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History of Poolesville High School: Part I

By Rande Davis

With the campaign by the Fair Access Committee making progress in its goal to bring a multiuse school and community building to Poolesville, it is intriguing to review the history and process that led to our current high school in 1958. While it is difficult to estimate how long a successful effort might take to construct a new educational facility for Poolesville, it is noteworthy to realize that the first time around it took fifty-three years.

Prior to 1905, only a one-room schoolhouse stood at the corner of West Willard and Elgin Roads. Private education had been available at Briarley Hall Female Academy, which eventually became Briarley Hall Seminary for Young Ladies and Little Girls. The three-story structure was on the property just north of town next to Chiswell's Inheritance at the corner of Elgin and Jerusalem Roads. Evidence

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PHS, as pictured in 1910.

Race Relations in Poolesville: Sharing Worship Together

By Rande Davis

Race and religion in the Poolesville area have been a cordial but separate journey for many generations, extending back to the very beginning of the town, even before it was incorporated in 1867. In the earliest years, when the two races worshipped together, they were seated separately, with whites downstairs and the slaves and freed blacks worshipping in the gallery. Separation back then was not just by race, as males and females could also be found seated apart, divided by the center aisle.

The local African American worshippers of former slaves who chose not to worship at the Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, or Baptist churches created their own Protestant

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The congregations of Rev. Joel Gilbert and Rev. Chuck Copeland are making history.



Masterful masters of ceremony, Kelly Reigert and Victor Valasquez. See pictures of the JPMS Talent show on page 2.



Heavy rains felled trees and clogged rivers. More in Tidbits on page 5.



Didier Devynck sang the national anthem at a polo event. See more on page 6.



This dedication was fifty-three years in the making. See more PHS history pictures on page 16.

Family Album



Singing quartet: Nia Allen, Alondra Batres, Faith Yakunin, and Debbie Marone-Garcia.



Nia Allen, singer



Nicholas Lowell, saxophonist



Robert Juliano, flutist

JPM'S TALENT SHOW



Lulu Alcorta, singer



Maddie Munster, ukulele and singer



Max Werner, singer



Trio: Alna Altaf, Josselyn Barillas, and Faith Yakunin.

Town Government

Summer Begins with Light Agenda for Commissioners

By Link Hoewing

The Town of Poolesville commissioners had a very light agenda at their June 3 meeting which is likely to continue until the fall. They adopted, subject to public hearing, an amendment to the recently-passed legislation regulating 5G wireless deployment, approved a rental agreement to place WiFi antennas on the water tower designed to provide wireless broadband services to more rural areas, and discussed proposed changes to the pricing for next year's Springfest event. They also agreed to meet only once in July and once in August, a departure from the normal meeting schedule of the first and third Mondays of each month.

With regard to the amendment to the 5G legislation, the commissioners discussed an issue that had been highlighted by a citizen when the legislation was originally discussed. At that time, Keir Soderberg, a local resident, expressed support for the legislation but said he was concerned about the health effects of exposure to electromagnetic radiation from the numerous local poles and transponders that would need to be deployed for 5G service. He understood that the equipment that is deployed must first meet power and emission level requirements set by the regulator of wireless services, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), but he was concerned about how these equipment performance levels might change as the equipment aged. He suggested that amendments be adopted that would help ensure the performance did not degrade and result in increased exposure to electromagnetic radiation over time.

Town lawyer Jay Gullo explained draft language that would help address this issue. He said that much was uncertain with regard to 5G technology, including exactly how the technology would be deployed over time and how many poles and transponders would be needed. This made it impractical for the town to monitor compliance and performance itself. Also the FCC has preempted state and local regulation of 5G technology, and any legislation adopted by the town would need to be drafted carefully, so it is as secure as possible from being challenged in court.

The language he suggested be adopted by the commissioners would require that any time a provider sought to modify its equipment or renew its license, it would have to certify to the town that its systems met performance standards. Beyond these requirements, if there are technical complaints about the networks and their performance, the town would not be able to deal with them from a legal standpoint. Complaints would have to be filed with the FCC.

During the discussion, it was noted that the concerns motivating the proposed amendment had to do with the possibility that, over time, equipment might malfunction and expose citizens to higher levels of radiation. There was also a concern that citizens walking in public near 5G transponders might be exposed to excessive radiation. Town Engineer John Strong pointed out that as wireless equipment ages, performance problems are likely to result in weakened or lower levels of power output meaning less exposure to radiation. Exposure concerns involve a number of issues from the length of exposure to such things as power levels, so it is impossible to determine how the technology might affect the general public.

The commissioners unanimously approved the amendment, and it will be the subject of a public hearing at the August 5 commissioners' meeting.

The commissioners also considered a lease agreement proposal from Telegia Communications, a Frederick-based company that provides WiFi-based wireless technology designed to serve more rural areas. Telegia offers broadband wireless services in other areas that reaches sparsely-populated areas, and it is hoping to do the same thing in the Poolesville area.

The town already rents out space on the water tower in the center of town to companies providing cellular mobile service which uses different frequencies and network configurations to offer phone and data services. The rental agreement with Telegia is similar in terms of its basic provisions (i.e., requiring a monthly rental fee to install wireless equipment on the tower) but at lower fee levels given the smaller size of the equipment to be used by Telegia. The commissioners unanimously approved the proposed rental agreement.

Finally, as reported in the last issue of the Monocle, this year's Springfest brought in far more revenue than last year's and was overall a resounding

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Rande(m) Thoughts See You at the Party!

By Rande Davis

One of the things we as a community do really well is welcoming in the new seasons. Forget the monitoring of the moon. Here, Spring brings Springfest, Summer starts with Fridays on the Commons, Fall is introduced through Poolesville Day, and Winter gets a hearty welcome with the Holiday Lighting Festival.

It's a good thing I have always enjoyed a good party because living on Whalen Commons brings a festive start to the weekend right to my front door every Friday. It's also extremely convenient for creating the *Monocle's* popular Family Album section in the paper.

The significant importance for the role and purpose of these events is easily overshadowed by the frivolity of the gatherings. Communities are not made simply from the sum total of the parts of a town. Rather, true communities rise from those things that bind people together. We think things like the *Monocle* and Fridays on the Commons play a special role in that goal. It is such things that spiritually make a home and a town a hometown.

We are now just beginning to appreciate the challenge faced by our young people in developing social skills in this online world. It seems that nearly everywhere you go, you are constantly aware of people walking around with heads bowed, not in

modest reflection, but in intense concentration on their cellphones. Here is a positive thought to consider: I rarely see someone in the park at these events glued to the glow of their phones.

There are two other simple observations I have made about attending these events: On one hand, it's remarkably refreshing to have these opportunities to run into neighbors and acquaintances and to have a chance to catch up with each other, even if only very briefly (for those of us who experienced it, that was one of the most powerful joys of shopping at Selby's Market); on the other hand, even in a very small town in which I have mostly resided since 1976, it is amazing how many people I still do not know.

While the crowds are usually quite healthy, it is apparent most people stay home rather than attend. That's understandable as each event has different themes that will draw some people more than others. Having a family remains the most powerful magnet in bringing people into town. It's always encouraging to see the school-aged among us walking in small groups, having fun just by hanging around—better here than at a mall.

As we each plan our vacations this summer, traveling near and far to special getaways to renew, I think there is good reason that, even after visiting some pretty spectacular places, we share one other thought upon returning: It's good to be home.

When you return, we look forward to seeing you on the Commons, sharing time with old friends and making new friends.

In Your Own Backyard The Long Green Tunnel

By Jon Wolz

It is spring once again along the C&O Canal. Spring does not follow our calendar but follows a calendar of its own. The first signs of spring appeared in late February; by late spring by our calendar, along the canal, it is definitely summer. In early spring, along the towpath, the trees sprouted into leaves turning the towpath into a "long green tunnel" once again as it happens every year. The green tunnel will be there until mid-October when the leaves begin to fall, leaving barren trees, and the green tunnel yields to fall and then winter. The towpath is mostly surrounded by trees for 184.5 miles from Georgetown to Cumberland.

One of my favorite trees to watch emerge from winter into spring are the pawpaw trees. I first learned about pawpaws when I was a Boy Scout from our assistant Scoutmaster, Arthur Dodds. Pawpaw trees line the towpath and thrive in moist forests. These trees grow to about sixty feet high. The tree leaves are oblong, smooth, and very green. As spring



A zebra swallowtail butterfly lands on the stem of a pawpaw tree to lay eggs.

moves along, the buds on the trees turn into small and then very large leaves. Pawpaw trees also have purplish red blossoms that I find interesting as they emerge tightly-wound before opening. Along the towpath, petals from the blossoms can be seen on the ground. The blossoms become pawpaw fruit which ripens by mid-September. The fruit is soft and mushy

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June 1

Flags flew at half-staff until sunset Tuesday, June 4, 2019 as a mark of solemn respect for the victims of the terrible act of violence perpetrated on May 31, 2019 in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

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Tidbits

Monocle Mystery Photo Contest Had Surprise Winner!

We have a surprise this issue in awarding the winner of the *Monocle's* Mystery Photo Contest: We have two winners. We expected the winner to identify the building to the left as the current offices of Calleva; however, that was wrong. The store in the picture is the old Holbrook store which is also gone and not the Williams store as we thought. The old Williams store still stands. We decided to award two winners. The first to one who gave the answer as we expected and the other to one who correctly advised that both buildings are gone. Kattie Hanna won the first, while Joan Carroll won the drawing among those who identified the buildings correctly. Both will get a \$20.00 gift certificate to Watershed Café.

PHS Seniors Recognized for their Environmental Projects

Report submitted by George Coakley.

On May 20, 2019, twelve seniors from the Poolesville High School (PHS) Global Ecology Studies Program (GESP) were recognized for their senior projects. The ceremony, hosted by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (BCC-IWLA), brought together several Upcounty ecology-based organizations to honor those students whose keystone projects best meshed with their groups' values.



Awardees at the BCC-IWLA ceremony: Katrina Rowe, Aidan Auel, Alex Jin, Sahana Kundu, Sruthi Ganesh, Rachel Bupp, Madeline Burdette, Anthony Meza, Clara Benadon, Jenny Kim, Josephine Crucillo, and Alison Ransom.

Joining the BCC-IWLA were the Monocacy Garden Club, represented by Trish Dunn, and the Maryland Bluebird Society, represented by Anne Sturm, Stan Fisher, and Linda Pepe. Representing the BCC-IWLA were president Jack Mandel and conservation education award committee members, Andy Wight, Frank Parker, Mark Gochnour, and George Coakley. Erin Binns, GESP Head of House at PHS thanked the organizations for their support of the global magnet program and the students for their hard work and commitment.

The awarded students and projects were:

Katrina Rowe: Wyndham Oaks Equine Waste Management System

Aidan Auel: The Effect of Artificial Habitats on the Populations of the Osmia lignaria and the Megachilidae species

Clara Benadon: Predicting Ovine Pregnancy through Timbre Analysis of Bleats

Alison Ransom: Insect Infantry: Reducing the Agricultural Impact of Stink Bug Pests

Rachel Bupp and Madeline Burdette: Barn Owl Boxes in Frederick and Montgomery Counties

Sruthi Ganesh, Alex Jin, Sahana Kundu: Food for Thought: Comparing the Efficiency of Composting Systems

Josephine Crucillo, Jenny Kim, and Anthony Meza: Barnesville Bluebirds

Donating Girl Scout Cookies to Local Police

Local Brownie Girl Scout Troop 32009 recently donated over fifty boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Montgomery County Police Department District 1. The scouts delivered the cookies to Officer Tara Bond at the District 1 Station. Officer Bond

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Yeas and Neighs

Chukkers for Charity at Seneca Polo

By Andie Devynck

On Saturday, June 1, polo enthusiasts were treated to a spirited exhibition match, a vaulting performance starring seven sequined gymnasts, a mix of music, and one gorgeous Percheron mount—all accompanied by some serious barbeque, wine, and sunshine. The polo team lineup included Dr. Javier Donatelli, a local vet (and recent past MVP at Seneca), Tracy Godey, an amateur from Baltimore who plays alongside her daughter and teen sensation, Cate, and three professional players: one of Maryland's top female players, Marisa Bianchi, Juan Carlos Gonzalez (who is also an umpire and a farrier), and Dario Sottomayor, who plays for Summerhill Polo. All proceeds from the event went to benefit the Great and Small Therapeutic Riding Program.

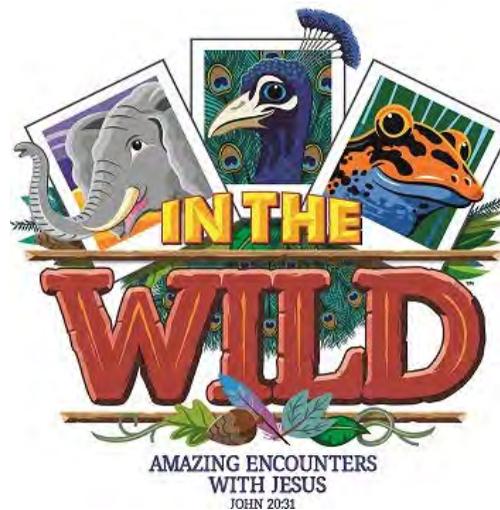


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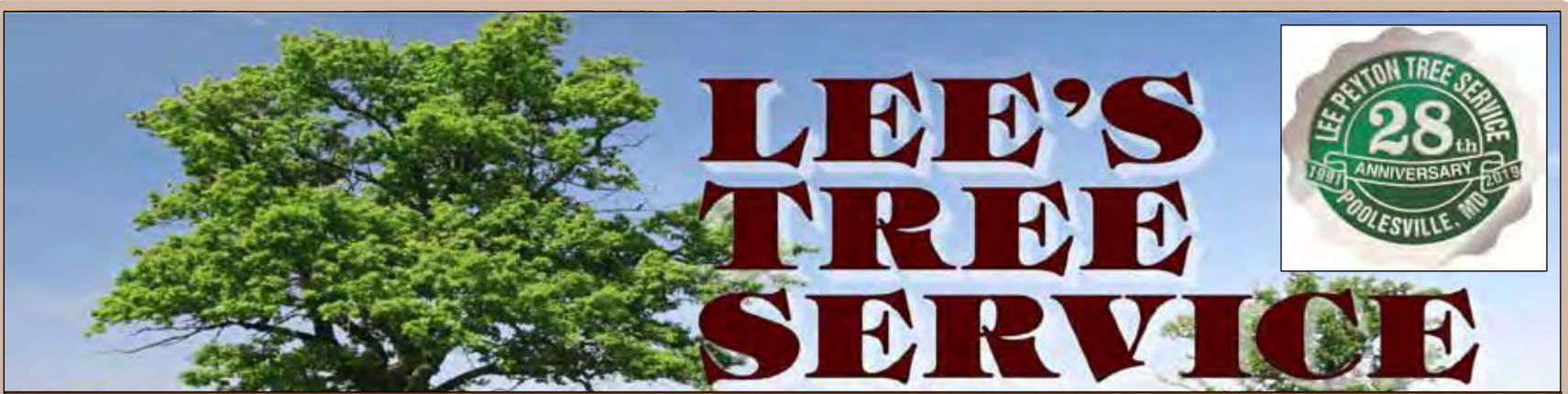
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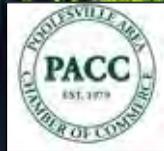
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Foundations

A Survey of Our Inheritance: Leaving a Mark

By Ken Sholes

On June 14, 1855, Henry Young put the final touches on his plastering work at Upton Darby's new home, signing his name and date on the back of the main staircase. Exactly, 164 years later, Henry's mark remains, as clear as if he had written it yesterday.

When I drive down River Road and past Upton Darby's home each morning, I always turn my head to grab a quick glance. I've always wondered what the inside might look like. A few weeks ago, I was finally given the chance to see; it did not disappoint.

Before talking about the interior of the home, let's go back to 1855. John Darby, a local trader, built this home on ninety-three acres along the Seneca Creek. John and his son Upton owned and operated the Seneca Ford Mill right next to their home (where present-day River Road crosses the Seneca Creek in front of Poole's Store). In June of 1863, there was a skirmish between Confederate and Union troops, resulting in a fire at the mill. A few years later, another fire caused significant damage to the site.

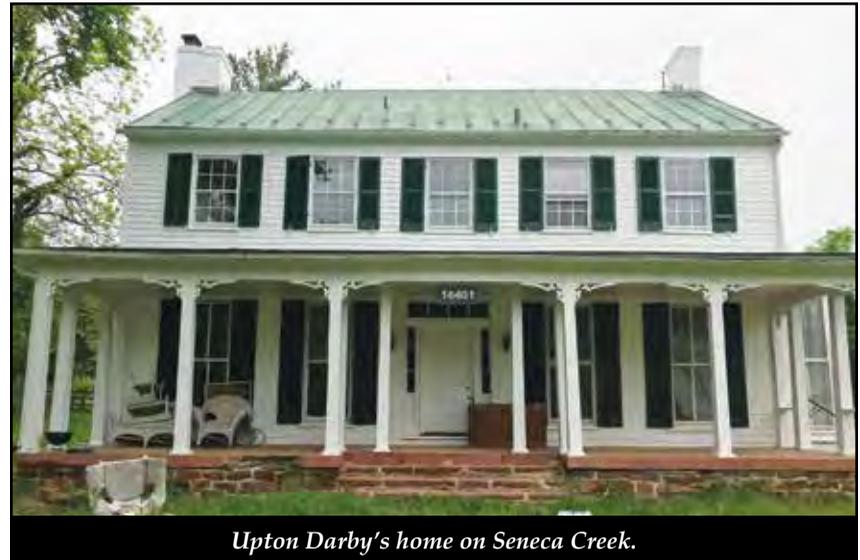
While initially profitable, the mill appeared to have fallen on difficult times in the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, likely related to the decreasing profitability of transporting goods on the C&O Canal as compared to the B&O Railroad. In 1900, the property and mill underwent foreclosure and changed hands to Wilson Tschiffley who quickly sold the home to Frederick Allnutt (who built what we now know as Poole's Store in 1901) but maintained ownership of the mill. The Allnutts remained in the home until sometime in the 1970s or 1980s.

With permission from Montgomery County authorities (the county now owns the home), I was thrilled to step inside. Although empty and clearly needing a bit of work, the home's beauty is immediately apparent. The foyer includes a beautiful main staircase—similar to other homes I've seen in the area—and the main hall is flanked by two large rooms, each with a marble fireplace. The original wood floors throughout the home have been salvaged and meticulously reinstalled by county employees in the last few years to correct for some warping that had occurred. The second floor has large bedrooms, also with fireplaces, and an interesting small stairwell leading to the attic.

In both its layout and architectural elements, the home is incredibly similar to the large white home on Elgin road near the center of Poolesville (see the Historic Ag Reserve facebook page for more details on that home). Although built thirty years apart, it's possible that the same builder was involved in both, or the same architectural plans were used.

While the architectural details and history of the home are interesting, Henry Young's signature on the back of the stairs is the part of the home that keeps coming to mind. Who was Henry? In what other local homes did he work? Are there other staircases in the Ag Reserve over which his signature has been painted?

I've spent some time trying to learn more about the identity of Henry over the last few weeks. While it's a fairly generic name, I've only been able to find one Henry Young in the Ag Reserve who was alive during this time period. What is somewhat odd, however, is that this Henry Young was from the wealthy Young Family, who built and lived in the East Oaks Estate out on White's Ferry Road.



Upton Darby's home on Seneca Creek.

Why would this Henry be involved in plaster work at Upton's home?

In 1855, this Henry would have been thirty-six years old, and we know from records that he was married to Sarah Ellen Allnutt Young. Sarah's brothers owned and operated farms in the Seneca area near the site of Upton's home. Perhaps Henry and Sarah spent time in the area and the plaster work was just the result of one friend helping out the other with some handiwork. When I think about all the different friends from throughout the area who came to help my wife and me renovate our



Signature on wall dating back to 1855 of Henry Young, plasterer.

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Youth Sports

Holmquist, Satsangi Led PHS Track Effort in Region and State

By Jeff Stuart

"The girls did well at the Penn Relays in both the 4x400 and the 4x100 relay teams," said Coach Prasad Gerard at practice before the west region competition. "We had some nice times at the Katie Jenkins. Some of the kids did really well in their individual events. Junior Garrett Gularson won the tetrathlon (first in the 400 meters, second in the 1500 and the high jump, and fourth in the discus). As a team we came in second on both the boys' and the girls' sides in that meet. Chris Stallard is coming back next year. He has really improved. Sam Bodmer ran well this year. He will be back also. Logan Rohde has really been improving in the 800 and the 1600." Holmquist finished second in the state in the discus with a personal record of 147' 3", just an inch off the school record. Satsangi finished third in the 1600 in the region. Stallard ran a PR in the 3200 in the region. Bodmer set a PR of 10:13.50 at the Montgomery County Championships. Logan set a PR in the 800 at the county championships and ran a season record time in the region.

The girls' 4x800 relay team (Rohde, freshman Rachel Daniels, junior Rachel Onderko, Satsangi) took third in the region and finished eighth in the state. The girls' 4x400 relay team (Daniels, Heather Robinson, Onderko, freshman Verlyn Kayo) finished fourth at the county championship.



Discus thrower Foster Holmquist took second place in the state competition.

Sophomore Trevor Riggs ran a personal best in the 200 in the region.

The 4x100 relay team at the Penn Relays on April 13 was Daniels, Onderko, Kayo, and Robinson.

"It's not the destination, it's the journey," a quote possibly misattributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson but apt, nonetheless, for the runners that participate in cross country, indoor track, and outdoor track; for them, that journey is literally longer, and the PHS senior runners remember the friends they met along the way.

"I feel like the season has gone by really fast," said Nandini at practice before the region competition. "I haven't run a ton of races recently because I injured my foot...I am looking forward to the 4x800 in the [region] because I think we might have a chance. We haven't actually run a race with all of us. Two of them are sprinters coming on as middle distance runners. I ran a nice mile at the Trojan Invitational. I would like to give a shout out to Chris Stallard, a sophomore, who always trains with me through indoor and outdoor. He is faster than me, but it helps me to improve during workouts to see him in front of me. He is a pretty good training partner, and to Daniel Lunford, an incoming freshman. He is going to do great things in the future. Too bad I won't be around next year to see him."

Nandini set a PR at the Trojan Invitational at Gaithersburg on April 6 in the 400 and a season record in the 1600.

Junior Sam Bodmer's best meet was at the county championship. "I ran a 10:13 in the 3200 which was a personal best...Chris Stallard is just getting better

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Garden

June—The Glorious Point in the Year

By Maureen O’Connell

Depending upon where you live in the United States, May was the best of times and the worst of times. Parts of the southeastern and mid-western sections of the country experienced severe weather with very heavy flooding and violent tornadoes. Maryland did not have Goldilocks weather, but we did have lots of rain, several very cold days, and damaging winds. Despite those conditions, my May garden was extremely successful. The peonies, the irises (especially the Siberians), the alliums, the hostas, the ferns, and the Montana (Mountain) Centaurea, were perfect in every way. Of course, they can strut across the stage as stars, as they are unscathed by the diseases and pests of high summer and are on a free ride.

By the end of May, the garden begins to change. The June garden will soon balloon out, setting the stage for the foliage and flowers of the coming summer. Everything is full and shining, fresh and pristine, and full of life. Enjoy your garden now; to me, it is the best month. As Rogers and Hammerstein’s *Carousel* told us: “It’s June, and June is bustin’ out all over.”

Continuity is one of the great challenges in gardening. If your garden is not planned properly, it will be like the harvest so often seen in the vegetable garden—glut or famine. In a well-planned ornamental garden, as one species comes to maturity, another will replace it. In my garden now, the *Allium* and daffodil stems have withered away and collapsed on their neighbors, leaving a toothless gap in the plantings. Welcome the second act: As the peonies and irises exit the stage, enter *Heliopsis* ‘Asahi,’ *Coreopsis* ‘Sienna Sunset,’ lavender ‘Phenomenal,’ ‘Grosso,’ and ‘Provence.’ Next come all shades of daylilies, *Digitalis* (foxglove), cranesbill ‘Rozanne’ and ‘Delft Blue,’ *Phlox* ‘David,’ *Agastache*, *Perovskia* (Russian sage), ‘Casa Blanca’ (one of the finest Oriental lilies of all time), *Crocsmia* ‘Luther,’ and many more. As we enter the months of July and August, they will be challenged by heat, drought, pests, and whatever else nature throws at them. It will be the survival of the fittest with no chemical help from me.

In the latter part of May, I noticed two interesting changes in two of my garden plots. In one of my March articles I mentioned that, for the fifth year



The inimitable David Austin Rose.

in a row, the buds on my beautiful ‘Endless Summer’ hydrangeas (which set on their old wood in November) were killed by a late March cold snap. Their claim to fame was that they bloomed on old and new wood. Well, that is not always true, and the blooms from the new wood don’t have enough energy to bloom until September; there goes “endless summer.” To my surprise, I noticed ready-to-open buds on the old wood in late May. I will have blue blooms in June. Mother Nature has given him a reprieve.

As my regular readers know, I gave up spraying my roses with all the ‘cides and in turn I lost all of my ninety roses. They could not survive our weather conditions without chemical help. When I was in London three years ago, I visited David Austin’s Rose Gardens in Shropshire. I explained the difficulty of growing their roses in Maryland. They recommended two I might try: ‘Olivia Rose Austin’ and ‘The Poet’s Wife’. They believed that the new rose Olivia was the finest and hardiest rose that they had ever bred. The bright yellow Poet’s Wife was also very disease and pest resistant. I planted them in different garden plots. Olivia had about four hours of morning sun; the Poet had all-day sun. Olivia was a star from the beginning and with no chemicals and no fertilizer, other than Leafgro. She gets better every year. The Poet was a disappointment. Diseases and bugs devoured him; I was going to dig him up this year, but by mid-May I noticed several small rosebuds on perfect foliage; today they are covered in blooming buds. I don’t know how to explain this reversal, but I will enjoy it this summer.

What makes one garden plot more susceptible to diseases and bugs? I have been observing and studying this question for several years, and I have set up three different plots (not that far

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Local News

Firefighter Killed in Accident

By Jack Toomey

A sixty-year-old Frederick County firefighter was killed on the morning of June 4 when the tractor that he was operating overturned and pinned him.

Firefighters at the scene in the 23000 block of West Harris Road in Barnesville said that Drue Jones, a fourteen-year veteran of the Emmitsburg Fire Department, did not come to work as scheduled and that a search party consisting of the county police and firefighters from both counties came to the farm. Montgomery County sent its Technical Rescue Team, and within twenty minutes, Jones was found in a ravine on the farm.

Jones has a son who is also a firefighter.

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A Survey of Our Inheritance: Leaving a Mark

home a few years ago, this idea seems plausible. A lot has changed in the Ag Reserve over the last 164 years, but the idea of helping your neighbor has certainly not.

Ultimately, we will probably never know for sure which Henry Young signed his name on those stairs; regardless, it's hard to imagine that whoever he was, he would have expected us to be talking about the mark he left so long ago. Which begs the most interesting questions: What are the marks you're leaving that might be discussed 164 years from now? Are they the ones you'd expect?

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June—The Glorious Point in the Year

away from each other) as an experiment. I varied the plant choices, light exposure, and soil characteristics. All responded differently, as I expected. I asked myself if the soil in the older garden plots could be worn out, devoid of nutrients? I don't think so. I don't use fertilizers, other than Leafgro. In gardening, you must expect differences. There are so many variables that can exist and affect the life of plants: too much/too little sun, proximity to non-compatible plants, ground moisture, past disease, and pest infestation, to name a few. To arrive at your best plant location and maintenance program, I suggest that you experiment. My best garden plot is where Olivia lives. She thrives in four hours of sun under the stately white pine trees along with her garden friends: *Alstroemeria*, 'Casa Blanca' Oriental lily, four varieties of sage, tarragon, lavender, and rosemary, shasta daisy 'Becky,' and daylily 'Queen Elizabeth.' *Allium* 'Globemaster' keeps her company in April and May.

As I have said many times, a garden lives in a constant state of evolution. What grows for me might not grow for you. This is what I find interesting about gardening. It is more than lining up marigolds in a straight line like tin soldiers. That is boring. You will notice that weeds never line up in a row. They are many things, but not boring.

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Pickleball: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 8:30 a.m.

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

Mahjong: Thursdays, Room 129, 10:00 a.m.

Chair/Slow Flow Yoga: Mondays, 11:00 am in the café (excluding May 27)

The Blue Hearth is now open every weekend.

Bruster's vendor truck now open in Poolesville. Check Facebook for hours. Be sure to clip the Bruster \$1 off coupon on page 16.

June 8

Poolesville Big Flea and Recycling Event

Super community flea market; free electronic recycling, paper shredding; paint disposal \$2.00 per can (paint must be in original container); Monocacy Creek BBQ sandwiches. Rain date for yard sale only on June 9. *Whalen Commons*. 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

UMCVFD Pit Barbecue

Featuring pulled pork and beef sandwiches, coleslaw, and baked beans. *Firehall, Beallsville*. 11:00 a.m. until sold out.

Library Science Club

Ages: 6-8. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:30 p.m.

Library Kids Connect with Computer Science

Ages: 8-11. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 3:00 p.m.

June 11

Library Pajama Family Storytime

Ages: Babies, toddlers, preschool, kindergarten. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

June 12

PASC Special Event: Quarterly Social and Birthday Celebration!

Honoring seniors whose birthdays are in April, May, or June. Featuring: Hal and His Pals, renowned singer/song-writer Hal Gearhart. All are welcome to this free event. *17750 West Willard Road gym*. 1:30 p.m.

Poolesville Planning Commission Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Fridays on the Commons: Summer Carnival

Have a blast while supporting the Poolesville Elementary School PTA. The Commons will be jampacked with kids' rides, food and artisan vendors, and kids' entertainment! 4:30 p.m.

The evening will end with the summer's first movie, *Mary Poppins Returns*, 8:30 p.m.!

June 15

Library Reptiles Alive

Meet snakes, turtles, lizards, frogs, oh my! All ages. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m.

Calleva Dirty Dinner

Upscale farm-to-table dinner for adults. Details at *Calleva.org*.

June 17

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

June 18

PASC Special Event: Pizza and Movie Night

Featuring *Book Club*. Café at 17750 West Willard Road. 6:00 p.m.

June 19

Poolesville Presbyterian Intergenerational Summer Family Gathering

All welcome. Light supper, crafts, Bible stories, games, music. Register at *poolpres.com*. 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

June 20

Library Senior Book Club

The Finishing School. Ages: Senior. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

Call for Entries

In 1999, the newly-founded Hyattstown Mills Arts Project launched its inaugural exhibition "Sugarloaf." Now, in honor of its twentieth anniversary, HMAP again returns to the mountain. Please share your interpretation of Sugarloaf—the humble elevation that continuously inspires us with its timeless and gracious beauty. For any questions or additional information, please call 301-830-1142. June 20: Email images to HMAP. June 22: Deliver art to Mill. June 29: Exhibition opens with artists' reception 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. July 28: Exhibition closes.

June 20 and 21

Library Science in the Summer*

Explore human biological systems. *Registration required. Must attend both sessions. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. Grades 2-3, 10:30 a.m.; Grades 4-6, 1:30 p.m.

June 21

2nd Annual PACC Golf Outing

Fees and sponsorship rates listed in ad on page 21 and on PACC website. Play at Bretton Woods includes a complimentary replay at Bretton Woods. Registration at 9:00 a.m. and shotgun, best ball start at 10:00 a.m.

Fridays on the Commons:

Bark in the Park, Cute Dog Contest

DJ Val provides all the tunes! Kids' inflatables and activities, farmers' market, and food trucks.

Rescue groups are invited to participate. Mutts Gone Nuts Comedy Show kicks

off the night at 6:30 p.m.; Cutest Dog Contest at 7:30 p.m., and Musical Chairs for dogs at 8:30 p.m. Registration is from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

June 22

Family Night on Calleva Farm

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Youth Sports

Blair, Damascus Wins Highlight Boys' Volleyball Season

By Jeff Stuart

"We had two games that stood out on the season," said PHS boys' volleyball coach Robert Smith, one of three new PHS coaches this spring. "The first being Blair, who the guys were able to beat 3-0. Blair was a very competitive team, and it was our best all-around game to start the season. As the season went on, all of our players improved not only in their positions, but with their volleyball IQ as well. We have a few club players and athletes from other sports who are coming together at the right time. The guys played one of their best matches against Damascus last week. Both of our teams were fighting for a playoff spot and a high seed entering the playoffs this week. We were able to beat Damascus in the fifth set and jump to the twelfth seed in the county." The top sixteen teams advance to the playoffs, so the win over Damascus was crucial.

"I have been playing boys' varsity volleyball for three years," said senior outside hitter and captain Alex Firestine who also was a standout soccer player in the fall. "When I first made the team in my sophomore year, it was my first time ever playing volleyball. It was an introduction to a sport I truly love to play. I play beach volleyball during the summer. That has helped me enhance my volleyball skills. My favorite part about volleyball is that it is as much a mental game as a physical one. In volleyball, hype and spirit and momentum can turn the tide of a match and level the playing field. No team is unbeatable.



2019 Boys' Volleyball Team

"My primary concern going into this season was my general unfamiliarity with the team and the coach as compared to last year. It almost felt [as if] I was trying out all over again for the first time. We lost two excellent seniors last year, so my expectations weren't very high, but through the influence of freshman talent and phenomenal athletes who had never played volleyball before, the team evolved under the supportive, positive coaching of Coach Smith. We have lots of new talent on the team this year, but it's difficult to coordinate a mix of new and experienced club players. Coach Smith was the catalyst for a successful season.

"The team's best game, in my opinion, was against Damascus. Going into that game, we knew we were fighting for seeding in the playoffs and that both of our teams were evenly matched. We took the first set with ease and maybe relaxed too much because Damascus rallied to take the second set. The third set went back and forth. Toward the end, I collided with a Damascus player who had gone under the net, injuring my ankle. My teammates went on to win the third set, but we lost the fourth set. In the tiebreaker everyone performed well, and we were able to win. This was also my personal best game, not necessarily because of my performance, but more so because of the support my team displayed when I was injured and how we were able remain composed. We also had an excellent win over Blair.

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Youth Sports

With an Emphasis on Team Play, PHS Girls' Lacrosse Continues Winning Tradition

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville girls' lacrosse team lost two hundred-goal scorers from last year, and they started this year with a new, if familiar, head coach, just five seniors, and fifteen underclassmen. Mike Wills, a boys' soccer coach in the fall, had coached the lacrosse JV squad last season. You would think there would be a drop off, but somehow it all came together. The girls finished 9-3 and 5-1 in the 3A/2A division. That record was not as good as last season's 11-1 mark, but it was a strong season. The Falcons won their last five games and eight of their last nine. They scored eleven or more goals six times.

"We have done pretty well considering the girls that we lost to graduation last year," said senior captain Sarah Mullikin. "We are more like an actual team now. Before, we would focus on the two or three girls that were expected

to carry the team. I think we all have had to step up to work together.

"Our defense has gotten really tight this year. We are really sold back there. It is definitely the strength of our team. When we played Rockville, we had just lost to Richard Montgomery. That game was pretty rough for us, but Rockville was a tight game. We went back and forth with them. Our defense stepped up in the second half, and we took them down. We were ahead by a goal, and they had the ball with a chance tie at the end. They had the ball in our end for a minute or two. They took a shot with about six seconds left. Sophomore Abby Fisher scored the winning goal a few minutes earlier on a free possession on about an eight-meter shot. That was a big deal.

"Mackenzie Keese is a sophomore. I thought she was a junior because of the way she has been playing. She has really played well in three sports: soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She has really stepped up for us. She plays offense and defense and will go anywhere for us. It is different playing for Coach Wills. It is not as intense. It is still a lot of fun, but he is not as hard on us as Coach Stream was, so we are harder on ourselves. As captain, I try to take things from Rachel that are part of my experience and apply them this year, passing it on."



Rachel Bupp, Sarah Mullikin, Mackenzie Kovach, Melody Zhang, and Caitlin Harris.

In the Rockville game, junior Maya Rosenbaum had given the Falcons a 6-5 lead about five minutes before Fisher's winning goal, but Rockville came back quickly. Ten minutes before that, senior captain Rachel Bupp had given the Falcons a 5-4 lead, and Rockville came back to tie. Poolesville led at halftime, 4-2, getting two goals from Rosenbaum and one each from junior Jordan Rendzio and Keese.

"This year we have a young team, a lot of freshmen and sophomores," said senior captain Rachel Bupp. "They have stepped up to play against teams that have a lot of juniors and seniors. Jolie Orns, a freshman, is one of our strongest attackers. For a freshman to have that big a role on our team is really impressive. We have two

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Youth Sports

PHS Athletic Department Recognizes 2019 Student-Athletes

Congratulations to PHS Male and Female Athletes of the Year for 2019: Alex Carbonell and Nandini Satsangi. The PHS Athletic Department also presented its first ever Above and Beyond Athletic Award to a well-deserving student athlete, Rachel Bupp.



Alex Carbonell and Nandini Satsangi



Rachel Bupp

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"I always remind the children that what we celebrate at Christmas is the time to be together with friends and family, beautiful music and decorations, and we thank others for their love and friendship during the year, but as the day draws near, the pressure of wanting to make it magical, the way we remember it as children, is terribly stressful. The love and support WUMCO showed us is an incredible gift to the whole family. I was overwhelmed with the thoughtfulness and generosity shown to us.

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History of Poolesville High School: Part I

of its existence remains in a lone, ghostly guardhouse, still standing on the south side of the driveway which is identified by a two-pillar lighted entranceway, a replacement for the original gateway.

As a school for young ladies, it seems that, even in 1874, the marketing mantra for a successful business was still location, location, and location. You see, while not mentioning curriculum at all, the original advertisements for the academy emphasized that "the boarding and day school for girls was one half mile from Poolesville and only four miles from Sellman's Station, (near the current Dickerson station) on the Metropolitan Railroad and that a stagecoach passes by the school four times daily."

The twelve-acre site, which originally was part of Chiswell's Inheritance in Poolesville, became an all-girls academy until sometime past 1906 when it became a boarding house. Along with classical education, the school catalog emphasized that the "girls are taught to act from a high sense of honor and duty, and to love all that is beautiful and right. Religious instruction, without sect or creed, is constantly given, as it is this alone [that] gives learning its true value."

In 1910, Sydney Johnston Lodge stood at the gates of the closed school, dreaming of turning the property into a military academy. In 1912, Lodge opened Briarley Hall Military Academy which remained open until the Great Depression when parents could no longer afford to send their children to the private school.

Mr. Lodge, a graduate of Fork Union Military Academy and Richmond University, was visiting his mother Alice V. Lodge, of Gaithersburg, while on Easter break from his instructor position at the New York Military Academy (NYMA) at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, New York. The academy sits at the foothills of Storm King Mountain, which is home to the United States Military Academy at West Point. As an aside, NYMA has a president as one of its graduates: Donald J. Trump.

At the time of closure of the female academy, Poolesville's public-school education took its first big step by having land on West Willard Road purchased in 1905 by Dr. Edward Wootton with the intent of it becoming the site of a new Poolesville School that would emerge and prosper.

The following is a timeline of the early history of public education in Poolesville:

- 1905:** Dr. Wootton purchased land to be used for public education.
- 1906:** Grades one through seven started in the original frame building which cost \$3,243.25. Total enrollment 89.
- 1910:** Grades eight and nine were added
- 1911:** First schoolbus in the state of Maryland (horse drawn) transported students from the surrounding area.
- 1914:** Grade ten added
- 1920:** Addition of two classrooms and second-floor assembly room.
- 1921:** Addition of grade eleven.
- 1922:** Brick veneer of original building added.
- 1925:** Addition of gymnasium.
- 1933:** Addition of two classrooms on rear of gym.
- 1933:** Addition of grade twelve, total enrollment 275.
- 1938:** The former one-room school erected on campus for use of study of home economics.
- 1939:** New Primary building added.
- 1939:** Major remodel of original building including shower rooms, cafeteria, and library.
- 1941:** Construction of new vocational agricultural building.
- 1948:** Purchase of another twenty-four acres, bringing campus size to thirty-five acres.
- 1950:** Addition of elementary school.
- 1951:** Kindergarten program added.
- 1952:** Elementary addition and Phase I of high school completed.
- 1956:** Vocational wing added.
- 1957:** Razing of old vocational agriculture building.
- 1958:** Razing of old original building and moving of the home economics from the school campus.
- 1958:** On April 20, the dedication of the new high school plan took place with a total school enrollment of 668 students.

What was the social and education life like during this period of growth? In part two, the Monocle will partly describe the time in our schools prior to 1958 and will introduce many of the key persons involved in the development and practice of education in Poolesville. This article was completed with gratitude to Dots Elgin and her care of history.



The first iteration of the Poolesville School was a one-room schoolhouse.



Poolesville High School prior to the brick veneer being added.



Poolesville School, grades 8 and 9 added in 1910.



A corner of the dedication program from 1958.



Poolesville High School on the current site after the white, clapboard siding was replaced by brick in 1922. There were more students enrolled in the school than those living in Poolesville.

Poolesville High School

A Journey to Education



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Race Relations in Poolesville: Sharing Worship Together

churches in Boyds, Dickerson, Martinsburg, Barnesville, and Sugarland, with two black churches in Poolesville. After the Civil War, local tradition and preference of style in worship and selection of music kept the two races separated even into recent history. That history changed in 2014.

It was at a lunch meeting that two pastors decided the time and circumstances were right for the two races to share their Christian faith.

For Rev. Chuck Copeland of Historic Warren Church, which was built in 1903 in Martinsburg, the facilities located at White's Ferry Road and Martinsburg Road were too constraining, lacking modern conveniences, with an infrastructure sorely in need of modernization. The time finally came that the need for a new worship site had to be considered.

It was during that lunch in 2014, when Poolesville Baptist Church's (PBC) pastor, Jace Broadhurst, and Hosanna Worship Center's pastor, Chuck Copeland, began to develop a new idea of joint worship and shared facilities. "The notion of sharing facilities was first raised by Jace. It was a time of rising racial tensions nationally, and both of us sensed the need to work on race relations. Concerned about it, I suggested at the lunch that we pray about it, but it was Jace who was more direct, stating we needed to do more than that. He thought we needed to do something more radical. Initially, the two congregations would occasionally worship together, sometimes at PBC and other times at Hosanna. The hard fact became quickly apparent, though, that Hosanna Worship in Martinsburg was not suitable for a shared service."

When Rev. Copeland voiced his frustration in trying to find a suitable worship site in the Poolesville area, it was Jace who came up with the idea of using PBC's gym on Sundays. From the beginning, the two congregations chose to worship together every other month, and then monthly, with one service emphasizing the style and music of the one church, and the other church the subsequent Sunday.

Broadhurst suggested that Copeland meet with PBC's senior elder to work out the various details. At the home of Carl Adema and his wife Jackie, the initial

meetings were very successful. "Even when meeting the first time, it was like being with family. They were so welcoming. When the hard issues of rental price, office space, and administrative support came up, the generosity of PBC was remarkable."

Although not raised in Poolesville, Copeland's local roots run deep in Poolesville, extending back to a great-great-grandfather and former slave, Albert Thompson. Born in 1820, Thompson's family first owned property on White's Ferry Road as early as 1869.

The shared worship initially had some understandable differences in practices that required adjustments on both sides. "What we call the Hosanna hug, might have caught a few of the members of PBC off-guard," chuckled Copeland in remembering some of the earliest worship days together. Now, however, both groups look forward to their shared worship time.

It was Easter Sunday in 2018 that Hosanna Worship Center, a multicultural congregation, began to meet on Sundays in PBC's gym at 10:30 a.m., the same time that PBC meets in the sanctuary. The original agreement was first a two-year contract.

With Rev. Broadhurst taking a position in Indiana, the new pastor, Rev. Joel Gilbert, has seamlessly handled the transition. Ironically, Gilbert's wife is a cousin of Copeland; furthermore, she had been a member of Jerusalem Baptist Church.

Gilbert expressed his support of the shared worship, "I love the idea. I think it's a fun way to allow both churches to learn from and encourage one another. I think it also gives us a foretaste of what we'll get to experience when Revelation comes to life as people from every nation, tribe, and tongue will join in worship together. We may express our worship differently, but we worship the same God. I'm looking forward to continuing this tradition and possibly even making it more consistent and frequent throughout the year."

With a history of race relations locally that has, in the past, reflected their times and national issues, the races in Poolesville are today enjoying an encouraging joy that breaks new ground in worship and, hopefully, in other areas as well.

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The Long Green Tunnel

to bite into and tastes like a mango-banana cross. There are numerous hard brown seeds in each pawpaw. I have always eaten pawpaws raw; however, I understand that people make pawpaw cream pies and pawpaw ice cream. The collection of these fruits is permitted by the park service; however, there is competition for the fruit against numerous wild animals in the park that enjoy them. Native Americans ate pawpaws and introduced them to the Europeans. Chilled pawpaw fruit was a favorite dessert of George Washington. Beginning in mid-March, zebra swallowtail butterflies begin to fly near and around pawpaw trees. This butterfly is native to the eastern United States. Its wings have a black-and-white-striped pattern similar to the markings of a zebra. Females lay their eggs on pawpaw leaves or on the tree bark. Once the larva emerges from the egg, they feed on leaves of the pawpaw tree. There are numerous, much taller trees I recognize reemerging with leaves including the sycamores, silver maple, black walnut, oak trees, and tulip poplars. I am still learning about the large variety of trees along the canal.

In late February, I began noticing Virginia bluebells sprouting along the towpath and the riverbank of the Potomac. Along the riverbank, they were inching their way up through the dried river mud that was left after last year's floods. They are the highlight of the native flowers along the C&O Canal. They line the towpath in many places and can be seen covering the forest floors including the islands in the Potomac River. They have beautiful blue blossoms and stand about fifteen inches tall by mid-April. After the bluebells begin to fade, in different spots along the towpath, blue phlox emerge as well as the white flowering Dutchman breeches. From Noland's Ferry to Point of Rocks, the Dutchman breeches line both sides of the towpath in early May. Another early bloomer is the white and pink flowering spring beauty. There is a nice bed of these next to the parking lot by the Monocacy Aqueduct. Near White's Ferry, every year, the beautiful toadshade emerges with its green leaves and deep red flower.

Another plant I have known since earning the Nature merit badge is the May apple. These plants are about twelve inches tall with umbrella-shaped leaves about five to seven inches wide, and they grow in colonies from a single root. Some stems have a single leaf that do not have a flower, whereas flowering stems that have a pair or more of leaves will have one or more flowers. This plant is poisonous, including its green fruit, but once the fruit turns yellow, it can be eaten safely. This plant is in full bloom in early May and the fruit appears by mid-May. I have eaten the fruit since childhood and ate one this year with no ill effects.

Stinging nettles emerge in early spring and, by May, they are almost full grown. I learned about this plant while playing capture the flag as a Boy Scout hiding along a stream with other scouts at White's Ferry. We had lain down in a patch and all jumped up screaming. Recently, I mentioned this incident to Ed Brown, and he told me exactly where the plants are located, and he remembered Boy Scouts camping at White's Ferry in the late 1960s. These plants have many hollow stinging hairs called trichomes on the leaves and stems, which act like hypodermic needles, injecting histamine and other chemicals that produce a stinging sensation upon contact. A couple of years ago, I brushed up against this plant with my pants leg, and a burning sensation hit my leg that stayed for about two hours.

Garlic mustard is a prolific invasive plant in the park that kills out native flowers. The C&O Canal Association targets certain areas of the park and has garlic mustard pulls annually. A single plant can produce hundreds of seeds. Deer do not eat this plant. Garlic mustard leaves have a garlic taste that can be used to flavor salads and sauces. European settlers brought this plant to North America.

In late February, mallard ducks and Canada geese could be seen swimming in groups, but by late March, I noticed only mallards and geese hanging out in pairs. By late April and early May, ducklings and goslings swam in the canal with their parents. Pileated woodpeckers are quite vocal birds that make a series of piping calls that last for several seconds. These birds seem to be in abundance along the canal. They also pound on trees in the spring to solicit mates or to respond to an intruder near a nest. In the early spring, bird sounds are few; as the weather warms, the towpath is a very loud place with all kinds of birds singing, chirping, and making unusual noises. Great blue herons are often found along the towpath. Swallows nest in the stone granary ruins by White's Ferry and in the stones of the Monocacy Aqueduct. Bald eagles, egrets, and green herons have been out and about this spring in the park, as well as a few black rat snakes along the towpath. In late February, a few painted turtles sunned themselves on logs and, as the weather warmed up, many turtles could be seen in the canal. Box turtles frequent the towpath, and snapping turtles swim in the canal. By late spring, I began using bug spray on my towpath walks because mosquitoes began showing up in abundance.



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School News

PES Administrative Secretary Prescott Retires

By Kerri Cook

The end of each school year is bittersweet for families, students, and staff. At Poolesville Elementary, it is no different; all are ready for the summer-time rituals. At the same time, some staff will leave the halls of the school for the last time as they move on to new adventures. This feeling of mixed emotions is especially true for school administrative secretary, Teresa Prescott. She leaves PES this month after spending almost three decades in the Montgomery County Public School system.

Prescott first came to MCPS on her birthday in September of 1991, when she worked in the Media Center at the Central Office. She later joined the staff at a school in Germantown that had a population of over eight hundred students. She came to realize that she would prefer to work for a smaller school in a smaller community. She credits persistence and a bit of good luck to gaining the position at PES in 2013.

Prescott, a lifelong resident of Montgomery County, grew up in Kensington. She feels she has been blessed to stay in the state, to work within the MCPS system, and to engage in a small home business selling jewelry. While she has loved the interaction with the faculty, students, and community, a major challenge she has found at PES is the changing needs of a fast-growing student population. Prescott notes, "When I first started here at PES, there were 390 students; today,

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Retiring PES administrative secretary Teresa Prescott.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Assault: 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

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Theft: 19800 block of Westerly Avenue.

Past Crime: 1956

Montgomery County Police were frantically searching for 150 sticks of dynamite that had been stolen from the Wheaton Woods construction site. They were concerned that the thieves, who were believed to be juveniles, would be killed or seriously injured if they tried to detonate the dynamite. A few weeks later, police arrested a fourteen-year-old boy who had hidden the dynamite in a tree fort. The boy said that he and his friends had planned to blast trees.

Police were investigating the theft of over 13,000 rounds of ammunition that had been stolen from the rifle range at Montgomery Blair High School. Police said that the theft probably occurred on election day when the school was open to the public and very little security was in place.

An alert county police officer was credited with putting an end to a series of safe burglaries in the metro area. Sergeant Clarence Crown had seen a car pulling away from Richard

Montgomery High School at 3:00 a.m., and he jotted down the license tag of the car. Further investigation led to the owner, Herbert Lipschiltz, a recipient of the Silver Star and Bronze Star during WWII. He was later charged with breaking into several credit unions and the student bank at both Richard Montgomery and Montgomery Blair High Schools.

Two county officers were making their rounds at about 4:00 a.m. when they discovered that a gas station at Arlington Road and Bradley Boulevard had been burglarized. They saw the burglar inside, but instead of surrendering, he ran and was brought down by gunfire from one of the officers. The suspect was found hiding under a parked car with a gunshot to the leg.

A research engineer at the David Taylor Model Basin in Cabin John was arrested for breaking into a golf shop at the White Flint Golf Course on Rockville Pike. While police were investigating, they discovered a monogrammed briefcase at the scene. It was determined that the burglar had left it at the scene. Police went to the Model Basin where they questioned the employee who admitted that he had broken into the pro shop and had intended to fill the briefcase with golf balls.

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

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Tidbits

gave the scouts a wonderful tour of the station which included an impromptu conversation with acting Police Chief Hamill.



Scouts, Katelyn Brower, Taylor Hanson, Annika Hoehler, Eleanor Buckley, Yana Brizhik, Nicole Lewis, Cora Iousic, Isabel Smalley, Sydney Hanson, and Vivian Ritter, with Officer Tara Bond.

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Late Spring Storm Brought Havoc

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Spring floods made for a very heavy cleanup of the Monocacy Aqueduct.

Monocacy Critters

Serendipitous Pet and Animal Pictures*



A local osprey.

Photo by Terri Pitts

*Do you have an unusual or funny picture of a pet or animal? Mail or email the picture to editor@monocacymonocle.com or P.O. Box 372, Barnesville, MD 20838

Remembrances

Ola Mae Moore

Ola Mae Moore, 86, of Barnesville, formerly of Winter Springs, Florida, died peacefully, surrounded by family on May 22, 2019.

She was the wife of Cortland W. Moore.

Born on July 31, 1932, in Johnson City, Tennessee, she was the daughter of the late William Algae and Minnie Mae (Johnson) Covey.

Ola was a pastor with the Salvation Army and a member of the Barnesville Baptist Church.

Surviving besides her husband are three children, Daniel Myron Moore, Joy Rebecca Deaver, and Josephine Kauer; nine grandchildren; and fifteen great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Gloria Moore Leibbrandt and Deborah Kay Budwig; one sister, Mary Sparks; and two brothers, William and James Covey.

A celebration of Ola's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Saturday July 13, at the Barnesville Baptist Church, 17917 Barnesville Road, Barnesville.



Ola Mae Moore

Bill LaRue

Bill LaRue of Frederick died peacefully in his home on May 23 after a long illness.

Born on September 6, 1940, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of Lorraine Short and Dorothy (Fox) LaRue.

Bill grew up in Comus and graduated from Poolesville High School in 1959, then joined the U.S. Army. After leaving the army, he worked for Bell Telephone in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. Later, he worked several years for the U.S. Postal Service.

Bill enjoyed building and repairing motorcycles and was a dedicated fan of crossword puzzles. He was active and helpful in the resident community where he lived at the Catocin View Apartments.

Bill is survived by one son, William; grandsons, Jack, Harry, and Ben; and his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Alison Spates.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

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Summer Begins with Light Agenda for Commissioners

success in terms of attendance; however, Commissioner Jim Brown repeated concerns he had heard expressed about the fee for the event, a straight \$40 for unlimited visits to the many brewers who were at the event. The fee level was not out of the norm compared to other nearby events of a similar nature; however, in the past, Springfest had a variety of pricing options, and while none offered unlimited servings, they were lower on an overall basis.

Commissioner Valaree Dickerson said the events committee for Springfest had heard the concerns and had developed a new approach. While the unlimited option would remain at \$40, citizens could purchase an unlimited option beforehand online at a lower price of \$35 and could buy a one-drink pint for \$10. Commissioner Brown praised the innovative approach.

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PES Administrative Secretary Prescott Retires

we're almost at 490!" Prescott also credits the great working relationship among staff at the school to Principal Doug Robbins. "Robbins's sense of humor and little practical jokes keep things always light and makes for a very fun place to work. I am still laughing about many of the practical jokes," she said. Though she has enjoyed her time at PES, she is excited about the idea of retirement. She plans to help care for her elderly parents, spend more time with her family and friends, and travel the world.

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Crossing the Potomac River
on White's Ferry in 1921.

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Blair, Damascus Wins Highlight Boys' Volleyball Season

"I plan on playing club or intramural volleyball in college."

"Alex has shown leadership on the court, playing every position including setter on senior night," said Coach Smith. "He is definitely a leader off the court as well."

"We have had a bit of a rough start," said senior outside hitter Srikar Mareddy, a four-year starter, "but we have the potential to be a good team. We are supportive of each other. We have a new coach, and that is different. I am always learning on the court. I think that Blair was our best game because they had a lot of really good players, and they were really cohesive as a team...so to be able to prevail and beat a team like that was rewarding. I think the strength of our team is our hustle. We are always running and diving for the ball. We don't like to let the ball touch the floor on our side. I was looking forward to the Damascus game because we played them before in a scrimmage and didn't do as well as we thought we would. They seemed a lot better than last year, but I think we played a lot better in the last few weeks, and beating them was very satisfying."

In one example of hustle against Northwest, freshman libero Robert Song ran off the right side of the court for a backhanded get and returned it over the net, somehow getting it inside the antenna from a sharp angle.

"We lost a lot of players from last year," said junior captain Steven Tan, "but we got a lot of new players this year that have talent. I knew we had a lot of potential. As a setter you are sort of the control center of the team. You dictate where the ball goes. It is very challenging. I think our best game was against Blair. We won the first set on a deuce. That momentum carried over into the second and third sets. We really battled them. I think it was an unexpected win because they are a very good team, but we came through. It showed what we can do. We have a lot of pretty tall players who are pretty athletic, and they all seem committed to the sport. I want us to get better as a team and reach our potential."

Other seniors are Liam McCue, Dominic Hoffman, Hirschel Nambiar, and Marshall Nambiar. Other juniors are Colin Staszewski, Zach Fedders, and Daniel Chen. Edward Wu and Albert Chen are sophomores. Daniel Fu is a freshman.

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Holmquist, Satsangi Led PHS Track Effort in Region and State

and better and always dropping times. He has had a very good season. Macy Palmer has had a good year as well. The whole season has been really enjoyable."

Macy, a senior, ran a personal best in both the 800 and 1600 at the Montgomery County B Meet, and ran a PR in the 3200 at the Trojan Invitational.

"My best meet was the Katie Jenkins," said senior Jairo Huaylinos, "because I ran the 800 in close to my PR for last year. I have had fun these four years. I remember my freshman year that all these seniors had crazy personalities, so I sort of fit in. Patrick Walker was really crazy. I would like to give a shout out to Caius Kim and Jason Hsu, two other seniors last year who helped me so much. I would also like to give a shout out to fellow senior Anthony Meza whom I have been running with and competing with these past four years."

Jairo set a season record in the 800 and ran a PR in the west region.

"My best meet was the County B Meet where I ran a PR in the 400 and a season best in the mile," said senior Ashwini Thirukkonda. "A lot of us did real well at the county championships. I would like to give a shout out to my running buddies, Annabelle Headley and Grace Bodmer, and to sophomore Julia Lyons, a running mate in the 400, as well."

"I think my best meet was the county B competition," said senior Annabelle Headley. "I ran a PR in the 1600. That was my best overall time in my four years of running. I want to return the shout out to Ashwini, and include Grace and Julia, she is a sophomore, but she is amazing, and also Macy Palmer."

"Our team is smaller this year in numbers than it was last year," said senior Grace Bodmer, "but everyone is getting along and running really well. We are getting the best out of everyone. My best event of the season was the two-mile in the last home meet of the season against Northwest. I placed second and ran a season best." Grace set a PR in the mile in the first event of the season, the Quince Orchard Relays.

"My best meet was the Montgomery County B Meet," said Senior Macy Palmer. "I ran a new PR in the 1600 and came in first. It's been a great season for me. I have set PRs at almost every meet and had a lot of fun running with my teammates."

Remembrances

Robert D. Raver

Robert D. Raver, 86, of Dickerson, passed away on May 21, 2019 at Holy Cross Hospital in Germantown.

Born on August 16, 1932 in Upperco, Maryland, he was the beloved son of the late F. Eugene Raver, Sr. and Hazel Larue Alban Raver.

Bob was a 1953 graduate of Hampstead High School and a 1957 graduate of the University of Maryland. He was a member of the Terrapins wrestling team which won the Southern Conference championship in 1952. He had a passion for singing and won a radio talent contest in 1935 at the age of three.

Growing up on the family farm, Bob developed an interest in raising cattle and gardening, winning first place at the Maryland 4-H Fair with his first steer "Roscoe" in 1947. He served his country in the U.S. Army Reserves in 1958, just after beginning his career as an extension agent for the Agricultural Services in Montgomery County in 1957. Bob retired from the Extension Service in 1987.

In 1960, he travelled to Edinburgh, Scotland as a chaperone for the 4-H Dairy Judging Team. He was a world traveler and visited Africa more than fifty times with his good friend Paul Canham. Bob was well-known for growing iris flowers at his home and had over five hundred varieties, some of which were hybrids developed by him. Amazingly, he knew all of their botanical names. Bob was named "Man of the Year" in 1990 for introducing no-till crop production to Maryland farmers in the 1960s. He was inducted into the Montgomery Agriculture Hall of Fame in 2011, and in 2017, was recognized for more than thirty years of volunteer service to the Montgomery County Fair. In 2018, Bob was honored for fifty years of no-tillage agriculture in Montgomery County.

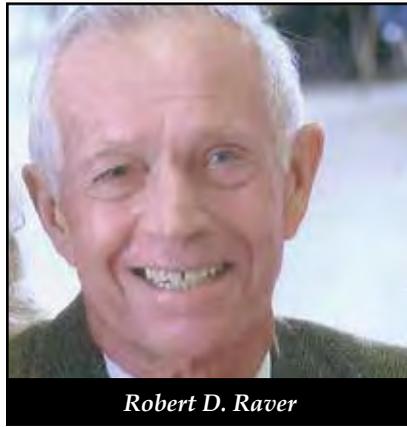
He is survived by sisters, Helen Lee Matthews of Hampstead, Maryland, Gail Buckler of Dover, Delaware, and Joy (Sterling) Martin of Shrewsbury, Pennsylvania; one brother Carlos E. Raver of Hampstead; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bob is also survived by a dear friend Lou Gloyd, special neighbors Connie and Jerry Stine, and caregivers, Calvin Nyakairu and Mary Mbugua.

Bob was preceded in death by brothers, Donald, Eugene, and Thomas Raver; and sister Janice Raver; as well as sisters-in-law, Beverly Raver, Shirley Raver, and Dottie Raver.

A Celebration of Life Luncheon will be held on Saturday June 29, 2019 in the Heritage Building at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20877 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Sally at tmanride@hotmail.com by June 21, 2019.

If desired, contributions can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in his name. Inurnment will be private. Arrangements are by Hilton Funeral Home, Barnesville (hiltonfh.com).



Robert D. Raver

Lana Joanne Ragazinsky

Lana Joanne Ragazinsky, 75, a longtime resident of Poolesville, passed away on May 18, 2019.

Lana was a retired consumer safety officer with the Food and Drug Administration. Born on June 9, 1943, in Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late David and Ruth Irvin. Lana is survived by her two sons, Leonard and Barry Ragazinsky; one grandson, Brad Ragazinsky; one sister, Patricia Cicioni; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lana's request was to have no services.



Lana Joanne Ragazinsky

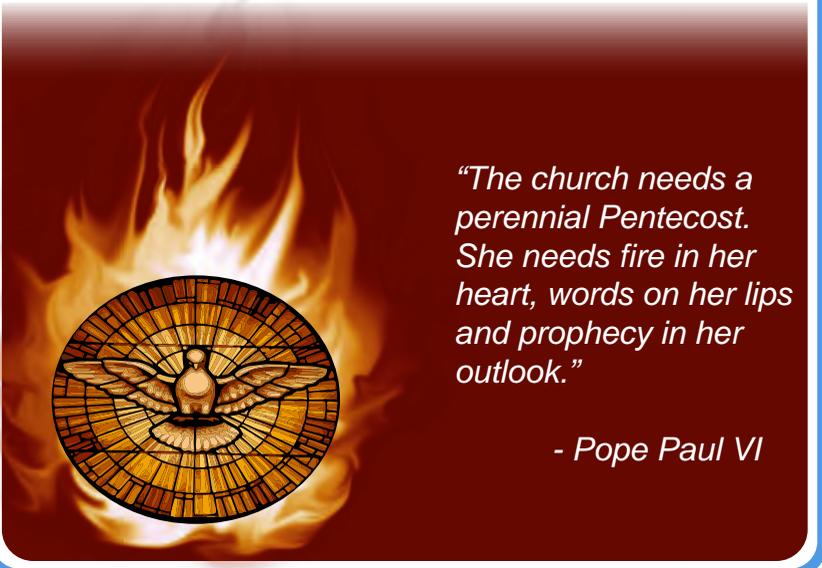


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With an Emphasis on Team Play, PHS Girls' Lacrosse Continues Winning Tradition

goalies: Junior Remy Anderson has been on our team since she was a freshman. I think she is coming close to two hundred saves which is a county record thing. She is strong. We also have Kendall Griffith, a soccer goalie. She is unbelievable. Last year was her

first year on varsity. I think the Blake game was our best game. It was really exciting. We were down, 5-2. Sarah scored with about thirty seconds left in the half to tie it at 5-5. After the first half, we just got on a roll and kept scoring. That was a big confidence booster for us to come back after being down like that."

The girls beat Blake, 12-9, getting two first-half goals from Rosenbaum and one each from Bupp, Keese, and

Mullikin. In the second half, Rosenbaum scored three more goals. Rendzio, Fisher, and Jessica Volpe each had one.

"I really enjoyed the Magruder game because a lot of us got to step up and get more playing time," said senior captain Melody Zhang. "I saw a lot more girls be more active on the field. I am really proud to see how far Kendall has come this year. Kendall and I played JV together. When she came up to the varsity, it was really cool to see

how she stepped up to the plate. She has not been playing lacrosse for a long time, but she is really strong mentally and that really translates in the games."

Other seniors are Mackenzie Kovach and Caitlin Harris. Other juniors are Ariana King, Mary Deffinbaugh, Kyra Bertolini, Jessica Volkle, Solomiya Brannman, and Makayla Lemarr. Kaitlyn Jurata and Jessica Mense are sophomores. Emily Bupp is a freshman. The JV coach is Morgan Turner.

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Percent Increase in Positive Heartworm Tests Increasing in Our Region

Charleston, West Virginia among the Highest in the Nation

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

This week the Companion Animal Parasite Council (CAPC) issued the CAPC Top 10 Cities Heartworm Report for May 2019. Charleston, West Virginia ranked third in the nation. More significant levels of heartworm are being seen farther up the East Coast of the U.S. Maryland is now considered a twelve-month active heartworm state. This means that mosquitoes can transmit heartworm larvae any time of the year, even during the colder winter months. There is now a mosquito in our area that can survive and reproduce at temperatures as low as 45 degrees in a thimbleful of water. Many crawl spaces in homes maintain temperatures at or above 45 degrees and have some water pooling present.

Heartworm disease is transmitted by a variety of infected mosquitoes in this region of the country. The infected mosquito takes a blood meal from an unsuspecting dog or cat, and the stage one larvae of the heartworm invades the wound, entering the animal's body. These larvae migrate around the animal's body for three to four months before finally entering the pulmonary artery and right side of the heart. They live for multiple years, continually inflaming and damaging the arteries of the lungs in that region until the animal dies from a variety of issues created by the extensive inflammation unless treatment is given. There is no current treatment for adult heartworm infections in cats, so prevention is critical.

Often the question is: Why do veterinarians require annual heartworm tests? The simple answer is that about 64% of pet owners miss (forget) to give one or more doses of heartworm preventative in a typical six-month period. Missing two doses in a row raises the potential for heartworms to survive and become adults dramatically. If adult heartworm occurs, the pet will require multiple treatments over a six-month period to kill the adults and prevent debilitating disease.

Cats can get heartworm also. Most owners do not provide protection against heartworm or have annual heartworm tests performed to catch a potential infection early. The veterinary profession is making a big push to increase vigilance in cats and to begin recommending monthly protection.

New and improved products to help protect dogs and cats are coming to or on the market now. These include an injection (Preheat 6-12) that will last for six or twelve months, so the owners do not have to "remember to forget" to give heartworm prevention. Cat owners now have the ability to give a topical heartworm, parasite, and flea and tick protection all in one product. This product is called Revolution Plus and is available by prescription.

If your pets have not seen their doctor in over a year, please make an appointment for them. You can come along for the appointment so you can learn about the impressive new preventatives to help protect your pet from serious health issues.

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