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Jean Stearns, the guru of giving, celebrated her ninetieth birthday with many friends. See Family Album on page 2 for photos of other events in town.



Dustin Fisher (no kidding) caught the Big One at this year's fishing tournament. Read about him and other top fishers in Tidbits on page 8.



In the winner's circle at the Potomac Hunt races. More pictures of the annual event can be found on page 11.



PHS baseball seniors Cole Carmack, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, and Michael Morgan. Check out Falcon baseball on page 14.

PHS Wins County Coed Volleyball Championship

By Jeff Stuart

On Tuesday evening, May 16, at Magruder High School, Poolesville High School (14-1) won the coed volleyball championship for the second time in four years, beating Churchill High School, three games to two—and, for the second time in a week, it took a tiebreaker for the Falcons to secure a playoff victory. PHS defeated a spirited Wootton squad, the higher seed, in a five-set semifinal on May 11, bouncing back after losing games one and three.

In the pulsating, roller-coaster win over Churchill, even the fifteen-point tiebreaker was not enough to decide the match. The resilient PHS squad prevailed in overtime, 17-15, after trailing, 14-11, and staring at game point and elimination. They drew on the vocal support of a largely-Poolesville crowd.

The Falcons won the first two games, 25-19 and 25-22, but Churchill won the next two games, 25-2 and 25-14. After dominating game four, the Bulldogs headed into the tiebreaker with plenty of momentum and took the early lead, seeming to have an answer for every



PHS's coed volleyball is now first in the county.

Poolesville hit and block. There were some great volleys.

After taking the lead in the tiebreaker at 15-14, the teams traded side outs, setting up senior libero Eamon Chen to serve for the championship after a time out called by Coach Megan Kenneweg. A block by sophomore Kyle Stevens-Donati ended the contest.

"In that last set, I thought we were going to lose, quite honestly," said Chen. "I am never really nervous about my serve. I just wanted to put the ball in play, and Kyle was able to get the block. The whole match was like a roller coaster. It was exciting. It was fun."

"It felt great," said Stevens-Donati. **Continued on page 17.**

JPMS Students Welcome an American Soldier with Pride and Patriotism

By Rande Davis

First Lt. Keegan Alldredge, of Baker Battery, 3rd Battalion, 321st Field Artillery Regiment, made a special visit to John Poole Middle School on May 23 to personally thank the student body for its expression of thanks for the unit's service in Iraq.

Last fall, JPMS's assistant principal, Jacqueline L. Orrence, spearheaded a drive to provide some "comfort of home" in the form of snacks, cards, and small gifts (some handmade) to army troops serving in Iraq. Working with Lieutenant Alldredge's mother, Poolesville High School teacher Holly Dacek, students began the task of putting together a drive to gather the gifts,

cards, and snacks that were timed to arrive during the holiday season.

Their enthusiasm for the project resulted in thirteen boxes of items, enough so that each soldier in the unit received three two-gallon bags of gifts. Each package was custom-packed based on the desires and needs of each soldier.

The entire student body assembled to greet its visitor, and as the song "I Am Glad to Be an American" resounded through the gym, with students waving small American flags, Alldredge entered the gym to rousing applause and cheers.

The lieutenant opened with remarks about how much each soldier appreciated the thoughtfulness of the



JPMS student Max Knight tried on some heavy combat gear at a school assembly at which 1st Lt. Keegan Alldredge personally thanked the students for gift packages they sent to his unit serving in Iraq.

students, noting that Americans are unique in showing their support for the troops. "Many other troops from

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Family Album



Gail Lee had an unorthodox open house when she featured a lot for sale in Poolesville.



Winning team of the 2017 annual UMCVFD golf tournament.



Nita Settina, Superintendent of the Maryland Park Service, and four colleagues visited Historic Medley District's Seneca Schoolhouse on May 15 with teacher Julie Shapiro and her class from the Diener School in Potomac, Maryland.



Damp weather didn't dampen the spirits of the pipers at the Celtic Festival.



Ross Meams of UMCVFD presented Betty Jean Selby with winning tickets to a Nationals game.



Congregants and visitors of the Living Word Bible Fellowship in Darnestown picnicked at an open house event on May 20.

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Commentary

Shame

By John Clayton

Our election system is the envy of the world, but like so many things in a liberal Democracy, it is fragile and vulnerable to those who would subvert it to achieve their goals. This is not something we can blame on the Russians; we're doing it to ourselves. Selective voter suppression and gerrymandering degrade our democracy, and some of it happens right here in Maryland.

Since 2013, when the Supreme Court lifted provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act which affected states with a history of electoral abuses, a number of states have enacted laws requiring voters to present specific forms of identification, with the justification that this will prevent voter fraud, although no one has actually validated any significant voter fraud. Many of these laws stand, but some have been limited or reversed by the courts for targeting specific racial groups. Just this past week, the Supreme Court decided not to review a lower court ruling invalidating restrictive laws in North Carolina due to racial bias, although the chief justice noted that this was not a statement on the substance of the law, so who knows what the future holds. Similar laws in Texas may meet the same end due to a disproportionate effect on minorities and the poor. All recent strict voter identification laws, which often also limit early voting, location and number of voting places, and same-day registration, have been enacted by Republican legislatures.

Gerrymandering, the redrawing of election districts to favor one party over another, is also in the news, as the Supreme Court also struck down some North Carolina voting districts for racial bias. I'm sure we can all agree that even without racial bias, gerrymandering is a corruption of universal suffrage, favoring might over fairness, although we should note that gerrymandering per se is not illegal. Like voter ID rules, it may only be illegal when it targets specific groups; however, it is clearly unfair and unethical, as it disenfranchises voters from a minority party and leads to hypocrisy on the part of people who defend it when it serves their purposes—which brings us to Maryland.

According to responsible voices on both sides of the divide, Maryland holds the prize (with North Carolina) as being the champion of partisan

gerrymandering. That's right; we are worse than Texas. Don't tell me that doesn't sting a little.

This is a purely Democratic show. The shenanigans began in 2002 when the Democratic legislature worked on District 8 to successfully isolate Republican moderate Connie Morella. Reasonable people can disagree on how much her defeat was from redistricting and how much was from the growth of more rabid partisanship ("A vote for Morella is a vote for Newt Gingrich"), but it was a factor. Be that as it may, 2002 gerrymandering was child's play compared to what followed in 2012. The state was redrawn to help build strong Democratic districts (locally benefitting Chris Van Hollen and John Delaney) and, in the gerrymander tradition, park as many Republican voters as possible into one big Eastern district. Check out the Maryland congressional district map online. The patterns are comical or disturbing depending on your sense of humor. Note that District 6 was redrawn to overwhelm Western Maryland Republican voters and defeat Roscoe Bartlett, but why pick on District 6? There's not a rational district in the state, and District 3 puts us in the Hall of Shame, often lauded as the most gerrymandered district in the entire country. Are we proud yet?

Governor Larry Hogan has proposed a bipartisan commission to control redistricting, but the Democratic legislature shot it down in favor of a plan that would move to a bipartisan commission if five other states agreed to do it as well—a clever way to kick the can down the road. Another stated reason for not supporting a bipartisan commission is that it would be, quoting many, "unilateral disarmament" against all those Republican gerrymandered states. Why should we do the right thing if they won't?

This tells me that ethics don't matter—only might makes right. We've got the votes—you can go jump in the bay. There's a lot of this going around, and I don't think it's leading us down a good path. It's a winner take all world and getting more so every day.

Why don't we show the country how it should be done? How about if we do it because this is Maryland, and we're better than that? If that isn't enough, consider naked self-interest. We're abetting gerrymandering across the land because other states can point derisively at us and say, "Hey, we're not so bad." Consider also that the net effect of gerrymandering across the nation benefits the GOP, not the righteous Dems, because they own

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Rande(m) Thoughts

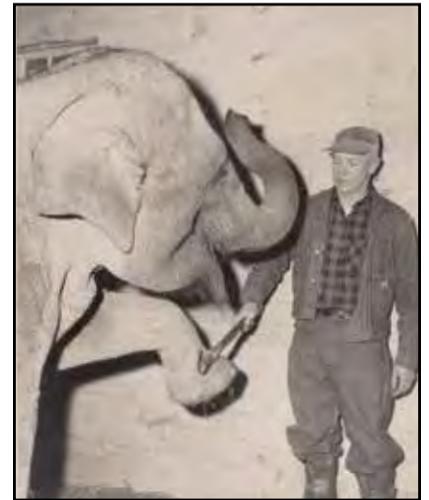
The Day the Circus Died

By Rande Davis

On May 21, 2017, the Greatest Show on Earth made its final bow and dimmed its lights forever. After 146 years, two world wars, the Great Depression, and changing cultural tastes, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus closed its doors.

I believe every kid who ever attended one of its shows carried that indelible memory throughout his or her life time, always recalling the feeling of wonder and amazement that only such a spectacle could provide. I can imagine these children: cotton candy leaning over in one hand, eyes popping in amazement, mouth open wide, and a jaw dropping so low as to almost touch the chest—a Norman Rockwell painting if ever there was one.

That dull ache one feels in the pit of the stomach when something good and longed-for is to be no more doesn't disappear with the final curtain. Yes, there will still be traveling circuses, even with elephants, something the Ringling Bros. circus ended last year, but this show was P.T. Barnum's



Dr. Ken Davis was a dairy farmer and circus vet.

show, this show was six generations of something oh-so-special. This was the best of the best.

Some say that retiring the elephants was the death knell of the circus—maybe, maybe not. My family history is connected to this story, so I suppose that is why my thoughts focus on something others might not care about at all.

My father's cousin, Ken Davis, was a veterinarian for the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. As a young man, he married a young lady named

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Town Government

Controversy Arises over Town Commissioners' Interference in Planning Commission Tasks

By Rande Davis

A lengthy discussion between the Town of Poolesville commissioners and town attorney, Jay Gullo, at the end of the May 22 town meeting involved a controversial incident that occurred at the May 17 planning committee meeting. Gullo advised the town commissioners on potential improprieties when any town commissioner infringes upon responsibilities of other independent governmental committees. In the incident in question, town commissioners Jerry Klobukowski and Martin Radigan, while attending a planning commission meeting, raised objections relating to Sneed convening with state representatives without notification to them or other planning commission members. Klobukowski and Radigan also objected to a decision by the planning commission to not accept the state representatives' voluntary offer to recap the meeting with them from the state's perspective.

The purpose of Sneed's meeting with state representatives was part of the essential independent research and inquiry role of the planning commission which is tasked with finalizing a recommendation to the town commissioners regarding the Wilshire Community Project on the Willard property west of Whalen Commons. Normally, the planning commission has the sole responsibility to approve or decline a building request; however, under the terms of the town's Village Overlay Zone, the final decision is removed from the planning commission and is referred back to the town commissioners for a final vote. The role of the planning commission in the instance of the Village Overlay Zoning changes from decision-maker to one of adviser, requiring investigation, research, and analysis before making a final recommendation to the town commissioners.

Gullo reminded the commissioners that all town commission members, especially chairpersons, hold an executive (not simply legislative) role in their positions and, in that capacity, they have a responsibility and right to conduct meetings without interference from other town committees, commissioners, or town personnel. He pointed out that this process is common in towns, especially those largely governed by volunteers, since it is not always possible for other members of any committee to attend every meeting due to other professional or even personal responsibilities. The authority particularly given to the chair is implied by virtue of being selected its chair. In this instance, however, Sneed notified without objection the other members of his committee of the intended state meeting.

Gullo explained to the town commissioners that they have one of their own members (Chuck Stump) on the planning commission further negating any additional need for other commissioners to become directly involved with the planning commission.

Gullo added that it is inappropriate for town commissioners to attend and comment during meetings by other committee chairs or members. It is understood that all groups or individuals petitioning governmental committees seeking action or a decision on their behalf are entitled to proper and equal due process. In this case, due process means getting an independent review, analysis, and decision by the planning commission prior to them making a recommendation to the town commissioners for a final decision without interference from town commissioners or other town personnel. Gullo said that it could be interpreted that inadvertent comments made by a town commissioner at such a planning commission meeting might be viewed as an attempt to improperly influence the planning commission and, based on the specifics of any comments made, could even give an appearance that a final decision was prejudicially influenced by town commissioners negating the petitioner's right to a non-prejudicial body.

Sneed, in spearheading his fact-finding meeting with the state, met with Nell Ziehl, Chief, Office of Planning, Education, and Outreach, Maryland Historical Trust, and Steven Allen, Regional Planner, both from the Maryland Department of Planning for a meeting to gain their expert advice and opinion on the town's approach to the Wilshire Project from both an overall perspective and as it impacts adjacent historical sites.

After the meeting, Allan noted the plan fits into the state's concept of "smart growth" which essentially means building where infrastructure already exists

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Youth Sports

PHS Boys' Tennis Team Likes a Challenge

By Jeff Stuart

After a win at Quince Orchard on May 2, the Poolesville High School boys' tennis team, coached by Holly Dacek, was 7-4 and third in Division II behind Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Sherwood.

"Our season has gone relatively well," said first singles and senior captain Coleman Martinez at a practice on April 27. "We have won a few of our division matches. Unfortunately, we did not beat Sherwood High School. We lost, 4-3, but we have succeeded pretty well in our division, and we won all of our D3 matches which is quite good. We beat Northwest, 4-3. We have had trouble with them in the past. Due to rainouts, we still have four more matches to play in a short period of time. Three of those are division matches. As a team, we have not yet been able to beat our rivals, Quince Orchard, so we are looking forward to

doing that. Our second singles, sophomore Samuel Zhou, has played very well this season as has senior Kartik Krishnan, our third singles. Sophomore Patrick Rodriguez was originally our fourth singles, but instead we have junior Ryan Vinh, who usurped Patrick. Ryan has also done very well this season."

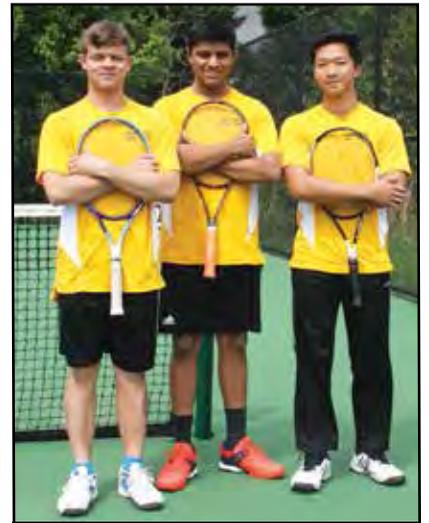
In the anticipated match at QO on May 2, the Falcons, winning three out of four singles matches and all three doubles matches, did, in fact, beat their rivals, 6-1. It was a very satisfying win for the team. On April 3, Sherwood only beat the Cougars, 4-3, so the Falcons are playing great tennis at the right time.

"I think our best match of the season was against Sherwood," said Vinh, a sophomore, at the April 27 practice, before the QO match. "Even though we lost that match, it was very close, and we each gave it our all... We had that spirit and we never gave up even when we were down in the first set. Patrick Rodriguez and junior Rohit Chari, our first doubles, have been outstanding. In the Sherwood match, they won the first set, lost the

second set, and then came back fighting in the third set to get the win. I think that when we play Division I teams we really give it our all and fight and make sure they have to work for their wins. It is really a fun dynamic, we all support each other, and it is great having these guys to play with."

On Tuesday, March 21, the Falcons hosted Division I Rockville (8-2) in their first match of the season. Though they lost, 7-0, Poolesville played well and kept the pressure, forcing them to play their best tennis. At second singles, sophomore Rockville's Matt Kleiman started off strong, winning the first set, 6-2, but Poolesville's Zhou began to hit more consistently and win many more points. The rallies began to become more drawn out, and the atmosphere intensified. The score in the second set was tied, 5-5, before Kleiman won, 7-5.

The first and second doubles matches were close. Rodriguez and Chari had multiple set points, leading 5-2 in the first set, before losing, 7-5. At second doubles, junior Alexei Mozolin and



Coleman Martinis,
Kartik Krishnan, Ryan Vinh.

freshman Surya Padmanabhan lost the first set, 6-2, but fought hard and won a grueling second set, 7-5. They came back onto the court with the vigor and spirit they had before losing the tie-breaker, 7-4.

Third doubles for the Falcons are Amit Yavasani and Amogh Narendra, both juniors.



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Local News

Drink Chocolate, Real Milk for Good Health

By Catherine Savage,
Alternate Maryland Dairy Princess

Spring is in full force, summer is around the corner, and families are attending sporting events, including baseball, softball, lacrosse, and soccer. Adults and high schoolers who play these sports should enjoy a glass of chocolate milk after the game. The protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and minerals in milk boost energy, rebuild tired muscles, and provide nutrients lost while working hard and sweating on the field. This doesn't just apply to full-time athletes, adults who just went for a jog or construction workers who spend all day carrying boards around the construction site should also enjoy chocolate milk to restore and maintain hydration. Chocolate milk is a nutritious choice for children as well.

When you go to the store, be sure to pick up a gallon of real milk produced by cows rather than nut-based drinks

or sports drinks. Real skim milk has seven grams more protein than the average almond drink. Real milk contains naturally-occurring calcium to build strong bones to keep running. Milk is better for boosting energy than sports drinks as well due to having more protein with less sugar. For these reasons, milk is the perfect beverage for the end of the day to replenish nutrients after going for a walk or shooting baskets with friends during the spring.

Try these smoothie recipes for hotter days. They are great as a quick breakfast.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Smoothie

- 1 cup lowfat chocolate milk
- 3 tablespoons peanut butter
- 2 bananas
- 2 cups ice

Place all ingredients in a blender. Blend until smooth and frothy.

Strawberry Banana Smoothie

- ½ cup orange juice
- ½ cup frozen strawberries
- 1 banana
- 1 6-ounce container plain yogurt

Purée juice, fruit, and yogurt in blender on high for thirty seconds until smooth.

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with a goal of downtown revitalization to avoid unnecessary and costly construction of new infrastructure whenever possible.

According to Sneed, Ziehl noted the lack of historical significance of the Willard Property, but that the plan offered valuable improvements to and a buffer for the John Poole House. She offered to write a letter to the town in consultation with Allen, summarizing the meeting; however, after receiving what she described as vitriolic complaints from citizens, she withdrew her voluntary offer to submit a recap of the meeting and required the town to formally supply specific questions for her to answer.

Originally, the planning commission had decided not to burden her further, but after objections from the attending town commissioners and from planning commission member Kevin Schramm, the board changed that decision, and Yost was advised to make a request for her to submit a letter.

In other town news, the commissioners tentatively accepted a proposal from Bates Trucking and Trash Removal, Inc. to extend its contract with the town for five more years. The decision was based on an \$80,000 difference in cost versus a proposal made by Titus Trash of Dickerson. The awarding of the contract was also made with an understanding that there would be improved communication between town management and Bates's supervisors in managing future resident complaints of service.

As a formality, a final vote on the contract will be sought at the next town meeting under old business as the discussion at hand was under old, and the commissioners seek to follow meeting rules specifying such votes should not be made under new business.

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Tidbits

Dustin Fisher Wins Annual Fishing Tournament

Dustin Fisher won the 22st Annual Richard S. McKernon Fishing Tournament held at Poolesville Collier Circle Pond. His winning catch of a channel catfish was 22.375 inches. Once again, the community participation was strong with thirty contestants in the contest accompanied by their friends and family.

Ages 6-8

- 1st - Hunter Smith
- 2nd - Madison Phillips
- 3rd - Jack Tortorelli

Ages 9-11

- 1st - Jackie Stoliker
- 2nd - Megan Davidson
- 3rd - Ella Franklin

Ages 12-13

- 1st - Eric Cline
- 2nd - Lana Noonan
- 3rd - Isaac Feny

Ages 14-16

- 1st - Travis Fraley
- 2nd - Haili Wilhelm
- 3rd - Carter Hottinger



Winners of the 2017 Richard McKernon Fishing Tournament.

Falcon Coed Volleyball Champs

Congratulations to the PHS varsity coed volleyball team for ending its season as the Montgomery County champions for 2017. Team players are: Kyle Stevens-Donati, Alexis Pak, Keila

Alfaro, Praneeth Thota, Eamon Chen, Kahlil Greene, Amirah Paksmia, Cal Pringle, Christina Zhang, Anthony Sheehi, Jordan Tisaranni, Robert Queen, Lauren Penn, and David Raman; coach: Megan Kenneweg.

Congrats to Wolz on a Great Catch

Poolesville's Jon Wolz experienced the dream of every kid who has ever gone to a major league baseball game with his oversized baseball glove in hand. He caught a ball hit by Anthony Rendon, third baseman for the Washington Nationals—in Jon's case, barehanded. The other good news? The Nats beat the Orioles 6-4. Now, Jon, curious readers want to know: If it had been hit by an Oriole, would you have thrown the ball back? Hey, if it were me, I'd keep it no matter what. By the way, Jon reports he experienced only a slight sting.



With popcorn in one hand, Jon Wolz smiles for the camera after snagging ball hit by the Nats' Anthony Rendon.

Sky Stage Project Wins Preservation Award

Frederick's Sky Stage Project, designed by Heather Clark and managed by the Frederick Arts Council, was awarded a Historic Preservation Award for Community Leadership by the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Frederick. Artist Heather, property owner Rusty Hauver, and the Frederick Arts Council were presented with the award for Community Leadership because of Sky Stage's innovative

preservation and usage of the formerly burned Pre-Revolutionary structure at 59 South Carroll Street.

"This is an exciting confirmation of the transformative power of interactive public art projects like Sky Stage," said Louise Kennelly, Executive Director of the Frederick Arts Council. "We are so grateful to know that those invested in Frederick's rich history appreciate and commend Sky Stage's innovative fulfillment of a community need."

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At the award presentation at Frederick City Hall: Paula Rubin-Wexler, FAC board member; Rusty Hauver, 59 S. Carroll property owner; Louise Kennelly, FAC executive director; Heather Clark, Sky Stage artist; Mayor Randy McClement; Dan Lawton, Historic Preservation Commissioner.



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A Simple Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

The June/July issue of The English Garden ran an article about a new book published in London in March 2017 entitled The Living Jigsaw by Val Bourne, an award-winning garden writer, photographer, and lecturer who has, in all of her gardening life, championed a chemical-free approach to gardening.

In several of my recent articles, I have spoken about the importance of not using chemical fertilizers, fungicides, pesticides, and herbicides in your vegetable and flower gardens, so I was very interested in reading this book. In the magazine article, she answers the question, "Where did the idea of the book come from?" by saying: "When I moved from an insect-packed garden to a garden where nothing ate my blackfly, the garden was run down and the shed was full of chemicals. It was like going back to square one, but within a couple of years, I started to notice a difference."

There is a worldwide realization that wildlife and wild flora are in decline due to habitat loss, intensive

farming practices, and the home gardeners' desire for the "perfect" yard and garden. There is money to be made from the "world of chemicals" for chemical companies, lawn maintenance companies, and large agricultural company giants. Much academic research has been conducted to identify dangerous chemicals and environment-harming farming practices, but there is still an enormous amount of work to be done.

Many gardeners I talk with want to help protect our ecosystem, but they either don't know what to do or they find it easier to reach for the chemicals to treat their garden problems. They want brilliant-green, weed-free lawns, and disease- and pest-free flowering plants that are the envy of their neighbors. Now is time for a change; we must be educated and encouraged to garden naturally.

We often become "nature control freaks." We become too tidy. Many Saturday mornings in the spring and summer, the early silence of the morning is shattered by the harsh sounds of weed eaters, leaf blowers, and giant lawn mowers. Yes, we should mow our lawns, but what is wrong with a little leaf litter? It gives small insects, hedgehogs, rabbits, and toads a home. No garden is too small to make a difference to the health of the ecosystem.

What can we do? Let's look at some relevant questions.

Why eliminate chemicals?

Pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides don't just kill pests and weeds. They are indiscriminant; they kill helpful birds and insects. A recent report by the National Audubon Society said that an estimate of seven million birds die each year because of exposure to lawn pesticides. Many small birds depend upon insects for food. Ms. Bourne commented in her book: "If somebody complains to me that they have no ladybirds in their garden, I always ask them if they have any aphids, because aphids are food for ladybirds. If they say they have no aphids because they spray them with insecticide, then I say, 'Well would you sit in a restaurant where there isn't any food?'" Baby birds need small invertebrates to eat. Gardeners put out nuts and seeds for mature birds but forget the young ones.

Pesticides pollute the runoff water that flows into our water supply. There are still on the market lawn products that contain carcinogens which are linked to birth defects and damage to the nervous system, liver, and kidney. Next time you are in a garden center, read the labels of many of these garden "icides."

How do we eliminate chemicals from our garden maintenance program?

Mature, healthy plants are better able to stand up to pests and diseases. Pests prey on weak plants. To improve or maintain your plants' health, start at the ground level: the soil. Poor soil begets poor plants, trees, and shrubs. Use natural organic compost, such as Leafgro, which is a mixture of composted grass clippings and leaves made by the Maryland Environmental Services, an independent state agency. I call it my Gold for the Garden. It is available in many local garden centers. Use it as a soil conditioner when planting trees, shrubs, vegetables, and flowers. Use about eight bags per

hundred square feet, mix to a depth of four to six inches when creating new beds or rejuvenating old ones. Another important factor in organic/sustainable gardening is choosing plants that are well-adapted to our area, especially native plants. They have survived the test of time. Forget the garden divas that will not do well without the help of chemicals. There are many plants on the market that have been bred to be pest and disease resistant, tolerant of our area's heat, drought, and humidity conditions, and unattractive to deer.

Invite your garden helpers into your garden.

It is said that less than one percent of the pest population of a garden can be considered pests. Don't forget our unsung garden heroes: pollinators (bees, butterflies, and moths) and predators (birds, lady bugs [ladybirds], spiders, damsel bugs, dragonflies, lacewings, ants, ground beetles, and the amazing praying mantis). The other day, I was in a garden center and I noticed a big sign that proclaimed: "We have ladybugs."

Choose your plants to provide food for bees and wasps.

Colorful flowering plants and herbs are their favorites. Let some plants go to seed and some herbs to flower, such as dill, cilantro, basil, sage, oregano, and thyme. Herbs attract beneficial insects.

Reliable flowering plants that thrive in my garden without the use of chemicals.

All herbs, mix them into your perennial beds.

Flowering plants: lantana, coreopsis, rudbeckia, agastache, Russian sage, coneflower, day lilies, shasta daisies, yarrow, gaillardia, sedum, salvia, lamb's ear, coral bells, succulents, globe thistle, and false indigo. There are many more, but I have had great success with these plants and they are maintenance free. Sometimes, the simple approach is the best way to combat a problem.

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Mystery History

Story Behind the Map

By Rande Davis

The penciled map was drawn by 1st Sergeant John W. Sturtevant of G Company of the 14th Regiment of the New Hampshire Infantry. The unit was garrisoned in the Town of Poolesville in 1862, and he drew the map simply to send it home to his family in New Hampshire. Most of the buildings shown still stand.

There are many peculiarities in the map starting with the notation that the road marked "Road to Darnestown," called Coxen Road at the time, no longer fully exists. A small part still exists in front of the John Poole Jr. House. The only other part of the road that remains is now called Beall Street on which are found the Poolesville Town Hall and Whalen Commons. On this map, as shown, north is at the bottom of the map. In depicting the tent locations of his regiment (near what would be John Poole Middle School), he wrote a small note to his family letting them know the location of his tent. By turning the map upside down, you can clearly see in his handwriting the notation "my house." According to



1st Sergeant John W. Sturtevant, artist of the iconic Civil War map of Poolesville.



Pencil-drawn sketch of Civil War Poolesville

historian Francis Lord, the artist made a mistake in writing the date of the map as December 29, 1863. The 14th
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National Museum Of the Marine Corps

By Rande Davis

Traveling south on Interstate 95 for various reasons over the past ten years, I have often taken note of the emerging spire near Quantico, a tower-like structure filling the horizon as you near the famous marine post. This impressive structural edifice pays tribute to the most iconic of all marine corp images, the raising of the American flag at Iwo Jima.

Year after year, I passed by that structure, but finally on a lazy Sunday in January, on a return trip from Richmond, we decided to check it out and then be on our way. Our intended short stop turned into four enthralling hours of exploration. Amazingly, even then we didn't complete the entire current gallery of exhibits (120,000 square feet of museum displays and artifacts) before we had to head north. Now more than ever, I look forward to the additional 115,000

square feet of new exhibits to be completed in 2018 that will tell the marines' story post-9/11.

Parking for the museum is conveniently located near the entrance and quite adequate. As you enter, you are greeted by marines and, while the museum is free, there is a donation bin available. If you want to save money, make your donation as you enter because, once you experience the museum, you will be motivated to give even more for this absolutely first-class historical journey. It begins in the lobby with the Leatherneck Gallery, the interior of the spire so visible from the highway, with the cross-barred glass ceiling open to the sky.

We suggest you view the museum orientation film in the Scuttlebutt Theater before starting your tour. We skipped an early exhibit on marine recruitment and chose to start our tour walking in the gallery entitled "Defending the Republic." This is a winding historic pathway through time that presented the contributions of the marines from their origin in Philadelphia in 1775.

The displays are truly world-class exhibits using innovative technology



National Museum of the Marine Corps.

to bring the past alive. One of my favorites was a scene just after Pearl Harbor that depicted two women listening to the news on their radio in their family's living room, both with very distraught and painful expressions on their faces, a cup of tea spilled on the floor as if someone had moved in uncontrollable shock. On the wall covered with flowered wallpaper typical of the era, a film of FDR giving his

Infamy Speech flickered in a black and white, ghost-like vision. Over the radio, a newscaster was announcing that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor. The men of the family, assumed to be sons, brothers, or husbands, were not there, but what was clear from the anguish and sudden shock was the knowledge that their loved ones were soon to go to war. It was a most

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Potomac Hunt Races

Photos by T. Pitts



Pulpit

Barnesville Baptist Starts New Food Ministry for Those in Need

God wanted Barnesville Baptist Church to have a food ministry, so He gave them one. He supplied a building, a truck, and a driver. Danny Moore just shakes his head in amazement as he recounts how the ministry began with a phone call in November from Rabbi/Pastor Robert Pristoop who leads the congregation of Mishkan HaShofar, Silver Spring.

Mishkan HaShofar partners as a distribution center for Celestial Manna, an organization that provides food for those in need. A new store was becoming a participant with Celestial Manna, and Pristoop asked Moore if he'd like to get involved, pick up the food, and distribute to the Barnesville community. Moore and the church leaders agreed, and they began using the parsonage garage as a distribution operation center, but that became difficult and just wasn't the best place for the distribution, Moore said.

"Someone had to be home all day. Also, people don't want to come to someone's home to get food. They want something separate for their own dignity and self-respect. I understand that completely," Moore explained.

They prayed about finding an air-conditioned, small outbuilding where they could store and distribute the food. They applied for and received a Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware Strengthening Churches Grant which supplied a portion of the funds. Then, to Moore's great surprise, a church family donated the remainder. Then, local retailers donated a refrigerator and a freezer.

God provided a delivery truck the day after sharing the need with the church. "One of our church members went down to a dealer and purchased a vehicle, had it set up and delivered to us.

"Even the electrician who dug the trenches and wired everything came up to me afterwards and said, 'That's a gift!' The trailer didn't cost us a penny!" Moore exclaimed. God was supplying their needs, he said.

A retired church member picks up the food on Mondays and delivers the leftovers to the rescue mission on Fridays. Moore said he rides with the driver to pick up the food because,



Barnesville Baptist Church member Tina Appleton helps unload food for the church's new food ministry.

amazingly, God has opened the doors for ministry at the supplier. When Moore arrives at the store, employees greet him and often ask him to pray for various needs. When they get back to the church, twelve members working on a rotating basis help sort and store the food.

Barnesville Church's food distribution center is now open to the community on Wednesdays and Fridays. Moore shared with the congregation that the food was available, and they passed on the information with family and friends—publicity was through word of mouth.

When guests arrive for groceries, they discover it's a self-serve operation. "Folks take what they need. They help themselves," he said. Once again, Moore emphasizes the church's desire to ensure respect and dignity to their guests who need food. Bibles, provided by Gideons International, are available for free. Though it's not required, many people stop in to see Moore before getting the food, and he has an opportunity to talk to them, pray with them, and show love.

Moore's own background is one of serving others. "My father and mother were officers in the Salvation Army for sixty years," Moore said. Every day, he saw love in action and caring for the needy. "I didn't think it was so great growing up as a kid living in missions, but now, I realize how amazing it was and it made me who I am," he said.

No food is wasted. "Whatever is left we take down to the Frederick Rescue Mission," Moore said. A local farmer arrives each week to pick up leftovers that don't make it to the mission to feed his pigs.

God has recently opened many doors at Barnesville Baptist Church to share the Gospel of Jesus, Danny Moore said. "The food distribution is a great addition to the total outreach ministry that God has given us." Recently a family of six began attending the church and others have been baptized.

This article first appeared in Baptist Life Magazine by Sharon Mager.

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May 30

Poolesville 150 Anniversary Special Drawing

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May 31

PASC Special Event

T'ai chi. Poolesville Baptist Church. 10:30 a.m.

June 5

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

June 7

PASC Special Event

Zumba Gold. Poolesville Baptist Church. 1:00 p.m.

Free Community Dinner

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June 11

Montgomery County Police Event

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Story Behind the Map

N.H. Regiment left Poolesville prior to that date and did not return. Since the date is more likely 1862, perhaps it was because the month and day are so close to the new year of 1863.

1st Sergeant Sturtevant advanced rapidly in the coming years. His unit had its first battle on September 19, 1864 at Winchester, Virginia. In that battle, the unit lost eight officers and five were wounded, ranking it among the highest in lost officers in one battle during the war. John W. Sturtevant became a captain.

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Youth Sports Falcons Baseball Turns Up the Heat

By Jeff Stuart

"We started out a little slow with a loss at Blair," said senior Cooper Myers Mallinger, a pitcher, second baseman, and outfielder, "but we started to pick up steam about halfway through the season. After the Damascus win, we started hitting well. We finished out the season with only one other loss. We finished 13-3. Junior Zach Widenhofer's three-run homer to beat B-CC (Bethesda-Chevy Chase) was definitely the season highlight. Beating Damascus was a highlight. Beating Seneca Valley in six innings, 10-1, was big, too."

Seneca Valley knocked Poolesville out of the playoffs last season, so this was payback, in a sense. The Falcons beat Damascus, 6-2, at DHS on March 30.

Cooper was 5-0 as a pitcher this season with an ERA of 1.59, striking out twenty-one. He was the winning pitcher against Seneca. He had two shutouts against Blake and Watkins Mill, and four stolen bases. When pressed into service as a centerfielder, he also contributed a highlight-reel,

game-saving leaping catch to end the B-CC game. The Barons had runners on first and second and two outs. The Falcons held on to win, 4-2. Just nine days earlier, Einstein's centerfielder helped to end a seven-game Falcon winning streak with a similar catch in the bottom of the seventh, preserving a 2-1 win, so the Falcons regrouped and won more in a row.

"My personal highlight this year was the Quince Orchard game," said senior Cole Carmack, a pitcher, shortstop, and second baseman. "I went 4-4. As a team, beating B-CC was big. Ryan Haddaway (junior) has played well for us. He hit a homerun against Wootton and against Seneca Valley. Last year, beating Damascus with a walk-off double was a favorite moment for me at Poolesville." At shortstop and second base, Cole had no errors on the season.

Cole batted .432 this year, second on the team, and had nine RBIs. He scored a team high eighteen runs. He tripled in wins against Quince Orchard and Magruder. He led the team in stolen bases with seven.

"I think we have played well," said junior Brady Pearre, a shortstop and pitcher. "We have hit really well as a team. Damascus was a big game. That was a season turner right there."

Brady batted .395 with a team-high



Falcon ballplayers: Ryan Haddaway, Cole Carmack, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, Matthew Convers, Colin Metz, and Brady Pearre.

three homeruns. Through the first nine games of the season, he had the team's only homeruns. He had four multi-hit games and eleven RBIs. On the mound, he had four wins and pitched well enough to win another in a 2-1 loss against Einstein, a game in which he struck out ten and allowed just one earned run. He had thirty-one strikeouts on the year and an ERA of 2.41.

"We definitely started off a little slow," said junior catcher Matthew Convers, "but we have picked it up..."

The strength of this team is that we have all bonded with each other. We are all really close. We have a good time." He added, "A personal highlight was throwing out a kid at second in the sixth inning against Walter Johnson. It kind of shut them down after a lead-off double."

Convers batted .308. He went two for four with two runs batted in against Wheaton. He had no errors while catching the entire season.

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National Museum of the Marine Corps

riveting exhibit, a display depicting what so many millions of families went through as a nation under attack began its very first steps toward victory.

The exhibits and impressive artifacts present the legacy of the marines from their initial recruitment in Philadelphia in November 1775 to their contributions during the Revolutionary War and then onto other early nineteenth-century excursions. A series of crises on the high sea that resulted in ships being lost to piracy prompted President Thomas Jefferson to send the marines to fight Barbary pirates off the northern coast of Africa. Marine detachments sailed on new frigates, fighting at sea and on faraway lands, eventually landing on "the shores of Tripoli." It was here the marines became "leathernecks" as they wore high leathered collars around their necks to blunt the pirates' attempts to behead them.

From Harper's Ferry to the Civil War's battlefields, this gallery explores the war between the states through the eyes of Union and Confederate Marines, relays the importance of noncommissioned officers, and concludes with the story of one marine who accompanied President Abraham Lincoln to Gettysburg where he delivered his memorable address. Drums, bugles, uniforms, and the weapons of this long war are displayed in the gallery, along with the first photographs of marines from both sides of the conflict.

The Global Expeditionary Gallery covers the time in the decades before World War I: Marines fought in Mexico, arrested seal poachers in the Bering Sea, and quelled disorder and protected U.S. citizens in Panama, Cuba, Nicaragua, Haiti, and the Dominican Republic. Visitors walk through a tent pitched at a camp during the Philippine insurrection to get a glimpse of just what life was like for the marines who had just come back from yet another exhausting patrol. This gallery is especially rich in artifacts—from the marine corps and from distant lands. Campaign hats, uniform coats, cartridge belts, flags once planted on foreign shores, a field heliograph, medals, and personal items help interpret the era. Among these objects are articles that belonged to some of the legendary heroes of the corps, including Smedley Butler and Thomas Kates. Bolos, a voodoo drum, Haitian swords, and other captured materials add texture to the description of the marines' foes. Just before leaving, visitors also meet John Philip Sousa and listen to the Marine Band in a concert performance of their choosing, while inspecting musical instruments used by band members.

World War I exhibits give effective and moving tribute to the war that dwarfed in size and horror any previous overseas war fought by the United States. Visitors "hear all about it" firsthand from a newsboy hawking his papers on a city street. His big news is that the U.S. Marines are now in the fight in a place called Belleau Wood. After a review of marine battle tactics in the French countryside, visitors edge through a stand of trees and come up behind a German machine gunner's position. The Germans are dead, and the visitors experience the full fury of the marines charging across a field of wheat right at them, including the smell of cordite and the whistle of bullets through the leaves overhead. That battle lasted three weeks and, in its first bloody day on 6 June 1918, eclipsed all the casualties the marines had sustained in their first 143 years. It is a battle that every marine recruit learns about in his early weeks at boot camp. In a nearby crater, surrounded by a ghostly forest, correspondent Floyd Gibbons can be found typing his report: "U.S. Marines Smash Huns!"

The World War II gallery, entitled "Uncommon Valor," recalls hard-fought battles against a formidable opponent in the Pacific. The marine corps entered World War II as a small expeditionary force with outdated equipment and an unproven new mission: amphibious assault. The Japanese swept away several marine outposts across the Pacific in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor, but these early losses turned into later victories.

The gripping story of the Pacific campaigns are told with the help of tanks, artillery pieces, aircraft, small arms, and the everyday "junk on a bunk" that belonged to the individual marine. Exhibits highlight wartime innovation in tactics, equipment, special units, women marines, racial integration, the code talkers, and navy corpsmen.

In one immersive exhibit, visitors are briefed on their pending assault landing on the island of Iwo Jima before boarding a Higgins Boat for the perilous trip to the beach. Motion, sound, and video provide a realistic experience. Close by is the flag raised on Iwo Jima and photographed by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal.

Our mind-boggling yet exhilarating afternoon had to end too soon after the World War II exhibits, and the displays for the Korean and Vietnam Wars will await another day as will the new exhibits for the post-9/11 era coming in 2018.

We ended our visit with a meal in the museum's Tun Tavern, a historical recreation of the original tavern—legend has it the marine corps was founded in 1775 at the original Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. The décor of the Tun Tavern is the style of a Colonial-era tavern and features a large painting depicting famous marines from the founding of the corps to the present day. Another place to eat is the Devil Dog Diner that gives tribute in style to the cafeteria-like marine corps mess hall.

The sophistication and impact of the exhibits with the impressive alignment of actual artifacts is second to none, a museum from which even the Smithsonian could learn much. It is open every day except Christmas from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The address is 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, Virginia.

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Falcons Baseball Turns Up the Heat

Senior right fielder Mike Morgan batted .333. He tripled in the opener at Blair and doubled and drove in two at Clarksburg. He also doubled home a run in a 10-0 win over Watkins Mill.

Junior Colin Metz hit .297 and drove in five runs, going three for three against Wootton. He was second on the team with four stolen bases and was nearly flawless in centerfield, committing only one error. Junior Jimmy Dutton had three multi-hit games including a two-hit game against Damascus. He was the winning pitcher against Wootton.

Other juniors are Luke Trythall, Zack Walker, and Ryan Kasten. Sophomores are Eamon Murphy and Max Fisher.

"Our pitchers have really surprised me," said Coach Steve Orsini. "They have done well. Brady, Cole, and Coop have done an outstanding job, and Jimmy Dutton has come in and done a good job at times and so has Zach... As for a season highlight: Zach's homer at the end of the game against B-CC. We were down 2-1 and won 4-2. That was great.

"Widenhofer is a great player, a great first baseman. We have had a lot of them: Ryan D'Amelio last year and Matt Schramm before that. I think we are as good as anybody. I think we have proved it this year... We turned out to be 13-3 and undefeated in the 3A division, which is pretty good."

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PHS Wins County Coed Volleyball Championship

“Coach Kenneweg was telling everyone, ‘We’ve got to win this. We worked really hard for this.’ Everyone was amazing. It was a team effort.”

“Kyle’s hits, that’s what won it for us,” said senior Christina Zang. “We were down, but I wasn’t ready for the season to end. I am very happy.”

“I was really nervous,” said senior setter, Alexis Pak, who had some key serves down the stretch, “but I heard the coach saying, ‘Settle down, settle down.’”

“It was pretty rough losing the second two games after winning the first two,” said senior middle hitter Cal Pringle, the big guy on the team in more ways than one. “We felt pretty confident coming in, but Churchill did a good job battling back. The fifth set was pretty intense. It is hard being down like that in a big game, but everybody on the team did a great job stepping up and playing hard down the stretch, and we were able to close it out.”

In the early rounds of the playoffs, the Falcons swept three from Northwest and avenged their only loss of the season by sweeping three from Clarksburg. Clarksburg had defeated PHS three games to one on March 31.

“The energy in the gym was exhilarating!” said Coach Kenneweg. “Having the banter from the crowd made the close, heart-throbbing match that much more exciting. The defense by both teams was great. In practice during the playoffs, we focused a lot of time playing wash drills where you needed to earn three small points to earn a large point. In those final time outs and even during the end of the Wootton match, we were playing our mini games to five.”

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Tidbits: Sky Stage Project Wins Preservation Award

Sky Stage, which encompasses a large-scale public sculpture and an outdoor amphitheater, is open for its Spring/Summer 2017 season with a variety of arts and holistic programming. To learn more, visit skystagefrederick.com.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

The *Monocle* is not able to provide its standard present crime report at this time due to a change in computer services by MCP. We are working with them to correct this for future issues.

Past Crime

June 5, 1908 Richard Windham, a prominent Rockville businessman, took the last Rockville (electric) car to Rockville. When he alighted near the fairgrounds, he sat down to rest. For some reason, he decided to take a nap on the tracks and, shortly afterwards, was hit by an electric car going the other way. Windham was taken to a Washington hospital in serious condition.

June 7, 1907 One of the most spectacular criminal cases in years was being conducted at the Rockville courthouse. Conrad Royer, a well-known Laytonsville farmer, was on trial for poisoning two horses belonging to Oliver Henly. It seems that Henly, over the course of several years, had his home burned down, lost several other horses and cattle to

poisoning, and had suffered damage to his barns. One of the witnesses, a motorman on the Rockville trolley, testified that a passenger had left a satchel on his car. A few minutes later, a man came back and inquired after the satchel and declared that it was poison and it was meant to poison the horses of Royer. Defense counsel asked the motorman if he was testifying in order to collect the \$1,000 reward. The man replied that he was not interested in the money but would accept it if someone gave it to him. Doctor Lynch took the stand and testified that he found arsenic in the stomach of both horses.

Royer was later acquitted. The judge declared that the testimonies of the motorman and another witness sounded rehearsed.

May 26, 1909 Sheriff's deputies were called to the Rockville home of William Hunter, a nine-year-old boy who had been killed on the railroad. Services were planned for 2:00 p.m., and shortly before they commenced, a stranger, identifying himself as a preacher, came to the door. He asked Mrs. Hunter if he could participate in the funeral service. When he went to the lectern, the so-called preacher cried out and thanked God for William's death saying that he

would have likely grown up to be a drunkard. At that time, Mr. Hunter summoned the deputies who ejected the man from the house.

May 31, 1909 A Burnt Mills man was in serious condition at a Washington hospital after being stabbed by a neighbor after a dispute over a cow. Blair Reed was said to have argued with D.T. Grimes over Reed's cow that had entered Reed's fields. They quarreled, fought, and then Reed pulled out a knife and wounded Grimes. Grimes said that, as soon as he recovered and was released from the hospital, he would place charges against Reed.

June 7, 1907 The Rockville authorities were busy searching for James Weaver of Hunting Hill who had been missing for four days. His wife told Deputy Green that he departed into the woods to cut wood and intended to return home by nightfall. After four days, she contacted the sheriff who tasked Green to the case. Deputy Green set off into the woods and found Weaver's lunch bucket and ax, but there was no sign of the missing man.

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Shame

more statehouses. The Democrats are not going to win a gerrymandered war. If that's not enough, consider that gerrymandered districts tend to be politically homogenous which encourages extremist candidates who only fear losing to even more extreme candidates in their party primaries. Which party has benefited more from that phenomenon? Take your time to answer, and show all work. Thank you.

Hogan spokeswoman Hannah Marr, as quoted in the Baltimore Sun, said, "Marylanders should be choosing their elected representatives, not the other way around." We should support Hogan's independent commission.

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The Day the Circus Died

Helen Hiteman, the daughter of the owner of Hiteman’s Leather, a tannery located right in the middle of upstate New York’s dairy farming country in the still-very-sweet little village called West Winfield. My cousin Bob Davis told me, “He figured that if he was to marry the daughter of the richest man around, he had better make something of himself,” so he decided to go to Cornell and become a vet.

Eventually, Ken and his family left their dairy farm in upstate while he worked for the circus in Sarasota, Florida. Ultimately, his farming roots overtook him and he returned to the family farm. His circus heart, though, still beat strong, so he bought an elephant he named Suzie and a monkey he called Harold. I am not sure if my Uncle H (for Harold) ever got used that choice of names. For over a year, the Davis farm was the only farm in America having an elephant stalled with the cows and a monkey trapezing around the rafters.

Just before he died, Cousin Ken had ordered a hippopotamus, but the order was canceled and that animal never did get to the barn. I like to think that my dad, Paul, would have been grateful for the cancelation since the name Paul the Hippo, while the makings of a great children’s book, wasn’t necessarily a name he wanted to share with a hippo. Two years after Ken’s death, Suzie went to a warmer home in a zoo in Georgia.

I guess you can see why the loss of a circus and its elephants may have a bit more meaning to me.

What really concerns me, however, is that a piece of humanity’s innocence died with the death of such a grand circus. I fear that even if it had survived, the kids in the modern Rockwell painting would have cellphones in their hands, in place of the cotton candy, their eyes narrowed to its small screen illuminating their clenched jaws, while a daring young man on the flying trapeze would swirl and twirl in a death-defying plunge only to rapidly launch skyward in a somersault to the ceiling—unobserved and unappreciated by the distracted audience. I pray that the feeling in the pit of my gut is unwarranted, but gut feelings, like mother’s intuition, are sometimes all we have to ward off danger. We will just have to keep our eyes glued on life’s center ring to know for sure.

Remembrance

Bruce Kenneth Holmquist

Bruce Kenneth Holmquist, 64, of Boyds, died on May 14, 2017. Born on September 6, 1952 in Vermont, he was the son of Eloine (Foster) Holmquist and the late Kenneth Holmquist.

Bruce is also survived by his loving wife, Susan Holmquist; son, Foster Olaf Holmquist; three brothers, Duane Holmquist (Susan), Scott Holmquist (Lynne), and Craig Holmquist; two sisters, Brenda Johnston (Arnold) and Susan Kapral (Steve); and numerous nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bruce’s name to National Public Radio.



Bruce K. Holmquist

Eleanor Jeraline Collins

Eleanor Jeraline Collins, 82, of Dickerson, passed from this life on May 3, 2017, surrounded by loving family.

Born on May 1, 1935, in Montgomery County, Maryland, she was the daughter of Reginald Eugene Lowe and Ruth Helen Crawford.

Eleanor is survived by her five children, Ruthie Kelley, Bobbie Thompson and husband Butch, Vickie Littleton, Betty Ray and husband Raymond, Sr., Artie Kelley and wife Bonnie; four stepchildren, Cindy Surber, Douglas Collins, Jeff Collins, Patsy Gross; one brother, Norman Lowe and wife, Terri; twenty-three grandchildren; forty-four great-grandchildren; twelve great-great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and ten step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arthur H. Kelley, and second husband, Shirley Collins, Jr.; two children, Cynthia Gilfillan and Jerry Kelley; two brothers, Lawrence Lowe and Leroy Lowe; and one sister, Jackie Christian.

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JPMS Students Welcome an American Soldier with Pride and Patriotism

other countries are impressed with the expressions of support from home, noting that when they return, they do not usually get the kind of reception American troops get.”

He then shared slide pictures of the members of his unit enjoying the gifts they received, joking that perhaps more than one gained some weight. Alldredge asked for a volunteer to join him in front to put on packing and helmet worn by American soldiers. Max Knight joined him and, in full gear, impressively pumped out thirty pushups at the order of the officer.

During the showing of other pictures of life in Iraq, one showing an American flag waving in the desert aroused a burst of sustained applause by these young patriots. The pride and interest of the students was evident when scores of students requested selfies with the officer before and after the convocation.

Alldredge is a resident of Frederick and a 2015 Linganore High School graduate.



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Americans are run crazy. We love to run (okay, I am not so much a lover of running), and we love to have our canine friends run with us. We believe that it is healthy for them and us. You may be surprised to know that the science (yes, science still exists) is unclear how beneficial running is for our dog pals.

Dogs appear to love to run after objects, other creatures, and people. The internet is bursting with "Dr. Google" health guides, lifestyle columns, and "expert" advice on the benefits of dog exercise for our health and theirs. They point out that getting a dog can increase your exercise level and running is very good for your canine companion. The next question is: REALLY?

Sixty thousand years ago when wolves first began to interact with *Homo sapiens*, their size and genetic makeup created the perfect running partner. Their legs, body type, size, and upper airway conformation was optimal for long, steady, distance running and short, extreme-exertion speed. They were the perfect running partner.

The thing is not all dogs are "Born to Run" (add Bruce Springsteen music here). Fast forward to the present. Humans take great pleasure in manipulating and reshaping the genetic phenotypic expression of our canine friends. We now have a Dr. Seuss-like variety of shapes, lengths, heights, weights, and facial features with almost 250 distinct breeds of dogs.

Just like their human friends, dogs with even the best wolf-like qualities need to build up their endurance and be cleared to run more than just to chase the squirrel. This is especially true in urban areas, areas with high traffic, and pedestrian traffic.

Selecting the right breed to be your wolf-like running buddy is a very important step if you are planning a canine running companion. Avoid short-nosed or brachycephalic (pushed-in face) dogs. Even the boxer, which is touted as a runner's companion, has more difficulty on longer runs. Heat is a huge issue, so try not to select a friend who carries a massively thick or long hair coat. Shaving your long-haired dog can expose them to sunburn and actually increase their body temperature. Giant breed dogs also should be avoided as they have a lower surface to mass ratio and have a much more difficult time shedding heat. Remember, dogs only perspire from their tongues.

General guidelines for running with your wolf-like spirit friend include, not running more than ¼ of a mile with dogs under one year of age. Growth plates should be closed before any extended runs are considered. It is also generally accepted that dogs should not run over 2-3 miles and should build up to that distance over six weeks. If your runs are longer, you should plan for your trip to come back by your house at the three mile mark to drop off your canine companion. Also bring cool water on the run. If the humidity is high or the temp is above 80 degrees, you should take water breaks with your dog every mile. Be sure that your dog has some time in the shade during the run. If your dog starts to lag behind, you should stop immediately, give it water, and phone a friend to pick you up in an air-conditioned vehicle. Lastly, don't let your dog run next to you if you are on a bicycle. It may seem fun but can be a disaster for both you and your wolfen friend.



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