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Eat your hearts out, Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire! See more Family Album pictures on page 2.



Lisa Lasinger, Austrian exchange student, fits right in at PHS. See School News on page 9 to hear more about her adventure.



Kyle Wilkins, Coach Dorsey, and Brian Truppo after a hard day's work at the state competition. See Youth Sports on page 12.



You've never seen a cow on a roof before? See Garden on page 15.

Barn Fire Affects Local 4-H Pig Program

By Rande Davis

Poolesville's Julien Singh was traveling west on Route 28 after dropping off his daughter at a soccer team party around 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 29 when he spotted a fire at the barns of Nothing Fancy Farm about a quarter mile east of Cattail Road. He immediately called 911, but despite a multi-alarm response from fire companies as far away as Cabin John, the barn was too far gone and was completely lost.

Due to a downed power line lying too close to the water pond on the farm, the fire fighters were unable to use it to fight the fire. Having to respond by finding an alternative source, Paramedic Engine 709 from Hyattstown immediately dispatched to Lewis Orchards and, through the cooperation of the owners, was able to secure a supply of water to fight the fire from its pond. A water tanker truck from Cabin John Fire Station also came, and portable water tanks were filled from that truck as a backup supply to the water from Lewis Orchards.



The fire at the barn of Nothing Fancy Farm spread exceedingly fast.

While no persons were hurt, pigs and twenty-one piglets, which Shannon Sims, Megan Harney, and Amy Wokasien, all past and current 4-H club participants, lost their two

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Seneca Schoolhouse Museum Receives Historic Preservation Award

By Maureen O'Connell

On Friday, March 27, 2015, Historic Medley District, Inc. (HMD)'s Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road, Seneca, was awarded the Montgomery Preservation, Inc. 2014 Montgomery County Award for Historic Preservation in the category of "Renovation and Restoration of a Historic Resource for Educational Use." In 1980, HMD entered into a lease agreement with the State of Maryland to renovate and maintain the old, abandoned Seneca Mills Schoolhouse. With Maryland State funding, the schoolhouse was completely renovated and began offering field trips for local fourth grade students.

The schoolhouse was built in 1866 to educate the children of local farmers. Upton Darby, a local farmer and miller,

collected money from neighbors to build the school, using sandstone from local quarries. The Smithsonian Castle in Washington, D.C. was built with the same sandstone. It operated as a school until 1910, when it was turned into a small private home. Over time, it deteriorated and was abandoned until HMD stepped in to save it in 1980.

By 2012, the schoolhouse was again in dire need of extensive repairs. With funding from the State of Maryland



Matt Logan Executive Director, Montgomery County Historical Society, Maureen O'Connell of Historic Medley District, and Dan Seamans.

and the Kiplinger Foundation, major renovation work began: The rotting

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Family Album



Frank Austin, often found doing volunteer work around town, is in this "can-did" photo during WUMCO's big move.



Our young people joined in helping WUMCO Help, Inc. move into its new digs at Poolesville Baptist Church.



Thanks to Hesu Ha, these near-empty shelves would soon be stocked. Of course, there is always room for more. Canned and dry goods can be easily dropped off at Poolesville Baptist Church, Town Hall, or in the parking lot of Drs. Pike and Valega.



Easter egg hunt at Memorial United Methodist Church.



Junior scouts from Troop 3032 visited UMCVFD where Captain Mike Slater and his team gave the tour and safety talk which helped earn them their first aid patches.



Denise Shores's Polka Dots in a heartwarming performance.

Town Government Draft Budget for FY2016 Premiers at Commission Meeting

By Link Hoewing

At their April 6 meeting, the Poolesville Commissioners released the draft of their proposed 2016 budget. The fiscal year for Poolesville begins on July 1, so this budget proposal will be considered, reviewed, and adopted over the next several weeks.

Town Manager Wade Yost previewed the proposed budget for the public and the commissioners who have already been reviewing it during the month of March, but this is the first draft proposal to be released to the public.

Yost began his presentation by providing a high-level overview of the draft proposal. The General Fund—the amount of money that will be available for expenditure—is set at \$2.78 million in the proposed budget. These funds will support a set of programs and budget accounts that are at levels similar to last year’s budget. Most revenue streams to fund the budget remain “constant” with the exception of revenues from Nextel, a cellular provider that merged with Sprint. To get the budget to balance (which is required by the town charter), the current tax rate would be rounded up from its current level of \$0.1672 cents per \$100 of assessment to \$0.17 cents.

While he maintained that most accounts for the new budget have been “maintained at current levels,” Yost pointed out that there are some additional expenditures proposed in the budget. For example, the new budget will support one additional employee. Expenses are increasing too because a number of new parks have been added to the town’s existing system, and maintenance costs in the parks will also increase due to requirements for upgrades mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act. The town has also added a new event, Octoberfest, that will require funding support.

At the same time, Yost itemized reductions in the proposed budget. For example, the costs of the economic development and marketing programs will decrease from \$65,000 to \$45,000. A grant to the seniors’ program of \$29,000 will be eliminated (the money to support the program will come from a county grant), and the costs of transcribing verbatim minutes of every meeting will be eliminated (the

town now publishes online a synopsis of the main points made in public meetings in lieu of verbatim minutes).

One of the major expenses for the town is the support of its water and sewer systems. Unlike most other jurisdictions in Montgomery County (including large ones like Gaithersburg), Poolesville manages both its own water and sewer systems; WSSC provides sewer and/or water for other towns in the county.

The challenges of managing the water and sewer system, Yost explained, come in part from the fact that it is considered an “enterprise” program in which funding support is supposed to be derived from user fees. While the town has worked consistently to meet this goal, again, this year, a grant from the general fund of the town will be needed to fund eight percent of the operations of the water and sewer system. This equates to about \$4.00 on the monthly water bill of each citizen.

Yost also went over the costs of maintaining and expanding the water and sewer system (to meet the demands of new developments), aging infrastructure (some developments such as Westerly and Wesmond are served by water and sewer facilities first installed in the early 1970s), new support staff (two new staff were added last year to help maintain the systems which need monitoring and maintenance around the clock), and “fixed costs” such as the costs of electricity, chemicals for treating sewage, and laboratory testing expenses. In response to a question, Yost said that while the town’s solar array has helped reduce the costs of electricity by about \$30,000, a lot of the sewer plant’s power requirements are still supplied by the electric company.

Beyond the sewer and water systems, the town’s general operating budget supports everything from maintaining parks to the repaving of roads and streets. Sixty-nine percent of the town’s expenditures are for “general operations,” while another thirteen percent are used to support general capital projects, and ten percent go towards capital water projects. The remaining eight percent fund debt service. In terms of categories of expenditures, forty-one percent of the budget go to salaries, twenty-one percent for the contract for trash pick up, and smaller amounts for such things as maintaining parks, legal support for the town, and administrative costs.

The revenues to support the town’s operations come largely from two sources: property taxes (44%) and



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Commentary

Dancing in the Rain

By John Clayton

The Maryland 2015 Legislative Assembly ended with a little less of that old Kumbaya spirit with which it started, but our two major political parties moved on with forced smiles and some semblance of insincere bonhomie. The scorecard will show that the governor and his opposition-party legislature squabbled over education funding, pay raises for state employees, healthcare assistance, and the care and maintenance of the state pension fund. The more partisan—and perhaps cynical—may say that the governor wanted to stick it to those big counties that didn't support him in his election, as the education funding was geographic in nature and primarily affected those same counties, and others will counter that the legislature was merely marching to orders from the teachers' unions.

My concern and attention during this session wasn't on political points and inside baseball, but on the Chesapeake Bay. One bay issue is runoff from chicken farming. Hogan, who is concerned for the survival of chicken farmers, weakened some O'Malley-era regulations. The more prominent issue during the session concerned the death of the dreaded rain tax that, while not actually dead, was kicked down from the state to the counties. The purpose of the rain tax, which is actually

a storm water remediation fee, is to comply with the federal Clean Water Act and address rain runoff that pollutes the bay.

One has to admit, that in the annals of political "discourse," a more effective name than rain tax was never devised. What will they tax next? The wind? You don't even have to know what it is to hate it. Names matter. It was a little like tea partiers railing against the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, a vague and bureaucratic villain. Hey, let's hate on Obamacare—it's two for the price of one. We don't like him either. Rain tax is brilliant. Here in Montgomery County, of course, nothing has changed; we already had the Water Quality Protection Charge on our property tax bills.

As I understand it, the rain tax compelled counties to tax property owners based on their properties' levels of impervious surfaces, which, as we all know, prevent the absorption of rain and create polluted runoff. The point of this, ultimately, is to protect the Chesapeake Bay, even though it's pretty close to dead in oh-so-many ways. The good news for me, and yes I do like to find good news, is that everyone either seemed to agree that resurrecting the bay is imperative, or at least that there was nothing they could do about the federal law, and that at some level, good would result. The action takes away the state-level tax and lets each county decide how it will muster the required funds, so the bay doesn't really take a hit here, but we can all dance in the streets over the demise of the dreaded rain tax. Kumbaya, baby.

Rande(m) Thoughts

The Sanctuary

By Rande Davis

I am not Roman Catholic, but I really admire their lighting-a-candle ritual. It's a mystical blending of the physical with the spiritual, done in solitude, and requires the disciplinary inconvenience of leaving one position of comfort (home) to go to another less comfortable position of humbly kneeling. Heavenly conversations, of course, can be made at home, at work, at the cemetery, anywhere actually, but I must admit that in the abandoned solitude of a church sanctuary where the most adamant distraction is simply the uniqueness of utter quiet and solitude, the mesmerizing flicker of the reddish warm flame of the vigil candle can take you to a place not easily reached (okay, I admit it, even as a non-Catholic, I have snuck in a few such prayers unbeknownst to others until now).

I suppose it's not surprising that, as a Christian, these thoughts occurred to me on Maundy Thursday, the first evening of the high holy days of repentance, reflection, and then celebration. The last somber and humbling

emotions of Lent give way to a glorious bursting of Alleluias. This early springtime ritual is not so unique, of course, since everyone, and I do mean everyone, from believers to non-believers, also experience a similar exhilaration at this moment of the year. The Pagan notes the spring equinox, the Jew Passover, and even the atheist, stepping outside early in the spring morning, taking a deep breath, will smell baseball in the air and know the dark, gloomy days of winter have finally passed. Something good has risen, indeed, and no matter who you are, you know it's true.

With this renewed sense of promise that things will be better, longed-for hope naturally fills the heart with relief. One such hope is that maybe, just maybe, we as a nation can shed the ugly strains of an angry, suspicious diversity and return to a regained sense of family-like unity, to a time when those things that divide us are less celebrated than those things that unite us. The dark cold days of winter are nothing compared to the dark cold days of our national politics that nowadays seem to have no season and no respite. I have never experienced anything quite like today's politics with its fierce discord. I distressingly acknowledge

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Letter to Editor

Sharing the Road

Ah, spring! Nothing heralds the onset of warmer weather and sunny days like the sight of multicolored spandex on two wheels. I feel very lucky to live in the Agricultural Reserve where there are so many opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. I hope that this beautiful piece of the outdoors will always be available to people everywhere to enjoy.

I have six children, all of whom I have taught to ride bicycles and infused (I hope) with a respect for others, especially while on the road. One of the many things I have tried to teach my children is that it is a privilege to be allowed to use the roads, and that an important part of this is to share the road with other vehicles, other riders, and pedestrians. I believe that it is necessary to have rules of the road so that it is safe for everyone involved. Three of those rules are:

1. Stop signs mean just that: **Stop**.
2. Signaling your intention to make a turn is critical for the safety of everyone in traffic.
3. When riding with a group, be it bicycles or motorcycles, staying in one lane and not "taking your half of the road out of the middle" is necessary in order to maintain a safe flow of traffic in both directions.

I have many friends who ride bicycles for sport and for fitness. I, myself, have logged many miles on a bicycle. I live on a small historic road just outside of town which is very popular with cyclists, and rightly so because of its low volume of traffic and stunning beauty. I have on many occasions come upon cyclists on the road, sometimes three or four abreast, riding down the road and enjoying the scenery. I am patient when I pull up behind them, I understand that it is okay to slow down sometimes and just enjoy the moment; rushing and

running are way overrated as far as I am concerned. When I encounter farm equipment, which is often, I always realize that the time I spend going a little slower is well worth it because agriculture is what this area is all about.

Equipment drivers are always very considerate and try to pull over whenever possible to let cars and trucks pass. Cyclists, on the other hand, quite often simply ignore the fact that there is a vehicle behind them, or treat you as an intrusion; when they do decide to move over, you are thanked with a single-finger salute and the phrase that commonly goes along with that form of greeting. I find this to be disturbing, but what irks me the most is watching an entire line of cyclists roll through an intersection with total disregard for stop signs or other traffic. This is unsafe for the person on the bike as well as the drivers of the cars stopped at the intersection who are making every attempt to avoid a line of constantly-moving bicycles that have ignored the stop sign. I am not pointing a finger at all cyclists; many are respectful, considerate, and polite. I am happy to see cyclists as well as anyone else enjoying this little oasis that we call home. I welcome everyone that wishes to enjoy this section of Montgomery County, the more people that use and enjoy this special place, the better the odds that this little piece of green space will be preserved for years to come.

The other day I was talking to one person I know who is an avid cyclist, and I posed the question about stop signs, signaling, etc. and was given this explanation: "If you don't cycle seriously, you wouldn't understand; it's all about rhythm. Stop signs interrupt your rhythm, that's why cyclists don't stop."

"Oh," I said, "now I get it; if a traffic law interrupts your rhythm, it's okay to ignore it; it's all about rhythm."

George Virkus • Poolesville, MD

Tidbits

Poolesville Library's Annual My Favorite Character Contest

Students grades K-5 within the Poolesville area, public/private/home-schooled, are invited to enter the Poolesville Library Advisory Committee's annual My Favorite Book or Character Contest! This is a multimedia contest, so contestants can make their submission a poster, video, CD, poem, rap song, diorama, or you name it. Entry forms and details are available at the library. The most important thing is that each submission is made by the student alone without parental help.

Prizes awarded: \$50 gift card for winners in each grade level, \$25 and \$10 gift cards for second place and honorable mention, respectively. Deadline for entries is the first weekend in May, with an award ceremony later in May, date to be announced. Visit the library and ask any librarian for details.

Mense Achieves High Honor

Congratulations to Sophia Mense for receiving the Silver Trefoil Award from the Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital. This honor is awarded to Girl Scout Seniors (high school grades nine and ten) and Ambassadors



Sophia Mense

(high school grades eleven and twelve) who have performed a minimum of one hundred hours of service. To earn the Silver Trefoil Award, girls are required to provide twenty-five hours of national service (including five hours of green service hours), twenty-five hours of global service, and fifty hours of service to the Girl Scout community.

Poolesville on YouTube

The Town of Poolesville Facebook page (not to be confused with the Town of Poolesville Community Information private sector site) is now featuring YouTube videos of residents providing their insight into why they love Poolesville. Check out Suzanne Tallia and Alex Jamison who are first up and enjoy others as they come online. Be sure to check out and like this page, and you should check into the town website once in a while with all its new accessibility to town information.

In Dollars and Sense, Where Does Maryland Rank?

With National Financial Literacy Month in April, the personal finance website WalletHub released its report on 2015's Most and Least Financially Literate States—so how did we do in Maryland?

- #1: Percentage of People Who Spend More Than They Make
- #12: Percentage of People with a Rainy Day Fund
- #13: Percentage of Unbanked Households
- #9: Percentage of People Borrowing from Non-Bank Lenders
- #23: Percentage Paying Only Minimum on Credit Card
- #30: Percentage Comparing Credit Cards Before Applying
- #13: FINRA Financial Literacy Survey
- #4: Percentage of Residents with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher
- #20: Number of Library Branches per 100,000 Library Service Population

Time to Apply for Scholarships

Area high school students planning to go to college have many scholarship opportunities from which to seek support. Interested students can pick up an application and essay requirement from their guidance office. The following organizations are seeking applicants now:

The Rural Women's Republican Club will be awarding a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior from one of these Upcounty High Schools: Poolesville, Northwest, Seneca Valley, Clarksburg, or Damascus.

Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce: PHS only, \$1,000, essay format.

Monocacy Lions Club: PHS only, \$1000, essay format.

Odd Fellows Lodge 97: PHS only, \$1,200, essay format.

American Legion Post 247: PHS only, \$500, essay format.

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Barn Fire Affects Local 4-H Pig Program

January. The result affected the local 4-H pig program since all the piglets were reserved for other club members to raise for the Montgomery and Howard County Agricultural Fairs. In order to restart their efforts and without the funds to do so, Shannon's brother Patrick as well as Megan's dad Paul put together a website whereby friends and neighbors can donate to help replace the loss of animals and equipment. Both can be found at www.gofundme.com.

The cause of the fire has been ruled unknown by fire officials.

Things To Do

April 17

PHS Varsity Home Games

Volleyball. Damascus High School. Boys, 5:15 p.m.; coed, 7:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Brian Jamison Band. 8:30 p.m.

April 17, 18, 19

Countryside Artisans Tour

Self-guided auto-tour of artisan venues throughout upper Montgomery County. For details, visit www.countrysideartisans.com. 9:00 to 5:00 p.m.

April 18

Spring Rummage Sale

This annual fundraiser supports Poolesville Presbyterian Church's youth mission trip. Household goods, toys, furniture, adult and children clothes, and many other treasures. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church*. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Oasis Reggae Band. 8:30 p.m.

April 20

PHS Varsity Home Games

Baseball. Northwood High School. 3:30 p.m.

Softball. Northwood High School. 3:30 p.m.

Volleyball. Watkins Mill High School. Boys, 5:15 p.m.; coed, 7:00 p.m.

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

April 21

PHS Varsity Home Games

Outdoor Track. Quince Orchard and Seneca Valley High Schools. 3:30 p.m.

April 22

Staying Relevant in

The Changing Marketplace

Open to all businesses. A program sponsored by the Maryland Small Business Development Center. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Special Movie Screening

Please join MCA and PASC for an Earth Day screening of *Growing Legacy*. Join Poolesville seniors, students, friends, family, and neighbors to watch a movie made about our very own Agricultural Reserve. Learn more about this precious gem, one of the most successful farmland protection efforts, and only twenty miles from the steps of the White House. Featured in Greenfest and the Environmental Film Festival! Prior to the movie, both groups will tidy up one of the area's beautiful

Rustic Roads. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' tennis. Northwood High School. Boys, 5:15 p.m.; girls, 7:00 p.m.

Boys' lacrosse. Wheaton High School. 7:00 p.m.

April 23

PHS Varsity Home Games

Girls' lacrosse. Wheaton High School. 7:00 p.m.

PASC Special Event

Poolesville Area Senior Center. *Bocce at Whalen Commons*. 1:00 p.m.

April 23, 24, and 25

PHS Midnight Players Presents:

Seven Brides for Seven Brothers

This is a delightful musical presentation of the Academy Award winning film. Set in 1850 in Oregon, seven adoring brothers are challenged by an avalanche, which separates them from their brides-to-be during their courtship. Adults: \$12.00, Students: \$7.00. Tickets available at the school box office. Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Friday at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday at a 2:00 p.m. matinee and the evening performance at 7:30 p.m.

Annual Spring

St. Peter's Rummage Sale

Clothes, appliances, furniture, sports equipment, household goods, toys, computer and electronics, and much more.

Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 24

PHS Varsity Home Games

Volleyball. Churchill High School. Boys, 5:15 p.m., coed, 7:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Crackenbush Band at 8:30 p.m.

April 25

The Big Flea

A huge community-wide yard sale at *Whalen Commons*. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Earth Day Celebration

Wildlife and conservation exhibits. Family event. Free lunch, free admission. *Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter, Izaak Walton League, 2001 Izaak Walton Way (off of West Willard Road, Poolesville)*. 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Customer Appreciation

Day at Colony Supply

Corner of Routes 28 and 109. Free BBQ, door prizes, and more.

April 27

PHS Varsity Home Games

Baseball. Springbrook High School. 3:30 p.m.

Softball. Springbrook High School. 3:30 p.m.

April 29

PASC Special Events

Zumba Gold. 17750 W. Willard Road. 1:00 p.m.

CPR training and certification. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

April 30

PASC Special Event

Tai Chi. 17750 W. Willard Road. 11:30 a.m.

Salute to Jane Stearns

WUMCO special event honoring the

founder of the organization and her forty-three years of service. *Poolesville Baptist Church*. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

May 2

25th Annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament

For kids 6 to 16 \$1.00 to register. Join the fun-filled morning of trying to catch the largest fish. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Visit poolesvillemd.gov for more information. *Stevens Park Pond*. 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

House of Poolesville Entertainment

Brian Jamison Band. 8:30 p.m.



You won't want to miss this!

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Saturday, April 25
 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

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Burglary: 17700 block of Moore Road.

Robbery: 17600 block of Soper Street.

Theft from vehicle: 22200 block of Mt. Ephraim Road.

Theft: 20000 block of Fisher Avenue, 22600 block of White's Ferry Road.

Past Crime

April 10, 1910 A fall from a ladder killed an aged spinster who had lived her entire life in Kensington. Sheriff Viett said that Miss Kate Manakee, age 77, was standing on the ladder trying to brush cobwebs off of her ceiling when she lost her balance and fell headfirst down a flight of stairs. Her head struck a washboard, fracturing her skull, and death came within twenty minutes. Two physicians had hurried to the scene, but there was little that they could do. The death was ruled as accidental.

April 12, 1912 An eighteen-year-old girl awoke at 1:00 a.m. to find a man in her bedroom in Bethesda. When she screamed, the man slashed her with a knife and then fled down the hall.

Neighbors who were called found that the intruder had apparently escaped by pushing a screen out of a second floor window. Miss Margaret Oliphant, the granddaughter of the late General R. C. Drum, was treated by Dr. Chappel of Tenleytown who came to the house. In the meantime, the sheriff was notified and sent Deputy Sheriff Arthur Johnson to the scene. He found scrape marks on the floor which led him to believe that the burglar had a worn heel with a nail protruding. Within an hour, he had arrested Henry Carter who had been found nearby. To add to the mystery, a strange white shepherd dog was found on the front lawn. His owner could not be located.

April 19, 1907 Well-known and former deputy sheriff Edward Bradley swore out a warrant charging that Edward Kelly had forged his name to one of Bradley's checks in the amount of \$4.50 and cashed it. Bradley said that he was owed the money by Kelly who used that method of repaying the debt. Deputy Counselmen made the arrest.

April 22, 1907 Just a few days later, Bradley was in the news again. In a quite exciting and hectic case, a former Montgomery County deputy sheriff was arrested and taken to Washington after he pulled a gun on a host of Washington officers who came to his home on the Rockville Pike to interview him. It seems that Edward Bradley had been at the Wendell

Mansion when screaming was heard. Two boys saw Bradley run from the mansion and say, "A woman is being beaten by (another man)." Eventually, the Washington police arrived and were told of the departure of Bradley. They secured a car and drove to the Bethesda Post Office and obtained directions to Bradley's home on the Pike. Accompanied by Deputy Mervin Counselmen of Montgomery County, they arrived at the house only to find Bradley at the top of the stairway with a revolver saying, "I will shoot all of you." Counselmen then went to the home of a magistrate and obtained a warrant. The group of officers returned to Bradley's home and arrested him. The Washington officers took him to the city where they hoped he could identify the other man.

April 29, 1915 Montgomery Harris, a clerk in the store of W.W. Welch at Rockville, was instantly killed when the automobile in which he was a passenger overturned in a field four miles

south of Rockville. The machine was being operated by Dr. Robert Warfield, a noted dentist, of Rockville whose office was in Washington. Warfield had been driving north on the Pike with Harris as his passenger when, for some reason, his machine went out of control and overturned in the field. Warfield was taken to Georgetown University Hospital by a passerby, and the body of Harris was placed in the rear and also taken to the hospital.

W. C. Dove, the passerby, told Washington police that he was taking advantage of a good stretch of road when he saw the lights of the auto in the field. He stopped and immediately saw that a large quantity of gasoline was leaking from the gas tank, so he pulled both men out and away from danger. It was said that Sheriff Peyton Whalen would make a full investigation of the wreck in the morning.

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

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Draft Budget for FY2016 Premiers at Commission Meeting

income taxes (35%). Smaller amounts of revenue are generated from such sources as revenue sharing (from the state), interest income, and rental fees paid by wireless companies who have antennas on the top of the water tower.

The budget and the property tax rate now go to a public hearing which is set for April 20.

Two additional items occupied the commissioners' time. First, the town is in court now contesting a challenge to the sewer permit it was granted by the state after an extensive review. The town lawyer, Jay Gullo, said that he believes the suit, filed by a local citizen, is without merit and that the state met all of the proper legal operations in granting the permit. Gullo suggested, based on the arguments made in the filing made by the citizen, that a key focus of the suit has to do with slowing development which is not in any way related to the sewer permit. A hearing on the legal challenge is set for May 12.

Finally, there has been increasing interest nationally regarding the issue of raising chickens in residential backyards. Some citizens in Poolesville have asked whether town ordinances can allow for the raising of chickens in town residential areas. The commissioners have asked the Planning Commission to take a look at the issue and make recommendations.

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Focus on Business

Lee's Tree Service

By Susan Petro

Lee's Tree Service's owner, Mark "Lee" Peyton, is the third generation in his family to work in the tree business, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather. Peyton began learning the business alongside of his father, Mark Lee Peyton, Sr. when he was a young teen on his summer vacations. In 1991, the younger Peyton branched out on his own, and started Lee's Tree Service as a licensed tree expert. Back then, the business consisted of Peyton, one employee, and just one truck.

Today, Lee's Tree Service is a full-service tree maintenance and tree removal company with eighteen employees and a fleet of trucks and machinery. In 1996, Peyton moved his operations to his current location right outside the town limits of Poolesville on Morrow Road. The inviting office that blends right into the surrounding woods is completely adorned with a beautiful wilderness landscape mural painted by local artist Karen Kouneski.

Peyton's team of employees include licensed tree experts and highly-trained, conscientious crew members who provide a variety of services including tree removal, trimming, pruning, stump-grinding, and lot clearing. If necessary, cranes are brought in to help with the removal of trees in tight or dangerous areas. Special care is given to every client to ensure that prize plantings, delicate landscapes, or intricate stonework is protected from damage during their operations. A twenty-four-hour hotline is available for emergency tree service.

Lee's Tree Service is not just about tree-trimming and removal, though. Their services also include deep-root fertilizing, ornamental tree and shrub

care, property evaluation, and tree selection advice. They also provide tree planting services for trees that are too large for the average homeowner.

Office Manager, Valerie Landis, has worked for Lee's Tree Service for over six years. She describes her co-workers as a tight-knit group that works together as a team to ensure that everything runs smoothly. "Everyone's job here is important, and we take great pride in what we do," said Landis. "I believe that is the recipe for the excellent reputation that Lee has."

Landis said she has received all kinds of unique requests over the years. She described the emotional attachment that many clients have to their trees. Many worry about the loss of habitat for the birds and squirrels. One woman was very emotional when a cherry tree that her grandfather had planted many years before had to be removed because it had died. Landis suggested to her that they could cut and save a two-inch circular section which could be used to create a clock with a little sanding, varnish, and a quartz clock kit from a craft store. "She absolutely loved that suggestion," said Landis.

Peyton clearly takes pride in his company, employees, and the community of Poolesville where he has resided for the past seven years. He and his team of employees enjoy volunteering and giving back to the community. They help with many local projects around Poolesville, including an annual cleanup and maintenance of Poolesville High School's natural habitat area near the greenhouse building, close to the athletic fields. Peyton donates trucks and manpower for the annual mulch delivery sponsored by the Poolesville Athletic Booster Club, and has helped with projects for the Historic Medley District and other charitable causes.

Lee's Tree Service is a member of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Better Business Bureau,

International Society of Arboriculture, and the Tree Care Industry Association. The company won numerous service awards over the years, including the Super Service Award from Angie's List in 2014, Best of Poolesville Award, and was recognized by the Washingtonian Magazine as one of the top-rated tree service companies in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia area.

When not working or volunteering, Peyton enjoys spending time with his family. He can often be found cheering on his children at local sporting events or helping out with school activities.



Mark "Lee" Peyton of Lee's Trees.

Local News

Park and Planning Solicits Darby Store Bids

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) has issued a request for proposals to select a tenant for the Darby Store, located in the Beallsville Historic District at 19801 Darnestown Road. M-NCPPC intends to lease the store to a qualified end user who will reinvigorate the building while keeping in mind its historic character.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting for potential tenants will be held Tuesday,

April 21 at 10:00 a.m., in the park activity building at Owens Local Park, 19900 Beallsville Road, Beallsville. For a proposal to be considered, potential tenants must attend the pre-bid meeting where the RFP will be discussed. The Darby Store will be open for inspection following the meeting from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Representatives from M-NCPPC will explain the process to be used to select a tenant, outline conditions for use of the historic site, and answer questions.

For more information, contact Julie Mueller at julie.mueller@montgomeryparks.org or 301-650-4390. To obtain a copy of the RFP, which is due June 8, 2015, email: Jana.Harris@MNCPPC.org.

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The Sanctuary

that, for the first time, I have come to realize how civil unrest turned to war in the 1860s. We had better be careful.

Yet, here in the Poolesville area, we seem to have escaped this acrimony. Perhaps it is that we are simply too small, too well-connected to let political animosities rule the day. I think one reason is that our local politics are non-partisan. Here, political party or even ideological slants do not identify our elected officials. Candidates run as individuals not coalitions. A willingness and desire to serve with no compensation are all that is required.

If the national animosities seep into our communal political experience, then our small town culture could be in jeopardy. Once in a while, I sense attempts to bring the bitterness of national politics into our local dialogue. I hope we can keep our hometown a political sanctuary, though. I hope we can maintain our mutual-admiration society as diverse parents, students, workers, business owners, professionals, and volunteers united through shared respect and admiration and not ruled by bitter and angry political confrontations.

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School News

The Poolesville Cluster

By Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz

PHS MIT INSPIRE

Competitors Bring Home Awards

PHS was well represented among the winners at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) INSPIRE competition. Students presented their posters this April 8 at MIT, fielding questions from judges, students, and other visitors. Christy Ng and Emily Yuen won honorable mention. Sydney Yuen and Poirity Coulibaly won second place in their categories. Brianna Pierce and Christina Tao won first place in their categories. Sydney Yuen was honored with the Mozart award for the most original research in the competition. Mr. McKenna was recognized as the runner-up for the Athena award, which is awarded to the top mentor. Collectively, the students returned with \$11,000 in cash prizes.

INSPIRE, Inspiring the Nation's Students to Pursue Innovative Research in the humanities, arts, and social sciences, is organized by the MIT INSPIRE student group, with support from MIT's School of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences. Approximately one hundred students nationwide were selected as finalists and alternates.

Washington Post Names Leong All-Met Swimming Coach of the Year

On April 13, the *Washington Post* named PHS swimming and diving coach Jon Leong 2014-2015 All-Met Swimming Coach of the Year. This recognition follows a stellar season for the PHS swimming and diving team. Leong coached the Falcons to their fourth straight Maryland 3A/2A/1A state championship, and the Falcon girls to a third state title.

Austrian Exchange Student Finds Much to Love at PHS

Lisa Lasinger arrived at PHS in early January from the picturesque city of Linz, Austria, population nearly 200,000, through the Education First (EF) exchange program. Lisa, age 16, is a sophomore. She will be at PHS through June.

Her first impression? "I didn't expect Poolesville to be this small," she said. EF students don't get to pick the school or specific town or city for their placement. They do choose a destination country. Lisa made the decision to become a foreign exchange student in the U.S. after her older sister enjoyed her experience in Wyoming.

Within her first twenty-four hours in Poolesville, however, Lisa learned how welcoming a small town could be. Her host family, Harald and Nicole Ehrentraut, with daughter Isabelle, age 13, currently a student at the Barnesville School, used the Poolesville Facebook page to seek families with students at PHS. The Gruber family responded and arranged a get together at Mooey's. With instant new friends, Lisa was ready for her first day of school the next day.

Lisa is enjoying every minute of her experience at PHS and at the Ehrentrauts' small farm. Both environments are very different from life in Linz. "School here is completely different from my school at home," says Lisa. At school in Linz, the students stay put and the teachers move between most classrooms. The school day is longer, and schedules change daily. Plus, with a mandated curriculum, there are no electives. Another difference: no snow days!

"Sports are not part of school at home like they are here. They are extracurricular," says Lisa, who loves all sports. She skis and snowboards regularly and plans to work as a ski instructor when she returns home. At PHS, Lisa has joined the girls' JV lacrosse team. Lacrosse is not a well-known sport in Austria, and Lisa struggles to explain the game to her mom by phone.

Lisa's favorite class at PHS is algebra, though she enjoys Mr. Turner's government class and his storytelling. "U.S. Government is hard for me because I don't know much about it. Mr. Turner personalizes for me by putting me in his stories," she says with a smile.

According to Lisa, PHS teachers explain things more logically and are more personable than many of her teachers in Linz—though she's quick to add that there are good teachers in Austria, too.

Lisa is amazed by the size of the United States, compared with Europe, and how long it takes here to travel to destinations. For example, a recent trip to Williamsburg, Virginia with the Ehrentrauts took nearly five hours. "In five hours at home, we would be across Austria and into Italy," Lisa says. Also, Americans' dependence on cars differs from life in Linz, an ancient city that reserves a district exclusively for foot traffic.

Lisa and the Ehrentrauts have a long to-do list. Tops on the list are visiting New York City, and taking in a baseball game.

The Ehrentrauts are thrilled to have Lisa join their family. Harald is

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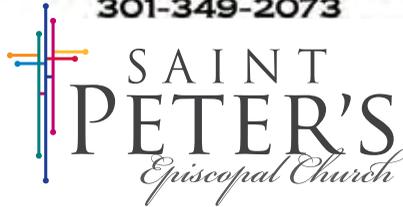
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Seneca Schoolhouse Museum Receives Historic Preservation Award

windows were replaced with historically-correct ones; the roof was repaired and painted; all of the masonry was repointed with the correct mortar; the parking area for the school buses was reclaimed and landscaped; the school interior was cleaned and repainted; the massive stone entry step was replaced; and new enclosures for the modern-day outhouses (port-a-potties) and the pot belly stove wood supply were built. The contractor for this renovation was Dan Seamans of Dan Seamans Renovations, LLC.

Today, the schoolhouse hosts more than a thousand students during the school year for "back in time" field trips. These fourth graders come from public, private, and home schools from Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia. The school is also open by appointment for visits, birthday parties, and other events.

School News

The New Queen Of Poolesville

By Dmitri Agnew

Once again as the Tides of spring start to roll around, an important competition creates a stir in Poolesville High School: Miss Poolesville. This year, ten girls competed valiantly to be queen: Allyson Convers, Sally Miller, Sydney Abella, Suzanne Creedon, Christina Furr, Erin Foy, Maggie Reed, Nancy Jamison, Mona-Mae Juwillie, and Patricia Franks. They danced, they

curricular activities from sports, theater, clubs, or a combination of several to show off their active wear.

Fortunately, there's more to a woman than just fashion, and the ladies showed it. After months of hard work and preparation, they dazzled the crowd and performed their talents, running the gamut from dancing to making a music video.

Then again, what's wrong with fashion? The ladies strutted their stuff in glamorous formal wear, escorted by family members, significant others, or just friends. At this point, the drum metaphorically rolled and the field of ten was narrowed to just five lovely contestants. How would the judges

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The Miss Poolesville contestants: Patricia Franks, Allyson Convers, Sally Miller, Nancy Jamison, Sydney Abella, Suzanne Creedon, Christina Furr, Erin Foy, Mona-Mae Juwillie, and Maggie Reed.

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sang, they performed various skits, they did what they needed to do to try to win the adoration of the audience—and the all-important votes of the judges.

The competition opened with an introduction video that revealed all the nominees for Miss Poolesville "training" for the Olympics. Some of the sports included synchronized swimming, track, and cheerleading. The comedic video showed all the girls competing to become the winner of not only Miss Poolesville, but the Olympics, as well—why not?

As heart-warming laughter echoed through the auditorium, the projector screen was raised and all the girls found themselves onstage displaying their causal and active wear. First, the girls paraded their casual wear, walking on stage wearing their favorite casual clothing in a sort of modeling walkway. Following the modeling session, the girls wore their clothes from their various extra-

choose just one? They would most likely ask a question. Maybe something like: "If you could talk to anybody in history that ever lived, who would you talk to and why?" This one was a toughie because there was no way for the contestants to prepare in advance. As each girl came onto the stage to answer the question, the remaining contestants were kept backstage under an imaginary Cone of Silence; nevertheless, each contestant replied nobly and with honor—each one able to answer the questions coolly and to explain her choice with excellent reasoning.

Finally, after mucho deliberation, the judges made their choice: The new Miss Poolesville is Mona-Mae Juwillie. Mona-Mae's performance of "Valerie" by Amy Winehouse and "Proud Mary" by Tina Turner accompanied by four back-up dancers was beautifully done—that coupled with her answer of Martin Luther King, Jr. solidified her spot as Miss Poolesville of 2015.

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Youth Sports

PHS Wrestling Continues Winning Tradition

By Dominique Agnew

The tragedy of high school sports is that the season always ends in loss—unless the team wins the state championship—and only one team per division can do that. By the time wrestlers compete at the state wrestling tournament, they are usually no longer wrestling as a team, but, in the case of the Poolesville High School wrestling team, at least, they've been united through blood, sweat, and tears so thoroughly for months, that each individual loss is felt profoundly, and, intuitively, they share in the joy of their teammates that made it to the big weekend, an accomplishment that is a feat in itself.

This year, five outstanding PHS wrestlers made it to the state tournament at Cole Field House at the University of Maryland, College Park: seniors, Dmitri Agnew (132-pound weight class) and Luke Maher (126); junior, Kyle Wilkins (220); and sophomores, Chris Danna (106) and Brian Truppo (113). Two made it to the medal rounds with Wilkins placing third and Truppo placing sixth.

did not disappoint, by winning the region championship for his weight class.

Says Wilkins on his successes, "My expectations were a lot greater with one year under my belt, but I had no idea how I'd actually do." If he wasn't sure of himself, his teammates were and showed it by voting him as one of the captains at the beginning of the season. "It was a great honor," says Wilkins. "It indicated the players looked up to me and that I had to be a role model." He has, naturally, set a higher goal for himself for next year: "Winning states. Since I did so well this year, next year, I can definitely make it to the top."

The team had a solid season despite numerous injuries, making it to the Region Dual Championship at which the top four teams in the region compete, this their seventh year in a row. For the fourth year in a row, the wrestling team has won the 3A/2A division title by compiling an undefeated record in the division over that time frame. This exceptional model of consistency is even more impressive when one considers that Poolesville is the only 2A team in the county this year (this will change next year as Poolesville moves up to 3A).

Another highlight for the team was winning the Winter Blitz Tournament held at CH Flowers High School in Prince George's County. The team

second place. Junior Justin Budd (160) and Danna placed third.

Overall, the team went 9-5 in the county.

Along with the new wrestlers that come with any season, some with and some without experience, Tim Tao joined the coaching staff, bringing both youthful exuberance and technical expertise that promise to make Poolesville even better. Coach Tao wrestled in high school for Wheaton and later for the University of Maryland. Last year, he coached at Magruder with his brother A.J. Tao, after six years as coach at Quince Orchard. "I actually loved it," Tao said of his experience joining the Falcon family. "I really enjoyed the coaching staff. I didn't know Dorsey and Agnew on the level I know

them now. All three of us together made a phenomenal staff. We all bring something to the team."

Dmitri Agnew, captain on the team, added, "With this team, with a new coach, and a lot of inexperienced wrestlers, we were able to compete against high-level teams and also beat them." Agnew, like many others, put in their worthiest efforts for the team. "Wrestling meant doing the best for my team and for myself because I owed it to my coaches who have trained me for the past four years."

Other seniors that are graduating from the program: Michael Bent (captain), Ryan Siegel, Chase Garrett, K.J. Wilkins, Nick Kibbey, Vincent Posey, Brittany Trent, and manager Lexi Dorsey.



At the University of Maryland's Cole Field House in College Park for the state wrestling competition: Coach Tao, Luke Maher, Chris Danna, Dmitri Agnew, Brian Truppo, Coach Dorsey, Kyle Wilkins, and Coach Agnew.

All five made it to states through the difficult road of the county and region championship tournaments. At counties, Agnew placed fifth, Truppo, third, and Wilkins impressively won the county championship. In the region, Agnew placed second, Maher placed fourth, Danna and Truppo, third, and Wilkins, again,

placed eleven of its fourteen wrestlers at the tournament, sending six wrestlers to the finals. Agnew (in his first wrestling bouts after spending five weeks out with a knee injury) and senior David Frenlich (138), along with sophomore Brian Truppo, were tournament champions. Maher, junior Ryan Lentz (145), and Wilkins, took

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School News: Exchange Student

originally from Austria—about thirty minutes from Linz—and though he enjoys the opportunity to speak German with Lisa on occasion, “I am really only supposed to speak English,” Lisa says.

For information about hosting a foreign exchange student or for information about the EF Program, contact Daniela Zeppos, EF Coordinator, by email daniela.zeppos@efexchangeyear.org or by phone 301-253-3771.

Together in Education Makes Cash Award to PHS PTSA

Harris Teeter, Inc. recently awarded the PHS PTSA \$3,801.79 through its Together in Education (TIE) Program.

Since 1998, Harris Teeter, Inc. has donated more than \$22 million to local schools. The TIE program works by having shoppers link their Very Important Customer (VIC) cards to their home schools, and when they purchase Harris Teeter brand products, Harris Teeter, Inc. contributes a percentage of the purchase dollars to the school of the customers’ choice (public or private, preschool through twelfth grade). Schools may use the funds at their discretion.

According to PHS PTSA president Lucy Lock, the PHS PTSA will purchase and install outdoor furniture for student use. “The students need more places to socialize comfortably outside,” says Lock. “We are thrilled that this award will make it possible to provide more options for our students.”



Deborah Mitchell of Harris Teeter, Inc. congratulates SGA president Suzanne Creedon, and Lucy Lock and Judy McKenney of the PTSA, on PHS's Together In Education Award.

PHS’s award is part of a bonus program created by Harris Teeter in the Northern Virginia market to recognize schools that meet bonus standards. For example, schools that raise between \$1,000 and \$1,999.99 over the course of the year with their VIC card purchases receive a \$1,000 bonus at the end of the school year. Schools that raise \$2,000 or more over the course of the year receive a \$2,000 bonus check at the end of the school year. The Harris Teeter store in Ashburn, Virginia is six miles from Poolesville (via White’s Ferry), making it the closest store to PHS and where PHS earned its cash award.

PHS earned \$3,321.84 in the second earning cycle, thereby earning the \$2,000 bonus, making the school’s total award more than \$5,000. The TIE program now continues into its third earning cycle, March through May, with future earnings possible.

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The Ultimate Roof Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

Few large cities in the world devote as much space to nature as London does. Scattered all over this bustling, cosmopolitan area are large sweeps of green; some are open and spacious—Regent's Park, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Green Park, Holland Park—while others are small and hidden in community gardens, private gardens, and garden squares. One such hidden gem is the Roof Garden in west London. Tucked high above Kensington High Street is this urban oasis of trees, shrubs, flowers, and wildlife. It has a very interesting history.

It came to life on the roof of the Derry & Toms department store. This store was originally set up in 1862. It subsequently went through several changes, and by 1933, the store opened as a large seven-story building. The gardens were the dream of Trevor Bowen, the vice president of John Barker & Co., the department store giant that owned the new building. While visiting New York, Mr. Bowen admired the roof gardens at the Rockefeller Center, the work of Ralph Hancock, a Welsh landscape designer. He asked Hancock to create similar gardens on the roof of his department store Derry & Toms.

Starting in 1936, Hancock designed three distinct gardens on one and a half acres seven stories above street level. They opened to the public with much fanfare in 1938. They survived the bombings of World War II, the glory days of the fifties and sixties, and the fashion designer Bibi until 1975. The gardens have been leased by Sir Richard Branson as part of Virgin Limited Edition since 1981.

When I was in London recently, I had the pleasure of touring these gardens with head gardener David Lewis. Amazingly, these gardens still look very much like they did in 1938. There is the Spanish Garden, based on the design of the Alhambra in Grenada, Spain; the Tudor Garden; and the English Woodlands. Hancock brought in—or rather brought up seven floors—over five hundred species of plants, shrubs, and about seventy trees, of which seven remain today from the original plantings.

It was a special treat to view the gardens with Mr. Lewis. His passionate love of his gardens is quite evident. We started in the Spanish Gardens. Upon entering the ornately-tiled courtyard, you are whisked out of urban London and into a Moorish garden with

fan palm trees, fig trees, pomegranate trees, flowering vines, ornately-carved Moorish pillars, a long, narrow rill, and wrought-iron balconies. There are Mediterranean plantings, but there are also daylilies, roses, and other brightly-colored perennials and annuals in the hot, strong colors of Moorish Spain. The flowering plants, shrubs, and trees were just starting to bud and come alive. The beds were well tended and weed free. I asked David how many people work in the garden. He said three, he and two other gardeners. That is a full time job.

Walking through a shaded, stone-paved walkway, we arrived at the Tudor Garden, which is made up of three courtyards with surrounding brick walls and four Tudor-style arches. The plantings of hedges, boxwood, and Tudor-era flowers are around the perimeter, as this area is often used for entertaining events. In keeping with the design ideas of the 1970s of Barbara Hulanicki, founder of the fashion brand Biba, only black (or very dark) and white flowers are used. I asked David if he had any roses, a favorite of Tudor gardens, in his garden. He did have some David Austin roses. We discussed the challenges of growing roses, especially without the help of chemicals. He agreed that it is difficult, and he does not use chemical pesticides or fungicides. I do think though that the climate of London is better for roses than the climate of Monocacy country.

The third garden is based upon an English woodland, complete with a small lake with cascades, bridges, willow trees, rhododendrons, hedges, Mandarin and Carolina wood ducks, and four elegant, pink flamingoes. Narcissus, crocus, muscari, snowdrops, and bluebells bloomed everywhere. If you do not look above the garden's walls and see the tall London buildings in the distance, you could imagine yourself in a small woodland in the English countryside.

David started working in the Roof Garden eight years ago, and he has done an amazing job maintaining and improving the gardens, while keeping to the garden's original design. The gardens have been listed as a Grade II site by the English Heritage in 1978. To celebrate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Roof Garden, David, sponsored by Virgin Limited Edition, entered into the 2014 Chelsea Flower Show an artisan garden based on designs by Ralph Hancock of the Spanish Garden and his 1939 Chelsea Show Mediterranean-inspired garden. It featured wrought-iron work, Moorish pillars, and plantings. It won a coveted bronze medal.

Gardening on a rooftop one hundred feet above street level carries

its own challenges. All plantings and equipment must come up via the lift or a crane. Wind exposure increases the need for frequent watering which must be done by hand. The soil depth in all the planting areas is no more than eighteen inches, so maintaining an adequate moisture level is very important. Being so high up, they don't have problems with the usual predators: squirrels, mice, rabbits, foxes, and deer. They do have insects, but the birds usually take care of them. They are very lucky that they do not have our invasive nemesis, the Japanese beetle.

David believes very strongly in leaving a low-carbon footprint, while using twenty-first century environmental practices. He uses no chemical fertilizers, pesticides, or fungicides. I asked him if he used mulch. He said yes, but it is a different product than what we use in our area. It is peat-free and consists of a mixture of ground bracken, sheep's wool, and aged horse manure. I have never heard of wool used as a mulch, but it works very well as a means of good natural water retention as it releases nutrients to feed plants.

As a gardener, I thoroughly enjoyed the two hours we spent discussing gardens, especially his unique gardens. He has many new plans for the gardens, but they all will ensure that they remain true to Ralph Hancock's designs and dreams. I am sure that there is another Chelsea Flower Show entry evolving in David's mind. I



An English woodland garden on the roof.

asked him if he enjoyed showing there. I mentioned that since many discussions of Chelsea comment on the high level of intensity that exists before and during the show. Will the tulips, delphiniums, or roses hold their buds open just enough until the big week? Will the weather cooperate and not flood the Chelsea Physic's Garden grounds? What will the judges think? It is said that some people enter Chelsea only once. David absolutely loves the intensity of the show. He thrives on it, and he can't wait for his next entry.

David applies this same sense of intensity every day to his "Kensington gardens in the sky." The next time you are in London, escape the frantic pace of London and enter the ultimate rooftop garden and be transported to another, calmer world. The gardens are open to the public, but call first as there might be an event in progress.

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Emily B. Carlin, 90, of Boyds, died on March 25, 2015. She was the loving wife of H. Leon Carlin. Born on March 31, 1924 in Mississippi, she was the daughter of the late Owen and Georgie (Thompson) Burrow. Emily was well regarded as a nurse and volunteer at Sibley Hospital and a thirteen-year volunteer at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

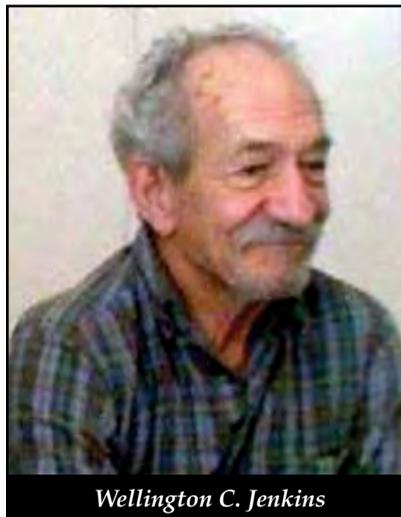
Besides her husband, she is survived by one daughter, Nancy Carlin of Gaithersburg; five grandchildren, Danielle, T.J., Steven, Emily, Malia; and two great-grandchildren. Emily was preceded in death by one son, Patrick Warren, one sister, Edna Sellers, and one brother, George Burrow.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838 or Montgomery Hospice Casey House, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850.



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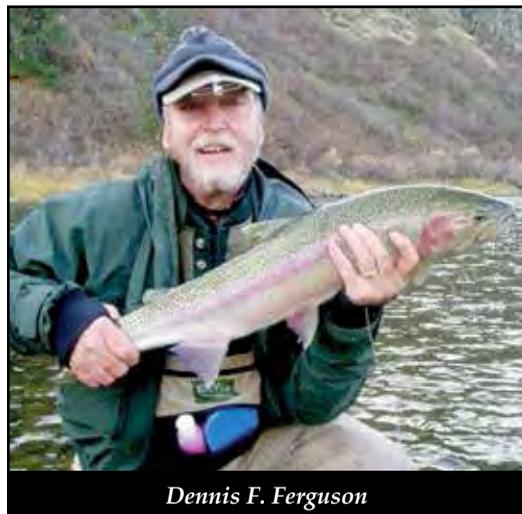
Wellington C. Jenkins



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Wellington "Jenks" C. Jenkins, 87, of Gaithersburg, died on March 22, 2015. He was the husband of the late Nellie Marie Jenkins. Born on July 31, 1927 in Whitestone, Virginia, he was the son of the late James and Mammie Jenkins. "Jenks" proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1946 to 1954. Surviving are his children, Raymond Bonney of Ahosky, North Carolina, Frank Jenkins and wife Ruth of Damascus, James Jenkins and wife Jennifer of Gaithersburg, Roxanne Griffith of Frederick, Randy Jenkins and wife Sandy of Adamstown; one brother, Benjamin Jenkins and wife Hazel of Chesapeake, Virginia; fourteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Dennis F. Ferguson



Dennis F. Ferguson

Dennis F. Ferguson, 64, of Poolesville, passed away on March 24 at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He was the beloved husband of thirty-eight years to Shelley Ferguson and the loving father of Jason Ferguson (Emily) of Grass Lake, Michigan, and Nicole Fayard (Tyler) of Poolesville. Dennis was the son of the late Francis E. and Agnes A. Ferguson; brother of Alvah (deceased), Harvey, Sharon, Cindy (deceased), Larry, Kimberly, and John; and uncle to

four nephews and nine nieces. He is also survived by four adoring grandchildren, Beckett and Liam Ferguson, and Lillian and Violet Fayard. A Celebration of Life for Dennis was held on Sunday March 29 at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League, Poolesville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 East Ohio Street, Suite 304, Chicago, IL 60611-3201 or at www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org.



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