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This is Mikayla Miller whose jousting name is the Maid of New Castle. See St. Mary's festival pictures on page 2.



The twenty-second and twenty-fourth president enjoyed fishing at popular spots along the Potomac River, including Edwards Ferry. More to learn on page 10.



The new PHS cheer coach! Learn her identity in Youth Sports on page 11.



Entrance to Westerly at the time of its opening. Read more about it in Foundations on page 16.

## Barnesville Baptist Church Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

By Lee C. Michael,  
BBC Church Historian

Barnesville Baptist Church (BBC) in Barnesville is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this September with a three-day weekend event. Barnesville Baptist was founded on September 24, 1871 by Rev. Joseph Hawkins Jones, one of twenty-two charter members to sign the church covenant. Barnesville Baptist has grown over the last century and a half from a small congregation servicing its local community to drawing worshipers from across the Upcounty and nearby Frederick County. In its Montgomery County, Maryland Baptist Association, BBC is the fifth oldest church and the oldest congregation still worshipping at its original church site and building. The church bell was installed in 1916, electric lights were first used in 1930, and the Sunday School wing was built from 1954 to 1956.

Elnora Caudell, a fifty-seven-year member, recalled stories of how



Barnesville Baptist Church in 1952 (left) and 2021. The church's cornerstone was laid in 1869.

Deacon E.T. Dixon would bring a wagonful of wood to the church on cold Sundays to start fires in the iron stoves for warmth. Barbara Swank, a lifelong member, remembered as a child that Sunday School classes were held in different corners of the sanctuary before the Sunday School wing was completed. Her girls' class met in the balcony, and she would sit at least one pew row away from the railing because she didn't like heights!

The congregation's archives reveal a legacy stretching back even further. Lee Michael, the church historian, explained, "Rev. Jones, the founding pastor, was an early Baptist preacher in Montgomery and Frederick Counties. Jones began preaching in 1818 and first pastored the Rockville and Upper Seneca Baptist churches. He rode over two thousand miles a year

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## Renowned Film Documentarians to Tell Our White's Ferry Story

By Rande Davis

The closure of White's Ferry has been a disconcerting event for our community, one that can make us feel impotent in our attempts to find a solution. At times, we have struggled to define our concern so that authorities will be able to understand our plight better.

With the Fair Access Committee organizing a public forum on this issue for August 18 at Poolesville Town Hall, hope increases that there will be opportunity to further voice our concerns, but the question remains: Who will listen to our voice?

With the launching of a new film project, our concerns no longer need to focus on our fear of shouting into the void. Three gentlemen have stepped forward to film a documentary focusing on our plight: Art Silverman, Alex Chadwick, and Art Chimes, retired

long-term veterans of film journalism. Silverman and Chadwick have over four decades of service with NPR. Perhaps the most recognizable of the men is Alex, a former host of the program *Day to Day*. Silverman produced *All Things Considered*, and Chimes was a correspondent for *Voice of America*.

Not one to sit on his laurels, Silverman, who just retired on July 13, has jumped into this project with passion, even while filming ceases to be his vocation.

That they are fascinated by our local story is not surprising. NPR has long been able to look at issues impacting those of lesser power. Their mission is to focus on the negative impact of the ferry closure on us. While the documentary will present the story of its closure with information on how we arrived at this point, their primary quest



The new owner of White's Ferry, Chuck Kuhn, was interviewed for a documentary about the economic impact to our area should the ferry remain closed. Interviewing him was the former host of NPR's Day to Day Program Alex Chadwick. The cameraman was Art Chimes, formerly a correspondent with Voice of America.

will be to speak of our more isolated and lonelier plight. They will interview the major players first, Elizabeth Delvin of Virginia's Rockland Farm;

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# Family Album



## St. Mary's 147th Annual Chicken Dinner



Above and below:  
Friday on the Commons  
featured western and farm life.

Ed Rothenberg led his barbeque  
team in "tossing" the chicken  
over the coals.



Right: The Country Store at the annual chicken dinner is a  
popular stop for those looking for homemade jams and jellies.



For 146 years, area families have gathered to enjoy  
St. Mary's annual chicken barbeque dinner.



Despite the lack of indoor dining, sales were  
still robust as people ate outdoors under a tent.



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**Friendly Thrift Shop Finding New Location Successful**

By Kaelyn Milby

Previously located at the historic white building a half block from Poolesville High School, Poolesville’s Friendly Thrift Shop has moved to a new address, 17700 Elgin Road. According to Jackie Adema, it was becoming clear that, for the store to continue serving the community, it needed to move to a new location. The previous building was old and had mold and dust which were beginning to cause allergic reactions among the volunteers. When the new address, previously occupied by a veterinary practice, became available, the store owners met with representatives from eleven area churches and voted to move.



*The new location of Poolesville's Friendly Thrift Shop.*

The lease was signed in February and, with the help of volunteers from local churches and the town, they began the process of getting ready to open. Poolesville Friendly Thrift Shop opened its new doors on April 7, 2021, and the new location has proved very popular. The store has received plenty of donations and pleased customers since moving and encourages others to contribute as well.

One of the biggest obstacles facing the Poolesville Friendly Thrift Shop during its move was the added expense of the new location’s rent. The Town of Poolesville, which owns the previous building, was generous enough to not charge the thrift store rent, and moving to the store’s current location meant that they would have to pay rent for the first time; however, with the overwhelming support of the town, increased hours, slightly higher prices, and help from volunteers, the store has had a successful first few months and has been able to pay the bills while continuing to serve the town.

The new location is more spacious and better organized, with larger clothes racks stuffed with new items. The store has just bought another shed to store more donations, and they are eager to continue increasing their inventory and offer more affordable items to the town.

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## Rande(m) Thoughts Thinking about Celebrations, White's Ferry, and Giving Proper Respect to Others

By Rande Davis

Just imagine, the BBC will be celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary this coming September. What a remarkable milestone, but before you question my numbers by noting that broadcasting is not even that old, please note that, in this case, I am not referring to the British Broadcasting Company but to our friends and neighbors at the Barnesville Baptist Church. Congratulations to them for carrying the spiritual baton for such an historic church and tradition, and we look forward to celebrating with them the week after Poolesville Day.

Thinking of Poolesville Day, I am just a bit concerned about the new COVID Delta variant making its rounds, the rise in cases, and its possible impact on our fall celebration. This is a good time to make sure you are vaccinated. This new strain, while expanding rapidly albeit not having the same tragic impact as COVID-19, can still be difficult. It's true vaccinated persons can potentially get this strain or even the original, but it is extremely rare, and the symptoms are much more mild, even cold-like. What to do? Get the shot.

Our front-page story about the documentary being made about White's Ferry brings the issue back to the forefront, after having been on the backburner more recently. Chuck Kuhn, the new owner, will be speaking at an upcoming Fair Access Committee public forum on August 18 to present prospects and his vision for the future. The meeting can be attended in-person or via Zoom, so you won't want to miss this. The terrible impact on our economy and convenience caused by the ferry's closure lingers, but there remains much hope.

The ferry industry historically played a major role in Maryland cultural and economic history, with at one time over 130 such services commercially running in the state. That proud history was down to the very last: our very own White's Ferry. While hope for its future is robust due to so many residents being negatively impacted, that future remains uncertain. Some even fear that the bridge-over-the-Potomac advocates are thrilled

by if not influential in the ferry's closure. It's true, the closure and its economic impact on the state are marginal at best, but for Poolesville, the ferry is to us what the coronary sinus vein is to the heart. Can you say lifeblood?

Yes, we have carried on even through the pandemic, but in a small economy such as ours, losing a third of the flow of trade to the local economy can prove not only vital but, in the long run, fatal.

Personally, I remain skeptical that a compromise can be worked out, so I expect any solution will require government involvement from the other side of the river if it is to reopen anytime in the near future. By that, I mean anytime within six months. Once again, I call on Loudoun County officials to reclaim the 1871 proclamation of the Virginia side public landing which would allow the ferry to reopen.

Every day the ferry is closed, Poolesville suffers the most. Traffic on Route 15 in Virginia resembles a clogged caravan of vehicles for miles going north. All of us on both sides of the Potomac River pay the price for the unreasonable claims and demands of one party. It's sad that greed seems to outweigh goodwill again.

My final thought for the week returns to a dear friend, Gwen Reese, a magnificent historian and founder of the Sugarland Ethno-History Project. Her friends, family, and supporting community gave her a wonderful sendoff this past weekend. She was buried in the hallowed cemetery of the church of her youth, the church of her family members going back to post-Civil War. Now she is literally home, physically and spiritually. This grand woman, who not only served us and led us, also loved us. How wonderful to see so many there! Her stature was confirmed by the presence of county government and historical leaders speaking on her behalf. They gave her the recognition she so well deserved. It was gratifying to see County Executive Marc Elrich and Councilman Craig Rice there to acknowledge her accomplishments. It was disappointing, however, that no one from the Town of Poolesville government attended. Our local African American community has historically lived on the margins

of the town. While that may be a simple geographic fact, they should never have to feel that they are on the margins in our hearts. Our commissioners may want to reconsider how they want the town represented in the future when events of this nature occur. If we are to truly be a community family, then we need to act on it, not just talk about it.

## Fun Fact...

In November of 1683, Talbot County, Maryland established a ferry service for "horses and men" that continues to be the oldest privately-owned, continuously operated ferry in America. For twenty-five thousand pounds of tobacco a year, Richard Royston was charged with operating the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry—which crosses the Tred Avon River—linking the towns of Bellevue and Oxford, Maryland.

Operation of the ferry has evolved throughout the decades. In its early years, the ferry was powered by sails and oars, then by coal-powered steam in the late 1800s, followed by gasoline in the early 1900s. Today, the diesel-powered vessel is known as the "Talbot" and has gone from transporting wagons and horses, to automobiles (nine to be exact), motorcycles, and even RVs along with the regular pedestrian foot traffic.

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## Tidbits

### Capturing the Sunflower Craze

Locals Farm Market is honored to be one of the selected sites by the Arts and Humanities Council of Montgomery County (AHCMC) to showcase a talented and thriving arts community in the heart of Montgomery County's Ag Reserve.

"Celebrating and promoting local arts and culture is an experience you will always be able to find here at Locals. Our central location in Poolesville and partnerships with our next-door neighbor, the historic John Poole House, as well as the BlackRock Center for the Arts in Germantown, has allowed us to launch fine arts and crafts fairs, local author speaker series, musical performances, yoga, and meditation, and we're planning lots more," said Sandy Wright, cofounder of Locals Farm Market.

Local visual artist Marcie Wolf-Hubbard's timeless sunflowers in a blue vase banner is one of the works of art on public display throughout Montgomery County to promote the creative economy's safe reopening. Marcie received her B.A. from the University of Maryland in Studio Art and studied Fine Art and Illustration at the Maryland Institute, College of Art. Her paintings in encaustic and mixed media have been exhibited widely on the East Coast.

The brick building, the home of Locals, adjacent to the Old Town Hall Bank Museum in the center of Poolesville, has been previously known as the Stevens House and as the Hand Maidens Shop.

Proprietor David Therriault has been spearheading a movement to establish Poolesville as an exciting destination town, something that would be sure to revitalize the local economy to the benefit of not just his restaurant but the others as well and would increase trade for other businesses in town. Working closely with the Historic Medley District, Inc., he has greatly improved the grounds of the John Poole House through his expertise as a landscape farmer.

### White's Ferry Sportsman Club to Close

The National Park Service (NPS) has owned the tract of land on which the White's Ferry Sportsman Club is situated since 1974. By the terms of the sale, the club retained use and occupancy of the land through 1999. The NPS purchased this property to protect both environmental values and natural resources and to allow public use of the land. The NPS has determined that closure of this private occupancy and removal of all cabins and associated improvements from the property are necessary to fulfill those public purposes for which the land was acquired. Consequently, the NPS is ending the private use of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park by the White's Ferry Sportsman Club on April 1, 2022.

Cabin holders will be able to remove all personal property, including salvage of the cabins or other improvements, through March 31, 2022. On April 1, 2022, the NPS will place locks on all remaining cabins and on the access gate.

When the salvage period ends, any remaining improvements will be removed, and the site will be restored to a more natural state. The NPS will undertake a public planning process to identify possible future uses for the land.

### Innovative Concert at Whalen Commons

The Blue Kadets, a group formed to promote independent music artists in developing their craft, organized a concert in Whalen Commons on July 31. The nine-band lineup had performances ranging from individual performers to hard metal. Despite the heat, the five-hour concert received a good crowd of enthusiastic fans. Boyds residents, Levi Hegeisen and Carson Becker, organized the concert.



*New promotional banner at Locals Farm Market.*



*The Blue Kadets' 2021 Blues Fest on the Commons featured nine artists ranging from folk to heavy metal.*

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To protect the health and safety of a more vulnerable population during the quickly-evolving current conditions, attendees at all indoor and non-socially distanced events need to be masked, and it is requested that everyone eligible be fully vaccinated.

#### Mondays

**Tai-Chi** with Maureen Ivusic. 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Virtual.

#### Wednesdays

**Zumba Gold** with Karen McPhatter. 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### Trivia Game Night

If you love Trivia, come join a team with Poolesville Seniors. For more information, email [info@poolesvilleseniors.org](mailto:info@poolesvilleseniors.org). 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### Thursdays

##### Mahjong – In person

This popular game returns in person every Thursday beginning August 12 at Speer Hall, 17800 Elgin Road, under the guidance of Joyce Kral. Beginners and seasoned players are welcomed. 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. See in-person protocols above.

##### Fridays—NO CLASS AUGUST 13 and 20

**Breath-Mind-Body** with Kathy Jankowski. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please register for each Friday class. Virtual.

#### August 12

##### Sip & Sample – Wine and Cheese Pairings

Join Christine Rai, local professor and cheese enthusiast, as she demystifies the pairings of wine and cheese. Come away empowered with an understanding of how to enhance flavor and your enjoyment through combinations of wine, cheese, and other accoutrements. Tips and serving suggestions will also be shared. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### August 19

##### Historic Properties with Kenny Sholes

In this monthly series, Kenny will explore the homes of the Agricultural

Reserve to help you better understand the people whose land we have inherited and how their dreams, goals, and struggles were not much different from those of today. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### August 23

##### PS Book Club

Join Poolesville Seniors to discuss *The Dry*, Jane Harper's debut novel. This chilling story will keep you on edge as past secrets and present tragedy unfold during the worst drought in a century. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### August 26

##### All about Arthropods! – Hard Bodies for Success

Entomologist David Adamski will survey the most successful animals on the planet. The Arthropoda have been swimming, crawling, and flying for millions of years, many before humans. Register for this family-friendly event open to all ages and join in to see some strange and fascinating specimens up close. 7:00 p.m. See in-person protocols above.

#### September 2

##### Ride the Long Island Line

Take a virtual ride with Master Railroader, Brian Sheron, as he takes you through his 300-square-foot HO re-creation of the busiest commuter railroad in America, the Long Island Railroad. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### September 8

##### Quarterly Social

##### Tales of the 1956 Washington Senators Baseball Team

Bill "Bat Boy" Turner and Ed "Boy in the Scoreboard" Baruch will share their up-close and personal experiences from the dugout, bullpen, clubhouse, and the field of the 1956 Washington Senators Baseball Season. Witness demonstrations, rare film clips, and tales from the 1956 All-Star Game at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. 2:00 p.m. See in-person protocols above.

For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org). Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their facebook page and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.

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**Local News**

**Special Public Forum  
On the Future of  
White's Ferry**

The Town of Poolesville's Fair Access Committee is sponsoring a forum on August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Poolesville Town Hall to allow local citizens to learn more about White's Ferry and its future. Chuck Kuhn, the president of JK Moving Services who purchased the ferry earlier this year, will appear to discuss his reasons for buying the ferry, what he sees as its future, and what he plans to do with the ferry. Other invited speakers will include state and county officials who have been involved in efforts to develop a solution to the impasse that has closed the ferry.

The audience can ask questions, but to ensure an orderly and informative session, questions will be submitted via chat or by cards from live audience members, and the moderator will do everything possible to ensure a wide range of questions are considered. The session will be recorded, and the media will be invited to cover it.

The focus of the forum would be on the key points above and not on the legal/contract dispute. Statements should be three minutes to five minutes in length.

Moderating will be Link Hoewing. Government leaders in attendance will be Kerri Cook, President, Poolesville Commission (opening remarks and introductions); Congressman David Trone (invited); Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo; Del. Lily Qi; and a representative from the Montgomery County Roads Department (invited).

The impact on the local community from the closing of the ferry will be addressed by Tom Kettler, President, Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce; Maureen O'Connell, President, Historic Medley District; and Chuck Copeland, Minister, Hosanna Worship Center.

**Fun Fact...**

The moon is at her full,  
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summer sky  
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### August 6

#### Friday on the Commons: It's Show Time

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### August 7

#### Rummage Sale

Poolesville Presbyterian Church. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### August 8

#### Poolesville Farmers' Market on the Commons

Local produce, homemade baked goods, grass-fed beef, honey, eggs, soap, artisan crafts, art, and more! Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### August 10

#### The Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild Meeting

Are you a quilter or would like to become one? The Village Piecemakers Quilt Guild is dedicated to promoting the art of quilting through education, inspiration, and fellowship. Meetings open to all skill levels. For more information, contact Rita Mills at venturacyc@verizon.net or Chris Shanholtzer at PandCSshan@aol.com. Poolesville Town Hall meeting room. Doors open for social at 7:00 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

### August 12 and 13

#### St. Peter's Special Clothing Rummage Sale

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### August 13

#### Gatherings in the Garden

Poolesville Presbyterian Church. Acrylic paint pours: 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; musical concert (band TBA): 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

### August 14

#### UMCVFD Barbeque

Pulled pork and beef sandwiches, coleslaw, and baked beans. Beallsville Fire Station. 11:00 a.m. until sold out.

### August 15

#### Poolesville Farmers' Market on the Commons

Local produce, homemade baked goods, grass-fed beef, honey, eggs, soap, artisan crafts, art, and more! Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### August 16

#### Town Government Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

### August 18

#### Special Public Forum on the Future of White's Ferry

The Town of Poolesville's Fair Access Committee is sponsoring a forum to allow local citizens to learn more about White's Ferry and its future. Chuck Kuhn, the president of JK Moving Services who purchased the ferry earlier this year, will appear to discuss his reasons for buying the ferry, what he sees as its future, and what he plans to do with the ferry. Other invited speakers will include state and county officials who have been involved in efforts to develop a solution to the impasse that has closed the ferry. Poolesville Town Hall. 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### August 20

#### PACC Happy Hour and Networking Event

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce invites its members to Windridge Vineyards for a Happy Hour and Networking Event! Registration is required (visit chamber website) and each member/organization will receive one free ticket for a glass of wine (pick up your ticket at the PACC check-in table). Light snacks will be provided. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### August 24

#### Poolesville Green— Monthly Carbon Challenge

Zoom meeting; all welcome. Scan code in the ad this issue on page 3.

### August 27

#### Friday on the Commons: Suds and Fun

Join us on the Commons as three of our favorite breweries will be bringing their best brews: Manor Hill, Elder Pine, and True Respite. We will also have assorted wines to purchase. The bandshell will be rocking all night long with Michael Heister: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; 19th Street Band: 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

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## In Your Own Backyard

### Lock 25—Edwards Ferry: Part 5

By Jon Wolz

After the great Potomac River flood in 1889, the C&O Canal lay idle throughout 1890 and did not reopen until September 1891. The old Canal Company had gone bankrupt; however, the B&O Railroad owned Canal Company bonds and had a lien on the canal property. In order to keep the canal from being taken over by competing railroads, the B&O Railroad took control of the canal. The railroad found it was cheaper to repair the canal than to build another railroad line where the canal existed. The railroad would own the canal for the next fifty years before turning over ownership of it to the Federal Government.

The 1890 census was destroyed by fire, and there are no records showing who was the lockkeeper at Lock 25 during the 1890s. It is likely that both Charles and Columbia Wood were still lockkeepers at Lock 25 into the 1890s. In 1898, Dr. Edward Wootton sold one quarter of an acre of land at Edwards Ferry to Charles W. Worth for \$300. After the Civil War, both Wootton and Elijah White bought the granary at Edwards Ferry, and the 1898 sale to Charles Worth Wood was possibly that granary. The stone wall of the old granary still stands along the berm side of the canal just below Lock 25.

In May 1893, it was reported that there was a shooting at Edwards Ferry in which John W. Stephens, who was "a well-known citizen of that locality," shot his son-in-law, Ernest Talbott. Talbott was shot in the arm and a number of times in other parts of his body with "small shot." Talbott had been warned by Stephens to keep away from the premises; however after making an appearance there and being ordered to leave, Talbott refused to go. That was when Mr. Stephens opened fire on Ernest Talbott. Stephens was given bail after appearing in court. Ernest and his wife remained married and lived together for the rest of their lives. It is unknown if the feelings Mr. Stephens had towards Mr. Talbott mellowed after the shooting.

In early February 1895, Richard H. Collier and Will Talbott attempted to cross the Potomac River at Edwards Ferry by walking on the ice-covered river. At a considerable distance from the Maryland shore, they both suddenly broke through the ice. Fortunately for the two men, they received prompt assistance from people who were watching from the shore, saving them from drowning. Upon being rescued, both men were reported to be "in an exhausted condition." Richard was a younger brother of Fannie Collier Whalen. Fannie was married to the last lockkeeper at Lock 27, John Whalen.

In March 1895, Mr. W. Wertz of Washington, D.C., arrived at Edwards Ferry one evening as a result of a wager with Mr. Ned Harry of Washington. The wager was that Wertz could not walk to Brunswick, a distance of fifty-five miles from Washington, in twenty-four hours. Wertz's condition on reaching Lock 25, which is thirty miles up the towpath, was "fine," and he appeared confident of success.

During the 1890s, Edwards Ferry continued to be a popular destination for fishermen from Washington, D.C. President Grover Cleveland visited different fishing spots along the Potomac River, and he even visited Edwards Ferry to fish for smallmouth black bass. The president's favorite bait was a frog. In a newspaper report, it mentions a fellow who was known as "Old man Pettijohn" of Edwards Ferry. He said the president "could set on a rock and cast a frog furd-er'n any man I ever seen." Pettijohn told the story about the time he was fishing with the president and when they were both fishing in rocky water and not getting a strike for a long time, the president went out to investigate. Standing in the water, the president found that his frog had calmly climbed on a rock and was sunning himself serenely, hook in mouth. The president's remarks upon that occasion were omitted from the newspaper story.

In 1899, Eugene Jarboe, who ran a store at Edwards Ferry down from the lock on the river side of the canal supplying canal boats and local farms as well, drowned in the lock of the canal while loading cattle. He was also the postmaster there. In the 1890s, he began operating the ferry once again that had closed in the 1880s across the Potomac River. After his death, the ferryboat fell into disuse and was disposed of by his family. At his time of death, Eugene left a wife, Mary Eleanor, and seven children. Eugene's widow, Mary, was named postmaster to replace her husband, and sons Sam and John and daughter Mary Moselle Jarboe continued to run the store until it closed in 1906. Eugene is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Barnesville.

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## Youth Sports

### Meet the New Poolesville Cheerleading Coach

By Jeff Stuart

On June 23, Regina Grubb, the athletic director of Poolesville High School, announced that Sophia Giarratano had been hired as the new varsity cheerleading coach. A 2005 graduate of Poolesville, she cheered for Poolesville Athletic Association (PAA) and PHS all four years. She is a licensed cosmetologist and works as a hairstylist in Poolesville and currently resides in Beallsville with her husband, Chris, and their two dogs.

"I cannot wait to get back to coaching," said Giarratano, "so I can continue to help the student-athletes achieve their goals. This is technically my second year coaching. I don't really count the very brief virtual season we had in 2020. I was the JV cheer coach in 2019, but since we only have one cheer team at PHS, I was basically just the assistant varsity coach. My good friend Chrissy Rice was the varsity coach; she's expecting her first child any day now, so she stepped down from the head coach position. I was happy to step up. I bring a lot of experience to the program."

Giarratano began cheering as an eight-year-old in the Poolesville Athletic Association's cheer program and continued all through high school. "I also love working with the kids to help them build confidence within cheer and in their schoolwork. I want to be able to help them develop life skills, as well, such as time management, accountability, and responsibility."

"As far as coming up with our competition routine, the coaches choreograph the whole thing. We select the cheer, choreograph the stunts, we do it all. Of course, once we begin practicing, we make changes along the way, and I love to have the kids help, and I value their input. Poolesville has wonderful, smart kids. We are given a certain time for the routine, and we get penalized for every second we go over. We always put together a cheer, dance, lots of stunting, and usually use large signs that read 'Go Falcons' or something similar."

There are three divisions for cheer in Montgomery County. The previous year's results determine the following year's placement. "In the 2019 season, we were bumped down to division three due to our last place performance in 2018 when we were in division two. It is difficult to prepare given the short amount of time. Our competition is always the last Saturday in October, and we don't assemble the team until the middle of August with the rest of the MCPS fall sports teams, so along with competition practices, we are attending all football games and some field hockey and soccer."

This is where skills such as time management are key. "We always tell our kids that schoolwork comes first, and cheer comes second, and we are spread thin between supporting our sports teams and competition practice. Once competition is over, we do feel a sense of relief because practices aren't so intense. We do perform at fall and winter pep rallies as well. That is a short routine comprised of a cheer and a short dance with stunting. Those are my favorite."

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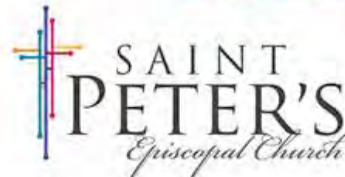
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Also, don't forget to sign up for the Poolesville Day  
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**WUMCO Help Partners with Local Businesses**

- In addition to the fine businesses we listed last month, Drs. Timothy Pike and Margaret Valega have built a cupboard in their parking lot at 19601 Fisher Avenue in Poolesville that is open all the time for residents to drop off non-perishable food in cans and boxes for WUMCO. This is emptied twice a week now.
- We partner with Hilton Funeral Home which has a container to receive non-perishable food to be delivered to WUMCO. The funeral home is located at 22111 Beallsville Road, Barnesville.
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### Barnesville Baptist Church Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

on horseback, serving distant congregations, before settling in Frederick, Maryland in 1845. Jones started preaching in Barnesville before the Civil War and founded the church he called his 'monument' before dying only three months later."

For its first eighty years, BBC shared circuit-riding preachers with other local Baptist churches. Founding church families had surnames like Darby, Hilton, Griffith, Sellman, and White, reflecting the Upcounty's agricultural heritage. After World War II, BBC pastors had longer tenures, so they were able to develop deeper roots in the local community and expand the church's ministries and outreach.

Rev. Danny Moore, pastor at Barnesville Baptist since 2015, remarked, "The one thing that has come to mind to all of us as we look back at 150 years of ministry is that there is plenty more work to do. What is encouraging is that God has been faithful, past, present, and future, and as long as we stay faithful, the Gospel will go out from Barnesville."

After pandemic restrictions prevented in-person services in 2020 and 2021, BBC expanded its live-streaming services so that the church didn't miss a Sunday due to COVID-19. Today, Barnesville Baptist offers in-person and online services and Bible studies to worshipers across the United States and as far away as Africa and Asia. Several local nursing homes and rehabilitation centers regularly broadcast BBC services. The church has also started publishing podcasts to reach a younger audience.

Pastor Moore reflected on the many challenges and changes Barnesville Baptist adapted to since 2020, saying, "I believe that the pandemic has opened our eyes to new and interesting ways to reach out with the Gospel like never before. Because of this, the unity of the church is strong, and the sense of purpose has brought about a revival to the church body and the ones we're reaching out to."

The church has started celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday already, with members sporting custom polo shirts, historical articles in the monthly newsletter, and a

commemorative white oak tree planting in the church yard. In the weeks leading up to the anniversary weekend, hymns will be sung out of the church's archive of songbooks from the 1800s. The theme of the anniversary is "Celebrating 150 Years of God's Faithfulness."

Pastor Moore commented, "As we celebrate and remember God's blessing over the last 150 years of ministry at Barnesville Baptist, that has given us a new awareness and joy as we look forward to the future to see how God will use us."

The September celebration will take place over three days. Friday, September 24, the actual 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is History Night, during which the church's founding and early history will be discussed at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, September 25 is the Open House and Fellowship Picnic from noon to 4:00 p.m., with special guest speakers, historical exhibits, and a barbeque lunch catered by Dickerson Market. Sunday, September 26 will be an expanded worship service starting at 9:45 a.m.

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### Lock 25—Edwards Ferry: Part 5

In the 1900 census, Charles Wood appears as a lockkeeper, and his wife Columbia was living with him. All of their many children no longer lived with Charles and Columbia. In 1890, Charles's mother died, and she was buried in the family cemetery along with her husband and some of their children. In 1907, Charles Wood died, and in 1909, Columbia passed away. Both Charles and Columbia are buried in the Monocacy Cemetery. In the early 1900s, Charlie Poole ran a small store in a wooden building on the berm side of the lock. In the 1900 census, Charlie Poole's occupation was a day laborer, so his work at the canal store came after 1900. In 1900, Charlie was married with two young children. Living with the Pooles was Charlie's mother, Mary Poole. After Charles Wood was the lockkeeper at Lock 25, John Waters became the lockkeeper there, and he took over the store once run by Charlie Poole across from the lock.

To be continued with the early years of the 1900s.



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## Garden

### Late Season Plants

By Maureen O'Connell

August can be a tricky time in the garden. Plants and gardeners are running out of steam. Every day it gets more tempting to overlook quickly-spreading weeds and dying plants. Since the early days of spring, Monocacy gardens have had to cope with cool, wet weather, record high temperatures, blazing sun, and frequent thunderstorms. Insect pests and plant diseases were not too bad in May and June, but they made up for it in July. My four David Austin roses surprised me in May and June with armloads of blooms, but almost overnight in early July, the usual rose diseases arrived, reducing the bushes to leafless or blackened stems with no flower buds—but don't give up on your gardens yet, there are still several months to go before the first frosts return.

Today, let's look at how to restore some order to your borders, reinvigorate your flower gardens, and neaten shaggy hedging and shrubs.

Fall is one of the best times for planting. It gives perennials, trees, and shrubs the chance to establish their



Author's 'Stargazer' lily.

roots before the demands of foliage and flowers in the spring. It is also a good time to reevaluate your garden design and make changes. Springtime may be seen as the season for gardeners, but fall is where spring's success is sown.

Don't neglect deadheading your annuals and perennials now. When you deadhead, the energy, strength, and nutrients that would have gone into producing new seed generates more flowers instead. This will encourage more blooms to come in September and October. It is also important to prune out yellowing or dead foliage to reduce spreading fungal diseases.

If you have some perennials that have seen better days, you just don't like anymore, or just don't fit your garden picture, dig them up and plant something more suitable to your taste.

Late season bloomers: Not all summer annuals and perennials enter the stage in May or June, so if you haven't planted any late bloomers, it is not too late to do it now. Many garden centers and online garden sites sell fall plants now. The most popular plant for this time is the chrysanthemum—just be aware that mums sold in garden centers in the autumn should be treated as annuals. They were not bred to be hardy. Prize them for their color, size, and form now. That said, I always plant my mums in the fall, and, most often, they do make it through the winter to bloom again in the fall.

Sedums are drought-tolerant plants that come in myriad shapes and colors that you can plant in the fall. One of the most popular and dependable varieties is 'Autumn Joy.' I have several. Its flowers bloom from August into November in shades of pink, maturing to the coppery shades of autumn. The only problem I have with mine is their flopping habit. This can be caused by too rich a soil. You can also control this growth by cutting plants back in late spring or early summer. Very often, I neglect to do this, and, about early

September, they fall all over their neighbors. I should not have this problem this year as my backyard deer have taken a new interest in them and are keeping them heavily pruned—no flowers but no flop. As an alternative sedum, I have ordered this year from White Flower Farm, 'Matrona.' It is long lived and drought tolerant with masses of pale pink flowers, densely packed in large umbrella-shaped flowerheads atop sturdy ruby stems that keep them perfectly upright: No flop. The flowers are attractive to bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies, excellent as cut flowers, heat tolerant, and disease and deer resistant. What's not to like!

Fall is also an ideal time to plant other perennials: *Allium*, *Asclepias* (milkweed), *Eupatorium* (Joe Pye Weed), *Helleborus*, iris, and peonies, to name a few.

I have saved for last my most favorite garden plant: The Lily. There are almost one hundred species and hundreds of hybrids of the genus *Lilium*, but many garden lilies fall into one of several hybrid groups: Asiatic, Oriental, trumpet, martagan, and candidum lilies. I have several of each category, but my favorites are the Oriental lilies. There is the idiom to "gild the lily,"

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**Lock 25—Edwards Ferry: Part Four**

which describes the process of adorning or embellishing something that is already beautiful or already perfect. It is attributed to a misquoted line in Shakespeare's play *King John*: "To gild refined gold, to paint the lily /To throw perfume on the violet." The idiom holds true to the spirit of the original version, even if the wording does not.

The Queens of the Lilies in my garden are the Oriental white 'Casa Blanca' and the crimson 'Stargazer.' They both sport large, showy, long-lasting flowers, but their very strong perfumed scent is their star power.

Recently, the Royal Horticultural Society's (RHS) Award of Garden Merit, after several years of trials, honored several lilies based on the following criteria: excellence of garden use, a good constitution; stability in form and color; availability of purchase; and reasonable resistance to pests and diseases. Included in this list are: Asiatic hybrid *Lilium* 'Pearl White,' *Lilium* 'Roselily Sara,' *Lilium* 'Fusion,' and *Lilium* 'Golden Splendor.' The RHS is located in London, but these above-mentioned plants are available online in the United States.

Do a little "gilding" in your garden this fall. You will be glad you did come spring.

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## Foundations

### A History of Development In Poolesville

By Kenny Sholes

The Town of Poolesville commissioners, in conjunction with various town boards, are currently developing the town's master plan, required for publication every ten years. As we begin to think about how we want our town to evolve over the next ten years, it's probably a good time to consider how we arrived here in the first place.

Development in Poolesville has been a contentious issue in town over the last few years. I frequently joke that if you want people to show up for town hall meetings, just propose a new development, but it is somewhat interesting to look at neighborhood development over the last fifty years because, prior to 1970, this town saw very little change from its incorporation in 1867. According to census information, the population in 1900 was around 230, in 1970 the population was around 350, and today the population is around 5,500.

What changed in 1970 and what has development in town looked like since then? In order to briefly explain these last fifty years, I divided our town's growth into three distinct eras: The Halmos Era, which lasted from 1970 to 1976; the McDonald's Era, which lasted from 1986 to around 2000; and the Post-Great Recession Era, which began around 2010 and is ongoing.

#### The Halmos Era

In the 1960s, Gene Halmos, a WWII vet and former prisoner of war (you can read his account of being held in a German POW camp in his book *The Wrong Side of the Fence*), became head of the town commission. There was frustration with the perception that the town was being pushed around by county officials due to Poolesville's relative lack of voting power on account of its small population. In an effort to change this dynamic and improve local economic development, Gene and the commissioners embarked on an effort to grow the population through development.

Before developers could come to town, however, significant drainage issues throughout town needed to be fixed (residents in the 1940s described swampy conditions throughout Poolesville anytime it rained). In 1966, a new sewer system was completed with much fanfare—the commissioners held a celebration at the Poolesville Middle-Senior High School to highlight the accomplishment.

With the sewer in place, development was ready to begin, and between 1970 and 1976, the Westerly and Wesmond subdivisions and townhouses along Wootton Avenue were built. As these developments came online, it became clear that despite the new sewer system, Poolesville's wastewater capacity remained inadequate—so much so, that in 1976, the state imposed a moratorium on further development until the capacity issue was fixed.

#### The McDonald's Era

In 1984, the new wastewater treatment plant was completed, allowing for the development moratorium to be lifted. Through the late 1980s and into the 1990s, development again kicked into high gear with the building of multiple neighborhoods, including Hunter's Run, Tama, Elizabeth's Delight, and Seneca Chase. Exciting as these new developments were, perhaps nothing was more exciting than the completion of McDonald's in 1989. The *Baltimore Sun* captured the mood (perhaps a bit overdramatically) when it wrote an article about the town titled: "Fast Times in Poolesville: Building Ban Is Gone and McDonald's Is Coming."

As building throughout the 1990s continued, the age-old problem of water capacity in Poolesville began to reemerge. Not only were concerns of wastewater capacity again at the forefront of town commissioner and planning board members' minds, but well water capacity was also beginning to become stretched. The confluence of these issues, combined with a town population increasingly skeptical of further growth, effectively ended this phase of development around the year 2000.



A sales brochure for the Westerly development at the time it first opened.

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## Remembrance

### Marsha Ella Souder

Marsha Ella Souder, 84, of Lusby, Maryland, passed away on July 16, 2021.

She was the loving wife to the late James W. Souder.

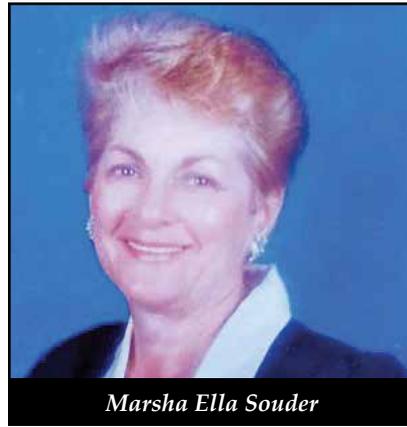
Born on April 1, 1937 in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Stuart Southworth and Mildred Carolina (Kalns) Bennett.

Marsha is survived by her two sons, James "Jamie" B. Souder of Bethesda and Craig W. Souder, wife Trish, of Poolesville; and two grandchildren, Benjamin of New York City and Megan of Poolesville.

She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Joan Carolina Long and Audrey Bennett Hink.

Marsha will be laid to rest with her husband at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



Marsha Ella Souder

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#### A History of Development in Poolesville

##### The Post-Great Recession Era

Despite the pause in development beginning around 2000, landowners and developers continued to plan for future development, and by 2007-2008, they were ready to again begin building. By this point in time, well capacity had been largely rectified by the drilling of additional wells throughout town, and upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant improved some of the wastewater capacity issues previously identified. The global recession of 2008 certainly delayed building, but by 2009-2010, construction on Stoney Springs had begun, and Brightwell Crossing was about to break ground.

Despite lingering concerns over wastewater capacity (which according to a former member of the planning board can likely never be completely ameliorated as long as the treatment plant sits along the Dry Seneca Creek), development continues today. Families are moving into the Reserve at Brightwell Crossing and Westerly Grove as we speak, and the development on the Willard property in the center of town seems all but certain to be built over the coming years.

##### Poolesville in 2031

If you spend some time reviewing the town's master plan from 2011, you will see that the vision depicted in that document has largely come to fruition (kudos to the town commission, town boards, and town staff on this!). Given this realized vision, residents should view the opportunity to influence the 2021 plan as a real opportunity to shape how the town proceeds over the next ten years and not some check-the-block exercise by the town to meet a previously-established requirement. What do you hope Poolesville will look like in 2031? Here's your chance to make that vision a reality.

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#### Renowned Film Documentarians to Tell Our White's Ferry Story

Chuck Kuhn, the new owner; and Herb Brown, spokesperson for the Brown family, the longtime previous owner of the ferry. They will hear from Susan Soderberg of the Montgomery County Historical Society for perspective on the ferry and the ferry industry in our state. Then their major focus will be to hear from us. They will attend the upcoming public forum, then they will set up a place where persons may come to voice their concerns, here in Poolesville and in Leesburg.

Mr. Kuhn arrived for his interview at White's Ferry piloting his helicopter. He spoke of his disappointment that an arrangement with Rockland Farm had not been reached and now believes the solution requires that Loudoun County officials implement eminent domain and reinstate its 1871 proclamation that declared the shore and docking area in Virginia a public landing and not private property.

Mr. Kuhn remains adamant that the ferry will eventually reopen and spoke enthusiastically when sharing his vision for the new ferry operation: a faster ferry powered by electricity, digital capability for collecting crossing fees, and reducing the cross time by nearly half. He also sees many improvements in the grounds, the store, and the landing area.

The Kuhn family has a long history of purchasing farmland for preservation. "I feel—and my family feels—we are living in a museum, and although we certainly respect development and need for growth, we also support the need for balance and for protecting an area with such history and beauty, so buying parcels, placing them into conservation easements, keeping some of it private, farming some of it, and putting some out for public use is our objective"

As the owner of JK Moving, the largest independently-owned moving company in the nation, he has enjoyed great financial success; therefore, owning the ferry and making it profitable have never been his goals. "Owning the ferry is not about the money but about conservation."

As an example, he cites his JK Community Farm of 150 acres in western Loudoun County. His daughter Samantha is its director, and everything grown on the farm is donated to worthy recipients throughout the region.

Although the process has not gone as smoothly as he had hoped, "I do not regret buying the ferry. We acquired the ferry from good people who had good intentions. We will prevail; we'll reopen the ferry. We are getting tremendous support from the community; we are getting tremendous support from the counties and states. Eventually, I believe they will use eminent domain, they will get control of the Virginia shoreline."

As to when the ferry may open again, he said, "After the proceedings regarding eminent domain take place before 2022 and at some time after that."

He concluded, "We did not acquire the ferry to make money. We acquired the ferry to protect the ferry. It does not make any difference to me if we ever turn a profit at the ferry. The acquisition of the ferry is only about protecting the historic aspects of the ferry and the convenience to the public."

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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Burglary:** 15500 block of Barnesville Road.

**Theft:** 19900 block of Beallsville Road.

### Past Crime: 1930 to 1935

By order of the county commissioners, police officers began cracking down on door-to-door hucksters who seemed to be everywhere. Citizens complained that people selling coal, fruits, meat, vegetables, and everything imaginable were coming to their doors frequently (this was during the Great Depression). The commissioners ordered that unless the hucksters could prove that they had grown, dug, or raised their wares, they could not do business in Montgomery County. Those people who had complied with the law could get a license to go door to door or to set up stands on the side of the roadways.

The new Rockville constable made his presence known on his first day on duty. Not only did he ticket the car belonging to Judge Smith—who was in the courthouse hearing cases—but also States Attorney Bouic and some prominent attorneys. All had been used to parking their autos in front of the courthouse where parking was prohibited.

Walter Shirley was arrested by county police and charged with the burglary of the home of Helen Weedon in Rockville. Shirley wasn't content with the ten dollars that he stole, so he also took a blank check from the home and forged the name of Rueben Pumphrey, noted Rockville undertaker. Shirley had been a trusted employee of the Pumphrey family for years.

Willis Poole of Cedar Grove was arrested on a charge of possession of a large amount of whiskey. At his arraignment, he told the judge that he suffered from a variety of illnesses and that the whiskey was necessary to treat his woes. The judge told him that it

was not time to present a defense and to think of a new one for his trial.

The body of a Washington man was found beside the Gaithersburg-Laytonsville Road at Smiths Corner. Police said that they found numbers slips in the dead man's pockets and suspected that he was the victim of a feud between warring numbers gangs in Washington and Prince George's

County (there is no record of such a murder in the county police files so it assumed that the man had been shot elsewhere and then dumped in Montgomery County, thus the investigation was turned over to the Washington Police).

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### Your Cat Is Different Suddenly. What Now?

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

Let's start with a startling statistic: Owned cats in the United States are 50% less likely to receive regular veterinary visits than their canine counterparts—50%, wow, that is significant. They are just as likely to become ill or need preventative care.

There is good reason why this is true. Many cats will move to less traveled locations in the house when they are not feeling well. They will also avoid their human servants as opposed to dogs who seek out their human friends when something is wrong. In many homes, cats eat from a communal bowl, so it is almost impossible to determine a feline who is suddenly not eating. Cats are secret drinkers in most cases. Cat water stations are often not checked daily, and most people do not measure how much water is being drunk daily.

One of the most common reasons that cats do come in to the veterinary clinic is due to skin disease. Cats tend to have more inflamed skin lesions and larger lesions because their claws are so sharp, and their tongues are so rough. Cats rarely can be found scratching an area on their skin continuously. When that does happen, it is easy to identify.

Another common stress point for clients and their feline overlords is sneezing and discharge from the nose, ears, and eyes. Cats are very fastidious pets, so grooming is a huge part of their day. When they have an upper respiratory issue, their hair coats often become rough, and they have discharge from the eyes and ears.

These situations are not only seen in older cats but in younger feline friends also. Here are some good ways to be proactive with your cat's veterinary care.

1. Plan on annual health checkups to your veterinarian. Most vaccinations are now rated for three years so just bringing them in for a health check, fecal, and Heartworm test is a good idea.
2. Make it a plan to spend five minutes two to three times a week just hanging out with your cat. They may be suspicious of your motives, but you will get a good opportunity to see if any behavior or body changes are noticeable.
3. Put a piece of tape on the water jug where your cats drink. Measure the amount in the jug (many already have amount markings). Cats should drink two to three mls of water per pound per hour. In a 24-hour period, it is normal for your cat to consume 200 to 300 mls of water a day. If you are feeding canned food, that number will be lower due to the (80%) water already present in canned cat food.
4. Watch the litterboxes for sudden changes in the amount of urine balls and fecal logs present. If you have more than one cat and you see a change, separate your cats into different rooms for 24 hours. Give each a litter box, food, and water and monitor how much they eat, drink, and eliminate. You can usually find the unhealthy feline quickly.
5. Don't treat your cats yourself. Dr. Google is much more likely to send you down the wrong path for treatment and potentially make a small problem a big one.

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