 12.

Dog Park Comments Dominate Commission Meeting

By Link Hoewing

Despite two weighty items on the agenda—a resolution to approve a proposed increase in the quarterly rates for water and sewer, and the adoption of a new employee retirement program—much of the discussion at the May 4 commissioners' meeting was dominated by comments in support of the proposed dog park for Poolesville.

Commission President Jim Brown explained that while it will take time to build the proposed park, the first step in moving the project forward is to ensure that funding for it is in the budget. He pointed out that \$10,000 is in the budget for the upcoming fiscal year to begin the process and a total of \$60,000 is in the projections for the out years in the budget. A final vote on the fiscal year 2016 budget is slated for May 18, and at that point, Brown said, work on developing a final plan for the dog park can commence.

President Brown invited supporters of the proposed dog park—about twenty of whom were in attendance at



Local dog owners gathered outside town hall to show support for a proposed dog park for Poolesville.

the meeting—to come forward to offer their thoughts on the proposal. Many of those attending had brought their dogs along before the meeting started to greet commissioners and others outside of the town hall.

The first citizen to speak was Michele Riley who came forward to thank the commissioners for their support of the dog park. She said that it has taken two years for the idea of a

dog park to become a real project, and she praised the location of the new park which is to be built within the boundaries of Dr. Dillingham Park. The park will be centrally located, and dog parks not only help dogs become better socialized with other dogs and humans, but also provide a means of getting dogs off of streets where problems can sometimes arise.

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Nearly Five Decades of Charitable Service Honored By Rande Davis

Scores of residents from the Upper Montgomery community gathered on April 30 to shower accolades upon Jane Stearns for her forty-seven years of charitable leadership in guiding the Western Upper Montgomery County Help, Inc. (WUMCO).

WUMCO was originally organized and guided by Jane and her husband Fred when they joined forces with Beulah Harper. Jane had begun a service of driving persons in need to clinics and doctor's offices, and Harper had started a food pantry. Their joint effort, originally called Poolesville Help, expanded its community services to now include help in paying utility bills, medicine and medical expenses, and housing costs, and by providing holiday meals and toys for children at Thanksgiving and Christmas. WUMCO's food pantry distributed over fourteen thousand pounds of food in 2014 alone.

Though a petite woman, Jane is truly a giant among us, and her dedication of service without any compensation received special honor by the attendance of Montgomery County Executive Isiah "Ike" Leggett. He acknowledged Jane as a "real hero among us" and an individual who has personally exemplified "a true spirit of giving at a time when we, as a society, suffer, at times, from a vortex of complacency in meeting the needs of those lacking in the basics of life. Jane represents the best of what we can do to make a difference in the world."

Pastor Chuck Copeland of the Hosanna Worship Center in Dickerson recalled that in his hour of need in the past, Jane and WUMCO were there for him and his daughter. He spoke of how this remarkable woman seems to "see inside us, inside our hearts."



Executive Ike Leggett presented Jane Stearns with a certificate of appreciation from the Montgomery County Council.

WUMCO Executive Director Catherine Beliveau, in presenting a certificate of appreciation signed by

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Family Album



The Reverend Ann Ritonia was officially installed as the rector at St. Peter's on May 3. Visiting clergy were the Episcopal Reverend Stephen Hagerty, Presbyterian Reverend Derek Longbrake, Father Vincent Rigdon of Our Lady of the Presentation, Reverend Ann Ritonia, Bishop Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Diocese of Washington, D.C., and Baptist Reverend Jennifer Singh.



Friends of HMD convened at the Seneca Schoolhouse to celebrate all the improvements. See Local News on page 3.



Knight Kiplinger (center, tan jacket) provided a spontaneous history of Montevideo to guests Nancy Floreen, Mary Kinglsey, De Willard, and Jill Chadwick.



These genteel gentlemen are strong supporters of HMD and the Seneca Schoolhouse: Bill Lermond, Web Hersperger, and Ed Brown.



The winners of the St. Peter's Charity Poker Tournament for WUMCO: Steve Vogel (second place), Jeff Witt (first place), and Doug Bailey (third place).



At the WUMCO Salute to Jane special event and fundraiser, officers and board members Catherine Beliveau (executive director), Carly Stolker, Nancy Allmutt (president), Tracy Forfa, Adam Debaugh, Jim Ridgway, and Ray Hoewing (master of ceremonies).



Austin Kiplinger welcomed Francie Johnson, Caroline Taylor, and an unidentified guest to his family estate, Montevideo.



Julie Shapiro (aka schoolmarm Mrs. Darby), Bob Cissel, John Pentecost, and Mrs. Cissel celebrated the rededication of the Seneca Schoolhouse

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Local News

Landmark Events at Seneca Schoolhouse

By Rande Davis

The Seneca Schoolhouse, a living history facility on River Road in Poolesville, was the venue of two very significant events within the last few weeks.

The first event, coming at the end of April, featured Poolesville Elementary School fourth graders, after many years of absence, returning as participants in the school's "One Day in a One-Room Schoolhouse" program. Encouraged to come in period clothes, the youngsters are taken back in time to 1888, where they experience the rigors of education as it was in nineteenth-century Poolesville.

In 1865, local farmer and miller, Mr. Upton Darby, collected subscriptions to the school from neighbors, who provided cash and skills to build the school. The Darby family provided two acres of land as well as sandstone from the Seneca Quarry sandstone. Others offered services like plastering and painting, and families of lesser means cut and seasoned the wood to heat the room.

When students attend the one-day event, they are given a name of an actual Poolesville area child who attended the school. They are provided information on that child's personal family history, and then they spend the day re-enacting that child in school. Now, once again, Poolesville kids are reliving their personal history while learning history, math, spelling, and classroom discipline as it was experienced by their Poolesvillian predecessors of the past.



Fourth graders from PES returned to visiting the Seneca Schoolhouse after many years.

Public and private schools have been coming to the Seneca Schoolhouse for many years, but inexplicably, PES removed the visit from their special events calendar years ago. The leadership of PES principal Doug Robbins was critical in reestablishing this experience for local students. Teachers

Robert Chiappone and Pamela Kierce also recognized the value of this unique historical perspective for the local fourth graders. Mr. Robbins reported that the event was especially successful, with both the parents and students voicing enthusiastic approval for the experience. There is every prospect that fourth grade classes from PES will continue to visit the school in the future.

Mr. Chiappone expressed the enthusiasm of the students in emailing to Julie Shapiro (who plays the part of Mrs. Darby, the schoolmarm), "The response from my class was wonderful, calling it the best field trip ever! So you beat out the Air and Space Museum, and an ice cream factory, among others! Thanks again for everything. You can count on seeing us again next year!"

Pam Kierce also reported how happy the students were with the experience and wrote Mrs. Shapiro, "Our students also had a great time learning from the great presentation you have in place. They are still talking about all the punishments." In the past, unruly students had to wear a dunce cap and sit in a corner, face to the wall, in an 1888 version of time out.

The guardian of the Seneca Schoolhouse and developer of the educational program is the Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD) a non-profit 501(c)(3) that also manages the John Poole House, and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum and Exhibit Hall in the center of Poolesville. On May 3, HMD hosted a rededication of the facilities, which highlighted the costly renovations that have recently been completed so as to secure the building and the education program for decades to come. HMD president, Maureen O'Connell, said that the rededication

was "especially appropriate being held this May as it was exactly thirty-four years ago that over two hundred people joined together to rebuild what was an abandoned schoolhouse into what it is today, a place where thousands of

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Commentary

Seeing Purple

By John Clayton

What will happen to the Purple Line? Various media are full of discussions that range from political calculations to the question of whether that much money can be allocated to anything given our state's financial situation. There is the issue of sunk costs: considerable funds have already been spent on plans, environmental studies, and what-have-you. There is even more money on the table to be considered: The federal government has committed a hefty sum to help build the line. The thought of just walking away now? Inconceivable!

Gov. Larry Hogan is, in very broad strokes, an anti-spending, pro-business leader. Will he spend big bucks on something that is widely accepted as pro-business to provide a kick start to our allegedly sputtering economic engine? Will he build roads for his supporters or rail for those who voted for the other guy?

The proposed Purple Line, for those who were in the gourmet popcorn line and missed the opening credits, is a light-rail transit line that would run from the Bethesda Metro Station to the New Carrollton Metro Station in Prince George's County. It would run through Silver Spring, Takoma Park, Langley Park, the University of Maryland College Park campus (three stops), and on through PG County to New Carrollton. The line intersects with existing Metro stops and adds Purple Line stops of its own, bringing mass rail transit to areas heretofore unserved.

The politics reduce the argument down to basic issues of rural versus suburban/urban, roads and bridges versus mass transit, and people who voted for Hogan versus people who didn't. It sounds like a tough call, but I don't think it should be. I find it incomprehensible that such a well-advanced and seemingly beneficial mass transit system could be killed just like that. It would revitalize many areas of the two counties where there is desire and planning for more development. Hogan also may be looking for some way to build it in a cheaper fashion,

but the basic decision is go or no-go. We should also remember that other projects like the Baltimore Red Line are competing for funds, but people up there didn't vote for him either.

What does that mean to us out here where we don't want any appreciable growth? I wonder what an abrupt pivot away from mass transit projects means for the future of open land in Montgomery County and more specifically the Agricultural Reserve. Development has been the driving force of economic growth in this county and will continue to be so. Future building in Montgomery County, as places like Clarksburg continue to grow, is going to be under the mantle of Smart Growth, where higher density housing, as in literally building taller buildings, will be located with accessibility to retail, jobs, and transit a priority.

Consider the development plans in the White Flint area, on and around the old mall site, and picture the Rockville Town Center, or maybe Kentlands with Metro and taller buildings, or the new Downtown Crown. White Flint is only a few stations and about ten minutes to the Bethesda Metro and the Purple Line. The planned route is already incorporated into many ambitious project plans: not only White Flint, but other areas purposed for mixed commercial and residential development across both counties. With the planned Corridor Cities Transitway, a fifteen-mile bus rapid transit system that would effectively extend Metro to Clarksburg, the focus of planning for future development is clearly based on mass transit.

If we build more roads and bridges and don't optimize Smart Growth concepts, where does the new expansion occur and what do we call it? It occurs on open land accessible only by highways new or enlarged, and we call it sprawl. It doesn't lead to commercial centers built around public transit; it builds commercial centers accessible by cars and bridges. The Ag Reserve is a unique treasure, and I think most down county people and county council members either think that way, or can be encouraged to think that way if we continue to find ways to make it an attractive place to visit. When they begin to think of open space as the only place left to build, as a luxury we can no longer afford, then the Ag Reserve is going to be fighting an entirely new set of battles.



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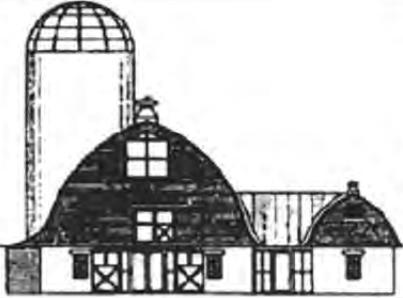
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As a student at Poolesville High School, you live and/or go to school near the Ag Reserve. For this contest, we invite you to submit an essay about a personal experience you have had in the Ag Reserve. Your story should tell us: (a) what the experience means to you and why; (b) how it helps you appreciate the Reserve and the purpose of the Reserve; and (c) how it adds to your appreciation of farming, the natural bounty or the rural traditions that surround us. For background information on the Ag Reserve and its history, you'll find many sources of information on the web. Remember, we are looking for a story about an experience, not a recitation of facts from the web. This piece does not need to be a formulaic essay.

Requirements:

- Essay should be no more than 750 words
- Essay must be submitted via email to: AgReserveContest@gmail.com
- Entrants must be Poolesville High School students, grades 9-12
- Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on June 1st and must include both the essay and the following contact information: name, street address, email address, and phone number.

Essays will be judged on the following criteria:

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May 16

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May 18

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting *Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

May 20

PASC Special Event *Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC). Tai Chi*. *Whalen Commons*. 10:30 a.m.

May 21

PASC Special Event: Woodcarving workshop. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

May 23 to 24

Festival of Shavuot

Am Kolel's Sanctuary Retreat Center celebrates the Festival of Shavuot, a celebration of Jewish cultural, agricultural, and spiritual traditions commemorating the first fruits of the season, the bounty of nature, and the Giving of the Torah. Guests may attend all or part of the events.

Shavuot begins Saturday evening with a holiday dinner including the seven species of foods mentioned in the Bible, followed by a screening of *Growing Legacy*, the history of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve. The fee for dinner, program, lodging, and breakfast is \$54.

On Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m., a reading of the Ten Commandments will take place, followed by a vegetarian potluck lunch. Cheesecake will be provided. Free.

A free outdoor festival on Sunday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. will include live music, workshops, food demonstrations, meditation, and informal study. Local Poolesville clergy will participate in "Take This Pulpit" — an interfaith Bible slam with Rabbi David Shneyer, Rev. Bill Maisch, and Pastor David Williams. Products from local farms and a winery will be featured for tasting.

May 27

PASC Special Event **Zumba Gold**. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

May 28

Pre-school Storytime Stories, music, rhymes. *Poolesville Library*. 10:30 a.m.

May 29

House of Poolesville Entertainment The Wandering Peacocks. 8:30 p.m.

May 30

PASC Special Event Trip to National Arboretum, including national herb garden, bonsai museum. \$35.00 per person. Bus leaves *Poolesville Baptist Church* at 11:00 a.m. and returns at 6:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment The Built 4 Comfort Band. On the patio. 4:30 p.m.

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Dog Park Comments

Dominate Commission Meeting

Poolesville veterinarian, Dr. Peter Eeg, spoke next in support of the park. He said dogs "are not wolves" but more like "children in how they interact." While dogs certainly can become hostile to each other and to humans, that is not normally how they react. He said that while some dogs are not social and should not be taken to dog parks, owners generally know their dogs and, in most cases, if they were to bring their pet to the park, they would first see how the dog reacted from outside the perimeter of the park before venturing further. He has seen that pattern in other dog parks, and fights within parks are rare.

Richard Garner, who lives across from Dr. Dillingham Park, said he has taken his dog to a wide variety of dog parks in the Washington area. He, and others who testified, said owners have a strong interest in ensuring that the parks are safe and friendly

environments for their dogs and other people. Fights are very rare, and when they occur, owners act responsibly and remove their pets quickly.

Several citizens testified that building a dog park sends a strong, positive signal to people who are interested in looking at Poolesville as a place to live. This is especially true for people who do not have children but are dog lovers and pet owners. As such, a dog park is another means of enhancing economic development in Poolesville. In this context, several witnesses added that if people leave town to visit dog parks elsewhere, they are more likely to spend money out of town on food, pet supplies, and other items.

One witness, Jenny Kennedy, suggested that dogs should only be allowed in the dog park under the supervision of an adult. Dog parks are, in essence, largely parks "for adults and their pets" unlike other town parks which are either focused on families or on sports, so the new park will serve a segment of the town that has not been the focus of other park projects.

Commissioner Brice Halbrook, who represents the commissioners on the Parks Board, said, as the comments concluded, that the board had initially been solidly against the idea of a dog park, but, over time, many of the same arguments offered by the citizens attending the May 4 commission meeting won over board members who eventually voted unanimously to recommend a dog park to the commissioners.

After the discussion about the proposed dog park, commissioners turned to several pieces of business that required votes. First, they considered and unanimously adopted a resolution to raise the quarterly rate schedule for water and sewer service. The eight percent increase, as noted in a previous commission meeting, will raise about \$75,000 annually, enough to support the hiring of staff needed to manage the sewer plant to meet state effluent requirements.

Next, the commissioners considered a proposal to revise the town's employee retirement program. The current program is fully funded by

the town alone, and employees can leave at any time, taking their savings with them. Under the new program, employee retirement funds will only fully vest six years after the employee starts. A new, voluntary employee match program would also be offered. The commissioners adopted the new program unanimously.

The commissioners then considered a proposal from a citizens' group working with the Historic Medley District to plan and sponsor a Civil War event in October of this year. The proposal had been offered at a commission meeting some weeks ago, and the group since then had submitted a proposed budget and project plan for the commissioners to consider. They voted unanimously to grant up to \$2500 to the group in support of the event planned for October 10. In voting for the proposal, the commissioners hope the initial event will become an annual attraction that highlights the history of Poolesville and grows into a significant boost for the town economically.

Local News

Poolesville Green Hosts Cyclists Pedaling for Climate Change Awareness

Poolesville Green provided food and lodging to cyclists from Pennsylvania Interfaith Power & Light (PA-IPL) riding the 343-mile trek from State College, Pennsylvania to Capitol Hill, May 4 to May 5.

PA-IPL is one of forty IPL state affiliates, a community of congregations, faith-based organizations, and individuals of faith responding to climate change as a moral issue. The groups advocate for energy conservation, energy efficiency, and the use of clean, renewable energy.



Town manager Wade Yost with Poolesville Green's Joyce Breiner address the visiting environmental cyclists.

Joyce Breiner, executive director and cofounder of Poolesville Green, organized a hearty dinner at Bassett's for the group when they arrived in Poolesville after their overnight in Hagerstown. Dinner topics ranged from life in the Ag Reserve to alternative energy options. PA-IPL members lodged in several community-members' homes and enjoyed breakfast at the Breiner-Yaneys' the next morning. On their way out of town, Breiner arranged a tour of Poolesville's solar array with Town Manager Wade Yost. After a robust discussion,

PA-IPL cycled out of Poolesville to connect with the C&O Canal towpath for the final leg of their journey.

This is the fourth trip for PA-IPL trip coordinator Jon Brockopp, associate professor of history and religious studies at Penn State, and the first trip for his sixteen-year-old son, Noah. "I think you do get through," says Brockopp, of the groups' discussions with congressional aides and the occasional House member PA-IPL has encountered over the years. He notes that many congressional aides are cyclists and environmentalists, regardless of party affiliation.

PA-IPL Executive Director Cricket Eccleston Hunter drives with several other group members and meets the cyclists for an afternoon presenting the delegation's platform to Pennsylvania congressional representatives.

A faith-based approach to climate change engages people who may not otherwise connect to the topic, according to Brockopp. "The topic of climate change is needlessly politicized, and a lot of people don't want to bring politics into the church," he explains. Faith-based advocacy events like cycling to meet with congressional representatives about climate change, service activities with a conservation component, and inviting congregations to consider implementing environmentally-friendly or energy-saving programs are raising awareness about climate-related issues, according to several PA-IPL delegates.

For more information about Interfaith Power & Light, visit: www.Interfaithpowerandlight.org or the PA-IPL at www.PA-IPL.org. Contact Poolesville Green to learn about next year's PA-IPL visit at poolesvillegreen@gmail.com.





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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime

May 14, 1908 Judge Henderson apologized to the members of the county grand jury about the deplorable conditions in which they had to work. He referred to the filthy conditions of the courthouse, and especially the basement where standing water was present. He threatened to have those responsible for the maintenance of the courthouse arrested if changes were not made soon.

May 20, 1906 For several weeks, Montgomery County and Washington sportsmen had been enjoying spectacular black bass fishing in the Potomac River. States Attorney Peter discovered that it was unlawful and ordered deputy sheriffs to enforce a law that prohibited fishing for black bass between April 1 and June 15. Peter opined that on June 16, and after, any type of fish could be captured.

May 20, 1911 Much speculation and excitement was abound over the finding of the body of George Myers, a prominent contractor of Montgomery County. Myers had left his home in

Potomac and had taken his horse and buggy to Cabin John where he boarded a trolley for the city. The next day, his body was found floating in the canal in Georgetown. Myers was known to carry a large amount of cash on his person, but when his body was found, he had but a one-cent piece in his pocket. His friends said that he could not have spent all of his money in Georgetown since Myers was not a drinking man.

May 24, 1904 A large crowd of merrymakers from both Frederick and Montgomery Counties descended on the town of Boyds to watch a baseball game between Hyattstown and Buck Lodge. The game was marred by a large fistfight that broke out behind the field which lasted several minutes. A man was sent to Rockville to find the sheriff, but by the time he arrived, the fight had ended.

On the same day, John Barton, alias John Seymour, was arrested on an old warrant charging him with breaking into the home of Professor Bigelow of the Agricultural Department. Judge Pritchard committed him to the county jail.

May 24, 1908 One of the most impressive storms in years struck the Boyds area of Montgomery County. Many cows were either drowned or killed by lightning. Travelle Duvall, a young man employed on the Darne farm, was missing and feared drowned. A search for his body was being conducted by friends and deputies.

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

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Landmark Events at Seneca Schoolhouse

schoolchildren come for a field trip every year." The renovations included a new roof, period windows, complete interior repainting, updated security system, new parking lot and walkway to the school, and an upgrade in the enclosures surrounding the outdoor toilets. Out front, a new fence and extensive signage have also been added.

Chairman of the HMD Board of Directors, Knight Kiplinger, remarked that the day was held to give special honor to the "old guard and the new guard, the families that started the project (in partnership with the State of Maryland through the leadership of Mary Ann Kephart and Winsome Brown, the building was restored in 1981) as well as the current leadership of Mrs. O'Connell, Jean Findlay (treasurer), and Sharon Bauer (secretary).

Kiplinger explained that the challenge of HMD's task in the care and maintenance of old, historical sites is an unending, revolving process. "Fix, fix, fix, you get one all fixed up, you go onto the next, and by the time you finish, you go back to the first." He implored the attendees to consider financially assisting HMD as the guardians of our cultural and physical past.

After the proceedings at the schoolhouse, the group was graciously hosted by Kiplinger at his family's estate, Montevideo, across the street from the schoolhouse.

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Tidbits

Local Scouts Attend Regional Annual Meeting

On April 25, 2015, local Girl Scouts, Mackenzie Gross and Jessica Mense, attended the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital (GSCNC) Annual Meeting in Landsdowne, Virginia.

A sophomore at Poolesville High School and a Girl Scout Senior, Miss Gross went as Service Unit 32-11's delegate. In this capacity, she served as liaison between GSCNC and the local Service Unit by running a session with all adult Girl Scout Leaders, Teen Advisors, and Service Unit Team in the Service Unit where she asked for feedback regarding council operations and policy. She then attended a council forum where she identified and communicated the service unit's needs to the board of directors. Finally, she attended the GSCNC Annual Meeting and was elected to the council Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

Miss Mense, a sixth grader at John Poole Middle School and a Girl Scout Cadette, went to the annual meeting as a girl performer. She carried Association 32's flag in the opening ceremony and participated in the on-stage celebration for the Girl Scout Cookie Samoa's fortieth birthday. Also at the meeting were Troop 430's Teen Advisor Dawn Albert and Service Unit 32-11 Manager Marilyn Mense.



Local scouts, Jessica Mense and MacKenzie Gross.

Annual Fishing Tournament Great Success

The twenty-fourth annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament enjoyed excellent weather and a robust and enthusiastic group of contestants. The winning fish, caught by Austin Smith, was a 24.5-inch channel catfish. Thirty-seven fishermen participated in the contest.

Winning categories by age also include total number of fish caught.



The winners of Poolesville's 2015 Richard S. McKernon Fishing Tournament.

Congratulations to Falcon Tennis Star Dennis Wang

Poolesville's Dennis Wang won the singles championship, defeating Whiteman's Jack Welch (6-4, 6-4). Wheaton's coach was quite complimentary of Wang, saying, "Jack played one of the best matches I've seen him play. Sometimes you run into a buzz saw, and there's no shame in losing to a superior opponent."

This Never Happened in Pro Baseball

The PHS Falcon baseball team had an achievement against Springbrook High School never equaled in professional baseball. They had a cycle (one player getting a single, double, triple, and home run) and a no-hitter in one game. Congratulations to Jordan Cissel on the cycle and to Justin Souder for the no-hitter.



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3rd - Patrick Jeffers

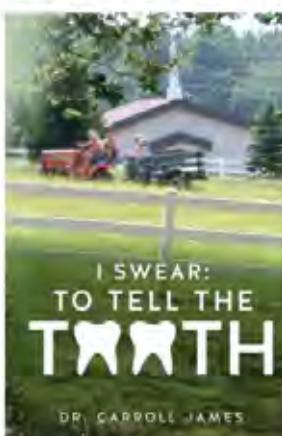
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1st - Tanner Dixon - 22 inches
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Garden

Classy Garden Gifts

By Maureen O'Connell

Is your favorite gardener having a birthday or anniversary soon? Have you picked out a gift for your gardening dad for Father's Day? Look no further. Here are some usual and unusual must-have garden gadgets and decorative items for their gardens, be they big or small. You don't have to spend a lot to get some classic pieces, but I do suggest that you spend some time researching what the markets offer.

The first item any serious gardener needs is a sturdy and roomy garden tote bag, preferably made of canvas. I like those with four to six outside pockets plus several interior ones. It is maddening to have everything fall to the bottom of the bag in a big mess. To be extra nice, fill it with good-quality tools and other accessories. Invest in a good pair of gloves. Forget the cheap, cloth ones; they wear out before the season does. My favorite ones are Mud Gauntlet goatskin to-the-elbow gloves. I have had mine for years, and they are perfect for pruning thorny rose bushes. For small pruning jobs, the Felco FEL-2 Model 2 Original Secateurs is the best

on the market. Keep the blades well oiled and it will last for years—unless you carelessly leave it in the grass and your husband runs over it with the mower (I must admit to have done this twice). Like duct tape, dark green jute twine has a thousand uses, sometimes in places you would least suspect. I like the one that sits on its own holder with a cutting edge. A strong but lightweight Japanese hand hoe is designed for weeding and slicing and will become your essential weeder for all types of jobs.

If you want birds, butterflies, and bats (they eat a lot of pesky bugs) to take up residence in your yard, provide them with appropriate houses and inviting bathing areas. White Flower Farm offers a birdhouse appropriately called: A Magnificent Birdhouse. It has eight separate entrances and nesting apartments, and a cedar shingle roof. It is a little pricey at \$399, but nothing but the best for some birds. Don't make the birdbath too deep; many birds don't like that. If it is deep, place an attractive, smooth stone in the middle where they can perch.

A sundial is the oldest known device that tells the time of day by the position of the sun. It can also add a bit of elegance to an outdoor garden. They come in different finishes and materials. I have one in my upper garden in

the middle of a stand of oriental lilies and white 'David' phlox. Another interesting piece that works well in a garden is an armillary sphere. Eratosthenes (276-194 B.C.) is credited with its invention. It is a skeleton made of graduated metal circles linking the poles and representing the equator, the ecliptic, meridians, and parallels. It is said to have been of great use to Christopher Columbus in his voyages to the New World. If you Google the word armillary, you can find many beautiful ones that could fit into your gardens.

I am not a fan of garden gnomes and pink flamingoes, but there is a studio in Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, Gifts and Gardens, that invites you to welcome new friends to your garden who are undemanding with no danger of plant damage or escape. You can choose as your "friends" hens, chickens, cockerels, Kingfisher, owls, cats, ducks, goose, rabbits, squirrels, pheasant, hare, fox, and thrush. They are made from rust-free aluminum and are beautifully painted by hand with a very resilient finish on both sides, and they can be left out all year round. You can order them online and they will ship to the U.S. I received from my daughter last year for my birthday Mr. Hare and Mr. Pheasant. They look quite lifelike as they hide between the ferns and hostas.



Landscape and garden décor ideas.

Winds chimes are quite ubiquitous; they can be found at Lowe's, Amazon, and local garden centers. Their peals can be beautifully clear or horribly tinny. About twenty years ago, while visiting the Phoenix, Arizona area, I visited Arcosanti, an experimental ecotown in Yavapai County, about seventy miles north of Phoenix. This desert community was the dream of Paolo Soleri (1919-2013), a visionary architect, urban designer, artist, craftsman, philosopher, and disciple of Frank Lloyd Wright. The buildings, many underground, and the artists and writers who lived there, embodied Soleri's concept of Arcology, architecture coherent with ecology. The windbells that the artists

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Youth Sports

Top Contenders

By Jeff Stuart

Before the season, one of the goals of the PHS boys' lacrosse team was to win ten games. They exceeded that with a 10-3 record in regular season. Then they got their eleventh in a 14-9 win over Rockville in the first round of the 2A playoffs.

The pesky Rockville Rams had given the Falcons trouble in the regular season at Poolesville on April 28. In that game, Jake Armstrong scored late to tie the game, which forced overtime play. The winning goal came in overtime and was scored by junior Adam Branscome, with the Falcons winning, 8-7. "At first we did not respond to their strategy of playing a slowdown game very well," said assistant coach Josh Funk, but the Falcons took control early in the third period and put the game away with a four-goal barrage in the opening minutes of the final period. While there was a furious late rally by the Rams, their ultimate fate had already been determined.

Poolesville and Damascus were the favorites in the 3A/2A Division and on April 2, the Hornets staked an early

claim to the division title by beating the Falcons, 10-7. Jonathan Hetrick had four goals with two assists. Armstrong scored the other three Falcon goals. Reid Patton and junior Jake Johnson also had assists. Sophomore Michael McDonald won ten face offs with junior Trey Willis winning nine, and Joel Hessels winning eight. Additionally, Varun Mohan won a face off as well. "We were on and off in that game but we didn't play well," said Funk. "We had too many turnovers. We didn't shoot well. It was not a balanced effort. Hopefully, next time we can come out and be a little more team oriented, take care of the ball, and make sure we give them our best shot."

On April 18 the Falcons lost, 17-8, to undefeated Churchill in an away game. Poolesville scored four first-period goals and trailed only by 5-4 after the first period. "It is kind of hard to come away from losses and say that you played well, but I think Churchill is one of the better Montgomery County teams," said Funk, "and we were able to be very competitive. We were only down by one going into the third quarter. That says a lot about the kind of energy and effort that the boys have put in. We had a rough start to the season. I don't think I would have seen that kind of effort earlier in the year. Clearly, we

have made a lot of progress over the last couple seasons. Just being able to come away with positives from the Churchill game was a very big thing in the boys' minds. What we are charged to do is to build on those positives and communicate and get better, and just play the game of lacrosse."

An early season matchup with Clarksburg proved too close for comfort, but the Falcons won, 8-7.

The team will be losing the experience of senior midfielders Dylan Flickenger and Varun Mohan, and defensemen Justin Tabatabai and Alex Tran, but Andrew Bacas, Louis Potts, Austin Grinkemeyer, Greg Baek, and Robert Wilbur are juniors. Sam Pavlick, Austin Nichols, Dakota Grimsby, and Cole McKenney as sophomores will be returning. Ryan Lockett is a freshman. "Austin and



Halftime strategy and pep talk during the Rockville game.

Coach Funk has a lot to say about the team goalie. "Sean Parker is a three-sport athlete," said Funk. "He plays them all at a high level. This is just his third year playing lacrosse. The amount of things he has been able to pick up and do well is amazing. He didn't have a lot of time to prepare in the off season. He is one of the best defenders in the county. It would be hard to imagine us doing as well without him. He is not a very vocal guy, but when he speaks, people listen. At 6' 3", 190 pounds, he is a pretty imposing athlete. He is rangy. He covers a lot of ground."

Dakota were thrown into starting roles for us. I don't think we thought either one would be starting at the beginning of the year," said Funk. "They performed very well. Austin had a hat trick in the Rockville playoff game. Dakota covered one of Quince Orchard's better players in the last game of the regular season. They are coming into their own at a big point in the season and we are definitely benefitting from it."

On May 12, in the rematch with Damascus for the 3A/2A West Section II final, the season ended for the Falcons as they lost to Damascus, 11-10.

School News

PES Fourth Graders Celebrate Earth Day With New Online Game Developed by PHS Global Ecology House Seniors

Fourth graders at Poolesville Elementary School celebrated Earth Day in the computer lab testing a new educational game created by Poolesville High School Global Ecology House students and corporate partners designed to teach young students about protecting the environment.

Students in the Global Ecology House are required to complete a senior project. This year, four students, Daniel Miller, Dylan Blanc, Bradley Andres, and Ryan Siegel teamed up with APL Maritime and Hagerstown-based

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The team effort between PHS Global Ecology students, APL Maritime, and d'Vinci Interactive created a new computer game to foster environmental care awareness.

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Youth Sports

Making Good Things Happen

By Jeff Stuart

"We had two very intense games this season against Damascus and Churchill," said Poolesville girls' lacrosse coach Brittany Hilton. "Although they were both a check in the loss column, we took the opportunity to learn from both and become a better team because of it."

Those two losses against quality opponents, however dramatic, were hardly season defining. The Falcons, after all, posted ten regular-season wins.

"I think this season is going great," said junior midfielder Christina Hilton at practice on April 20, a few days after the Churchill game. Christina is one of four team captains. "We definitely have put in a lot of effort during practice, and I feel like we have gotten better along the way. Damascus was a very intense game. It was one of our best games...I think the B-CC game was one of our better games, too. We all really came together as a team and made a lot of great things happen."

Senior attack Mary Hall, another captain, agreed. "This year we have got a good group of girls, but a lot of them are new, so we have to learn to play together. Hannah Bush, a freshman this year, has done an amazing job of stepping up and getting us going in certain games like the Churchill game. Amanda Chasin (senior midfielder and captain) always does well. Anna Murgia (senior defense) has also done well."

One parent described the atmosphere at Damascus on April 2 as "electric." The Falcons defeated the Hornets, 10-7, in the regular season last year and lost, 11-10, in triple overtime in the playoffs, so the anticipation was high and there was a large turnout of spectators. The Hornets' only loss this year came at North Carroll on March 30. Their 7-5 victory over PHS marked their closest win in a county contest. Junior midfielder Casey Harkins, who leads the team with fifty goals and twenty-seven assists, scored twice against the Hornets and had two assists. Hilton, sophomore attack, Sophia Mense, and freshman midfielder, Cubby Schmidt, each had a goal. Senior goalie Po Coulibaly had nine saves.

In the Churchill game, Hall had three goals and Harkins had two. Hilton and sophomore attack Delaney Cecco each scored a goal. Coulibaly had nine saves.

The Falcons began the season with decisive road victories at Northwest,



Falcon girls' lacrosse team captains. Mary Hall and Christina Hilton.

Clarksburg, and Gaithersburg before closing out the month of March with a 14-8 win over B-CC in their home opener. That marked their fourth win in eight days. The Falcons followed the Damascus game by routing Watkins Mill, 19-4, and Seneca Valley, 22-3, before losing, 12-7, at Churchill.

Nancy Jamison and Tori Molyneux on attack are also seniors. Carley Kenly on defense is a junior. Emily Yin, Isabel Markoff, Madi Miller, and Kate Heimbach on defense are sophomores as is Carmela Wasilik on attack. Haley Harkins at midfield is a freshman.

The Falcons' season ended at the second matchup with Damascus, the 3A/2A West Section II Final on May 12, with a loss, 19-9.

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Classy Garden Gifts

created there are beautiful works of art and are known worldwide. There are ceramic, bronze, special assemblies, and cause bells. I bought the Eagle: Save the Wilderness Cause Bell. It represents the effort to preserve the American wilderness for this and future generations. Besides the bell's design and patina finish, it is the sound that it makes that sets this apart from all other windbells. I have several other bells in the garden, but I can always tell the sound of the Eagle. Search Paolo Soleri online to read about the history and thoughts of this remarkable man. You can also purchase the bells there.

In addition to the above-mentioned items, there are other unique gifts for your gardener: teak benches, tuteurs, Greek olive jar planters, gazebos, and garden sheds. If you want to splurge, buy your gardener a John Deere two-seated Gator. Jim bought me one for my birthday about five years ago; I couldn't do all my garden chores without it. I love it.

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Business Briefs

Youth Fitness Camp: For Fun and Health

Local fitness trainer, Zach Etheridge, has developed a fun fitness camp for elementary school children he calls E-Z Fit Kids Boot Camp. A three-hour-per-day, one-week camp, the program is designed to expose children to the rudiments of overall conditioning, aerobics, and sports through challenging yet fun events. Etheridge states, "The camp will not only prepare the kids for any sport activity, but also provide them with a level of confidence to attempt any personal challenges they may encounter at school or at home." Campers will learn exercise technique, team sports, and aerobic conditioning.

Etheridge, a 2008 graduate of Poolesville High School, holds a B.A. degree from the University of Maryland. He is a para-educator at Poolesville Elementary School and a certified personal trainer. He is also certified in CPR, AED, and first aid.

The camp targets kids seven years old to eleven or grades two through five. It will be held at the Poolesville Elementary School August 3 through 7. Further information can be obtained by visiting Facebook.com/ezfit301.

County Program to Help Local Businesses Begins

The Montgomery County Department of Economic Development is offering a program that provides free one-on-one business assistance to entrepreneurs, business owners, and start-ups on the second Wednesday of every month.

A business development specialist will be available at Poolesville Town Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. to meet directly with business owners. Experts will provide information about county financial initiatives and other programs, make introductions, and identify the connections your business needs. This program is open to any entrepreneur and/or business located within Montgomery County.

Montgomery County works hard to support local businesses and has a variety of resources including industry sector experts in IT, cyber security, life sciences, green, international, government contracting, and more. Support is also available for navigating the county procurement and Local Small Business Reserve Program.

Register for your one-on-one session today by visiting goo.gl/forms/qQtOVjb2zN.

Youth Sports

Four Falcons Commit to Play College Lacrosse

By Jeff Stuart

They could be the Core Four of the Poolesville High School boys' lacrosse program. It is certainly noteworthy that four players from the boys' lacrosse team have committed to play for college teams. Perhaps even more remarkably, all of them are juniors. They will all return for their senior season. They have all played together at PHS and in club lacrosse, as well.

"Everyone on the coaching staff at the Lax Factory has been a big part of college lacrosse," said Jonathan Hetrick about the club lacrosse experience. "They took their game to the next level, so they were bringing to us their expertise and teaching us what we needed to know to get to the next level and to progress as players and people. We have all been playing together for a really long time. It is a very tightknit program."

Hetrick added, "The Poolesville experience has been great. We have a great program. It's a good team that

teammate going there with me makes it ten times better. I will be the first in my family to play a Division I sport in college and also first to be going to college to play a sport."

Teammate Jake Armstrong also committed to UMBC. "We all played club lacrosse for Lax Factory," said Jake. "Since we have all known each other for a really long time, we are great friends, so that chemistry off the field definitely translates to our success on the field. I have been around the sport from a young age since all my older siblings played the game... My brother and sister went on to play college lacrosse at Ohio State, and my brother is now a coach here."

"I am going to Belmont Abbey in Charlotte, North Carolina," said Adam Branscome. "I really thought it was a good program which has been growing in the past couple of years. I really like the coaches and the school. Throughout the years with Lax Factory and at Poolesville, I have been growing in lacrosse because of my coaches and friends pushing me to do better. At Poolesville, it has been great watching the team get so much better. New kids have been coming out, and we have been growing as a team."

"I chose VMI because they provide an opportunity to get a quality education and military experience," said

Reid Patton. "I can get a commission in whatever military branch I want to go into. The lacrosse program at VMI is a growing program, and it's getting better. There are a number of kids I know from my area that are going there. We have all known each other for a long time. Way back when I started lacrosse with Jake, we played pretty much all year around together at Lax Factory. That is where our lacrosse skills matured and separated ourselves from other



Junior lacrosse Falcons: Jonathan Hetrick, Jake Armstrong, Adam Branscome, and Reid Patton.

has grown into the team it is now. We are not just teammates that have been playing with each other for a couple of years. These are kids that I have been in school with since kindergarten. We're best friends, and it makes the experience much more enjoyable...After looking at a number of schools, I chose UMBC because it just stood out to me as a place I wanted to go to. It left me with a good feeling and, of course, it has a good lacrosse program. Having a

players. We have all had aspirations to play college lacrosse...My older sister, Megan Patton, is assistant varsity coach of the Poolesville girls' lacrosse team. She played lacrosse at Belmont Abbey College on a scholarship."

Jonathan, Jake, Adam, and Reid have played a part in a sort of renaissance for the program which won only four games in their freshman year and

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Mama Boe

The Great Cleansing

By Pamela Boe

I just had my shed well and truly cleaned. I know it sounds dirty, and well, it WAS dirty, but there is more to this story than that.

My husband is a man who doesn't waste a lot of time talking if he sees a task that needs doing. He's also the kind of man who, like many other of his ilk, loves toys and gadgets and technical whirly-gigs. So when he bought a super-turbo-fourteen kagillion horsepower-washer, I didn't blink an eye.

At least, until he took it out of the shed yesterday, and got down to business. He hooked up the garden hose, cranked on the water, and filled the power washer's gas tank. That's when what I like to call "The Great Cleansing" began.

It started with the shed, of course, but such an amazing machine as his required more of a workout than that. So after he blew the beezus out of the shed, he rolled that puppy down the hill and proceeded to strip the paint off of every vehicle we own. Then he saw the trash cans, and jetted them back into their original pre-plastic, petrochemical state. I'm happy to report that they no longer smell like old kitty litter and sock crud.

I briefly considered throwing the cats outside while he was power washing, because I was certain his suped-up water nozzle would do a much better job of getting cat funk off of their fur than their wee little sandpaper tongues would. I was NOT certain, however, that they would come back to me with any fur at all. So I jettisoned that idea as quickly as it popped into my little pea-brain.

He hit the walk in the back, the walkway in the front, the steps, and I know he would have started on

the deck, except we had to go to the second basketball banquet of the day and he didn't have time. (We had pizza banquet #1 at Cugini's for lunch, and pizza banquet #2 catered by Kristopher's for dinner. Between MoCo Rec and PBA we supported the town's pizza joints very well that day! Also, I can't fit into my yoga pants anymore, but I'm not pointing any fingers.

I'm learning that when a man, and in this case, MY man, gets a toy as powerful as this one, it's a good idea to just step back and let him work his magic. When My Captain gets on a roll, stopping him mid-cycle can torque him as much as when I nag him to do it in the first place. And the look of achievement on his face when he is done, is worth more than all the tea in China to me, which, frankly, is a bad analogy, since I hate tea, and have no idea how much of the vile stuff China hordes. Suffice it to say that he believes that any job worth doing is worth doing not just well, but over-the-top well.

And that, my dear patient and long-suffering readers, is the point of this week's inanity-filled column. The fact that there is nothing half-assed about My Captain, and that that particular philosophy carries over into every aspect of his life, is the reason he is such an amazing man. I couldn't ask for a better model for my sassy-pants teen and pre-teen brats. They never see him slack off while he is working. They'll never see him NOT care about whatever he's spending time on. Because he knows his time on this planet is limited, so he better spend it doing something worthwhile. Believe me that - quite literally - you'll find NO MOSS growing under his feet...or anywhere else the garden hose might stretch. And being that way reminds us all to not waste our lives, either, but rather to *live with intent*. To care. To matter. To focus. It's a good way to be, and I'm glad for his reminder.

And I don't like to brag but I've got the cleanest shed in Dickerson. Seriously.

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Four Falcons Commit to Play College Lacrosse

were ranked 142nd in the state. The Falcons won nine games last year, including playoff wins. They have ten wins so far this year and have moved up in the rankings to sixty-seventh in the state.

"I coached three of these boys for four years. Reid was with us for two years, and Jake Armstrong is my brother, so I have known all of them for a large amount of their lives," said Falcons coach Josh Funk. "They were a talented group when they were young, but were a bit immature. While there have been some growing pains, it is really nice to see them blossoming as a team. They have confidence, patience, and are more comfortable with what they can do, what they bring to the team, and how their individual skill sets fit into a team approach. The biggest thing is that they are recognizing exactly what we need them to bring to the table for our team to be successful. It is a sign of maturity. They are all growing into leadership positions which will make their senior year quite special."

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PES Fourth Graders Celebrate Earth Day With New Online Game Developed by PHS Global Ecology House Seniors

e-learning company d’Vinci Interactive to develop an online, interactive learning experience targeted for elementary school students. Team members from d’Vinci Interactive designed and developed the game and website based on the concept and script created by the PHS students.

The Dolphin Game is the first of an ongoing commitment by these companies to help educate children about the environment. The game follows the story of a dolphin that becomes sickened by litter in his home. It shows what students can do to prevent litter from polluting the ocean and to keep ocean-dwelling animals healthy. A second educational game will be produced next year with input from Poolesville’s elementary and high school students.

The Dolphin Game is free and available for the public to enjoy at www.aplkids.org.

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Remembrances

Steve Breeden

Steve Breeden, 60, passed away on April 22 in Florida where he moved to retire last fall. He was the son of Warren and Juanita Breeden of Virginia. For many years, Steve was the managing operator of Bill's Lawn Mowing Service on Cattail Road in Poolesville. He will be missed by friends and relatives, especially David Lewis, who was in every way a son to Steve.

Born in Alexandria, Virginia on November 12, 1954, Steve grew up in Virginia and spent his adult life in Poolesville. Steve was an avid enthusiast of motorcycling and a member of the local Brotherhood Motorcycle group of Frederick.

Surviving Steve are his daughters Cristy Breeden Turner, originally from Poolesville now living in Florida, Shayna Breeden of Mt. Airy, and Shala Chipman of Rockville; grandchildren Alyssa, Abigail, and Sophie Turner; Rhea, Dartagnian, and Amythis Martinez; and grandson Raiden Breeden. He was also survived by brothers, Warren Harvey Breeden of Standardsville, Virginia, Larry Breeden of Poolesville, and half brother Earl Jenkins of Georgia. Half sister, Bonnie Sue Jenkins, preceded Steve in death.

Funeral services are private to the family, but there will be a celebration of Steve's life at the Buckeystown Pub, Buckeystown, on May 17 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.



Steve Breeden

Jane Eleanor Millar

Jane Eleanor Millar, 92, passed away peacefully in her home in Dawsonville, Maryland, on April 28, 2015. She is survived by one son, Tim Millar; two daughters, Nancy Looney and husband Tim, and Lisa Millar; four grandchildren, Brian Looney and wife Heather, Shannon Reed and husband Tim, Thomas Looney and wife Aimee, and Kathy Looney; and three great grandchildren, Morgan Reed, Chelsea Reed, and Finley Looney. Jane was preceded in death by her husband Jack W. Millar and one son, Christopher Scott Millar. Jane was born in Philadelphia on October 26, 1922 to Amos and Florence Booty. She graduated from Sykesville High School and went on to become a registered nurse at Sibley Hospital. She married Dr. Jack William Millar and soon after the marriage joined him in the Mariana Islands where Jack was serving as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Navy and establishing a leprosarium on Tinian. She gave birth to her first son, Tim, while living on Saipan. After some time in Boston and Maryland, the family went to California for five years. In 1960, she returned to the East Coast and settled in Dawsonville with her husband and four children. She remained, for the rest of her life in Dawsonville, while becoming active in the Poolesville community through the Monocacy Garden Club, Historic Medley District, and St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Jane also loved to play bridge. Interment will follow in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please send a contribution to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, PO Box 387, Poolesville, or the Historic Medley District, Inc., PO Box 232, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Jane Eleanor Millar

Mary Mossburg

Mary Margaret Mossburg, 89, of Boyds, passed away on April 28, 2015. She was the wife of the late William H. Mossburg, Sr. Mary was born on December 19, 1925 in Wheaton, Maryland and was the daughter of the late Clarence and Lily (Bradeycamp) Rogers. She was a member of the Barnesville Baptist Church.

She is survived by son, Billy Mossburg of Barnesville, and three daughters, Judy Wright and husband Ralph of Darnestown, Sherry Morrison and husband Bill of Dickerson, and Sally Buffington and husband Richard of Keymar, Maryland. Mary is also survived by eight beloved grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.



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The current virus vaccine H3H8 may only be partly protective to the new H3H2 virus, but experts are still recommending that the vaccine be given if your dog is active in an area with lots of other dogs, or travels to or from the Midwest in the near future.

How is the disease spread?

CIRD can be spread from direct dog-to-dog contact, through contaminated objects, or through the air. It is commonly spread at places where dogs congregate including: doggie daycare, dog parks, and groomers.

What are the symptoms?

The most recognizable symptom of this respiratory disease is a persistent dry cough and/or a “honking” sound from your dog’s throat. In most cases, dogs appear healthy other than the coughing sounds. Some may also gag or cough up white, foamy phlegm. Additionally, you may notice rapid breathing, fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, or increasing severity in the cough.

What should dog owners do?

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