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Former King Lion John Clayton shook the hand of his newly-elected replacement Milton Andrews. See more Family Album pictures on page 2.



It's a Bird! It's a Plane! Back up, it is a Bird! Why is it in Whalen Commons? Tidbits may have the answer on page 6.



One of the honored guests disembarked from a bus for a White's Ferry outing. See more pictures of the event on page 9.



The Stamm family won a special contest. Find out which one on page 13.

Fox 5 Coming to Poolesville

By Rande Davis

Get ready to show off your Poolesville (area) pride on July 21. Local TV channel WTTG Fox 5 is making a return visit to our town, and local residents, businesses, and organizations are invited to join the live broadcast entitled "Zip Trip" on Whalen Commons in Poolesville between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

WTTG FOX 5 Zip Trip is part of the weekly Friday series that highlights the best spots to visit around the D.C. region. This event will include on-air personalities and crew who will broadcast live and interact with the audience in attendance. Other communities on Fox 5's summer Friday schedule include Annapolis, Ashburn and Leesburg, Waldorf, National Harbor, and Fredericksburg.

The last time Fox 5 broadcast its Friday morning program live from Poolesville was in 2010, and hundreds of residents turned out to enthusiastically show just why we deserve our pride in our community's friendliness and our identification as a warm and welcoming hometown. This will be a great time for civic groups, church members, school organizations,



FOX 5 Cameraman Don Watraub shot advance pictures of the John Poole House for the TV Zip Trip Friday live visit on July 21.

businesses and their employees, along with families from the area to show off their pride in their group with everyone having an opportunity to be on television.

The celebrities from Fox 5 are encouraging every group to wear matching shirts that advertise its

organization. They suggest that groups bring signs that read "good morning" to wave to the thousands of regional TV viewers who will be watching on TV. The station also suggests such groups include their names on their signs.

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Honey Effects

By Susan Petro

Local residents get a sweet deal from Poolesville area beekeepers.

Most of us lucky enough to call the Agricultural Reserve home know that, come summertime, an abundance of fresh fruits, vegetables, berries, peaches, sweet corn, and tomatoes is widely available from local area farmers' markets, from pick-your-own to already-picked boxes; however, not all of us think about another locally-produced treat that sweetens our teas, toast, and homemade barbeque sauces, amongst a myriad other uses: honey.

According to Joe Long, one of Poolesville's handful of dedicated beekeepers, Montgomery County has some of the best locally-produced

honey on the market anywhere. Long, who owns a small farmette on the outskirts of town, has been steadily raising bees and making honey since around 2003, shortly after purchasing the property where he resides with his wife Stacy, and daughter, Kiki. The couple initially thought they would start an orchard and steadily add a variety of trees for every year. The orchard trees proved to be cumbersome work, but the bees were producing delicious honey leading Long to add more and more colonies as years went by.

"I, being the renaissance environmentalist that I am, decided that in order to have great pollination," said Long, "I not only had



Beekeeper Joe Long with his daughter Kiki explaining his vocation.

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Family Album



Fridays on the Commons

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Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski Honored

Poolesville is proud to announce that Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski has been inducted into the Maryland Municipal League's (MML) Municipal Officials' Hall of Fame. During the 2017 MML Summer Conference in Ocean City, Maryland, Commissioner Klobukowski received the prestigious Municipal Officials' Hall of Fame honor among nine other distinguished public servants.

"I am truly humbled by the trust and confidence that the people of Poolesville have placed in me for the past twenty years, and without that, this award would not have been possible," commented Commissioner Klobukowski. "I look forward to continuing to represent our residents by supporting them and the programs that help the jewel of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve thrive."

MML Municipal Officials' Hall of Fame inductees are individuals who are current or former municipal officials (living or deceased) who have served a minimum of twenty years as an elected municipal official and have been nominated by other municipal officials. Inductee names are engraved on a plaque displayed at MML offices in Annapolis.

"Jerry is well regarded for his passion for serving Poolesville's students and being fiscally prudent on behalf of all of our residents," said Jim Brown, Poolesville Commission president.

During his twenty years of service to the Town of Poolesville, Klobukowski has helped the town earn the Sustainable Maryland designation in recognition of Poolesville's commitment to sustainability initiatives. In addition, he has been an ardent supporter of area schools, particularly, the Poolesville High School modernization project.

"Jerry's commitment to Poolesville and our residents is exceptional," added Poolesville town manager Wade Yost. "The town has benefitted thanks to his governance for more than two decades."



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Fox 5 Coming to Poolesville

The fun will include music, vendors, and games, and will be a wonderful family event.

Celebrities from the TV show will be interacting with the audience through a variety of contests and challenges. Cathy Bupp, Poolesville's event coordinator, will be supervising nominations from the public for three people to be recognized from the area. She is seeking nominations for Junior Reporter, Child of the Day, and Hometown Hero. The junior reporter should be an individual between eleven and thirteen years of age with an outgoing personality, and not inclined to be camera shy. The child of the day is anyone five years of age or under, and finally, the hometown hero should be someone who has done great things for Poolesville. Send your nominations by Friday, July 14 to catbupp@aol.com. The winner for junior reporter and child of the day will be drawn during that Friday on the Commons event. The hometown hero will be chosen based on that person's contributions to the community.



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Commentary

A Midsummer Day's Dream

By John Clayton

I'm old enough to have grandkids, but I don't have any right now; however, someday I might, and one might ask me about President Donald Trump.

Granddaddy, why do people talk about Trump so much?

Well, he's an interesting story. He came out of nowhere to win the presidency without having any of the usual qualifications, experience, or even the temperament we generally associated with the job. He got off to a very bad start, with a scandal over the Russians and some people who worked for his campaign in the early days, and furthermore, his behavior caused a lot of consternation. He was at war with the press—

Who?

Sorry, the media, and a lot of his actions were considered by all but his most loyal supporters to be totally un-presidential. In fact, his mental health was questioned by a growing number of people.

What changed all that?

A big issue of the time was healthcare. His predecessor, Barack Obama, passed a bill with only Democratic support and it was controversial for the rest of his term. It was called Obamacare, and the Republicans vowed to repeal it no matter what, calling it a federal takeover of healthcare, and Trump made the same pledge during his campaign. Obamacare was good for its emphasis on extending meaningful health insurance to more people, but it never really addressed controlling the nation's runaway medical costs and the burden on the federal treasury. It needed modification, but the two parties weren't talking to each other, in part because the Republicans only wanted to kill it, and in part because the Democrats were afraid of being criticized for helping Trump, just like the Republicans refused to do anything to help Obama.

That's dumb.

That's why everyone calls Washington a swamp. Then the Republicans controlled the presidency, the senate, and the house, and they still couldn't put together a viable bill. They made the same mistake as the Democrats before them and tried to push through a bill without any support from the other party.

Why didn't the Democrats step in and help them?

Good question; depends on whom you ask. The Democrats said they might help modify Obamacare, but they wouldn't help them kill Obamacare. That was probably true, but, more to the point, the Democrats were having too much fun watching the Republicans twist in the wind, unable to get a majority when they controlled both houses. The Republicans even tried to blame this on the Democrats, which was laughable on its surface, but not without a morsel of truth. The Democrats just hung back for their own benefit. The bills the Republicans could agree on weren't really healthcare bills. They basically scaled back coverage for lower income people in exchange for tax cuts for the rich and reductions in federal spending. Over twenty million people would have lost coverage.

So both the Democrats and the Republicans were pursuing their own political objectives and no one stood up for the people? Nice.

Let's back up a little. During the campaign Trump made a lot of promises about replacing Obamacare with something better, with lower premiums, lower deductibles, and better coverages. When he became president, he stepped back and tossed it to the House of Representatives, who started writing their tax cut bill disguised as a healthcare bill, with no regard for Trump's campaign promises. The senate did the same thing. Trump egged them on but never dealt with the details.

Then a few moderate Republicans, who refused to support a bill that cut out so many people from affordable insurance, approached some moderate Democrats, and they started talking about a bill that cared about universal coverage, and worked to reduce healthcare costs. This picked up support and the left and right wing extremists screamed bloody murder. The Democratic left, led by Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren—

Pocohantas, right?

That wasn't nice then, and it isn't nice now, but yes. The far left believed in a purely government solution that didn't leverage the power of the healthcare marketplace—insurance companies, hospitals, doctors, pharmaceuticals, and all that. By working with these sectors, and using market forces and sensible regulation to negotiate prices, ideas some Republicans and Democrats had touted for years, a good bill started to take shape. The house and senate leaderships of both

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Note to Those Living In 2167: How'd We Do?

By Rande Davis

This issue of the *The Monocle* will have many new readers who will be keenly interested in life in Poolesville in 2167. As part of Poolesville's sesquicentennial celebration, this issue will be placed in a time capsule scheduled to be opened in 2167, appropriately 150 years from now.

What is it that marks this generation of Poolesvillians that will be important to our descendants fifteen decades down the road? What will our legacy be, and will they find a Poolesville even remotely similar to our town in the year 2167? Will those residents so far in our future thank us for who and what we were, or will they look at our generation in bewilderment and wonder, "What were you thinking?"

In 2017, we are incredibly grateful to the generations that preceded us. In 1867, the population of Poolesville was almost what it was in 1967. Is it even conceivable that such a small, isolated community would have been able to continue (save for a couple of fires) nearly untouched until the 1960s?

Since 1967, we have had growth, but only a small portion of what was envisioned by some people in 1967. Back then, a new planned community, similar to Columbia, Maryland of more than thirty thousand residents, was held at bay. Instead, we grew in a slow, more adaptable pace, creating a much more robust town of nearly six thousand, with schools that have the highest academic ranking in the state and among the highest even in the nation.

A few decades ago, through the diligence and foresight of many still living today, we gained the strength to help spare the Upcounty from massive building and growth, preserving in our time and hopefully for those living in 2167, an Agricultural Reserve spanning ninety-three thousand acres of fresh, open air surrounding Sugarloaf Mountain—a legacy studied and imitated by communities across the country.

We have volunteer-managed civic organizations which help in so many ways: for youth, the poorer among us, the blind and persons with other disabilities, fostering knowledge of environmental stewardship; and we have also joined in the national fight against cancer, the disease of our time but, hopefully, no longer your concern.

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Local News

PMSG Presents Donations to Yellow Ribbon Fund and Fisher House

A bus carrying injured and wounded soldiers from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital was given a police escort on Saturday, June 24 to the 11th Annual Poolesville Military Support Group's (PMSG) Ride to the River. As the bus approached Poolesville, it was met by locals lining the street, waving American flags, and cheering. Motorcycles led a caravan escort along the 6.5-mile drive from the Poolesville Tractor Supply to the White's Ferry Pavilion on the Potomac River.

The honored guests, recovering military heroes, and their families had music, a moon bounce, games, and fishing to entertain them while volunteers served a delicious barbeque lunch, and donors provided fishing rods so that partygoers could cast reels from the banks of the Potomac. The PMSG presented the Yellow Ribbon Fund and the Fisher House Foundation each with a \$5,000 check as a result of the generosity of scores of area residents and businesses, including those guests who joined in the fun.



PMSG presented donations to representatives of the Yellow Ribbon Fund and Fisher House Foundation.

The Yellow Ribbon Fund assists injured service members and their families while they recuperate at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, and after they return home. Assistance includes free rental cars, taxi rides, and hotel stays, career and educational mentoring, and over eighty family-friendly annual activities and outings that provide mental health breaks and build confidence for those recovering from devastating injuries.

The Fisher House Foundation, among other services, provides military families with housing close to a loved one during hospitalization for an illness, disease, or injury, often as a result of combat. While military involvement has been reduced, the need for assistance continues.

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The committee is headed by Carl Hobbs with other members: Bubby Pollen, Sherry Huff, Jennifer Hobbs, Tim Flynn, Tom Wright, Cheryl Wright, Mary Zinzer, Lou Hoffacker, Donald Hoffacker, Frank McAtee, Laura McAtee, Paul Kelly, and Gus Zinzer.

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Tidbits

Birdman of Poolesville

We are having a bit of fun in the title with retired veterinarian Dr. Norman Walter; however, since he's been a falconer for twenty-two years, rescuing, training, and releasing injured or endangered birds, most often falcons and hawks, we think he has earned the title and should be recognized for his work. While wildlife rescue has been one of his passions, the eleven-year Poolesville resident was a practicing vet for thirty-eight years, retiring only five years ago.

We ran into him as he sat on a park bench in Whalen Commons with his latest "patient" resting on his arm. Only five weeks old, the hybrid North American-Siberian Goshawk was gentle and could be petted if one avoided—for good reason—its beak. "I take the young bird in this way so that it will get used to the world around him." There was no danger of the hawk flying away since its wings were not fully developed yet. Young Femke Frishman was thrilled to meet Dr. Walter, pet the bird, firing off one question after the other, but the good doctor was most "patient" with her and enjoyed sharing his hawk with her.

Brady Pearre Commits to High Point

Poolesville High School's rising senior, Brady Pearre, has committed to play college baseball at High Point University. Pearre, a recruit from Evoshield Canes, joined that organization in 2015. The Canes are a club team and organized by Evoshield Canes Baseball, a nonprofit organization designed to develop high school players to play baseball at the collegiate level. Their main goal is to have players seen by as many college coaches and professional scouts as possible. They recruit student/athletes from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland that are

exceptional players, exhibit excellent attitudes, and excel in the classroom as well.

Pearre was part of the winning PHS baseball team that took home the state championship trophy this past spring.

Poolesville's American Legion Planning a Festive Square Dance

Calling all veterans and those loving a good barn dance. The Jeffers-Daniel Post 247 American Legion is sponsoring its first ever square dance on August 25. The event will be host by Calleva, and the Legion is hoping all vets can join in the fun. More details to come later.



Legion Dance Committee:
Dave Wilson, Drew McKone,
Julian Singh, Jerry Klobukowski,
and Nick Markoff.

UMCVFD Has New Leadership

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department and the Town of Poolesville sponsored another highly successful Fourth of July



These wonderful volunteers with the UMCVFD truly deserve their break while attending a recent firefighters' convention.

celebration at the Hughes Road polo grounds. Sponsors of the event this year included: the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Jamison Real Estate, Total Automotive and Diesel, and property owner Mike Rubin. They also got assistance from Boy Scout Troop #496 and the Monocacy Lions Club.

Recently, the UMCVFD elected a new fire chief, Michael Burns, and new members to its Board of Directors: President Joe Brown, Vice President Heather Haller, Treasurer Lynne Bodmer, Secretary P. Jones, and directors Ann and Dan Bauer, Jeff Eck, Scott Graham, and Mike White.

Brown Graduates from Hood College

Kelly Brown, a 2013 alumna of Poolesville High School, graduated from Hood College with a major in Middle Eastern studies, a concentration in Arabic, and a minor in religion. She is now employed by the federal government.

Lions Swear in New Officers

The Monocacy Lions Club held its seventy-seventh officer installation dinner to install a new slate of office-holders for the 2017-2018 year. Past District Governor Charlie Kears, visiting from the Laytonsville Lions



Past District Governor Charlie Kears surveys the new Monocacy Lions officers:
Milt Andrews (King Lion), Gary Burdette (Treasurer), Garland Johnson (First Vice President), Dick Franklin (Second VP), Hammett Hough (Board of Directors), Rob Jones (BOD), Roger Brenholtz (Membership Chair), Dan Yates (Lion Tamer), Peter Gallo (BOD), and Tom Conlon (BOD). Missing: John Clayton (BOD) and Tom McClmes (Tail Twister).

Photograph by Susanna Jones.

Club with his wife and fellow Lion Carole, swore in the candidates.

Retiring officers, John Clayton (King Lion), Gary Burdette (secretary), and Peter Gallo (treasurer), received one-hundred-year-anniversary commemorative coins for their service in the past year. The coins were commissioned by Lions Club International which is celebrating its one hundredth year.

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Grand Marshal Nominations Sought

Every year, a grand marshal is selected to be honored during the Poolesville Day Parade. Nominations for grand marshal are submitted by residents from the Poolesville area to the Poolesville Day Committee. The committee chooses among the nominations, trying to bestow this honor on someone whose contributions to Poolesville and its community have been significant.

The grand marshal is far more than a pretty face or a popular name to "headline" the Poolesville Day Parade. It is an attempt to honor some of the most worthy individuals in our town who reflect in significant ways what we see as representing important aspects of who we are as a community. It is a meaningful and important part of the Poolesville Day celebration.

Many notable individuals have served as Poolesville Day grand marshals:

- Grace Sheppard, 2015
- George Hillard, 2014
- Maggie Nightingale, 2013
- Jim Brown, 2012
- Ray Hoewing, 2011
- Jane Stearns, 2010
- Betty Jean and Roy Selby, 2009
- Odd Fellows Lodge Poolesville, 2008
- Judy and David Feigin, 2007 (aunt and uncle of Jake Perkins, original organizer of Poolesville Day)
- Mary Chiswell, 2006
- State leaders of the Lions Club, Odd Fellows, American Legion, 2005
- Earl Moore (UMCVD Fire Chief) and Sgt. Frank Brown (MCPD, Fifth District), 2004

The Poolesville Day Committee welcomes nominations for this important position. Entry forms are available on the committee website and can be submitted directly on the site: www.poolesvilleday.com.

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A Midsummer Day's Dream

parties put a brave face on all this, but they hated it and fought it behind the scenes; however, when it really took shape, they all stood up and got in front of it like it had been their idea all along.

That's sick.

That's how you earn and keep those positions. Trump took credit, too, that he had been saying all along that the two parties should work together, blaming the Democrats of course, but everyone blew him off. He had no credibility then; he would say anything and people knew it.

What changed? That doesn't sound like the Trump we read about in school.

Trump changed. He embraced the bipartisan initiative with a vengeance, reiterated his campaign vision, and jumped into the negotiations. He provided true leadership and went into campaign mode to sell a truly bipartisan health-care bill to the American people. It was a rough road, it took time, and he took a beating from both sides, but Trump's leadership made the difference. He worked everybody—both parties, the public, the pharmaceutical industry, the American Medical Association, AARP, everybody. No one ever questioned his negotiating prowess again.

That's when it all started, isn't it?

Yes, Trump's championing of collaborative government led the country into tax reform, immigration reform, and infrastructure development funded by a tax on carbon. He even brokered workable compromises on environmental regulation that most people felt they could live with, although certainly not everybody. That's the nature of compromise.

And everyone loved him for it?

Far from it—half of his cabinet resigned in protest, but enough Democrats realized that part of a loaf was better than nothing. The hard right and hard left wings still considered him a villain, but they've lost a lot of their support since then. Trump's Republican base and even some Democrats realized they had a president that fought for them first, just like he promised in his first campaign.

So why do the haters still call Trump the Big Tweeter?

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Things To Do

This Place in History

Poolesville's 150th Anniversary Committee is doing a special online community scavenger hunt themed: "This Place in History." Starting July 20 and every Thursday for eight weeks, a clue will be given on the town's Facebook page and website for the historical site scheduled for that week. Participants will need to visit the site, record a special code number located there, and submit their answer to the clue to catbupp@aol.com.

The first thirty participants who correctly visit and identify every site will win a special prize. On Poolesville Day, a grand prize winner will be drawn from the pool of successful entries and will win a \$150.00 gift certificate to a local business of his or her choice.

Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) Events:

Pickleball: Mondays and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Game Day: Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church

Zumba Gold: Every Wednesday in gym, 1:00 p.m.

June 14

Fridays on the Common

Up, Up, and Away! First movie night at 8:30 p.m. featuring the film *Up!* Music by DJ Val, inflatables, kids' activities, and food trucks. *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

July 17 to 22

Urbana Volunteer Firefighter's 43rd Community Carnival

Featuring live bands and Rosedale Amusement attractions every night. Games include bingo, dime pitch, and more. Buffet dinners every night, sandwich and fries, pizza, soft ice cream, and much more. Special

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July 21

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Local News

Police Seek School Thief

By Jack Toomey

Montgomery County Police detectives have released a photo of a man who is suspected of stealing at least eleven purses from schools in session during May and June.

Police said that the man would enter the schools, usually elementary schools in the Germantown and Rockville areas, and look for unattended purses. He then would remove the wallet from the purse or take cash and credit cards from the purse. Once, he was challenged about his business in the school, and he explained that he was a member of the cleaning staff. Usually, the thief would go directly to a Best Buy, Giant, Target, or Safeway where he would make a fraudulent purchase. So far the man has stolen at least \$13,000 in merchandise.

Surveillance photos were obtained and released to the public in the hope that someone would recognize him.

These thefts remain under investigation. Anyone with information about this suspect or these thefts is asked to contact 2nd District detectives at 240-773-6710. For those who wish to remain anonymous, Crime Solvers of Montgomery County is offering a reward of up to

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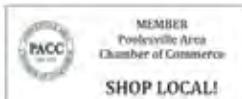
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**Note to Those Living in 2167:
How'd We Do?**

Our youth grow up in a community radically safer than most other places in the state or nation, but the national scourge of the past few years, the abuse of opioids and other narcotics is now killing almost as many Americans annually as automobile accidents used to. Typical of Poolesville in 2017, some concerned citizens have organized to fight this phenomenon and its impact on our children in our area.

We have a proud African-American community, with roots in slavery, which is highly regarded for its exceptional contribution to all of us. Our spiritual community of vibrant churches that dates to our very beginning focuses on our spiritual connection to God while helping us and our neighbors in need of help or comfort.

We don't have many veterans, but our American Legion, while small, shows signs of a more vibrant future. Of course, less than one percent of all

Americans serve or have served in this critical civic capacity. How wonderful it would be if, in your day, that amount is considered too large.

Our youth have multiple opportunities for healthy sport experiences and just as important, our girls share in that achievement equally with the boys. In fact, our girls have been a bit more successful than the guys in the more recent decades, but, this year, our boys' baseball team made that up by becoming Maryland State Champions for the first time. If you are not sure what baseball is, then my only response is, "Oh, well, then have a great day and we hope life gets better."

Our senior citizens are truly among our most outstanding contributors. We have a robust Lions Club (not strictly senior citizens but they sure have, well, let's put it this way, a lot of experience). Our local chapter of the Odd Fellows has been doing charitable work for over a hundred years, and if you don't know about them, then I can assure you that you have lost something really special. Our police are

highly respected and do a wonderful job protecting us. Fire and health emergencies of all kinds remain our most relevant concern, but we are protected by a great blend of professional firefighters as well as volunteers.

Our beloved nation is so sorely divided right now that many of us don't quite recognize the land of the free and home of the brave in which we grew up. Locally, our race relationships and respect for our ethnic diversity are at a high point in our history, and hopefully not even a factor in your time.

For those of us living today, we think a Poolesville of 6,500 souls is just about right—this may amuse you. The community is on edge right now regarding an additional sixty homes right in the middle of the town, but how that plays out may pale compared to the debates and decisions of the future. There is a quaint plot of land in the center of town that has been undeveloped since the beginning of our existence. We can't be sure what will eventually be there even in the short run, not to mention 150 years from

now, but we understand that time and life most likely will fill it with something. We are struggling as to whether it should be a residential community, more commercial, or both. We have been at sharp odds about it, but the good news for us is that the national political vitriol hasn't distorted our local style—not yet, at least.

Take a look at the town's 150th anniversary picture in the time capsule which was taken at Whalen Commons (open park in the center of the town). That's really us: young and old, single and married, men and women of wide backgrounds and varying ethnicities, standing tall, centered physically as well as spiritually on our shared life and community together, looking up to the sky and to our future, glancing at you, wondering: How did we do?

We hope you give us a high five (two people face each other and slap their right palms together in a gesture meaning, "Well done."), but whatever you do in 2167 signaling an exuberant celebration of gratefulness, we hope we earn your gratitude, too.

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Garden

Practically Perfect

By Maureen O'Connell

In several of my recent articles, I spoke about growing plants in your garden that are low maintenance, tolerant of our Monocacy weather conditions, and highly resistant to diseases and pests. A tall order, you might say, but with a little homework, it is possible. As we head into mid-July, I am going to walk you through my garden (with Spencer of course; Tom does not like the heat) and tell you how it is coping with this year's weather ups and downs. As I usually do when making garden plant recommendations, I will only mention plants with which I have experience growing in my garden.

If I had only one garden and I could have just one plant in it, what would I choose? Lavender. I love walking past it, touching its airy stems, and breathing deeply its sweet, floral scent. I have never had a problem with any of my different lavender varieties; they scoff at high temperatures, humidity, drought, the cold blasts of winter, plant diseases, pesky garden insects, and hungry deer and rabbits. Practically Perfect!

There are three most-commonly-known lavender varieties: *Lavandula angustifolia*; *L. x intermedia*, and *L. stoechas*. The first one is the true English lavender with dusky blue-violet flowers on spikes eight inches long. It is not actually from England; it picked up that common name as it grows best in England's climate, but it is native to the Mediterranean area. It forms rounded mounds of silver-gray foliage and strongly-scented flowers from May well into July. 'Hidcote' has earned a devoted following for its deep purple flowers and tidy height. 'Munstead' is another long-time favorite, as are 'Graves,' 'Betty's Blue,' and 'Big Time Blue.' *L. x intermedia* is a hybrid between the English lavenders and the less-commonly-known Spike or Portuguese lavenders. It tends to be a bit taller than its English cousin with lighter-colored flowers and larger flowers on longer stems. It is the lavender that is commonly seen growing everywhere in the fields of Provence in France, where it is grown for use in perfumes. 'Grosso' and 'Provence' are two varieties that I have in my garden. They are about fifteen years old, and every year they come through our tough winters better than ever in May. In 2012, Lloyd Traven, a plant breeder and owner of Peace Tree Farm in Buck's County, Pennsylvania, introduced

'Phenomenal Lavender' to the garden world. It appeared in 2007 as a chance mutation in a crop of L. 'Grosso' at his nursery. It was smaller and more compact than the rest, so he watched it for several years. It grew bigger and tolerated summer's heat and humidity and winter's low temperatures and biting winds better than any other lavender variety he had ever seen. Phenomenal was born and lived up to its name. Practically Perfect! In 2016 I planted three in a narrow bed with 'David' phlox, dianthus, cranesbill, parsley, and thyme and watched them grow. Every year they grew bigger and better. A warning here, though, they can become huge, so choose your plot carefully and give them room to show you what they can do. I have to admit that a few weeks ago, I noticed the lavender plants growing there were very tall, about three feet, and were flopping over and smothering the surrounding plants. Was this a banner year for this lavender since my other lavenders were about eighteen to twenty inches and behaving quite nicely and were neighbor friendly. Then, I remembered: They were my Phenomenal Lavenders and were showing me how they can live up to their name! My garden memory had briefly failed me.

The third lavender, *L. stoechas*, commonly called Spanish Lavender, has a totally different look than its cousins. The flower heads are often shorter, topped with attractive bracts that look like large petals. It loves hot weather, but it cannot withstand our winter temperatures. I tried growing it several years ago, but gave up. Grow it in a container if you must have it, and place it indoors in a sunny window for the winter.

Enough about my if-I-were-stranded-on-a-desert-island-with-one-plant-to-grow scenario. Let's look at what else in my Barnesville garden is coping very well with the summer.

Echinacea—Stars of the Summer Garden

Echinacea, a North American genus in the daisy family, loves our weather, producing big, bright, disease- and pest-resistant flowers from late June until frost. I am growing in eight different plots—, all of them sunny: 'Magnus,' 'Cheyenne Spirit,' 'Merlot,' 'Hot Papaya,' 'PowWow Wild Berry,' 'White Swan,' and 'Solar Flare.' They require no maintenance, and the Japanese beetles don't like them. The seeds in the large cone at the heart of the flower head provide nourishment for birds well into the late fall. Practically Perfect!

Last year, I planted a new plant: *Heliopsis helianthoides* 'Asahi.' It didn't

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Local News

Your Story: The Stamm Family Of Poolesville

As part of Poolesville's 150th celebration, the *Monocle* joined with the Town of Poolesville in offering to write the family history of an area family to be published in the paper and then encapsulated in a time capsule to be opened in another 150 years in 2167.

Shelley Stamm, in attending the SpringFest event this past May, entered the contest more for the chance to win a large, professionally-framed picture of the nine hundred town folks gathered in the park to form the 150 than to have her family history recorded for posterity.

"Our family history is really not out of the ordinary," explained Shelley, "so I didn't look so much to publish it as to try to win the picture."

Shelley and Bill Stamm met through mutual friends and married in 1988.

Prior to becoming a Stamm, Shelley was a Bennett. The Bennett family roots can be traced back to the American

Revolution, and Shelley qualifies for the Daughters of the American Revolution. She and her family lived in many places, but, as a graduate of North Hills High School near Pittsburgh, she claims the Steel City as her hometown. Her dad is a retired Lutheran minister who rose to the position of bishop in the Austin, Texas synod. Her grandmother stepped outside of the traditional homemaker role in the 1930s to form a band she called Dorothy and Her Troubadours. She sang and played saxophone. We don't know if Shelley inherited her grandmother's vocal cords, but we do know she shares her love of music as she plays the viola in St. Peter's orchestra. As the recently-retired treasurer of the St. Peter's Vestry, perhaps a bit of her dad inspired her involvement in the church.

After high school, Shelley went to West Virginia University to become a pharmacist and, upon graduation, she found herself working at Peoples Drug in Frederick, not knowing she would soon meet Bill.

Like the Bennetts, the Stamms moved around, but Bill, a graduate of A. I. duPont High School near Hockessin, Delaware near Wilmington, calls that town his hometown. His family history is somewhat less defined, but his



The Stamm Family: Shelley and Bill with Katie, Amy, and William.

father did make a trip to Germany to check on Stamm family roots only to be rerouted to Switzerland.

Bill graduated from the Virginia Military Institute in 1981 and followed his father's mechanical engineering background by majoring in Civil Engineering. Fresh out of the institute, his first job was in Florida working in bridge construction, including the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The Bob Graham Sunshine Skyway Bridge, known to locals as the Sunshine Skyway Bridge or more casually the Skyway, is a bridge spanning Tampa Bay, Florida, with a cable-stayed main span and having a total length of 21,877 feet.

It was when he came to the area to work on the Seneca Lake Dam in Boyds that true history was about to be made for the Stamm family.

A favorite family story is that Bill's grandfather was a teacher and lived at Penn State University one summer in the 1930s while working on his master's. He transported himself, his wife, and three small children in a 1937 Harley Davidson motorcycle with a sidecar. His grandfather also rode the motorcycle to Washington, D.C. to visit his uncle, who was a staff member for the Sergeant of Arms of the House of Representatives. Part of the uncle's duties included carrying a satchel of cash for payroll to the House of Representatives for distribution.

Bill owns that 1937 Harley Davidson motorcycle today and enjoys riding it with a passenger in the side car. He has displayed it in the Poolesville Day car/motorcycle show.

Over the thirty years in Poolesville with three children, Shelley and Bill have been involved in many things with, naturally, much of their involvement as parents. They spent many days with the children with the Poolesville Piranhas, the local youth swim team, as volunteers and boosters.

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Police Blotter

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By Jack Toomey

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A crowd turned out at the Frederick jail to watch the whipping of convicted wife beater Robert Phillips. Phillips had been convicted in Magistrates' Court of abusing his wife and was sentenced to sixty days in jail and a fine. Phillips asked Magistrate Anders if he couldn't be whipped instead which the law allowed. Anders then sentenced him to fifteen lashes to be applied by Sheriff Fagan. After the first five lashes, Phillips cried out and asked the sheriff, "Sir, could you not hit me near my neck?" After the whipping, the prisoner was examined by Doctor Hendrix who could find no dangerous injuries.

George Parker, an employee of the government experimental farm at

Bethesda, was run over by a Rockville trolley as he sat on the tracks. Parker had taken the same car to work from his home in Washington and then waited for the car to return from Rockville. He then sat down on the tracks and was run over. One of the officials of the company, who lived in Bethesda, came to the scene and took Parker to the Washington hospital in his automobile.

Sheriff Whalen continued his hunt for the man who attacked a seventeen-year-old Bethesda girl. Whalen accepted all of the help that was volunteered as men scoured the woods of the lower county. The man had come upon the girl while she was walking in a wooded area and then criminally assaulted her. Whalen said the description of the man had been sent to the D.C. and Virginia police as well as those in small towns. The girl was positive that the man was blind in one eye which should have made him more obvious.

A mad dog roamed the streets of Rockville and bit four residents, Mrs. Rohrer, and Misters Strine, Brucher, and Earley, on the hands. As a result, the dog was killed by authorities and its head cut off. The head of the dog as well as the four victims were sent to the Pasteur Institute in Baltimore for treatment. Dr. Thomas, who assisted in killing the dog, noticed that he had blood on his hands in addition to a minor cut. He also accompanied the others to Baltimore.

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

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Your Story: The Stamm Family of Poolesville

After they married, Shelley chose to leave the pharmacy to prioritize family needs and life while Bill went on to open his own firm, Stamm Lighting, specializing in industrial and commercial illumination needs.

The entire Stamm family has been a big part of Poolesville for nearly three decades with the oldest daughter, Katie graduating from Poolesville High School in 2008. She earned her doctorate in Physical Therapy from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore and today works at Adventist Rehabilitation. Middle child, Amy, graduated PHS in 2010, then graduated from High Point University in North Carolina. She now works with the Air and Space Museum in communications and is currently pursuing her master's degree at Georgetown University. William, a PHS 2014 graduate, is a Midshipman 1st Class (senior) at the U.S. Naval Academy who will finish like his father and grandfather with an engineering degree. He is considering his extended service to be in submarine or aviation service.

The Stamms were originally attracted to Poolesville by the golf course (Bill has played in its Tuesday night league since 1984) and the sense of safety, with so many Montgomery County Police living here. They, like so many other local residents, love Poolesville for its sense of community spirit and family-friendly lifestyle.

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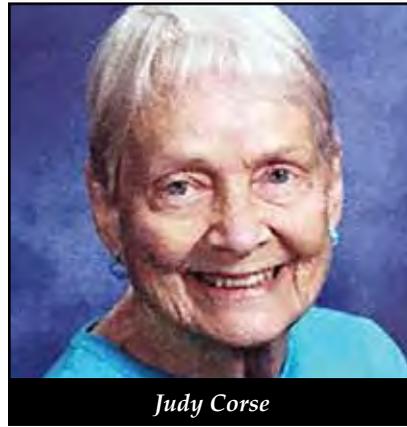
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Remembrance

Judy Corse

Judith Corse, age 85, formerly of Poolesville, died peacefully, surrounded by her family in Arizona on June 5, 2017. A lifelong and devoted member of the Episcopal Church, she was always eager to serve and very active in the congregation of St. Philip's in the Hills. Judy was also a longtime member of St. Peter's in Poolesville and active as a member of its choir and the Women of St. Peter's. She is remembered by congregants as a delightful, hardworking volunteer, and very engaging and friendly member.



Judy Corse

Born Judith Honour Abbe, August 16, 1931 in Indianapolis, Indiana, to Leslie and Opal Abbe. She was raised on the Abbe family farm in Enfield, Connecticut before moving in 1941 to Rockville. She graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in 1949 where she was the class Salutatorian. High school friends remembered Judy as a popular, hardworking, dependable member of the class, having one of the highest scholastic records in the class. She was noted for her writing, especially poetry (she wrote the class poem), and singing. She was a member of the student government, cheerleading squad, and National Honor Society.

She went on to graduate in the 1951 class at Montgomery College, majoring in pre-nursing. She was married in 1951 to George V. "Mike" Brenneman, Jr. of Washington, D.C. She gave birth to four children in six years and devoted herself to raising them and instilling lifelong values as well as her love of reading. The marriage ended in divorce. In 1972, she married William Corse of Dickerson and joined in raising his four children while also working as a medical secretary.

In her retirement and after Bill's death, Judy relocated to Tucson in 2003.

She is survived by beloved brothers, Jonathan Abbe (Barbara) and Timothy Abbe (Virginia); sons, Bruce Brenneman (Alice), Mark Brenneman (Maria Elena), and Dean Brenneman (Máríka), and daughter, Dale Brenneman (Arthur Vokes); stepchildren, Barbara Hershberger (Lynn), Karen DePaola (Robert), William Corse, Jr. (Jenny Hughes), Caroline "Jody" Oberly; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces.

She was predeceased by sister, Jacqueline Niederwerfer, and grandson, Michael Corse.

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Practically Perfect

do much the first year. In fact, I couldn't find it, as it hid among the other perennials in the Upper Garden. I presumed that it had died, but in early June, there were the two plants poking their heads of golden-yellow daisy-like flowers through the towering Oriental Lilies and the tall wispy wands of *Perovskia*. They will flower well into late fall.

Rounding out this year's Hall of Garden Fame are *Heuchera* 'Coral Bells,' 'Peach Flambé,' 'Black Sea,' and 'Georgia Peach'; *Cranesbill*, the perennial geranium, 'Rozanne'; and *Rudbeckia* 'Goldsturm.'

You might have other favorites, but these little gems are my summer workhorses. Plant them and forget them (sort of).

As I mentioned in my last article about the Fulham Palace Gardens and their caretakers' belief in being 'good stewards of the Earth,' it is vital that all of us who call ourselves Gardeners choose our plants wisely so that we don't have to depend on harsh chemicals to correct the garden's pests and problems. The right plant in the right spot is a more responsible approach, whether you have a postage stamp-size garden or several acres in the backyard. In today's political climate, you can make a difference, however small. The Environmental Protection Agency is threatened with a thirty percent budget cut, and its new leadership seems to be more counseled by CEOs and lobbyists from, oil, gas, chemical, and agribusinesses than scientific experts in the field. Is the fox guarding the chicken coop?

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Honey Effects

to buy the right fruit trees to cross-pollinate, but to look into getting bees to help pollinate the orchard." Long had some beekeeping friends nearby who introduced him to his beekeeping mentor who helped him begin the process of raising bees and making honey. "Despite all the difficulties of keeping bees, they were consistently giving us really excellent honey," said Long.

Long started out bottling two-ounce jars which were mostly given out as gifts to friends. The honey was a big hit, so as the hives kept producing more and more honey, Long kept increasing the size of the bottles. Today, Long sells a variety of different sizes of honey, from a variety pack of the original two-ounce jars with seasonal combinations of light, medium, and darker honeys, to the popular plastic honey bears and standard one-pound and one-quart jars. Currently, Long has fifteen colonies of bees, many located on his property and others located on local farms. This year, Long expects to extract about two hundred pounds of honey from five of his colonies. Some of the honey is left behind to provide an important food source for the bees over the winter and when flowers are in short supply.

Long has no idea exactly where his bees go to feed during the day. Most bees travel up to a mile in search of food, but some can travel upwards of three miles a day. In the spring, the bees are mostly up in the flowering trees. When clover is abundant, the bees are often feeding near the ground. The bees do much more than make honey: As they travel from flower to flower, they carry tiny grains of pollen which are transferred from the anthers of some flowers to the stigmas of others. This type of pollination is essential for many crops, including apples, almonds, and pumpkins.

There are many ways to create a colony of bees. New beekeepers learn best by having a mentor to help them be successful with their hives. One method is to order a three-pound package which includes a box of bees, a can with a screen around it, and a queen in a queen cage. The bees and queen are installed into a bee box along with a food source such as a comb of honey. This way, the queen can start laying immediately. Other methods would be to split an existing colony and then obtain a queen or try to produce a queen on your own. Queens are mail ordered around the country and cost around thirty dollars for one, and less if more are ordered.

Honeybee nests are an important resource for the community. If people discover a nest in or near their homes or businesses that needs to be relocated, they can contact the Montgomery County Beekeepers Association to make arrangements for safe removal and relocation. If one sees a swarm of bees, they most often are on their way to a new nest with the original queen, a natural occurrence as the colony reaches capacity and a portion of the bees leave and build a new nest. A new queen is created in situ for the original nest. The swarm is generally docile, and, if left alone, will move on shortly. Yellowjackets, on the other hand, tend to be aggressive if disturbed. If a yellowjacket nest is found in a dangerous location, it is best to keep away and let a professional handle the next steps.

According to Long, making honey is more than a means to making money or to aid in pollination of local flowers, fruit trees, and crops. Long said he loves meeting new neighbors and making new friends who share a common interest in beekeeping, or simply enjoying a delicious serving of honey knowing it comes from local bees that are feeding on local flowers. Long is happy for customers to stop by his small farm to see his bees and operations. Poolesville residents can even have Long's honey delivered to their homes.

Poolesville has quite a few local beekeepers located both in town and nearby. Long is currently acting as a mentor for a local resident interested in taking up the hobby. Although, there is not a formal group in place for the Poolesville area beekeepers, they have met informally at different members' homes to share notes and ideas.

Although Long just sells his honey locally, the product has fans across the globe. One frequent customer sends jars of honey to her family in China. Another customer bought a handful of bottles to take to Israel with her for an upcoming trip. The customers always say the honey is a hit as gifts.

Long is a native of Montgomery County and owns and operates Greenhouse Effects Landscaping when not busy producing honey, tending to his orchard, or growing a variety of bamboo plants. To learn more about his operations or to purchase some of this year's delicious honey, Long can be reached at honeyfx@greenfx.net.

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Dogs and Their Understanding of Our Conversations with Them

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Plain and simple research has proven that dogs are able to hear voices in the same way that human beings do which allows them to pick up on acoustic (voice sounds) clues about our emotional state.

Published in the *Cell Journal of Current Biology*, researchers have discovered that dogs have a dedicated area in their brains for voices, just like people. This is likely an evolution-driven adaptation as the wolves that interacted with early man some 18,000 years ago needed to have an understanding of the voice/sound inflections. This allowed them to determine which groups of humans were friendly to wolves and which were hunting the wolves. As man and wolf's relationship matured into the human-canine bond, this adaptation became even more important to the expanded interactions

It is important to note that *Canis lupus lupus* (wolf) and *Canis lupus familiaris* (dog) have the exact same genetic coding. The sub-species identification and differentiation is therefore adaptive in origin.

The research team trained 11 dogs to lie motionless while fully awake in an fMRI brain scanner. This allowed the research team the ability to run the same neuroimaging experiment on the dogs and the human participants. Findings showed humans and dogs showed activity in the same location of the brain when verbal requests or commands were given. They also found that dogs responded more strongly to dogs, and humans to humans (except in the case of my wife and my dogs, nobody messes with her).

The lead researcher, Attila Andic, indicated that dogs and humans share a similar social environment. This produced similar brain mechanisms to process social information. This provides strong evidence that dogs understand much more of our language and sentence structure than we gave them credit for up to this point. So watch what you are saying when you don't want your dog to know what is about to happen (like going to the veterinarian).

This goes a long way to explaining why humans and dogs have such a strong connection and how dogs are able to tune into the feelings of their owners so well and can navigate our social structure so easily.



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