

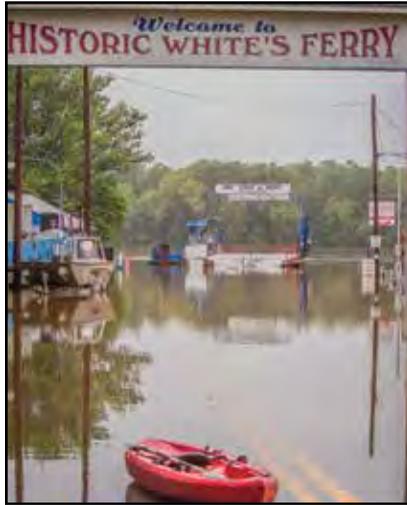
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At least flooding at White's Ferry didn't make the record books. See more in Family Album on page 2.



Doug Tressler, our community's Outreach Officer, has announced his retirement. Read about him in Tidbits on page 7.



From this vantage point, Poolesville Day was an amazing view. See more pictures of the big day on page 8.



The Guv and Abe became best buddies on Poolesville Day. See more pictures of his historic visit on page 19.

Poolesville Day Breakfast for County and State Leaders Promotes Multi-Use Facility

By Link Hoewing

The committee that has been promoting the construction of a new high school as part of a multi-use building combining needed Upcounty facilities such as a clinic, senior center, and police substation sponsored a breakfast on Poolesville Day for candidates and officers in the county and state to promote the idea. More than twenty officials and candidates attended. They breakfasted on food prepared by the local Watershed Café and heard remarks by Poolesville Commission President Jim Brown explaining the concept of co-locating a high school with other facilities. They also saw a five-minute video featuring interviews with local leaders, views of the high school, and some of the services that are needed in the Upcounty, plus entreaties by local children about the need for a new school.

Brown pointed to Montgomery County's reputation for fairness and innovation in supporting the idea of



Commissioners Brown and Klobukowski with District 3 candidate for the MCPS Board of Education, Lynn Amano, admired a rendering of a possible new school for Poolesville.

such a facility. He acknowledged that the county has supported the high school by creating several magnet programs that have made it one of the best

academically-performing schools in the state and nation, but he said that the success was "despite the facilities" **Continued on page 23.**

HGBA Celebrates Twenty Years

The Hope Garden Ballet Academy (HGBA), located in the center of Poolesville, will celebrate twenty years with a gala event on October 6 at the Aix la Chapelle Farm. This ticket-only, black-tie event at the dairy-barn-turned-ballroom in Poolesville will also help launch the new Hope Garden Foundation to support aspiring dancers: Giving Dancers a Leg Up.

Billed as an Evening of Elegance, the anniversary event will commemorate twenty years of HGBA and ten years of the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre (HGCBT). The event will begin with a welcome reception as the sun sets over the estate at Aix la Chapelle and will continue with a formal seated dinner, an auction, performances, music, and dancing.

Founder and Artistic Director Fran Ichijo sees the event as a fitting way to celebrate twenty years of running a



Hope Garden Ballet's renowned professional productions are a hallmark of its twenty years of performances. Dancer Christina Zhang in HGCBT's spring production of Pocahontas.

ballet school. "Poolesville has been an ideal place to have my ballet school, which I did not realize when I started

with just three students twenty years ago," Ichijo said. "Directing HGBA has **Continued on page 18.**"

Family Album



PACC 5K co-chair Kathy Mihm watched as the 2018 runners began their grueling 3.25-mile run.



After area scouts policed Whalen Commons in their annual post-Poolesville Day cleanup assignment, little Noah Biggs was supervised by dad Mark. Little Mr. Biggs likes toys from Dollar General, so Dad makes sure he does some work to earn them.



Every year, concerned citizens come together to spruce up the streets of Poolesville just prior to the big annual event. Kudos to these dedicated volunteers.



Better to park a boat in the White's Ferry parking lot.



The tension began to build just before the Poolesville Day 5K race started.



With a burst of energy, the tension gave way to the runners' adrenaline spike as the racers took off.



Florence left her calling card in the area prior to heading further north.



Coming in at 17:07, Anthony Meza and Sam Bodmer became the first-ever tying contestants in the PACC 5K.

Photo by Terri Pitts

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Town Government

Commissioners Approve Historic Plan To Upgrade and Improve Fisher Avenue

By Link Hoewing

In a unanimous vote (Commissioner Valaree Dickerson was absent), the Town of Poolesville commissioners approved a concept plan to remake the town's main street, also known as Fisher Avenue, at their September 10 regular meeting.

The plan, known as the Streetscape, was first conceptualized in the late 1990s as part of the master planning process. The town is required by state law to adopt a new master plan every six years, and many of the concepts in the just-approved Streetscape plan grew out of early ideas that were a part of the master planning process.

In the mid-2000s, the Planning Commission put more "meat on the bones" of the Streetscape plan that was then released for public comment. In that plan were concepts that are in the proposal the commission has approved, including a roundabout, bump outs to slow traffic, and enhanced pedestrian crosswalks and sidewalks. Over the years since then, those ideas helped drive improvements in Fisher Avenue, including better pedestrian access. The Streetscape plan is built around key concepts, including improving pedestrian access and safety, slowing and improving traffic flow, and beautifying Fisher Avenue.

The commissioners were quick to point out that the plan they adopted is not a detailed engineering proposal but rather a concept plan, a guide improve and enhance Fisher Avenue. It will take years for many of the plan's concepts to become reality and, even then, it is likely that some details in the plan will change, but the overall concepts are likely to remain in place and will serve as a guide for future town actions.

One citizen's comments at the town meeting suggested that the plan was aimed in part at "helping businesses" and said that this is not what the main objective should be for the town.

In response, Town Commission President Jim Brown pointed out that safety in particular was a main concern and asked, "Is anyone here tonight satisfied with the crosswalks, for example, at McDonald's?" No one raised his or her hands, and Brown said that he did not expect that anyone would. He reinforced the point that safety, increasing the attractiveness of the town's main thoroughfare, and improved-but-slowed traffic flow were key goals of the plan.

The cost of the plan was also raised by a citizen. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski answered that the town has been very successful in attracting grants for its projects, and he did not expect that the full costs of the improvements would be borne by local taxpayers. He also reminded that the town has long saved for projects over a period of years and accumulated funds over time necessary for improvements and maintenance. He expected that would be the case with the Streetscape plan.

Another criticism raised about the plan was the alleged lack of adequate notice to the public. Town Manager Wade Yost replied that the plan was first developed in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Many of the concepts in the current plan were included in those early plans, and Planning Commissions over the years have had numerous hearings and public sessions concerning the Streetscape vision; furthermore, several articles about the plan have been published in the Monocle in recent months.

Before considering and approving the Streetscape plan, the commissioners heard from a candidate, Amie Hoerber, who is running for the District Six seat in Congress; Poolesville is in District Six. Mrs. Hoerber remarked that the district is very diverse, running from Deep Creek all the way to Potomac. She touted her long career as a defense official in government and as a security expert. She said she was committed to a campaign focused on the issues and civility in debating the issues. She pointed to the fact that she has already issued white papers or taken positions on issues she feels are important to District Six, including the opioid crisis, attracting small business investment, safety and security in schools, and transportation improvements. She specifically said she opposes a bridge across the Potomac in the Ag Reserve and did not expect that such a bridge would ever be approved in her lifetime.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Light the Torches, We Are Ready for Battle

By Rande Davis

I remember as a kid watching the 1931 black-and-white movie *Frankenstein* with my favorite part being the mob scene of villagers storming the castle with torches lit and pitchforks held high. The expression on each person's face was angrier and even more scary than anything poor Frankenstein could muster. The "monster" actually was a most sympathetic creature. Just to make sure you don't misunderstand; no, I did not see it in a theater but on a special 1950s program called *Million Dollar Movie* (my favorites of all time were *King Kong* and *Mighty Joe Young*). Back in the fifties, if a movie cost a million bucks to make, that was a big deal.

I am thinking of this movie mob scene as we initiate our "battle" to get a new multi-purpose high school building funded. In the past, we have been astounding as a community in "marching" on Rockville to get the board of education or county council motivated to meet our needs. We can be proud of our past successes: The Poolesville Elementary School built, then expanded; building a dedicated middle school; saving Monocacy Elementary; getting the Elgin bridge built that spans the creek that so often flooded and isolated us from down county emergency services. There are so many in this town who can recall their time of standing in line by the school bus, at dark, waiting for the doors to open, to fill with neighbors heading to Hungerford Road—not just parents, either: Kids, grandparents armed not with torches or pitchforks but with homemade signs proclaiming our need. Lining up in the BOE conference room to speak while others had to wait and view in an adjoining room. It's no longer good enough to simply have our passions heard.

The sound of silence of people hearing without listening is our doom. We need to be truly and thoroughly listened to, and there is a difference. There is no battle ever faced by this town greater than the one we need to

win now. Unlike many issues that have been faced by Poolesvillians, often dividing us with competing visions of the future of the town, this one has no room for division, no room for pitting one group against another. We had better understand that passion alone will leave us emptyhanded.

Passion, with or without torches and pitchforks, just won't be enough. This battle is the most sophisticated challenge we have ever faced. We have a great team working on our "Fair Access" to county services. Rallying the community is one thing, corralling outside decisionmakers to our side another. Much of the most important work, though, will need to be done, not in the legislative halls and board rooms, but one on one, or in small groups, meeting with the public sector movers and shakers in Rockville and Annapolis. The full scope of our financial needs to build the school most likely will include a private sector element as well.

Think of it this way: If you were in legal trouble of whatever degree, what is the one thing you need the most? That's right, the best lawyer you can find. While we may need the torches and pitchforks at some point, right now, we, as a town, are about to hire a legal team to represent us. Part of the choice of a legal team may be impacted by our decision in the upcoming commissioners' elections. Who among them can get the job done?

We have three candidates now and may have even more before October 6. What skill sets do each have that assure us they can go toe-to-toe with key, top level politicians, county and state governmental leaders, even chief operating executives from the private sector?

The coming six weeks is our time to make this assessment. Share your ideas with each candidate. Share your ideas, listen to see if they really hear you. Learn from them in detail not simply their passion but their approach to getting this job done. The PACC will have a town forum where all candidates will espouse their visions and their strengths. Make sure you attend Thursday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Poolesville Town Hall. After all, you don't want to "go to court" with anything less than the best lawyer you can hire.

Local News

2018 PACC 5K Ends In First-Time Tie

By Rande Davis

Congratulations to the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Monocacy Lions Club for an outstanding and record-setting Poolesville Day 5K Run/Walk. Despite concern over weather problems relating to Hurricane Florence, the 2018 race fielded 290 runners/walkers, beating the previous record of 283 set in 2016.

While so many people from both organizations contributed to its success, special applause goes to Kathy Mihm (for her umpteenth-zillion years in co-chairing the event), PACC president Gail Lee, and Lions Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz and Roger Brenholtz, for their dedicated leadership.

For the first time, the race ended in a tie between Sam Bodmer (16) and Anthony Meza (17), both coming in at 17:07 minutes. Joshua Tiren (17) rounded out the top field coming in third at 18:27.

The top females were Nandini Satsangi (17) at 19:35, thirteen-year-old Anna Bodmer at 21:20, and Logan Rohde (16) at 22:04.



Bernie Mihm took first place in the over-sixty age category in the PACC 5K. Hey, Bernie, you're getting up there, but don't sweat it: The sixties are the new fifties!

Among the youngest set, seven-year-old Isabel Smalley came in at 44:68. which is all the grander consider she ran with such short legs. Finishing first was eight-year-old Mirowicz

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Center Stage

Milling about amongst the Artwork

By Andie Devynck

Wet roads, light fog, and a cool, steady drizzle did not keep the art lovers at home on Saturday, September 8, when the Hyattstown Mill Arts Project (HMAP) held the opening reception of its 19th Annual Membership show. HMAP co-founders, Bobby and Cyndi Donovan, welcomed artists and visitors with food and drink, and an invitation to stroll around the warm and well-lit main floor of the old mill house, built in 1798. A collection of paintings, photographs, drawings, books, mixed media, and sculpture, hung and placed in maze-like precision to lure the viewers throughout the space, represented the variety of HMAP member artists.



Attending the recent Hyattstown Mill Arts Project show were Irene Kelly, Alan Gramley, Mike Shaffer, Cyndi Donovan, and Sharon Shaffer.

The member artists who showed paintings this year were Charles Bartley, Javier Beruff, Joel Cohen, Cynthia Jennings Field, Alan Gramley, Risa Hackett, Susan Due Percy, and Peter Whitaker. Bonnie and John Collier and fellow photographer Mark Maeder presented a mix of digital and old-school prints. Bobby Donovan, Robert Trussell, and Mark Wamaling exhibited their drawings, while writer Leea Baltes's illustrated book for children entitled "Goodnight Wishes!" sat by the main entrance. Willy Yowalski presented a work in enamel; Denise Wamaling and Debra Ambush in mixed media; and Mike Shaffer's sculpture, the only in the show, sat centrally in the exhibit space.

Irene Kelly, HMAP's publicist and an artist herself with a pastel painting in the show entitled "Storefront on West Howard," spoke of the ongoing efforts by the Donovans and the local artist members to keep the spirit of the arts culture and historic building alive in northern Montgomery County. Besides member shows, she says, HMAP is an artist's palette of activities for the creative public, including artists' and writers' groups, song and jam sessions, an outdoor sculpture trail, a summer film festival, poetry and reading events, and even a Saturday drawing group along with other classes and workshops.

HMAP's mission is "to enhance, preserve, and celebrate cultural achievement in and around the greater Hyattstown region through educational enrichment and the pursuit of artistic excellence. In cooperation with artists, businesses, government, and the community, HMAP works to provide opportunities for the creation and enjoyment of artistic expression and the appreciation of cultural heritage." The group exhibits en plein air during its annual road show, held in concert with the residents and the Friends of Historic Hyattstown, and also collaborates with the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown.

The show runs through September 30, so there's still time to pop in for a look-see. Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and by appointment. To find more information about HMAP, including upcoming events, visit hyattstownmill.org or call them at 301-830-1142. You, too, can add your talents and vision in keeping the Ag Reserve arts and culture dream alive and making sure there's never anything run-of-the-mill about HMAP.

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In Your Own Backyard

Summer Walks along the C&O Canal

By Jon Wolz

During July and August, I continued walking along the C&O Canal on mild mornings with my friend Steve Horvath, and when he was not available, I brought along Violet. July was a month of two different seasons. At the beginning of the month, forecasters had predicted a record dry July, and by month's end, it was one of the wettest Julys on record. Fortunately, the Potomac River did not flood the canal park as it had done in June. In July and August, the cicadas were very loud, and by the end of August, the loud chirping of crickets contributed to the cacophony of the cicadas.

On one walk with Steve, as we approached Lock 26, we came across three cyclists admiring the lock and the giant silver maple tree. I pointed out the foundation for the lockhouse and the stone bypass flume. The bypass flume is a ditch that allowed the lock tender to flow water around a lock from the upper canal level to the lower canal level. I told them about the significance of the maple tree saying that it is the largest silver maple tree in Maryland. The three women were from Washington, D.C. and were cycling all the way to Pittsburgh! They had begun their trip the day before at the beginning of the canal's towpath in Georgetown and were planning to stay in bed and breakfasts they had reserved along their route.

On a different walk, I picked up several spent bottle rockets and other trash inside the prism of the Monocacy Aqueduct as Steve walked along the outer wall above me looking out at the Monocacy River tree debris that had accumulated against the aqueduct. A group of seven young children led by an adult came onto the aqueduct towpath from up the canal. I could hear the leader complimenting the children on their good behavior, giving them a rating of nine out of ten. Suddenly, the leader screamed, "Don't do that!" as I was bent over picking up trash. At first, I thought she was shouting at me as I jumped and stood up straight. A boy had stepped over the towpath foot railing and was stepping back over to the towpath as I looked up. There is a roughly eight-foot drop into the prism from the towpath. Seeing me jump, Steve laughed loudly. I do not know if the leader changed the rating for the outing.

At the aqueduct, some of the wooden foot railings are rotting and need replacing. The "Bikers Dismount" signs had been knocked to the ground earlier this year. I turned both of them in to the National Park Service (NPS). They have not been replaced. Cyclists should not use the rough, uneven towpath but should pedal on the concrete aqueduct prism.

Steve and I noticed great blue herons and little blue herons standing on logs above the water in the canal. Violet pointed at a great blue heron standing in shallow water by the granary ruins near White's Ferry. On different walks, there was an elusive great white egret that would fly off up the canal each time I tried to take a picture of it. Steve and I saw and heard several pileated woodpeckers. These birds are large, black-and-white woodpeckers with a long red crest. They leave behind well-chiseled holes where they feed on a variety of insects. When they are chiseling, they make a very loud repetitive knocking sound.

Steve and I saw a painted turtle with dried green algae on its shell attempting to cover up a hole with its hind legs next to the towpath next to the canal. Along the canal near milepost 40, where the canal has water, Steve and I noticed several bare dirt spots next to the water by the towpath. We think turtles dug holes and buried eggs in these spots. Steve and I noticed a significant leak near culvert 68 which is before lock 27 and the lockhouse. The water was flowing freely from the side of the towpath wall down to the Potomac River. I reported the leak to the NPS and to Steve Dean who is the head of the level walkers for the C&O Canal Association. This stretch of the towpath has been prone to leaks over the past three years. Earlier this year, when the NPS was repairing the towpath and a leak, I asked what they thought was the cause of the problem. They mentioned that possibly tree roots seeking water in the canal could be the cause. Another theory offered was that when the canal was built, this section of the towpath was built by using the dug dirt from the prism. The trees cut down and stumps removed from the pathway of the canal were placed along the side of the prism, and the dirt was piled on top of the trees and stumps to make the towpath. Now, the buried trees may be rotting, causing the towpath to shift and sink. This section of the canal was built about 185 years ago. When the NPS repairs this section of the towpath, the canal is drained, and it takes a few months to fill in any holes and to refill the canal with water.

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Tidbits

Savage Receives Scholarship

Catherine Savage is the 2018 recipient of the \$5,000 Gene Iager Agriculture Scholarship which was awarded during the Maryland State Fair open Holstein show. Catherine is a former 4-H member from Dickerson and resides on a dairy farm with her parents, Kevin and Laurie. She is a sophomore at Virginia Tech majoring in dairy science with a minor in ag business and animal and poultry sciences. At college, Catherine is active in the Virginia Tech Dairy Club, acting as the ice cream social chairperson as well as assisting with milkshake sales and a food drive and will be competing on the Virginia Tech dairy judging B team this fall. She has been a member of the Montgomery County 4-H Club for eleven years, holding several offices including president. She is also a past Maryland Jersey Queen and Princess and Alternate Maryland Dairy Princess.



Catherine Savage, right, accepted the Gene Iager Agriculture Scholarship from Mr. Iager at the Maryland State Fair.

Catherine has been a member of the Maryland 4-H dairy bowl team, Maryland 4-H dairy judging B team, and competed at the National Holstein Convention on dairy bowl teams and speech contests. While in college, she hopes to take the opportunity to seek out different internships to help direct her in what area of the dairy industry she wants to pursue.

Officer Tressler to Retire

Doug Tressler, Montgomery County Police officer who has been our Community Outreach Officer, has announced his retirement planned for the end of this month. He has been a police officer for approximately thirty years; starting out in Anne Arundel County for five years before taking a hiatus to work in the insurance field. The desire to be an officer never left, though, and Tressler rejoined the force and became an officer for Montgomery County twenty-five years ago, spending much of those years working the midnight shift.

As part of his outreach efforts, Officer Tressler has been very active with the UPN (Upcounty Prevention Network) and has provided valuable information to the community about the prevalence and effects of drug use and prevention outreach.

Poolesville commissioner, Valaree Dickerson, has previously summed up Tressler's service to the Poolesville community: "Officer Tressler has dedicated his work hours and personal time to helping one person or twenty, one day at a time. He is so genuine and makes it impossible to turn a blind eye watching the way he has given to our community."

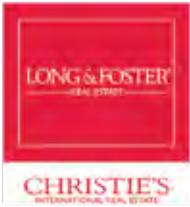
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Zumba Gold: Wednesday in gym at 1:00 p.m.

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September 21

Monthly Community Dinner

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September 21 to 23

The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

Home décor and refurbished home decorations. Friday: noon to 8:00 p.m., Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and Sunday: noon to 5:00 p.m.

September 22

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer. Seneca Valley. 12:00 p.m.

House of Poolesville Patio Night

Featuring Poverty Ridge. 4:30 p.m.

September 23

30th Anniversary of Kunzang Palyul Choling

The public is invited to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the *Buddhist Temple on River Road, Poolesville*. The festivities will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a Buddhist Long Life Celebration, followed by a traditional Mandala Offering to Jetsunma. Offerings of a scarf or kata make a connection with the teacher for students and the general public who wish to participate. Then, at 3:30 p.m., we will enjoy Tibetan lama dancing, traditional ceremonies, and musical entertainment, along with delicious food donated by local restaurants.

The entire event is free and open to the public. It's an opportunity to explore the sixty-five-acre Peace Park, see the temple shrine room, and visit the Stupas, sacred Buddhist monuments. 2:00 p.m.

September 26

Poolesville Area Senior Center's Wellness Wednesday

Dr. Maryam Esmaeli from the Audiology Center of Maryland will discuss hearing loss and balance issues. Poolesville Town Hall. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 26

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey. Seneca Valley. 7:15 p.m.

September 27

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Girls' soccer. Rockville. 7:15 p.m.

September 28

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September 29

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October 1

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Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

October 2

PHS Varsity Home Games

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Girls' volleyball. Damascus. 6:30 p.m.

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In the nine-year-old group, Jonathan Saunders took the blue ribbon with 34:32. Congrats to the other nine-year-old, Elis Princ Prels, finishing at 55:21.

Zooming up to the older groups, special kudos to Jeanette Novak, who, at age seventy-four, was the oldest entrant, robustly finishing at 41:57. Bernie Mihm took the blue ribbon for those sixty years of age and above at

25:21, followed by PHS cross country coach Prasad Gerard at 25:27. Keith Gordan rounded out the top three at 27:38.

In the female over-sixty runners, congratulations to Vilkie Owen (28:45) for first place, followed by Stacy Surla at 32:38 and Janet Wolf at 45:28.

Special mention should go to all over-sixty participants who finished the run: Matt Bent, Maynard Dewey, Michael McCarthy, John Kitchen, Richard Miller, and Enu Meiappan.

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Youth Sports

New Coaches Notch First Wins at PHS

By Jeff Stuart

There were rain delays and changes of venue, but the new coaches in football, field hockey, and girls' volleyball all eventually earned their landmark first victories at PHS.

The first win for Justin Sickeri's football Falcons came on Saturday, September 8 on the road against Kennedy. PHS won 26-6. Due to rain, the game was moved from Friday night to Saturday night, and the game was played at Blair due to a wet field at Kennedy.

Colin Hemingway's two-yard touchdown run opened the scoring for the Falcons. Xavier Kresslein's kick was good. The Falcons led 7-0. Kennedy responded with a touchdown, but a two-point attempt failed. Aaron Brown and Hemingway both scored on short runs to give Poolesville a 19-6 halftime lead. In the third quarter, the Falcons' Ethan Gaddis intercepted a Cavalier pass and returned it to the Kennedy fifteen-yard line, and the Falcons' Zach Onderko caught a touchdown pass from Brown to finish out the scoring.

The Falcons picked up their first home win of the season on September 14, defeating Winters Mill, 45-33. After WMHS scored to tie the game at thirteen, all with just nineteen seconds left in the first half, Jaylen Riggs took the ensuing kickoff and ran it back for the score. The Falcons led 19-13. Hemingway scored on a three-yard run to open the scoring in the second half. Brown had a twenty-seven-yard touchdown pass to Hemingway, and Hemingway added a thirty-yard touchdown run to put PHS up, 39-20. The final Falcon score came on a thirty-yard touchdown run by Desmond Brown.

In field hockey, new coach Katie Weaver had to wait for her first win. The season opener against Clarksburg was postponed, and the second game at home against Rockville was delayed a week by rain, but on Friday, September 14, the Falcons defeated Rockville in their season opener, 2-0. "Clare Wilson had both of our goals off assists from Rachel Bupp," said Weaver. "They were both scored on penalty corners. Gwen Boe (goalie) had three saves. The first goal was in the first half, twelve minutes into the game. The second goal was late in the second half, fifty-seven minutes into the game. It was a good start to the season, and we got to finally get on the field and play. Still some things to work on, but we played well together."

Weather did not interfere with the girls' volleyball schedule. On September 11 at Kennedy, the Falcons picked up their first win of the year defeating Kennedy, 25-9, 25-6, and 25-17. Kristen Yee had an eighteen-point service run in the second game. The play of that game involved a great diving defensive dig at the end line by Bryanna Sellers on the second hit and a follow-up backwards hit by Yee. In the first game, there were some strong hits by Ainsley Barger, Ashley Diller, Sofia Lopez, and Angela Wang.

On September 14, the Falcons traveled to Northwest to take on the three-time state champion Jaguars. They were tied at 7-7 in the first set before losing 25-12 and tied at 9-9 in game two before losing, 25-17. In the third set, they were tied at fifteen and trailed only 20-19 before losing a spirited rally that could have tied the game. They lost, 25-21. A spectacular dig by Yee and a block by Grace Tang highlighted a terrific overall effort by the Falcons who battled throughout and improved each game.

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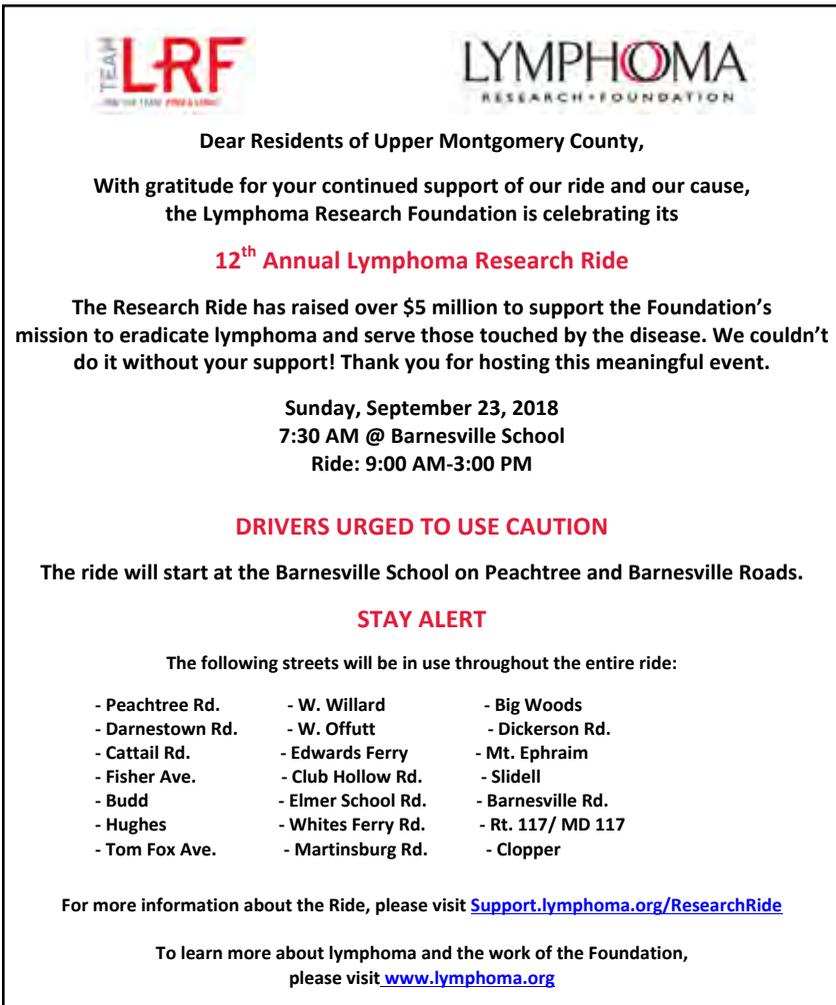
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Youth Sports

PHS Adds Six to the Hall of Fame

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville High School Booster Club inducted six individuals into the PHS Hall of Fame on September 14 during halftime of the second home football game of the season, a 45-33 win over Winters Mill.

Gene Phillips, a 1972 graduate, played basketball, baseball, and soccer, earning nine varsity letters. He was named to the First Team All-County soccer and basketball teams. He was the leading scorer on the basketball team and one of the top ten scorers in D.C. area. Gene went on to play basketball at Chesapeake Community College where he led the team in scoring and assists and was conference MVP. He was inducted into the CCC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003.

Gus Johnson, also a 1972 graduate, played basketball, baseball, and soccer. Gus earned eight varsity letters and was the leading rebounder and most valuable player in basketball. Gus also

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2018 Sports Hall of Fame inductees: Nancy Hopkinson, Janelle Thompson, Maureen Duvall, Randy Clark, Gus Johnson, and Gene Phillips.

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played at Chesapeake Community College where he was named to the All-Region Team and First Team All-American in 1974. He was inducted into the CCC Hall of Fame in 2012.

Randy Clark, a 1993 graduate, excelled in soccer, basketball, and track and field. He earned nine varsity letters and was a starter on the varsity soccer and basketball teams all four years. In track and field, he was the 1A state high jump champion in 1994. Randy attended Salisbury University where he was a two-year captain of the basketball team and named to the First Team All-Conference Team in 1995-1996.

Maureen Duvall, a 2005 graduate, played girls' and co-ed volleyball. She was a part of three region titles, one state semi-final, and two state finals with the girls' team. She was named First Team All-County in 2002, 2003, and 2004, Player of the Year in 2004, and Second Team All-Metropolitan in 2003 and 2004. She was also named to the Gazette's 2000-2009 All-Decade First team.

Maureen attended Shippensburg University on a volleyball scholarship from 2005 to 2009 where she was named first team All-Conference in 2006, 2007, and 2009, and second team All-Region in 2008. She is Shippensburg's second all-time assist and service aces leader.

Janelle Thompson, a 2004 graduate, participated in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track and field. In her four years at PHS, Janelle earned three region and state titles in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs. She was a two-time state champion in the 4x800 relay, and a member of five state track championship teams. She was twice named All-Met Honorable Mention by the Washington Post for indoor track. She was two-time All-State for cross country, and made the All-County team in all three sports.

Janelle attended Towson University where she ran cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track.

Nancy Hopkinson coached swimming, field hockey, boys' tennis, and JV softball at PHS from 1980 to 1999. She started and coached the first swim and dive team at PHS from 1980 to 1996. During that time, many of her swimmers qualified for metros each year and went on to swim in college. In 1981, she took over as the varsity field hockey coach. That team started out with only twelve players, but by the mid-eighties, there were forty to fifty girls trying out. By the mid-nineties, the teams were defeating some of the strongest teams in the county and winning region championships. In the late nineties, the team played in the state finals. Many of her players were named to the all-county teams and several went on to play in college. Nancy was twice named coach of the year by the Gazette and Montgomery Journal newspapers.

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HGBA Celebrates Twenty Years

been like raising a twenty-year-old child: The time passed so quickly, yet you worked 24/7, nonstop to raise them out of love, so it never seemed like trouble."

This event will mark not only twenty years of hard work but also the inauguration of the Hope Garden Foundation, which seeks to support students in need. All proceeds from the event will go toward the Hope Garden Foundation, which has been established to provide ballet students with training, toe shoes, equipment, and summer intensive program fees. The foundation will also provide enrichment through field trips to see professional ballet companies at the Kennedy Center and in New York. In addition, by participating in the live auction, attendees can support HGCBT, a nonprofit organization that sponsors ballet theater productions twice a year.

"I want to celebrate and welcome everyone to a fun and memorable evening, while launching what I see as a bridge for many students to benefit from, the Hope Garden Foundation," Ichijo said.

Training in classical ballet is a precious commodity, and classical dance performances have the capacity to bring magic, joy, and delight to audiences of all ages as well as to their participants, Ichijo said. The study and performance of classical ballet is costly, however, and requires rigorous instruction, including the training of advanced students six days a week during the academic year and participation in intensive programs during the summer, as well as the purchase of numerous pairs of toe shoes, an ongoing expense for dancers throughout the year. The foundation will help students with such costs.

Ichijo has taught classical ballet to aspiring dancers for more than forty years in Korea, New York, and the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area. She is a proponent of the Vaganova system of ballet and received her teaching certificate with commendation from the Académie de Danse Classique de Princess Grace de Monaco, under the tutelage of Marika Besobrasova in the 1980s. She started Hope Garden Ballet Academy in 1998 in Poolesville, and launched the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre in 2008. Ichijo won the prestigious Lifetime Impact Award in 2016 from

the Montgomery County Arts Council, Executive's Awards, for helping children in the arts, and influencing audiences throughout the county. Her dancers have gone on to become soloists and principals at ballet companies around the world. Hope Garden students have qualified for supplemental summer training at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C., Ballet West in Salt Lake City, Utah, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, The Rock School in Philadelphia, Orlando Ballet School, Joffrey Ballet, Maryland Youth Ballet, and others.

Ichijo's unique use of traditional classical ballet repertoire incorporated into stirring story ballets is a trademark of her work. She has created over six full-length ballets, including the local favorite, *A Christmas Carol*, performed at the Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville every Christmas season, as well as over eighty vignettes and choreographic works for students and professionals.

Last spring, HGBA performed *Pocahontas* at Poolesville High School. Ichijo created this original ballet based on her visits to Jamestown, Virginia, and her reading of accounts of John Smith's journey and oral history of the Mattaponi.

"History is often recorded by the victor, so the story of Captain Smith is more well-known," Ichijo said. "I tried to take what seemed to be in common to both accounts and what made for a good ballet."

HGBA continued to perform over the summer. On August 10, HGBA held a performance at the Rockville Jewish Community Center that raised over \$1000 for Madison House Autism Foundation, earmarked for the equestrian therapy center Madison Fields, in Dickerson. This show included pieces by Texture Contemporary Ballet from Pittsburgh; the ballet's director, Alan Obuzor, also choreographed a new piece for HGBA dancers. Additional choreography was provided by Ichijo and Anton Wilson, a teacher at the Kirov Ballet Academy and the Baltimore School of the Arts.

HGBA's next performance of *A Christmas Carol* will be held on Saturday, November 24, at the Fitzgerald Theatre. Ticket information will be available soon on the HGCBT website.

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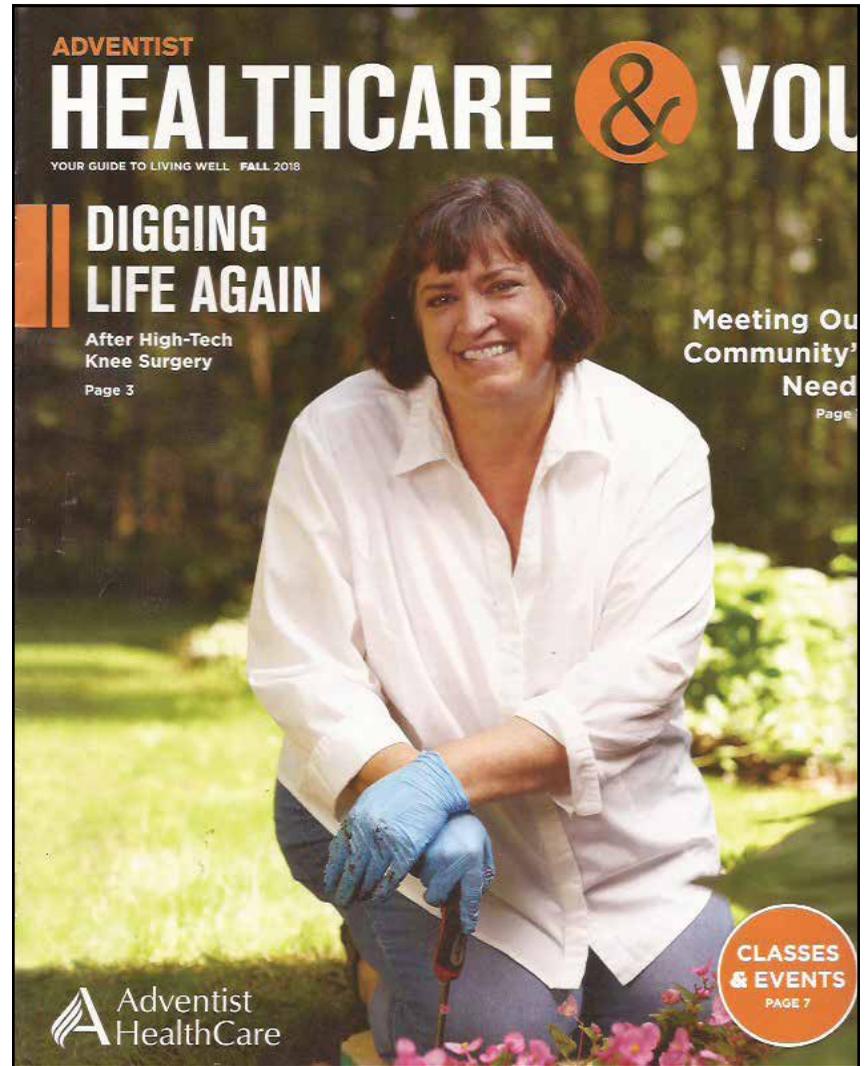
Tidbits

When Tressler is not working, he enjoys spending time with his family and grandchildren. His youngest daughter is following in her dad's footsteps and will graduate from Montgomery County's Police Academy next month.

We suspect he will be spending a lot of his free time with his pets. A passionate animal lover, he describes himself as "the worst foster-failure ever" who now has six dogs and two cats. "Once they come to our house as a foster animal, that's where they live until their days are finished."

The entire community of Poolesville and the surrounding area applauds his long service to us and extends our very best wishes to him in his retirement.

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Remembrances

Patti Sue (Flohr) Harner-DiCarlantonio

Patti Sue (Flohr) Harner-DiCarlantonio, of Frederick, passed away at age 59 on September 9, 2018 at Shady Grove Hospital in Rockville surrounded by her loving daughters. Patti was the loving wife of the late Joseph DiCarlantonio.



Patti Sue (Flohr) Harner-DiCarlantonio

Born on January 17, 1959, to Ruth Flohr and the late Carroll Flohr. She was preceded in death by her sister, Nina Gilmore. Patti is survived by her daughters, Patricia A. Harner and Brittany I. Harner; sisters, Holly Rippeon, Karen Benson, Vickie Haskins, and Carol Flohr; and grandchild, Haley S. Johnson. Patti's hobbies included riding motorcycles, going to Rehoboth Beach, dancing with friends, and spending time with family.

Friends and family are welcome to attend the service, officiated by Scott Graham, on Sunday, September 23 at 11:00 a.m. at Moose Lodge No 371, 828 E Patrick St., Frederick, Maryland 21701. Luncheon and Celebration of Life to immediately follow. Casual attire.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Boyds Credit Union, P.O. Box 75, Boyds, MD 20841, designated as a college fund for Haley S. Johnson, Account #1315.

Mary Susann Raugh

Mary was the beloved daughter of Dennis and Catherine Raugh. She was born in Queens, New York. The family moved to Poolesville when she was seven years old, and she was a 1987 graduate of Poolesville High School. She enjoyed crochet and music, science fiction and renaissance fairs. She was involved with Comedy Sportz, an improvisational comedy group, for over ten years as the person behind the registration desk. She was a secretary at Fine Earth Landscaping for approximately twenty years where she also had the pleasure of caring for the company cats as well as being a "cat wrangler" at home.



Mary Susann Raugh

Mary was preceded in death by her father Dennis and sister Sharon. She is survived by her mother Catherine of Poolesville, sister Anne of Frederick, brother Michael (Julie) of Laurel, sister Connie of Frederick, and brother John (Barbara) of North Carolina. She adored her nephews and nieces: Adam Raugh (Dana), Ian Raugh, Sarah Last (Matthew), Ben Raugh, Caitlin Johnston, Alexandra Raugh, and Isabelle Raugh. She will be laid to rest at St. Mary's Cemetery in Barnesville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations go to the National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org.



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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Theft: 20000 block of Fisher Avenue.
There were also several other calls involving transporting mentally-ill residents to the hospital and incidents where citizens wanted to pass on confidential information to the police.

Past Crime: 1940

Sgt. Guy Jones, a twenty-year veteran of the department, was acquitted by the police trial board of neglect of duty. Jones had been accused of improperly supervising his officers when a mob broke into the Jehovah's Witness hall in Gaithersburg and assaulted several of the members. Jones testified that he had only two officers at his disposal and that the crowd was so boisterous and rowdy that he and his officers could not have possibly stopped the crowd short of gunplay.

County police were searching for twenty-two-year-old James Barcus who had murdered his nineteen-month-old baby by lifting him up and

bashing his head into the ground. All of the commotion happened in the front yard of a house in Lincoln Park where the mother, Millie Frazier, had gone for protection. Barcus and Frazier were the parents of the child and were separated. Barcus had come to the house, grabbed the child from Frazier's arms, and ran out of the house into the front yard where he killed the child.

Montgomery Police were assisting Mrs. Merle Thorpe whose police dog had been missing for seven days from her home on the Rockville Pike. Montgomery County did not yet have a K-9 unit, but the dog was described as a "police dog" because it was a German Shepherd. Lir, pronounced Leer, had a unique habit of chasing other dogs that chased autos and nipping at their ears. Police told Mrs. Thorpe that they had other cases of missing dogs that were returned to their owners as soon a reward was announced.

A man walked into the Silver Spring station and told Detective Frank Lane that he heard that "they" had been looking for him. Detective Lane questioned the man who said, "If I had committed a crime, do you think I'd come to the police station?"

Lane replied, "That's just what you did." The man, Charles Kelley of Forest Glen, then confessed to stealing \$32.50 from the Capitol View Ice Cream Mart after breaking into the building.

Detective Theodore Volten traveled to San Antonio to pick up a prisoner. While in town he noticed that every

man was wearing a cowboy hat. He was directed to a hat store where the owner showed him a few hats and said, "You look like a detective, I'd buy this one." Volten did.

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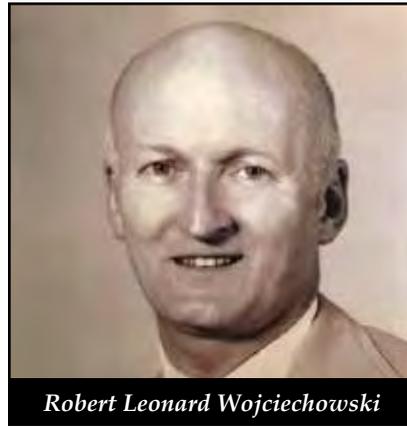
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Robert Leonard Wojciechowski

Robert Leonard Wojciechowski, of Hillside Farm, Barnesville, passed away September 2 at Frederick Memorial Hospital under the care of Frederick Hospice. Born in Jersey City, New Jersey on August 18, 1930, he was the caring son of the late Joseph and Stella Wojciechowski and grew up in Cranbury, New Jersey.



Robert Leonard Wojciechowski

After graduating from Hightstown High School in 1948, he began a lifetime of public service when he served with the U.S. Army 7th Army Headquarters Staff, Patch Barracks, Stuttgart, Germany. Decades later, he would delight in showing his children and grandchildren that he still fit into his uniform. Following military service, he attended Rutgers University and was employed as County Office Manager in the Middlesex-Somerset-Union office of the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (USDA-ASCS); the agency is now the USDA Farm Service Agency. In 1965, he was appointed New Jersey State USDA-ASCS Director, transferring in 1970 to the Office of the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He later served as the Assistant Director, Southwest US for ASCS, completing thirty-nine years of federal service with countless family farms assisted. Upon USDA retirement, he joined the staff of the Barnesville School, where he was affectionately known by all as "Mr. Bob," retiring again in 2000.

Bob was a distinguished 4-H member, representing New Jersey in Leadership at the National 4-H Club Congress and retiring with the coveted President's Trophy for NJ Beef Member of the Year after three wins. When he was not busy baking, gardening, practicing his cherished accordion (that only later in life his children fully appreciated), or tending to his small flock of chickens, he was a lifelong devoted 4-H volunteer and parent, a dedicated member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Monocacy Lions Club, the Montgomery County Agricultural Center, and the Montgomery County Farm Bureau.

Recognizing the importance of science and giving back, he donated his body to medical research.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Madeleine Greene; children Kate (Jon) Grussing of London, England, Robert M. of Boonsboro, Christopher J. (Carol) of Middlebrook, Virginia, and Adrienne (Tom) McCann of Washington, D.C. His six grandchildren loved their "PopPop": Austin Wojciechowski, Alexandra, Charlotte, Maxwell, and Madeleine Grussing, and Madeleine Riley McCann. He is survived by his sisters, Eleanor Berry of Cornelius, North Carolina, and Irene Holak of Whiting, New Jersey, and sister-in-law Mary Wojciechowski of Monroe, New Jersey. He was predeceased by his brother Eugene Wojciechowski.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church and Shrine, Barnesville, on October 6, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with the family greeting friends from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Inurnment will be at Arlington Cemetery at a date to be determined. Please consider a donation to Hospice of Frederick County, 516 Trail Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702; or St. Mary's Haiti Project, which funds education and economic development in Carcasse, Haiti, c/o, St. Mary's, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838; or The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association USA which supports research into the genetic defect of Bob's granddaughter, Alexandra; or a charity of your choosing.

Wesley "Adam" Scott,

Wesley Scott, 39, of High Point, North Carolina passed away at Hospice Home at High Point with his family by his bedside. He is survived by his beloved wife of sixteen years, Jennifer Burrell Scott. Jennifer graduated from Poolesville High School in 1993.

He is also survived by his wonderful sons, Nat, 13, and Mason, 10. A memorial service was held on August 9 in High Point.

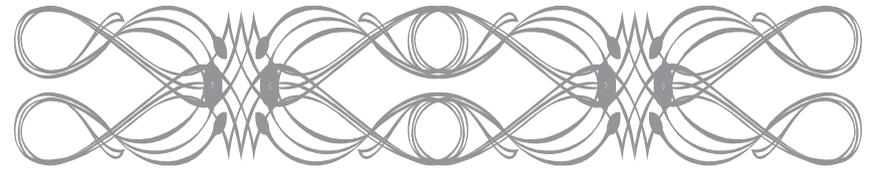
Jo Ann Boxall

Jo Ann Boxall, 74, of Boyds, passed away on September 14.

Jo Ann was the loving wife to the late Edward U. Boxall. Born on November 10, 1944, in Boyds, she was the daughter of the late Leonard S. Cole and Ellen Mae Nelson.

Jo Ann is survived by her two sons, Charles E. Boxall, Sr. (Susan) of Hagerstown and William C. Boxall (Kendal) of Brunswick; four sisters, Helen Sharitz of Knoxville, Maryland, Doris White of Tampa, Florida, Alice (Becky) Mitchell of Ranson, West Virginia, and Valerie Cole of Kearneysville, West Virginia; five grandchildren, Charles and James Boxall, Keith, Jennifer, and Amanda Shoemaker; and eight great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to John Marsh Cancer Center of Hagerstown, 11110 Medical Campus Rd., Suite 129, Hagerstown, MD 21742.



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Poolesville Day Breakfast for County and State Leaders Promotes Multi-Use Facility

not because of them and that the school, parts of which were built in 1953, needs to be rebuilt.

He also pointed to the innovative leadership of the county in creating the Ag Reserve and noted how important the Reserve is to Poolesville and to the entire Washington-metropolitan area, but the county had for too long ignored the fact that we live in a "services desert" in the Upcounty. The model of co-locating facilities, developed as a new alternative approach after years of efforts to secure a new Poolesville High School, is an innovative and fair solution to both the need for a new high school and as a means of providing services that are lacking in the Upcounty and deserves to be supported by county officials.

In attendance at the breakfast was almost a "who's who" of candidates and county and state officials. Although Governor Hogan himself did not attend (he did attend the Poolesville Day parade), one of his key deputies Ben Wu, the Deputy Secretary for Business and Economic Development, was there. All three candidates for county executive, Nancy Floreen, Marc Elrich, and Robin Ficker, attended as did candidate Andrew Friedsen who is vying to take over the District 1 council seat where Poolesville is located. Evan Glass and Will Jawando also attended the breakfast; both are running for an at-large council seat.

Several school board members or candidates came to the event including Patti O'Neill (a five-term member of the school board representing District 3), Lynn Amano, running for the District 3 Board seat, and Judy Docca and Maria Blaeuer who are running to take over the District 1 Board seat representing much of the Ag Reserve and Poolesville. At-large school board candidates, Julie Reiley and Karla Silvestre, also attended. Sitting council member Hans Reimer came to the breakfast as well.

Attending from the state level were Sen. Brian Feldman, who represents the District 15 that includes Poolesville, and Poolesville resident David Wilson who is running to take over the District 15 seat. Several candidates for other state offices also attended, including Marc King, Lily Qi, and Harvey Jacobs who are running for the District 15 state legislative seats.

General reactions from the politicians in attendance were positive and supportive. Many also acknowledged that it was helpful to learn more about what is happening in the Upcounty and how citizens in our area are faring. It was also noted that the county has been studying the idea of co-located facilities and has built some schools with limited co-located facilities such as libraries or clinics (focused on serving students and their parents). The county council is also planning, it was mentioned, to consider officially adopting a report on co-locating facilities that was completed some months back.

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Summer Walks along the C&O Canal

Walking along the canal during the summer, the golden ragwort flower can be seen in several locations between White's Ferry and the Monocacy Aqueduct. Between mileposts 36 and 37 near White's Ferry, in the swampy canal prism, beautiful rose swamp mallow grows out of the green-algae-covered water. The flowers of this plant, related to the hibiscus, are light pink with eyes of deep maroon.

Walking with Violet in late August, we came across a ripe pawpaw in the middle of the towpath near milepost 36. Pawpaws are the largest edible fruit indigenous to the United States. Pawpaws taste similar to bananas or mangos with the

consistency of custard when they are ripe. I shook a few pawpaw tree branches that had fruit, but none fell to the ground. Pawpaws that do not fall are not ripe. Through mid-September, the pawpaws will ripen. I enjoy eating them and sucking on the large hard brown seeds as I walk. Pawpaws were eaten by Native Americans and favored by George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. In the vicinity of where I found the ripe pawpaw, mosquitoes were thick, so Violet and I walked briskly up the towpath until we were away from the mosquitoes. Pawpaws can be eaten raw, baked into pawpaw cream pies, used as a flavor when making homemade ice cream, or mixed into pancake batter.

The forecast for September is calling for hot and humid weather. I will walk along the canal on days that are mild, and I am looking forward to fall walks.

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Your Pets and Halloween

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Here comes All Hallows' Eve again. Time for the tiny ghosts and goblins to strut their costume stuff and collect their candy consumption for the year. It is also a very important time to protect your furry family members from unexpected dangers.

1. **Candy is not your pets' friend.** There is no reason to give candy to your pets. There is even a greater risk they will find the stash you or your kids have collected. It does not take a lot to cause severe stomach upset. That is fun for no one.
2. **Strangers at the door.** Your pets will not respond to the strange creatures that visit your door like you will. These masked intruders are seen as a potential treat to your canine family member and big trouble for your feline friends. Keep all your furry friends away from the door and in a separate room with the door closed.
3. **Traveling the streets for your animal family is not recommended.** Your dogs will be exposed to strange smells and sights. These could invoke a negative response and cause everyone heartache. Please keep your furry friends in your home.
4. **Indoor/outdoor cats should be indoor on Halloween.** It is unfortunate, but cats are often the targets of individuals that have mischief on their minds. In the best-case scenarios, cats become scared; in the worst case, they become injured. Keep your feline friends at home in a room with food, water, and a litter box during the Halloween festivities.
5. **Parties are for people.** While we would like to have our furry friends join us for a rousing Halloween party, there are more chances for trouble than fun. Dogs, especially, will find many things to chew and swallow during a party. This can take all the fun out of the festivities.

For this Halloween season, be sure to think carefully about your pets' safety. If they can get into trouble, most likely they will, so keep your furry friends safe and secure this Halloween season.



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