

The Monocacy

MONOCLE

Keeping an Eye on Local News

A Biweekly Newspaper

December 10, 2021 • Volume XVII, Number 19

Recently Hired Town Manager Resigns By Link Hoewing

In a sudden move after the December 6 commissioners' meeting ended, recently-hired town manager Tony Tomasello resigned from office. The resignation apparently came during a special executive session that was not open to the public.

At this juncture, the reasons for the resignation seem to be largely personal. In an interview for the *Monocle* in August, when Tomasello first took office, he did refer to very difficult family issues he'd had to confront during the early phases of the pandemic; furthermore, he had mentioned that he had had little experience with the operation of sewer and water facilities even though he'd been town manager for the city of Gaithersburg for a number of years before his retirement. Gaithersburg, unlike Poolesville, is supplied with sewer and water services by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and does not have full-time staff managing those services. In some ways, the job in Poolesville involved new and unfamiliar duties

for Tomasello—and he also took office at a time of sagging staff morale.

The resignation leaves the town in a difficult position. Before the resignation of the previous town manager, Seth Rivard, after less than a year of service, Wade Yost had served continuously as manager of the town for seventeen years. Tomasello has had only five months under his belt. As noted, he took office in the wake of serious personnel problems in town, many exacerbated by Rivard. The new town manager was expected to pursue improvements in the management structure of the town, develop modern and documented personnel policies, and revamp pay and benefit structures. All of that work had, in most cases, only just been started and is now up in the air. In fact, at the December 6 meeting, Tomasello had reported that the HR consulting firm hired by the town had just developed a first draft of a personnel manual that he characterized as "very rough." Clearly the work on many of these issues is in the very early stages.

In addition, major town projects are in the early stages right now and will require leadership in the months ahead. These include work to develop and approve a new master plan for the town, ongoing work on the town's streetscape plan, and implementation of a range of proposals, including the development of the Willard Property.

The search for a town manager, in both the cases of Rivard and Tomasello, took many months, so it is conceivable that the town will be without a manager again until mid-summer. Town clerk, Bobbi Evans, who has years of experience in town affairs and has taken over as "interim town manager" before, has said she will be retiring in June, so the town's management problem is very serious.

In a statement about the resignation, the commissioners explained that Tomasello had "let the commissioners know that he's leaving for family-related, personal reasons and that this

Continued on page 11.

As Hope Garden Closes, A New Hope Emerges

By Rande Davis

Fran Ichijo, the beloved owner and director of the immensely admired and highly recognized Hope Garden Ballet Academy, announced in early October that she would be closing her dance studio.

Her program started in 1998 as a young children's dance studio located in the HealthWorks Athletic Club (in the same location now hosting Anytime Fitness). Hope Garden was very successful right from the beginning, and it quickly expanded within the facility, and in 2011 she moved to the current studio in the original location of CVS.

For Miss Fran, continuing the studio during the COVID-19 pandemic was extremely challenging with strict protocol and limitations in student

participation, but she persevered with a strong heart and sense of purpose. Then this past September, she came down simultaneously with the flu and COVID. The illness drained her strength, and she was forced to close the studio temporarily, but thoughts of retiring, which had been niggling ideas throughout the past two years, finally became a realization. In mid-October, she announced the plan to close the studio for the year and reopen after the new year under new management.

The news sent shockwaves within the local arts community, and after refunding fall tuition to all her students, she began to focus on how the studio might prosper.

Continued on page 21.



The fall sports season at PHS ended with a parade of champions. See additional pictures on page 2.



Improvements at Seneca Lock. Details in Tidbits on page 9.



Youth wrestling in Poolesville is back! Check it out on page 12.



Santa Came to Town. See Holiday Lighting Festival photos on page 14.



Fran Ichijo (right), creator and owner of Hope Garden Ballet Academy and Hope Garden Ballet Children's Theatre, has retired. Local resident and former student of Fran, Claire Jones, will carry the torch forward and will open her own studio in January.

Family Album

A PARADE OF SPORTS CHAMPS

PHS Cross Country Team Wins States!



Focus on Business

Poolesville's Landmade Brewing: A Field of Dreams

By Rande Davis

As young adults, who among us has not fantasized about opening a business with some friends? Sometimes these thoughts are inspired by sharing a few brewskis together. For Gabe Scott and his three buddies, it was natural to think about brewing beer, and as time passed, the idea never died. He built a career in the hospitality industry, even becoming a consultant for a brewery located along the Hudson River in the Kingston area.

Even after marrying his wife, Amanda, thoughts of opening a brewery continued to live within him, and he shared his idea with her and family members. The opportunity crystalized when their family farm, Aix la Chapelle Farm on Jerusalem Road in Poolesville, lent itself to be a perfect location for a farm brewery in the Ag Reserve. It was during one of those creative weekends, with COVID doing great harm to the restaurant business, that Scott's passion became so apparent to everyone. Amanda's family, hailing from Bethesda and Silver Spring, had a dream of their own fulfilled when they bought the farm. With the older generation encouraging the younger, the time to make the move was right.

It was then that Gabe, Amanda, and daughter Palmer (now two and a half years old) finally decided to leave the hustle and bustle of New York City and return to Amanda's roots in Maryland. For Scott, leaving the restaurant business famous for not having family-friendly working hours and finding a way to support the family working at home was another dream come true. The result is that sometime after the first of the next year, Landmade Brewing of Poolesville will open.



Amanda, Palmer, and Gabe Scott.

Joining the Scotts are Matt Furda from Rockville, recently a head brewer at a brewery in Virginia, and Kyle Delaney, originally from upstate New York, and most recently head brewer at a brewery in Charleston, South Carolina.

They plan to hyper-source their ingredients starting with produce from their own farm including apples (for cider), peaches, and herbs, as well as local hops and other necessary ingredients. They plan to open with a selection of eight to ten varieties of traditional lagers, farmhouse styles with mixed-culture fermentation, pale ales, and more. "Using hyper local ingredients will help us all realize and enjoy what Maryland can truly offer agriculturally," explained Scott.

Along with their beer, it will be the open-air venue, nestled in a pasture just off Route 28, surrounded by the relaxing ambience of the Ag Reserve's natural beauty that will serve as a big draw. They expect to attract many customers from the more urban areas seeking to enjoy the pastoral setting surrounding the brewery which will have picnic tables and other seating arrangements. The

Continued on page 7.

JIM BROWN
jimbrown.sales@gmail.com

TURNING POINT
REAL ESTATE

JIM IS THE ONLY AGENT I'D TRUST WITH MY HOME SALE!



BUY OR SELL WITH ME, USE MY TRUCK FOR Free!

“ Jim was our buyer's agent when we bought our home, and when it was time to relocate he was the only agent we'd trust to handle our sale from start to finish---while we lived five states away!” Not only did he get a record high sale price for our type of home, he also got it done as the market calmed down. Jim is a total pro!”
- Craig West

17433 Hoskinson Rd,
Poolesville, MD 20837

CALL OR TEXT JIM
301-221-1988

The Hardest Working Man in Local Real Estate and *top* SELLING TOO!






Sunday, Dec 19th

Santa has happily agreed to return on Sunday, December 19th to greet the children of Poolesville. Santa will be riding atop the fire engine of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Dept starting at 5:00 p.m.



Santa's route is different this year. The neighborhoods where Santa arrived late will be visited earlier.

Santa will visit the Poolesville neighborhoods in this sequence:

1. Jerusalem Rd area	8. Hunter's Run
2. The Reserve & Tama II	9. Hersperger Lane
3. Brightwell Crossing	10. Seneca Chase
4. Elizabeth's Delight	11. Wesmond area
5. Stoney Springs	12. Kohlhoss Rd
6. Spurrier / General Custer Way	13. Tama I
7. Wootton Ave / Hoskinson area	14. North Pole, Earth

Rande(m) Thoughts A Farewell to 2021

By Rande Davis

This is our last regular issue for 2021 as the next issue, out on December 18, is our annual holiday greeting card issue, a very special edition in which we provide a special place for various groups and businesses to wish the entire community a Happy Holiday or Merry Christmas, and best wishes for a better New Year.

A better new year is on all our minds as 2021 limps along to its end through a full year of the pandemic and disappointing economic times. While I think of this year as being the worst in my life, I, nevertheless, remain even more hopeful for 2022 and the prospects to come. While variants of COVID have come along, the initial concern over the newest variant, omicron, has been somewhat mitigated as it is now being reported to have milder symptoms than other variants. A collective and exuberant whew is in order and not a bad expression at all relating to the end of the entire year.

We were not spared the loss of loved ones in our community to the dreaded pandemic, although our numbers were not as high as in many other areas. I don't know for sure the percentage of our population that has received the vaccine, but it must be quite high.

The pandemic has hurt our commercial businesses in many ways. The restaurants seem to be on the frontline of damage, but somehow most have stayed afloat, but that is the best we can say. We started out with special concern for them as the pandemic began to roll out and asked the community to rally in support of them through more carryout meals and increased patronage. They still need that support, maybe now more than ever. Just remember, when it comes to giving back to the community, no commercial group in our area does more for us than our restaurants. They have been amazing, so we need to reciprocate as much as possible.

For other businesses, including the *Monocle*, loss in revenue has made the path narrow and challenging. We at the *Monocle* so appreciate every business that has been able to continue advertising as it is our only income. The page count has been lower than in any other year, but we hope that you have found the quality of our reporting to be undiminished in any way.

Tribulation, though, is the grand teacher in life and serves to strengthen us all in many ways as well. How ironic and disturbing it was to realize that when we all need hugs and kisses more than ever, we had to restrain ourselves the most.

As we close out this dark and most cruel year, we, with more heartfelt emotion than ever before, wish you all the happiest, healthiest, and most successful 2022.

Letter to The Editor Why White's Ferry Closed

In 2003, Hurricane Isabel destroyed a wooden wall on the Virginia landing of White's Ferry. Ed Brown, my father and the previous owner of White's Ferry, replaced it with a concrete retaining wall, believing it was within the public right-of-way.

Rockland Farm, owned by siblings Peter Brown and Libby Devlin, disputed the wall placement. A lawsuit was brought by Rockland Farm, and in 2020, a judge ruled there was no public landing in Virginia (despite the 1871 condemnation which formalized a ferry landing on the Virginia shore). The judge ruled that the retaining wall was on their property and awarded them \$102,175, which all agreed was the cost to tear it down. This judgement was paid in December of 2020.

For over two hundred years, White's Ferry had operated at that site since it was considered public land. The only agreement between White's Ferry and Rockland Farm happened in 1952 and was for a pole and anchor in the nearby pasture to support an overhead cable.

That changed in 2020 with the judgement. Rockland Farm's owners sent us a revocable license agreement demanding \$18,000 a month for the use of the landing. At that time, the boat operation was not generating that amount per month. Mrs. Devlin has reported that the ferry was netting \$750,000 a year; however, the seventy-five-year-old White's Ferry corporation's earnings came from sources in addition to the operation of the ferry seven days a week, eighteen hours a day. In fact, a majority of White's Ferry Inc.'s income came from sources other than the boat. The judge understood this distinction in his opinion.

White's Ferry, Inc. had reserves invested to replace the boat when needed; income from the store, rental of the picnic area, and boat rentals; and income from outside investments. When we decided to close, our daily commuters, which were the bulk of our weekday business, were paying \$2.62 per trip. Peter Brown and Libby Devlin wanted \$1.00 per car (38% of the gross) from these customers.

In a conversation with Peter Brown, he explained that the Maryland shore should receive one third, the Virginia shore receive one third, and the operator one third of the income. Based on

Continued on page 5.

A Monocacy Moment Lost in Time



Poolesville Winter of 1899.

Can you spot something important that is missing?

The Monocacy MONOCLE

Keeping an Eye on Local News

Published and Edited by
John Clayton and Rande Davis

John Clayton
Production
Financial
301.461.8840
jclayton@monocacymonocle.com

Rande Davis
Advertising
Circulation
301.509.9232
rdavis@monocacymonocle.com

Dominique Agnew
Copyediting
dqagnew@gmail.com

editor@monocacymonocle.com
advertising@monocacymonocle.com
www.monocacymonocle.com

Monocacy Press, LLC
John Clayton, President
Rande Davis, Vice President
P.O. Box 372
Barnesville, MD 20838-0372
301.461.8840

Contributing Writers

Link Hoewing
linkhoe@aol.com
Maureen O'Connell
mafoconnell@msn.com
Susan Petro
bsusan424@gmail.com
Kenny Sholes
kcs7110@gmail.com
Jeffrey S. Stuart
sark10@juno.com
Jack Toomey
jackt21262@aol.com
Jon Wolz
wolzjon@hotmail.com
Lauren Raskins
Student Reporter, PHS News
laurenraskins5@gmail.com

Contributing Photographer

Terri Pitts
terri.pitts@gmail.com

Layout and Graphics

AnyArt Solutions LLC
sales@AnyArtSolutions.com

Fun Facts Contributor

Laura Muncy
laura@AnyArtSolutions.com

The *Monocacy Monocle* is a publication of Monocacy Press, LLC which is solely responsible for its content.

Monocacy Press, LLC does not espouse any specific political viewpoint, and any opinions expressed in the *Monocle* are those of the author unless otherwise indicated.

The *Monocle* does not endorse any product or service and is not responsible for any claims by advertisers.

Articles and letters submitted for publication must be signed and may be edited for length or content. The *Monocle* is not responsible for unsolicited material.

All contents of this publication are protected by copyright and may not be reproduced in whole or in part for any reason without prior consent of Monocacy Press, LLC.

Garden

Onward and Upward

By Maureen O'Connell

As we slip into 2022, many memories flood into my mind about things that have happened in this past year. The world hoped that the new year would be brighter than the nightmare year of 2020 which brought us COVID-19.



Sous-gardeners, Winston and Spencer.

There were the deaths of family members and friends, and restrictions on travel and everyday visits, but 2021 was still defined by the virus. Progress was made with the help of life-saving vaccines, but many people wished for a refund on the year.

COVID forced lifestyle changes for many. Children were not schooled in traditional classrooms, and many people worked from home. Our gardens became a place of solace and peace. Plants still had problems with

Continued on page 19.

Continued from page 4.

Why White's Ferry Closed

that formula, the operator would not be able to maintain operation costs and would be forced to go bankrupt.

Rockland Farm also offered to purchase the ferry and its operations. In January 2021, Libby Devlin met with us and reviewed the books on the boat operation and saw that we could not afford what they were asking. We countered the informal offer they made but never heard back.

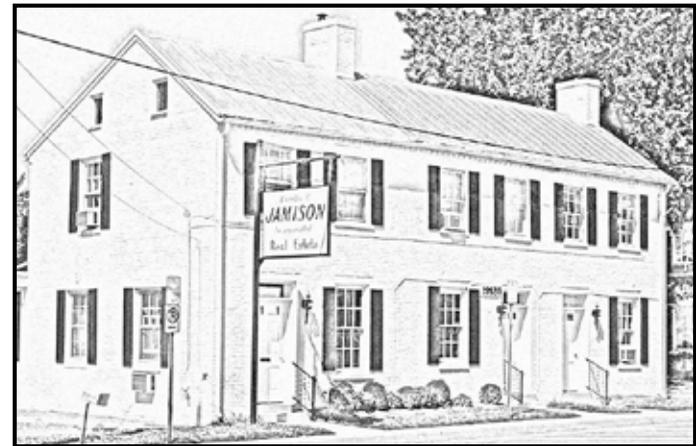
Instead, we offered Rockland Farm \$400,000 for an easement on approximately seven thousand square feet of land and were told it was worth \$2,000,000. In addition, they wanted us to sign a license agreement that we received from their attorneys, seven days before closing, stating that the agreement could be cancelled at any time with a thirty-day notice. It made no sense to replace the cable

and reopen after the flood with the possibility of being closed down after a month.

Now they are trying to get that large amount from Chuck Kuhn, the new owner. My understanding is that he offered more than we did for the easement, but the boat's business history doesn't support Rockland Farm's extraordinary request. The only reason Rockland Farm wants the ferry reopened is to have a perpetual annuity to support the farm from someone else's labor. It is not for the public, as they claim.

If they want the operation to reopen, they should come forward with a reasonable proposal for an easement, so everyone can move forward. No one can operate the ferry as an ongoing business based on Rockland's current demands.

– Herbert O. Brown
Previous Owner, White's Ferry



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE EXPERTS SINCE 1950



19939 Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837
Broker/Office 301-428-8200



Don Hoffacker's Air Conditioning & Heating, Inc.

"We have been top rated by a local, prominent consumer group"

Residential Sales & Services



- Free estimates
- Quality service
- Prompt service

Medal of Excellence for 2007

- Family operated since 1977

SUPER SERVICE AWARD WINNER 2007-2015!



<http://www.angieslist.com>

19703 Waters Road
Germantown, MD 20874

301-972-0017

<http://www.donhoffacker.com>

Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Present Virtual and In-Person Programs

In keeping with their motto, Stay Active, Poolesville Seniors is providing virtual programs that focus on keeping minds sharp, fostering regular exercise, and encouraging social interaction. Visit their website at poolesvilleseniors.org or call 301-875-7701 to register for the Zoom programs below which are open to the entire community.

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays Indoor Pickle Ball

Fully vaccinated players are welcome, and masks are required in accordance with Montgomery County regulations. Family Life Center, Poolesville Baptist Church. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Virtual. No class 12/27.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Virtual. No class 12/29 or 01/05.

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. Email info@poolesvilleseniors.org for more information. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Fully vaccinated beginner and seasoned players are welcome in person. Masks are recommended. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. No game 12/23.

Fridays

Breath-Mind-Body with Kathy Jankowski. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please register for each Friday class. Virtual. No class 12/24 or 12/31.

December 16

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Join Kenny and the Poolesville seniors as we continue our exploration of the historic homes and properties in the Agricultural Reserve. 7:00 p.m. Virtual. No Program 12/23 or 12/30.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

January 6

Sugarloaf: A Little Mountain with a Big History

Join historian Ralph Buglass for his extensively-illustrated talk about the historical oddities of Sugarloaf, including the connections with Frank Lloyd Wright and FDR which almost lost this local treasure to the public. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 13

Conserving Monarchs in Your Own Backyard

Join biologist Clarence Hickey to learn how he planted common native milkweed in his yard to aid migrating and reproducing Maryland monarchs and raised monarch caterpillars in his home to release them into the wild. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

January 20

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Join Kenny and the Poolesville seniors as we continue our exploration of the historic homes and properties in the Agricultural Reserve. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

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:

HILL'S HOME & Hearth PLUMBING & HEATING

PLUMBING SERVICES PROVIDED:

Repair or Replace Faucets, Sinks, Toilets, Garbage Disposals, Sump Pumps, Water Heaters, and Outside Faucets.

INSTALLATION OF WATER TREATMENT SYSTEMS: Water Softeners, UV Light Systems, and Neutralizers.

Sales, Service, and Repair
of Gas Fireplaces

ALL MAJOR CREDITS CARDS ACCEPTED

JAMES HILL 301-788-0445

Master Plumber/Gasfitter Licensed & Insured

One Yard at a Time LANDSCAPING
Locally-owned for 20 years!

Seeking crew members for the coming season
"The most reliable service from consultation to installation"

Landscape design,
Installation & maintenance
Licensed fertilization
Weed control and turfgrass maintenance
Hand pruning of shrubs & trees

Contact:
David Bowen
301-536-3385
MDA28129,
MDA-F 1441

PACC
EST. 1979
CHARTER OF COMMERCE

Cuginis Restaurant & Bar
It's all happening at the Cug!

Annual Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 17, 2021
5 p.m. – 11 p.m.**

We will be closed
Christmas Eve, Christmas Day,
and New Year's Day.

www.cuginisrestaurantbar.com
301-349-5800
19616 Fisher Ave., Poolesville

ASK US ABOUT BUYING CRAFT BEER BOTTLES & CANS TO GO. WE CAN FILL GROWLERS TOO

Continued on page 7.

Continued from page 3.

**Poolesville’s Landmade Brewing:
A Field of Dreams**

unique environment with small farm animals—sheep, donkeys, and goats—will be fun for the whole family. One section for seating will be general admission, a dog-friendly area with fire pits and picnic tables; another section will have farm animals to interact with; and others that will be full-service.

The Scotts plan for some live musical entertainment, although they are cognizant of keeping the sound-level down in deference to their customers or neighbors. They will offer their own vendor truck with seasonal menu selections, and hospitality-driven events such as seafood boils, a full pig roast, cookouts, and more.

Part of the brewery will have a general store from which to purchase merchandise, beer to-go, and a host of local products like coffee and honey. The brewery’s draft system will draw directly from the tanks behind the bar in which the beer is actually brewed.

Their hours of operation are planned to be from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. With the Scotts’ dream now coming true in their own field of dreams, they are hoping that the surrounding communities will join them, and “stay grounded.”

Continued from page 6.

Senior News

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 301-875-7701 to learn how.

Fun Fact...

Did you know that December is National Pear Month?



Dec. 11: International Mountain Day

Dec. 13: National Violin Day



Dec. 26: National Candy Cane Day

almanac.com

The all-new
2023 Acura Integra



Arriving in 2022

For more info and to receive updates as we receive them, email us at Integra@chevychasecars.com and put "Stay Updated" in the subject line.

Maryland's #1 Acura Dealer
Chevy Chase Acura

Located conveniently on-line at
www.ChevyChaseAcura.com
or visit us in person at 7725 Wisconsin Avenue in
Downtown Bethesda

Number one Acura dealer in Maryland based on AHM new Acura volume sales for 2018, 2019 and 2020.

**S&S IMPROVMENTS
"PLUS" INC.**



**NO JOB TOO SMALL
HANDY MAN SERVICES**

301-748-2670

Bathroom and kitchen remodeling, replacement windows and doors, replace rotten trim, light plumbing, toilets, shower doors, & much more
LICENSED AND INSURED MHIC 67678

BATEMAN
LANDSCAPING, LLC

Maintenance & Installation

☎ 240-994-6674
🌐 www.batemanlandscaping.com



Serving our community since 2006



Hilton Funeral Home

A Tradition of Caring since 1890

Full range of services. Now offering cemetery monuments.

22111 Beallsville Road
Barnesville, MD 20838

hiltonfh.com
(301)349-2135

mz
Mulhall Zion LLC

Robert Milder
Attorney at Law
Mulhall Zion LLC



Former US Navy Judge Advocate Specializing in
Estate Planning, Real Estate,
Small Business, and Complex Disputes
Call or Email for Free Consultation

12165 Darnestown Road, Suite 2
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

robert@mz-llc.com **301-651-5243**

YOU ARE INVITED!



Christmas Cantata
Sunday, Dec 12th - 10:30 am Worship



Live Nativity
Saturday, Dec 18th 6:30-8pm



Advent Worship Services
Sundays, Dec 12th & 19th at 10:30 am

Christmas Eve Worship
Friday, Dec 24th at 6 pm

Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church
17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville
www.PMUMC.org

All Worship Services In-Person or join VIRTUALLY by visiting www.PMUMC.org for link or go to "YouTube" and search "Poolesville Memorial"

Tidbits

PHS Midnight Players to Present *Our Town*

The Poolesville High School drama club, the Midnight Players, will be presenting four performances of *Our Town* at the PHS auditorium. The dates of the performance are: December 9 and 10 at 7:00 p.m.; and December 11 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Our Town is a 1938 metatheatrical three-act play by American playwright Thornton Wilder which won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The play tells the story of the fictional American small town of Grover's Corners between 1901 and 1913 through the everyday lives of its citizens.

Tickets can be purchased on the Midnight Players Facebook page or at the door.

C&O Canal National Historical Park Committee Offers Plan to Restore Seneca Mill



Graffiti mars the historic beauty of the Seneca Stone Cutting Mill remains. The article explaining the damage was in the November 5, 2021 issue of the Monocle.

On November 30, using Microsoft Teams, a meeting was held with staff from the C&O Canal National Historical Park (John Noel, Ben Helwig, Jeri DeYoung, Joe Reed, and Christiana Hanson) and interested citizens (Knight Kiplinger, Sarah Rogers, Alex Markoff, Robin Zanotti, Rod Mackler, and Jon Wolz). The group met to discuss the restoration of the Seneca Aqueduct.

The C&O Canal NHP is currently replacing the footbridge at the aqueduct with a new footbridge; the new bridge should be complete at press time. The C&O Canal NHP has no plans to restore the aqueduct at this time. The C&O Canal NHP strongly suggested that the interested citizens obtain a Historic Structure Report that would include the significant history of the aqueduct, an engineering report, and cost estimates to stabilize and rehabilitate the aqueduct. The history is already well documented. This study could cost about \$150,000. The C&O Canal NHP would assist in developing a statement of work for this study and would be involved as needed until the report is completed. Once the C&O Canal NHP has the report, they hope to seek funding from the Department of the Interior for the aqueduct. There will be a follow-up meeting with the interested parties to discuss next steps regarding the Historic Structure Report. Jon asked John Noel about the Stone Cutting Mill. Once the property transfer occurs, then the C&O Canal NHP will request funding to secure the structure, including putting fencing up, determining how to remove the graffiti, and in time posting interpretive signs.

Poolesville Bear Makes a Holiday Appearance

The infamous Poolesville town bear made one of his stealthy appearances in town in the wee hours of December 3. Betty Ritorto, who lives next to Dunkin' Donuts, was awakened by her restless cats at about 4:15 a.m. She arose, looked out the window, and spotted the bear in her front yard. He meandered peacefully across the street into the field next to town hall, eventually disappearing in the neighborhood of Tama I. He likes to drop by in the cooler weather, so we all might want to be on the lookout. We can't be sure, but we expect he will be easily identified by the Smokey the Bear ranger hat he was wearing. Oops! Never mind, wrong bear.

Continued on page 20.



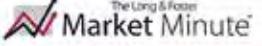
John Clayton, REALTOR®
301-461-8840
John.Clayton@LNF.com
www.jclaytonhomes.com



What is your home worth in today's market? Give me a call so we can start planning your next move. I'm licensed in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

Follow me online:
Twitter: @JClaytonHomes
Facebook: www.facebook.com/jclaytonhomes
LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/jclaytonhomes

There are plenty of buyers out there looking for homes if you're ready to put your home on the market. If you want to sell your house, or you need to find a house to buy, give me a call at 301-461-8840 for a market and equity analysis.



Focus On: Poolesville, Dickerson, and Northwestern Montgomery County Housing Market September 2021

Zip Codes	Units Sold	Active Inventory	Median Sale Price	Days On Market
20837, 20836, 20841, 20842 and 20811	88	64	\$418,000	15



Down -28%
Vs. Year Ago



Down -18%
Vs. Year Ago



Up 3%
Vs. Year Ago



Down -42%
Vs. Year Ago

Helping you make real estate decisions with confidence.



JOHN CLAYTON
Long and Foster
Real Estate, Inc.
12500 Park Potomac Avenue
Potomac, MD 20854
301-469-4700 (Office)
301-461-8840 (Mobile)





Matters

Celebrating 53 Years of Service

WUMCO is more than a food pantry! We also provide financial assistance to those in need and rides to the homebound for appointments.

December Holidays:

- WUMCO Help is serving over 150 families this year this holiday season
- Meals and presents for kids under 12
- Gift cards for teens
- Drop off toys in Toys for Tots boxes at over 25 locations all over town
- Do not gift wrap toys
- Call or write WUMCO if you would like to volunteer to help

Membership!

- The annual membership mass mailing has been sent and has begun arriving at addresses throughout our five towns/zip codes
- Please do not discard the envelope addressed to "local postal customer" but read the enclosed letter and update carefully
- Please drop a check in the remit envelope and mail it to us
- If you have not received a mailing and want to support the Western Upper Montgomery County Help food pantry and financial assistance program, please go to our website at wumcohelp.org/membership or send your check to WUMCO Help, P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837
- Thank you for your generous support!

Visit our webpage and follow us on Facebook and Twitter

www.wumcohelp.org * WUMCO Help Inc * @WUMCOHelp * 301/972-8481
P.O. Box 247 (mailing), 17550 W. Willard Rd. (street), Poolesville, MD 20837

Questions? Please write Adam DeBaugh at wumco2@gmail.com or call the WUMCO office.



Celebrate Christmas & Welcome the New Year

Sacrament of Confession
Saturdays at 3:15 pm

Christmas Eve:
4:00 pm / 10:00 pm

Christmas Day:
8:30 am / 10:30 am

New Year's Eve: 4:00 pm

New Year's Day: 10:00 am

St Mary's Catholic Church

Barnesville, MD 20838

18230 Barnesville Road 301-972-8660 www.stmaryonline.com

On Facebook at Saint Mary's Parish and
Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

Rev. Kevin O'Reilly, Pastor
David Cahoon, Deacon

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 9:00 am followed by the Rosary
Sunday Mass at 8:30 & 10:30 am



Continued from page 1.

Recently Hired Town Manager Resigns

was a decision made with his entire family." They thanked him for his service and said that "Tony will serve in the role of town manager in a fulltime capacity until January 1, then in a parttime capacity until the beginning of April." According to the statement, Tomasello has indicated a willingness to possibly extend that date, while the search for a new manager is ongoing, depending on the circumstances at that time.

At the December 6 meeting, the commissioners also discussed the White's Ferry situation. President Kerri Cook opened the discussion by referencing a letter drafted in discussions she had with Fair Access Committee chair Link Hoewing. She had also drafted a proposed press statement on White's Ferry and said that she was not "necessarily advocating that we send one out at this time," but she did say it is worth discussing. She said it is "my hope that the community knows we are working on this and doing everything we can." She pointed out that Loudoun County will be having business meetings soon and suggested it might be worth waiting to see what happens in those meetings.

Commissioner Jeff Eck immediately responded that he had received both the draft press release and the letter. He said he liked the letter because it had "two solutions" that offer at least short-term relief. He seemed to want to be specific and propose some sort of action to be taken as soon as possible.

Commissioner Jim Brown asked, on the topic of sending a letter, "What would be the reason to wait?" Cook responded that "the entire delegation (in Maryland) is putting pressure on our friends from the Virginia side" which has led her to "lean towards waiting to see" what happens in Loudoun County. She added, "I can see both sides of it too. It has been a year, and it is extremely frustrating."

Brown responded that he is appreciative of the delegation's efforts, but the "two-solutions" approach was intended to be part of a letter sent to county officials on both sides of the river to "let them know that we are the ones primarily affected" by the prolonged shut down. We support our delegation and generally "take their cues," Brown said, "but this is one of those times where when is enough enough?" He said that he felt the letter should have been sent before the study was begun because it just confirmed in many ways things that we already knew. Brown concluded, "This is really our issue and I feel like we have been treading water."

Commissioner Martin Radigan asked, "Are there any downsides to this? Do we risk any blow back?" He also wondered whether proposing the solutions outlined in the draft letter might give the Loudoun County supervisors an "easy way out" to avoid an eminent domain approach.

Both Eck and Brown, who attended the Loudoun County hearing on White's Ferry last month, said that it seemed very clear that eminent domain is very unlikely to be imposed. It is also clear that the two parties involved in the dispute do not want to negotiate or deal with each other in any way.

Commissioner Ed Reed said that he believes that "we need to send something out to be the voice of Poolesville" on this issue. He said not only that a letter should go out but that the commissioners should demand a follow-up meeting with county leaders on both sides to talk about how to move forward and develop a real plan.

In the end, the five commissioners reached a consensus and agreed that a letter will be sent that includes offering ideas for solutions and requests a meeting with leaders in the two counties to discuss specific plans to move forward on reopening the ferry. The letter will be signed by the commissioners and the members of the Fair Access Committee.

The following statement was released by the Poolesville Town Commissioners regarding the resignation of Town Manager Tony Tomasello:

It is with regret that the commissioners of Poolesville announce that Tony Tomasello will be leaving his position as town manager at the beginning of April 2022. As you know, Tony started in August of this year after a thorough search that involved a citizen advisory board (who selected Tony as their top pick), completion of a candidate assessment tool, and multiple interviews.

Do you have an interesting story to share?

Send it along to

editor@monocacymonocle.com



Season's Greetings from Sugarloaf Citizens' Association

What a year! But amid the pandemic and global and national turmoil, our little corner of the world is doing pretty well. The Ag Reserve and Poolesville area are wonderful places to live.

Environmental stewardship and farmland protection are important parts of keeping it that way. Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) has, since the 1970s, worked to:

- Protect the Ag Reserve
- Promote farming
- Safeguard our area from unwise development and preserve its rural legacy
- Respond quickly to land use and zoning proposals that threaten the Ag Reserve
- Shutter the Dickerson incinerator and promote composting

If you're not a member, please join us. See membership information at www.sugarloafcitizens.org

AMONG OUR ONGOING ISSUES:

Better waste management in Montgomery County. SCA is working with the County Executive and the Department of Environmental Protection to develop a "zero waste" plan for the county.

Local food production and regenerative agriculture. Increasing the amount of food grown locally promotes healthy eating and farm jobs, reduces carbon-generating transport, promotes community, and protects against supply chain problems.

Protect the Sugarloaf Mountain area. SCA has opposed any exemptions from a new Frederick County master plan that protects the 17,500-acre Sugarloaf Mountain against development and preserves it for conservation and recreation. The plan will be finalized in 2022.

Enhance the use of solar energy. SCA helped shape a new Montgomery County zoning regulation that allows farmers in the Ag Reserve, working with solar developers, to place solar arrays on a portion of their land, but only if those arrays don't take prime arable land out of use.

Job opening. SCA is looking for a part-time administrative assistant. Find details online: www.sugarloafcitizens.org

We wish you the very best for the holidays.

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) is a nonprofit, volunteer organization comprised of Montgomery County residents. It is headquartered in Dickerson, MD.

Youth Sports

Poolesville Wrestling Is back!

By Jeff Stuart

After being shut down last season due to COVID, the PAA wrestling program is back in action. "Our club is open to girls and boys from kindergarten to eighth grade," said coach Colin Benson. "Our signups are always open, and our season started a few weeks ago and will run through mid-March." Signups are done through the PAA website: paafalcons.leagueapps.com.

"We practice Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at the John Poole Middle School from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We participate in the Maryland Youth Wrestling League which is run out of the John Poole Middle School Gym on Saturdays. This year will be our second year actually wrestling in the league, having missed last season due to COVID. On average there are about eight teams in the MYWL. It's a beginner/novice league that matches up kids by age and ability. The league emphasizes learning and enjoyment of the sport. It has been great.

"We, on average, have five coaches at each practice and have grown a good relationship with the high school program. There will often be high school wrestlers on the mat helping out. We practice as a team some days but will also split kids up according to age and ability to make sure all wrestlers are learning and progressing. We want the kids to be comfortable. If they want to just practice, then practice—no pressure. The goal is to have our wrestlers stay with the sport till high school. We want our athletes getting a good grasp on the basics with the hopes of setting up the foundation for a successful career. Wrestling will also teach great life lessons if you stick with it.

"Traditionally, we have always had strong younger wrestler numbers. Our goals for this season are to grow our middle school interest and girls' interest."

Wrestling is in Benson's blood. "I was raised in Pennsylvania where, much to my father's delight, wrestling is everywhere. He was a successful wrestler at the

University of Massachusetts who knew many great wrestlers from his day such as Wade Schalles. He was also the head coach at University of Connecticut before starting a family. My family shortly lived in New Jersey where I started wrestling in kindergarten, and my father was always helping out. The summer before second grade, we moved to the Scranton, Pennsylvania area. Here, my dad got very involved with the youth wrestling scene. I often joke that my family went to church on Sundays, so my father could recruit the kids who couldn't sit still.

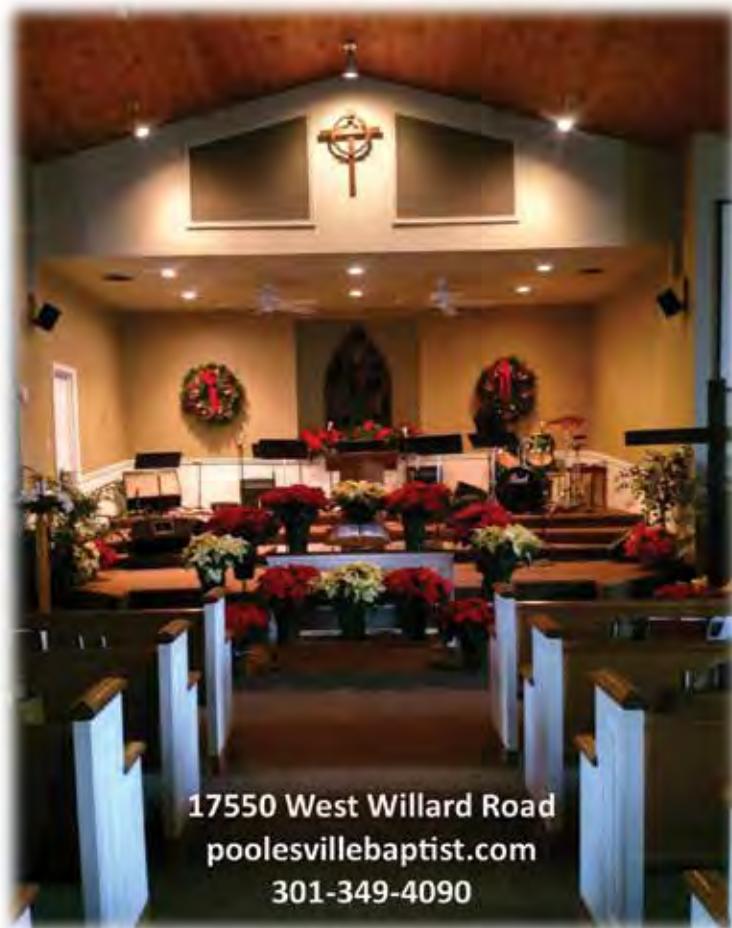
"He coached the youth program in Pennsylvania while I was there and continued for many years. Now in his seventies, he lives down in Emerald Isle, North Carolina and is still coaching. You will see him at a few practices in Poolesville when visiting.

"I wrestled for the Summit Wrestling Club in junior high and all of high school at Abington Heights High School. From there, I went to Syracuse University. Syracuse had dropped its wrestling program in 2001, my freshman year, so with the help of a few others, we started a club team, wrestling where and when we could.

"Wrestling is a passion of mine, but coaching is maybe more so. When my boys were old enough, in 2016, I took them to the Poolesville Athletic Association Wrestling practices. I was happy to help out the current coaches and encourage my boys to stay on the mat. After a year of helping, I was asked if I had any interest in taking over the club. I knew right away I wanted to do it and wanted to be involved for many years. I have been head coach since 2017-2018. Before COVID, we had just about sixty kids in the program and growing. Our numbers are down a bit this season, but we have a great reputation. We are going to grow and get our numbers back up. Our number one job is to teach our kids to love wrestling, have fun, and hope to keep them in the sport for many years."

Do you have any interesting local history
or fun facts to share with our readers?

The *Monocle* welcomes your contribution.
Send to editor@monocacymonocle.com



17550 West Willard Road
poolesvillebaptist.com
301-349-4090

PBC

POOLESVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

PBC Welcomes You!

Please join us for



Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service

Dec 24th at 6 pm



Bible Education Classes

Sunday mornings at 10 am



Worship Service

Sunday mornings at 11 am

In Your Own Backyard

Colliers: A Part of Our Heritage

By Jon Wolz

Hikers visiting Sugarloaf Mountain and the adjoining Monocacy Natural Resource Management Area (once known as Furnace Forge) may notice large circular indentations in the ground that are the remains of charcoal hearths.

The Johnson brothers (Thomas, James, Baker, and Roger) were involved in the industrial development of Frederick County during the late eighteenth century, beginning with the establishment of the iron furnaces and lime kilns. In our area, the Johnson family once owned lands surrounding the Sugarloaf Mountain and Furnace Forge. The iron furnace along Furnace Branch near the Monocacy River began operations about 1785. In 1793, the four Johnson brothers dissolved their partnership, with Roger assuming ownership of Furnace Forge. Roger continued its operation until about 1823.



Watercolor of a collier and his family on Sugarloaf Mountain.

The Johnson family used "bank ore" which are surface deposits extracted along stream banks. Cast iron (pig iron) was the product of the iron furnace. The raw materials needed to make pig iron were iron ore, limestone, and charcoal made from the surrounding forests. The limestone came from Point of Rocks and was broken up using a sledgehammer into the size of a man's fist so it could be moved by barge or wagon to the lime kiln built into a hillside near the Furnace Branch iron furnace. This lime kiln still stands. At the lime kiln, alternate layers of charcoal and fuel were placed in the kiln until it was filled to the top. The fuel was ignited at the bottom of the kiln to begin the burning process. The burning took about four days. The refined lime that was extracted was removed from the two openings at the bottom base of the lime kiln. The lime was then taken by wagon to the iron furnace where it was used in the process for making pig iron.

Charcoal was used to make lime and pig iron because it burned hotter than wood. In order to make charcoal, trees were cut by woodcutters. Woodcutters used axes and averaged two cords a day. To operate just the iron furnace required using one acre of trees per day. Throughout the furnace's history, woodcutters were the largest group of furnace employees. Most woodcutting was done from late fall to late winter. Woodcutters cut trees into four-foot lengths called billets which were stacked into piles called cords. A cord of wood measures four feet by four feet by eight feet.

Making charcoal from wood was done by a person known as a collier and was done during the early spring through the early fall. In the spring, colliers went into the woods to prepare for the coaling season. The colliers prepared hearths by leveling areas forty feet in diameter. The billets were stacked into a cone containing thirty to fifty cords of wood. This pile was called a charcoal pit. It was covered with leaves and soil to seal it from the air. The collier lit off the pit by dumping hot coals into the chimney which was stacked with kindling in the center of the pile. Once started, the process of converting wood to charcoal began. After lighting the pit, the collier was required to find "mulls" (soft spots) where he had to jump up and down on the pile as it burned. The charcoal pit smoldered for up to two weeks when it "came to foot." Each pit yielded six or seven wagon loads, enough to fuel the furnace for up to two days. Tending the pit required constant attention. Depending on conditions, three to ten days were required to char the entire pit. The colliers lived in primitive cone-shaped huts

Continued on page 18.



Maryland Tree Expert
Lic. # 118, Fully Insured



LEE PEYTON TREE SERVICE
301-208-8235

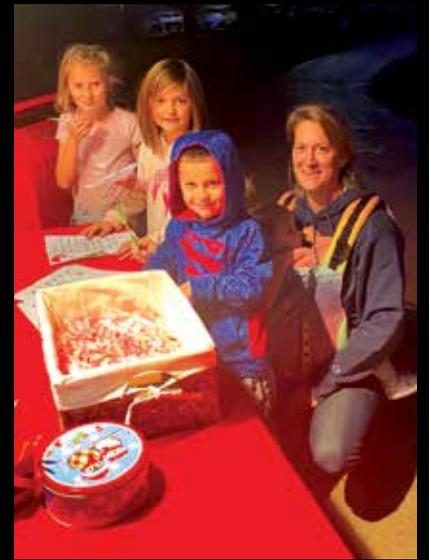
www.leestreeservice.net

FREE ESTIMATES

- Tree Trimming, Pruning, and Dead Wood
- Tree Removal, including Hazardous Trees
- Lot Cleaning
- Tree Removal by Crane
- Tree Selection and Installation
- Ornamental Tree Care
- Stump Grinding
- Property Evaluation
- Permit Applications
- 24-Hour Emergency Tree Service



FREE Woodchips and
unsplit burnable wood
delivered FREE to Poolesville,
Dickerson, Barnesville, or Beallsville.





Santa Came to Town

**Holiday
Lighting
Festival**



Youth Sports

Falcons Playoff Wrap

By Jeff Stuart

The Poolesville High School girls' soccer team had a successful return to the field this fall. Being the top seed in the 2A West Region gave them a first round bye and a home game against Oakland Mills in the region semifinal on November 1. Morgen Smith put Poolesville on the board just into the second half with a penalty kick, and Erin Cherian added another goal a few minutes later. In the region final, the girls lost to Glenelg on November 3, 6-0.

The girls' soccer team participated in the first ever Montgomery County Championship game on October 26, losing to Wootton, 3-0, at Seneca Valley. The Falcons had dealt the Patriots their only defeat of the season on October 18, 2-1, at Wootton. Cherian scored the first goal on a penalty kick early in the second half and then off an absolutely beautiful header a few minutes later. PHS held off the Patriots for the last twenty-five minutes.



PHS varsity girls' volleyball team in action.

The girls' volleyball team generated some excitement as well, defeating Oakland Mills three sets to none in the region quarterfinal on November 5. They followed that up by beating second-seeded Middletown in five sets on November 8 at Middletown. "The first half of the first game was tight, but with Poolesville down 13-14, the Falcons scored six straight points behind tough serving by senior Sarah Tang who served two aces," said coach Steve Lostoski. "The run also included two kills by junior Saragha Surendra. With the Falcons up 22-20, senior Anna Stanoyevitch got her third and fourth kills of the game to put Poolesville up 24-20. The game ended with a Middletown hitting error on the next point. Poolesville won the second game as well, 25-22. With the Falcons down, 10-9, Anna Stanoyevitch scored the team's next four points, three by serving aces and one back row kill. With the game tied at 2-2, the Falcons scored the next three points, two of which were blocks by freshman setter and opposite hitter Iris Duan.

Poolesville lost some momentum in game three, losing, 25-19, and was outplayed in game four as well, losing, 25-16, to set up a nail-biting tiebreaker.

"With the Falcons down, 12-10, and three points from elimination, Poolesville, as it has done all season, relied on strong defense from seniors Kelsey Alfaro, Christine Kim, and Sarah Tang, and solid serving. Anna Stanoyevich served the last four points of the game. Poolesville received exceptional defensive play from Kelsey Alfaro, had strong serving (served at 91% for the match), and great setting from Jasmine and Iris Duan, which led to solid offense lead by Stanoyevich who hit at her season best .346 for the match."

The football team concluded a highly entertaining season with a 35-28 loss at Walkersville in the first round of the 2A West Region playoffs on November 5. Adam Barkdoll had a fumble recovery in the red zone to stop an early Walkersville drive. PHS scored early on a fourteen-yard Ashton Gaddis pass. Gaddis threw two touchdown passes to Logan Marsh and Barkdoll.

The game was tied at fourteen in the third quarter, before Jeremiah Franklin burst through to give the Lions a 21-14 lead. Walkersville and Poolesville traded blows back and forth, but despite a late scare, the Lions held on.

Continued on page 17.

Merry Christmas from

Living Word
Bible Fellowship

Come Worship the Christ Child with us
Sunday, December 19, 10:45 am
16500 Whites Ferry Rd (Rt. 107 at Rt. 28)

Pike & Valega, DDS
Exceptional dentistry for healthy, beautiful smiles

19601 Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837

Dr. D. Timothy Pike
Honored Fellow of the
American Academy of
Implant Dentistry and
recipient of the Paul
Johnson Service Award
(www.AAID-implant.org)

Caring for your friends and neighbors since 1988.
Innovation and exceptional care is our standard.
We invite you to join our family of patients and
experience commitment to excellent patient care.

CALL US TODAY!
(301) 972-7000

Dr. Margaret A. Valega
Dean's Faculty at the
University of Maryland
School of Dentistry

- Dental Implants
- Teeth Whitening
- Crowns and Bridges
- Tooth-Colored Fillings
- Porcelain Veneers
- Laughing Gas Available
- Mouthguards for Sports or Teeth Grinding
- Accepting Insurance
- Financing Options
- 7:00 am Appointments Available
- Over 100+ 5-Star Reviews on Healthgrades.com

www.PoolesvilleDDS.com

Continued from page 16.

Falcons Playoff Wrap

Evan Taylor scored on a twenty-five-yard touchdown run, and Marsh ran for an eight-yard score. Marsh had ten solo tackles. Diesel Anderson and Jack Feys recorded sacks. Mike Sofelkanik and Dylan Lemarr forced fumbles in the game.

The boys' soccer team contributed a playoff win on October 27, defeating Oakland Mills, 4-2, in the region quarterfinal. Oakland Mills scored first. Then senior captain, Nico Carrillo, scored two quick goals to help Poolesville take the lead heading into halftime. Oakland Mills started the second half very strong and managed to level the game with about twenty-five minutes left on the clock, but Poolesville stayed calm and focused, and took the lead less than five minutes later on a one-touch shot from sophomore Marco Torres. With about fifteen minutes left in the game, junior Isaias Cruz, scored the fourth goal to seal the game.

MALLOW CONSTRUCTION, INC.
CUSTOM BUILDING & REMODELING!

CUSTOM CABINETS	NEW HOMES
KITCHEN & BASEMENT	ADDITIONS
RENOVATIONS	DECKS

*Local Builder of the Bodmer Home on Elgin Road and
the new Koeser home on Whalen Commons!*

MHIC #121368 CALL 301-366-4107

Open Daily: Wed-Fri, 11a.m., Sat-Sun, 9 a.m.
Closed Monday and Tuesday
1995 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville, MD, 20837



**New Winter Menu
Now Being Served!**



**We will close
at 4 p.m. on
Christmas Eve**

**CLOSED
Christmas Day**

**We will be offering
Christmas Dinners
again for pickup
on Dec. 24.**

Indoor Seating Available!
Dine in or carry-out.

www.bassettsrestaurant.net • 301-972-7443

Additions — Kitchens — Baths — Decks — Porches



Relentless Service
— Since 1979 —



MHIC: 6812



Design & HOME RENOVATIONS
301-831-8776

DGLiuContractor.com
25400 Old Hundred Road ~ Dickerson, MD 20842

Total Automotive & Diesel Service

All manufacturers scheduled maintenance

Now Licensed for:
Large Truck and Trailer
MD INSPECTIONS
All vehicle inspections, too

ASE Certified Master Auto Technician

All Manufacturers Scheduled Maintenance

Services Include:

- Coolant Flush • Brake Fluid Flush • Oil Change
- Transmission Flush Service • Power Steering Flush Service
- 4-Wheel Drive Service • Oil Changes • Front End Alignments
- Brake Inspections • General Repair • Tire Repairs
- Mount & Balance Tires • Rotate Tires • Pre-Purchase Inspections
- Tune-Ups • Check Engine Light Diagnosis
- Maintenance Light Diagnosis • Maryland State Inspections

New Hours!
Mon-Fri: 7am-6pm
Most Saturdays: 8am-3pm



30,000 Mile Service
60,000 Mile Service
90,000 Mile Service

19640 Fisher Ave • Poolesville
301-349-5888 • totalauto@comcast.net

Of 554 auto repair shops, CHECKBOOK rated Total Automotive as one of the best in the Washington area!

Continued from page 13.

Colliers: A Part of Our Heritage

near their charcoal pits. In the hut, the collier sat on the ground or a log and slept on straw or leaves. For twenty-four hours a day, he worked the charcoal pits in heavy smoke and black dust. The charcoal that was separated from the pit was carefully watched until all signs of fire had gone out. Charcoal was loaded onto a wagon and brought to the furnace charcoal house. The collier huts became filthy, and when the coaling season ended, the colliers were known to burn down the huts. In the *History of Carrollton Manor*, it mentions that there was "... a contract written in 1819 made between Roger Johnson and David Moody, who was half Indian, to burn so many bushels of charcoal for the Johnson Furnace at one and a half cents per bushel..."

Cast iron (pig iron) was the product of the iron furnace. Surface mining of iron ore and limestone, with charcoal made from the forest, were the raw materials of the furnace. When it was "in blast," the furnace would consume eight hundred bushels of charcoal per day. The furnace produced twelve to fifteen tons of pig iron per week. The Johnsons' pig iron was taken in shallow barges, when the water was high, up the Monocacy River and Bennett Creek to the Johnsons' Bloomsbury Forge. When the waterways could not be used, the pig iron was sent using ox teams to Bloomsbury Forge along a series of trails that led from the iron furnace at the Furnace Branch stream. At Bloomsbury Forge, the pig iron was processed into wrought iron.

The iron furnace stopped operations when the trees used for making charcoal had disappeared from the land because they were all used up for making mostly charcoal.

What is left of the furnace include some stones of the foundation, located on the Furnace Branch Trail. The furnace was a broad-based pyramidal structure about thirty feet square at the base tapering to eighteen to twenty feet across the top, built of quartzite quarried farther upstream. Its height was about twenty-five feet, and its bosh—the widest part of the firepot—about eight feet across. There were other structures in addition to the furnace, but no traces survive of any of these except the part of the charcoal storehouse foundation. Slag piles, the waste from the iron-making process, remain.



KUHLMAN LAWN SERVICE LLC

FULL MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS FOR LAWN AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES





301-407-0202





Lawn mowing

Edging and mulching

Spring and Fall cleanup

Core aeration and overseeding

Leaf removal

Landscape design and installation

Fertilization and weed control

Weeding mulch beds

Pruning trees and shrubs

Clearing and brush removal

Delivery of bulk topsoil and mulch. *Best Prices and Free delivery* to Poolesville.

Poolesville, MD	MHIC 128570	MDA 28831	J.D. Kuhlman
-----------------	-------------	-----------	--------------

Continued from page 5.

Onward and Upward

the weather, pests, and diseases. Our area lost many majestic oak trees—I especially noticed this along route 109 going towards Poolesville. Historic Medley District’s Seneca Schoolhouse lost two large white oak trees that were estimated at being over 250 years old, but thanks to schoolchildren from Christ Episcopal School in Rockville, two new nine-foot white oak trees were planted in their place on the grounds of the one-room schoolhouse.

We do not know what 2022 will bring, but gardeners can look to the winter months to evaluate their gardens and make changes and add new ideas and plans. Be creative; be daring; create gardens that are extensions of your indoor living areas. Gardening is good for mental health, as well as our physical health. Plants, trees, and shrubs are all part of the natural world. They are living mediums: They grow; they bloom; they die. Each season in the garden has different dimensions.

What do I foresee as coming horticultural trends for 2022?

Now, more than ever, there is tremendous interest in gardening for a changing climate and sustainability. As I have often said, choose the right plant for the right space. Choose drought-tolerant plants. Plants for the first year need adequate irrigation to get started, but after that, they should be able to stand on their own legs without constant care.

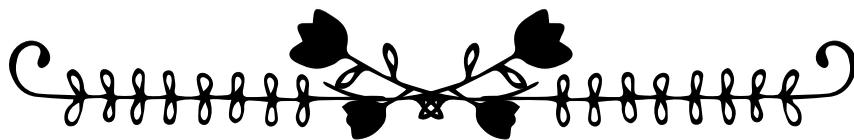
Create more edible gardens. Last year, many seed companies reported record sales of seeds of edible plants. Eating what you sow isn’t a new concept, but more people are discovering its many benefits: It saves you money, and it involves the whole family—kids are more likely to eat foods they have helped grow.

Create a garden for wildlife. That is not just putting up a bird feeder and calling it done. The average homeowner would be surprised at how many forms of wildlife visit their gardens and backyards.

Maximize balconies and porches. You don’t need a large backyard. Become more creative with your small spaces. Experiment with plants with new colors, textures, shapes, and sizes. Think of vertical gardening—a living wall of green plants. It can mask unsightly fences and hide the external imperfections of a building.

In 2022, make it your goal to develop a deeper connection to your garden in every season. Your garden should make you happy. I wish all my readers a wonderful holiday season and a bright new year. We will hopefully arrive at the coming spring with new hopes and new joys.

–The Gardener



Do you have a garden-related topic you would like to read about? The Monocle welcomes your suggestions. Send to editor@monocacymonocle.com

locals farm market
Fresh Produce
Baked Goods
Cafe
Open Saturday & Sunday 9am-2pm
We grow, bake and brew.
19929 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville . localsfarmmarket.com

CARBON FOOTPRINT CHALLENGE
Monthly Meeting
4TH TUESDAYS EACH MONTH
7:00PM ZOOM - ALL WELCOME-FREE
Poolesville Building sustainability together... GREEN
SCAN ME

Poolesville Plumbing & Heating Co., INC.
Kitchen and bath remodeling
New construction
Repairs
Toilet and faucet repair replacements
Water heaters
Gas piping
Water and sewer replacements
W.S.S.C. 464
20015 Wootton Ave., Poolesville, Maryland 20837
(301)972-7309 Fax (301)407-0742

Happy Holiday Season FROM ANYART Solutions LLC
business.art.technology
DESIGNING FOR PRINT & WEB — your Design Team for the Monocle
301.602.4367 ■ sales@anyartsolutions.com ■ www.anyartsolutions.com

COLONY SUPPLY CENTER INC.
We've Got You Covered!
Quality Landscape Products Since 1980
MULCHES FIREWOOD TOP SOIL
LEAF GRO STONE PRODUCTS WOOD CHIPS
WE DELIVER! 301.972.7666 BULK & BAGGED
19800 Darnestown Road Ballsville, MD
Go to www.colonysupplycenter.com or facebook for seasonal hours

Continued from page 9.

Tidbits

Scouts Cleanup Whalen Commons after Holiday Festival



Scout Troops 496 and 2027 cleaned up Whalen Commons after the Holiday Lighting Festival.

The local Boy Scouts Troop 496 and Coed Scouts Troop 2027 provided cleanup duty in Whalen Commons on Saturday following the successful Holiday Festival. While crowds numbered into the hundreds, and the debris left behind was minimal, the scouts came prepared to leave the town park pristine. They did a complete and fully appreciated job.

Tuscarora Alumni AACC First Team

Jordan Addison, a University of Pittsburgh sophomore wide receiver and 2019 graduate of Frederick County's Tuscarora High School, has been named to the All-Atlantic Coast Conference first team. He is an All-American candidate and a finalist for the Biletnikoff Award (college football's outstanding receiver). This season, the six-foot, 175-pound Jordan has made ninety-three receptions for 1,479 yards and averaged 15.9 yards per reception. He leads the nation with seventeen touchdowns. His nationally twelfth-ranked Pitt Panthers (11-2) defeated Wake Forest for the ACC Championship and will play tenth-ranked Michigan State (10-2) in the Peach Bowl on December 30. Jordan is enrolled in the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences. Jordan is the son of Keisha Blackman and Rolando Addison.

Special Holiday Farmers' Market

The Poolesville Farmers' Market will host a holiday market from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday, December 11 at Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville, in the Fellowship Hall. Area residents are invited to stop by to pick up items to complete their holiday shopping lists. Vendors will feature items such as crafts, art, household items, yard art, jewelry, masks, cocoa bombs, candy, candles, and a variety of baked goods and local meats for the holiday table. Face masks required. Please bring a canned food donation for WUMCO. The church will offer lunch/snack items for sale. For more information, check out the Poolesville Farmers' Market page on Facebook or email savagehomestead@gmail.com.



Winners of the 2021 Poolesville American Legion Post 247's Poolesville Day Raffle

The September 2021 Poolesville American Legion Post 247 conducted another successful fundraising raffle which began on Poolesville Day with the winners being drawn on Veterans Day. The winners of the raffle and their prizes were:

Chris Doto – Four Tickets to Frederick's Road and Rail Museum

Adam Singh – \$25 K2 Café Gift Certificate

Tami Campbell – \$50 Locals Farms Market Gift Certificate

Kelly – \$50 Cugini's Gift Certificate

Jean Schramm – \$50 Bassett's Gift Certificate

David Cowger – \$75 Dogfish Head Alehouse Gift Certificate, Gaithersburg

Adam Singh – \$100 Madrone's American Cage Gift Certificate in Frederick

John Butler/PHS Assistant School Administrator – \$250 Monocacy Crossing Gift Certificate in Frederick

Spencer Schmidt – \$350 Whiskey Barrel Glass and Wine Bottle Rack made by the post's own Mr. Ted Zoerner, owner of Past to Re-Purposed LLC.

The Poolesville Post would like to thank all those who participated in the raffle.

If you are a vet and are not a member, come join our band of brothers and sister vets. Our next meeting is on January 6, 2022 at the Calleva Store in Poolesville.

May you all have a Happy Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

Attempt to Rid Home of Snakes Results in Total Destruction of Home

A fire destroyed a home on Big Woods Road on November 23. The fire was started in an attempt to rid the home of a snake infestation. Using coals to smoke out the snakes, the heat source got too close to combustibles in the basement of the home. The amount of damage has been estimated to be one million dollars with a total loss of the structure. Fortunately, no one was home at the time. The status of the snakes was reported as undetermined by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue information officers.



Local home completely destroyed by accidental fire .

**Sugarloaf
Chimney
Restoration**

A Full Service Chimney
Company Dedicated to Safe
& Energy Efficient Chimney
Systems Since 1980

Chimney Experts to our Nation's White House and Your House
Lining & Restoration, Cleaning, Draft & Venting
Problems, Masonry Repair & Waterproofing, Exhaust
Fans, Smoke & Odor Problems, Animal Removal

sugarloafchimney.com

JERRY C. NEAL
President

301-972-8558



MEMBER
NATIONAL
CHIMNEY
SWEEP
GUILD

Remembrances

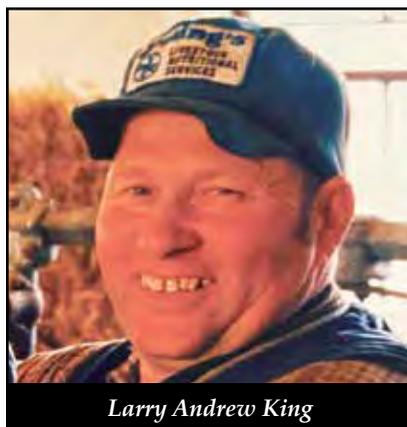
Larry Andrew King

Larry Andrew King, 82, of Dickerson, passed away peacefully at his home on November 17, 2021. Larry was born to Andrew W. and Dorothy E. King in Laytonsville on May 18, 1939.

Larry worked proudly as a dairy farmer in Dickerson for sixty-one years, working fifty-five of those years for his dear friends, Harry and Fannie Ensor, of Maryland Hopewell Farms near Sugarloaf Mountain. Larry took great pride in caring for the herd and managing the dairy operations of the farm, demonstrating a level of compassion, commitment, and humility that served as an example to his community and all who knew him.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of sixty-five years, Dorothy Anne King; two daughters, Linda A. Dean and her husband Bill of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Laurie A. McKinley and her husband Richard of Poolesville; two grandsons, Christopher A. Lewis and his wife Jennifer of Frederick and Aaron T. Dean of Chicago, Illinois; and one great-granddaughter, Lucy Lewis. Larry is also survived by two sisters, Elva Figuracion and Pat Spies of Colonial Beach, Virginia; and one brother, Thomas King and his wife Betty of Adamstown.

Gracious and generous to everyone, Larry established long-lasting and impactful relationships in his community and with his extended family. His values, influence, and compassion endure with all who grew up in his presence. While his family and friends mourn their loss, they are forever grateful for the impact of his life and the many "days to remember" he gave them.



Larry Andrew King

Dr. Thomas E. Nightingale

Dr. Thomas E. Nightingale, 87, of Poolesville, passed away on November 26, 2021.

Born on August 20, 1934 in Omaha, Nebraska, he was the son of Homer and Kathryn Ellen (Condon) Nightingale. Tom was preceded in death by his wife, Maggie Nightingale.

Tom was survived by his children, Catherine Keller, Dennis Nightingale, and Tish Brownlee; two brothers, Joe Nightingale and Donn Nightingale; and eight grandchildren, Gillian, Madison, Cate, Hyatt, Lance, Lauren, Maggie, and Emily.

Tom was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army's 17th Infantry Regiment where he served as a combat medic in the Korean War. During his years of service, he earned the Silver Star and two Purple Hearts. After his service, Tom went on to earn his PhD from Kansas State University. He worked in the medical research industry and retired from the National Institutes of Health. He was also the owner of Nightingale Decorating, Inc.

Tom's final resting place will be Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to a charity of your choice.



Dr. Thomas E. Nightingale

Continued from page 1.

As Hope Garden Closes, a New Hope Emerges

Claire Jones, a 2010 graduate of Poolesville High School and one of her more prominent students since she was just six years old, was high on her mind and, in Fran's opinion, the perfect replacement if she could only convince her to take over.

Claire danced and performed under Miss Fran throughout her academic years, leaving temporarily from the age of eleven to thirteen to train with the Maryland Youth Ballet, and she performed with the Joffrey Ballet and American Ballet Theatre at the Kennedy Center with its annual Nutcracker performances. She returned to Miss Fran and stayed until graduation from high school. From there, Claire attended Montgomery College, where she was the choreographic intern for MC's Summer Dinner Theatre. She then transferred to UMBC, graduating with a degree in dance and a minor in theater.

Regionally, she has also performed with Deep Vision Dance, ClancyWorks Dance, Bowen McCauley Dance, and the Olney Theatre Center, all while she was teaching and choreographing for Red Branch Theatre and Round House Theatre Education.

Whilst deeply versed in classical ballet, she has studied tap, contemporary, and modern dance, and stage management and lighting; she earned a dance degree from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. She has been teaching all age groups for fourteen years at multiple studios in Columbia, Germantown, Silver Spring, and currently in Frederick. "She has often taught for me from the time she was fifteen," enthused Ichijo, "including for my summer ballet camps, where she was very popular!"

With complete knowledge of Claire's talents and achievements over the years, and with a deep bond of friendship and mutual admiration, Fran decided to give Claire a call. The timing was impeccable and a major turning point in Claire's life as she had just recently changed her life's direction by choosing to work with Ken Mallow in construction. At the time she got the call, she was busy working on a screened-in porch. Fate had fully intervened.

When Fran called Claire, the two talked, cried, and laughed for over an hour and half, and in the end, the student and teacher—and dear friends for nearly all of Claire's life—agreed on the transition from Hope Garden Ballet to the newly-formed Essence Studios of Dance & Performing Arts. The fall season of illness and despair for Hope Garden Ballet had a new owner and new hope.

Fran could not be happier with the development. "She is a wonderful person whose knowledge and talent will ensure the high quality of the past with a renewed passionate energy for the future. Claire encapsulates the full traditions of Hope Garden Ballet."

In show business there is a very old adage: Always leave them wanting more. While Hope Garden Ballet departs the stage leaving the community desperately wanting more, Essence Studios of Dance & Performing Arts will more than fill the bill as a new star arises in the community in 2022.

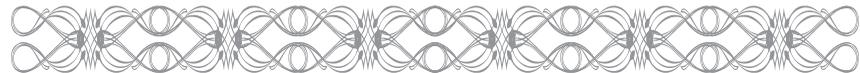
Marketplace

POOLESVILLE PHYSICAL THERAPY
Pat Hess, P.T.
301-349-5443
 19628 Fisher Ave. Poolesville

Violinsanity
 Two Violins
 Classical Elegance
Charm your Guests with Chamber Music
We will work with you to achieve the musical effects you desire.
Dominique Agnew 301-407-0001
<http://Violinsanity.peatandbarley.com>

Hilary Schwab Photography
 Portraits and Event Photography
 Poolesville, MD (301)349-2322
 25 years' experience
hilary@hschwabphotography.com
www.hschwabphotography.com

Sugarloaf Pet Gardens
 DEDICATED - APPROVED
 PET CEMETERY
301-972-8882
 Box 415
 21511 PEACH TREE ROAD
 BARNESVILLE, MARYLAND 20838



Do you or someone you know have a special announcement or milestone you would like to share with our readers?

The Monocle welcomes your contribution.

Send to editor@monocacymonocle.com

YOUR AD COULD BE RIGHT HERE. Call Rande Davis at 301-509-9232.

Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present Crime

Assault: 19800 Westerly Road.

Vandalism: 17000 block of Hughes Road, 17100 block of Hoskinson Road, 17100 block of Tom Fox Avenue.

Past Crime: 1945 to 1949

Chief Orme of the county police began visiting schools to warn children against swimming in popular swimming holes during the coming summer. Orme told the children that some of the more popular swimming places were isolated and over a mile from the nearest telephone. He especially addressed the popularity of the moat that surrounded the old Rosdhu Castle in Chevy Chase. Not only was it polluted, he said, but was also a haven for snakes.

In 1948, the county commissioners replied to a series of complaints. One was the absence of black police officers on the county force. In reply, the commissioners said that if black candidates met the same standards as white candidates, they would be considered

(the first black officer was not hired until 1968).

An armed stick-up artist managed to elude a posse of two hundred police officers and an airplane after a high speed chase that led from Baltimore into Montgomery County. Sgt. Stanley Harding sighted the man sitting in a car near Brighton Dam, apparently reading a map. When Harding closed in to make an arrest, the suspect sped off and rammed a state police car and then headed towards Burtonsville. There he crashed through a roadblock of officers and headed in the direction of Ashton. For the next few hours, the suspect and car were sighted in several locations, but each time he eluded the police. Finally, the police boxed him in, and the suspect fled into the woods.

An all-out effort by police detectives resulted in the arrest of twenty-five juveniles on charges of theft and vandalism. Among the items stolen were wheelbarrow tires, batteries, and radio equipment. Most of the items were stolen from construction sites all over Montgomery County. Captain Joe Nolte branded the youths as "juvenile delinquents."

Three county youths were killed when the car that they were riding in struck

a steel power pole at Montgomery Avenue at Viers Mill Road. All of the deceased were farm workers employed with their fathers on farms in the Derwood and Laytonsville area. The driver, a twenty-year-old soldier home on leave, was charged with manslaughter. On the same night, a sixteen-year-old girl died when the

car she was riding in stalled on the railroad tracks at Browns Crossing and was struck by a troop train. The other four youths in the car managed to escape.

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

Fun Fact...

A Winter Bluejay

Crisply the bright snow whispered,
Crunching beneath our feet;
Behind us as we walked along
the parkway,
Our shadows danced,
Fantastic shapes in vivid blue.
Across the lake the skaters
Flew to and fro,
With sharp turns weaving
A frail invisible net.
In ecstasy the earth
Drank the silver sunlight;
In ecstasy the skaters
Drank the wine of speed;
In ecstasy we laughed
Drinking the wine of love.
Had not the music of our joy

Sounded its highest note?

But no,
For suddenly, with lifted eyes
you said,
"Oh look!"
There, on the black bough of a snow
flecked maple,
Fearless and gay as our love,
A bluejay cocked his crest!
Oh who can tell the range of joy
Or set the bounds of beauty?

- Sara Teasdale
panmacmillan.com



Poolesville Area:
We're Open
for Business.

Cornerstone Inc.

General Contractor
Serving Poolesville and the surrounding
area for over 30 years

Custom Homes - Additions - Baths
Kitchens - Basements - Roofing - Siding
Custom Barns - Fencing - Decks - Garages
Porches - Patios - Concrete Work

301-972-8700

Ron and Rinnie Magaha

MHIC #26662



Morningstar Welding, LLC

COMMERCIAL, FARMING, &
RESIDENTIAL WELDING

301-349-2702

17612 Elgin Road - Poolesville



Thistle Thickets Farm
301-407-0001
www.thistlethickets.com
Boys, MD

Hand-Crafted Goat Milk Soaps
Make Terrific Gifts!

Buy them online or from these fine merchants:
All About Equestrian, Farmers' Coop, Locals,
McCutcheon's, Mrs. Brown's Attic, Poolesville
Hardware, and RB Savage and Sons.



Violin Lessons

Boys, MD

Over 15 Years' Experience

Sassmannshaus Method Certification

d2violin@gmail.com

301-407-0001

Shear Elegance Hair Salon



Image Is Everything
Hair Services
for the Whole Family!

301-349-3773

19623 B Fisher Ave. Poolesville

Hours: Mon. 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Tue. 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.,
Wed. 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Thur. 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.,
Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Subscribe to the Monocacy Monocle (\$31.80 per year)

The Monocacy Monocle • POB 372 • Barnesville, MD 20838-0372

editor@monocacymonocle.com • www.monocacymonocle.com

Celebrating 32 Years of Service

Water, Water Everywhere, but Be Careful What You Drink Waterborne Diseases to Be Watchful for When You Want a Drink for Yourself or That Furry Friend

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

We all need water to survive; it is our most basic and important nutrient. We have many choices to provide water for ourselves and our furry friends. It is important to know where your water comes from, so you know it is as safe as possible. There are many waterborne diseases in our environment. They can have adverse effects on human health and the health of our pets.

Illnesses caused by pathogenic (can cause disease) micro-organisms that can be transmitted in water are less of a concern in our modern water management systems. They are a concern when you are sharing water that comes from a source other than the faucet or the bottle or has been standing unattended.

Diseases can be spread while swimming, washing, drinking, or transferring water from some unknown source to a container for drinking later. Food that has been washed in unknown water sources can also potentially transfer disease.

The most common negative effects from pathogenic micro-organisms are diarrhea, stomach pain, cramping, and vomiting. Skin, ear, respiratory, and eye problems can also be a factor when exposure to water that has pathogens present occurs.

Micro-organisms that can cause illness include protozoa, bacteria, spirochetes, nematodes (intestinal worms), and viruses.

Here is a quick list of some diseases present in waters in our area.

1. Certain blue green algae, present in some ponds, lakes and even rivers.
2. E. coli bacteria and *Salmonella* bacteria.
3. Leptospirosis, a spirochete that can cause kidney damage and chronic disease.
4. Roundworms, hookworms, and whipworms.

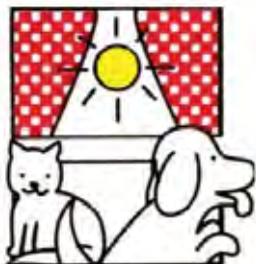
5. G.I. corona virus, Distemper virus, parvovirus, and Rota virus. Only in very rare cases can Rabies virus be transmitted. The actively-infected animal must drop saliva in the water very close to the time you or your pet drinks it.

There are very simple steps that we can all implement to minimize exposure for ourselves and our pets.

1. Only drink water that you know the source of or have bottled from your sink.
2. Don't share water containers between yourself and others or for your pets.
3. Don't drink from a source of standing water you did not prepare.
4. Assume that any standing bowls, cups, small pools of water, or other unmonitored water sources have the potential to carry one or more of the above-mentioned diseases to yourself or your pets.
5. Areas where pets and wildlife inhabit have water sources that get walked through, soiled with waste products from the animals and humans, and can build up concentrations of pathogenic organisms over time, temperature, and exposure.

The bottom line is that you should bring your own water for you and your pet. Do not share water from common bowls or cups. Do not leave water in bowls unattended for any period of time. Carry water bottles that have self-contained cups or bowls attached so you and your pets have secure water sources. If you have to drink from an unsecured water source, have water purification equipment to pass the water through or boil the water for 2-5 minutes.

When in doubt, pass on unknown water sources.



Poolesville Veterinary Clinic

DR. EEG AND THE ENTIRE VETERINARY STAFF ARE DEDICATED TO PROVIDING THE HIGHEST QUALITY VETERINARY CARE WITH A PERSONAL TOUCH.

PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE • LASER SURGERY • ACUPUNCTURE • DENTAL CARE
LASER THERAPY • FIBEROPTIC VIDEO SCOPE • ADVANCE IN-HOUSE LABORATORY
MICROCHIPPING • DIGITAL RADIOGRAPHY • GERIATRIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT
PAIN MANAGEMENT • BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION • REPRODUCTION



Open Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., CLOSED ON SUNDAY
Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Twitter, Visit us on Foursquare 18

19621 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville • 301-972-7705
www.poolesvilleveterinaryclinic.com • poolesvillevet@verizon.net

19920 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837 ★ (301)349-3880



www.poolesvilletire.com



FULL-SERVICE AUTO REPAIR SHOP



REPAIRS

Expert service performed by ASE Certified Technicians

MAINTENANCE

Scheduled maintenance on all foreign & domestic models

TIRES

The right name-brand tires to fit your needs & your budget

Mention This Ad For
\$5 OFF ANY OIL CHANGE



MENTION THIS AD FOR
10% OFF
YOUR FIRST KEY PURCHASE

AUTO KEYS

- ★ KEY FOBS ★ KEYLESS ENTRY REMOTES ★
- ★ TRANSPONDERS ★ SMART KEYS ★ CHIP KEYS ★
- ★ FLIP KEYS ★ EMERGENCY BLADES ★
- ★ PROGRAMMING ★ KEY CUTTING ★

19920 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837

☎(301)349-3880 ✉poolesvilleauto@yahoo.com



COLLISION SPECIALIST

FULL-SERVICE BODY SHOP



ALL INSURANCE WELCOME!



Over 35 years of experience

Call to schedule a custom quote today



19920 Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837
(301)349-4550