



The beagles howl heralds a great time for dogs. See more pics in Family Album on page 2.



The graves have been identified, but where are the bodies? See Tidbits on page 3.



Some people threw a party for someone. Can you guess? See Business Briefs on page 4 for the answer.



The Poolesville Piranhas have begun a new season. Team picture and more on page 14.

White's Ferry Impasse Results in Little Prospect For Opening

By Rande Davis

The prospect of White's Ferry opening has become mired in an impasse with no meaningful expectation of progress any time soon.

Both Chuck Kuhn, the current owner of White's Ferry, and the Brown family, who sold the enterprise to Kuhn, have not been able to obtain a settlement over use of the Virginia landing from Rockland Farm, LLC. Mr. Kuhn's first offer to Rockland for the land was \$500,000 and then later increased to \$750,000 for the perpetual landing rights of the land. This for a 3,500-to-5,000-square-foot parcel that had been legally considered a public landing from the late 1870s until 2014. The land is on the shoreline, making it unsuitable to build on or farm as it is in a prime flooding zone. Its only marketable value is tied to the ferry. Additionally, to get the ferry open, Kuhn further offered to purchase the entire

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As weeds grow on the ferry path, reopening talks remain stalled.

Public Forum for Democratic County At-Large Council Candidates

By Rande Davis

On June 23, the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Poolesville sponsored a public forum at Poolesville Town Hall (may still be viewed online at poolesvillemd.gov) for the eight Democratic candidates for the four county council at-large positions. One candidate, Dana Gassaway, did not attend. All three of the Republican candidates will advance to the general election this fall thus were not invited for this event.

Link Hoewing, the forum moderator, offered six topics within the ninety minutes available. The questions covered the opening of White's Ferry; the role and support for the Agricultural

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Democratic Party candidates vying for four at-large Montgomery County Council positions: Laurie-Anne Sayles, Tom Hucker, Evan Glass, Gabe Alborno, Will Jawando, Brandy Brooks, and Scott Goldberg.

Family Album

BEST IN SHOW



Bark in the Park



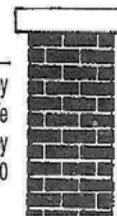
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Tidbits

Empty Graves?

David Therriault, owner of Locals, brought in a team of ground surveyors to digitally identify the gravesites that are on the property of the Old Methodist Church. This was the site of the world-famous telegraph service that originated Civil War news worldwide.

As deceased soldiers, presumably primarily Union troops, were brought into Poolesville from battles outside of town, they were buried until such time that they could be safely returned to their homes for final burial.

The surveyors identified thirty-seven such gravesites, but whether the bodies are still there remains a mystery. The search can only identify an area that was dug for a grave. The graves identified were only about two feet deep, attesting to the plan for temporary resting place.

With the graves now located, plans for the site becoming a home for Therriault's Riverworks Art Center can move ahead, with the bodies of the past at least not being a problem. Of course, it does not address the ghost issue. Only time will tell on that one.

Dickerson Honored by the Sons of the American Revolution

On June 16, the General William Smallwood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) presented the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal to Valaree Norman Dickerson. Created in 1895, the Bronze Good Citizenship Medal allows local SAR chapters to recognize citizens who make outstanding contributions to their communities.

The Smallwood Chapter recognized Valaree for her years of volunteer service to Poolesville and the Upcounty region. This includes her six years as a Poolesville Town Commissioner, her service on multiple nonprofit boards, and her work supporting numerous town festivals and celebrations. Additionally, the Smallwood Chapter noted her outstanding work earlier this year spearheading a donation drive for Ukrainian refugees in Poland.

When presenting Valaree with her award, the Smallwood Chapter president and fellow Poolesville resident H. Lucas Ginn told Valaree that she represents "the ideals of civic engagement, patriotism, and resistance to tyranny that our forefathers held dear."

Chartered by Congress in 1889 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, SAR is the largest male lineage society in the United States. Members trace their bloodline lineage to the patriots of the eighteenth century who supported American independence. The General William Smallwood Chapter represents and fulfills the mission of SAR in Montgomery County. More information about the chapter and membership can be found at www.mdssar.org/smallwoodhome.

Odd Fellows Present Awards

Poolesville's Lodge #97 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows continued the strong support of area youth by awarding \$4,800 in scholarships to four public schools.

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Abigail Antonishek—Purdue University

Dylan Lamarr—Montgomery College

Chloe Maher—Appalachian State University



Sons of the Revolution, Smallwood Chapter president and fellow Poolesville resident, H. Lucas Ginn, presented a community service award to Val Dickerson.

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Rande(m) Thoughts The War between The States — 2022

By Rande Davis

When old Confederate Col. Elijah Viers White bought Conrad's Ferry, the war between the states had just ended. Little did he know a battle between Virginia and Maryland over the shoreline would continue into the twenty-first century. With tongue in cheek, I must ask, is our journey to reopen the ferry the final battle of the Civil War?

Our headline this issue makes it abundantly clear that a settlement to reopen White's Ferry is now exceedingly unlikely. The reasons are threefold.

First, Mr. Kuhn, while prepared to pay Rockland Farm LLC for perpetual landing rights, is in no way interested in having them as a de facto partner in his business. Any form of that is out of the question for him as it was for the previous owner. It's like a worst-case hostile takeover. It seems more like a hostage situation to me. Three quarters of a million dollars for approximately one-tenth of an acre is excessive by any standard. This is rural Virginia not New York City.

Second, Loudoun County is reluctant to do something it already did: That is to declare it a public landing. That it has now been ruled otherwise clearly is the fault of the county, not the owners of the ferry. The survey of the land in the late 1870s was accepted by the county as accurate. That it was ruled otherwise in 2014 is not the fault of the owners. The county is at least partly to blame for today's dilemma.

The owner on the Virginia side says the county basically told them they will not declare eminent domain as the traffic flow is not enough to be of concern to them. The county only sees the value in terms of number of cars.

Public convenience, enhanced revenue to Virginia businesses from ferry users coming from Maryland, and the historical legacy of the ferry do not concern the county enough to simply restate the obvious: The Virginia side is a public landing.

Third, it is clear the only interest in the ferry to the party in Virginia is for an ongoing stake in the operation. They demand a share of the revenue but not the costs. To settle for a one-time payment, they demanded \$2,000,000 for one-tenth of an acre of land. To accept that fee won't save the ferry, it will sink it. No one would ever pay a ferry fee that could cover that amount.

As far as a fee-per-car concept, it is a non-starter for a private owner. The prospect that, periodically, White's Ferry would be faced with another demand for a higher fee due to inflation or any other reason is untenable for any business owner.

Libby Devlin, a partner in the Rockland Farm, LLC, says she got the idea of a small per-car fee from Loudoun County supervisors Randall and Kershner. Since they suggested the per-car fee arrangement, maybe the county should pay the fee. A certified traffic counter system could be used seasonally to provide a working total of vehicles using the ferry. Perhaps they could share that cost with Montgomery County. It's very reasonable overall as a high estimate of daily usage would be 800 cars per day, or about \$150,000 per year. Split between two counties, that's only \$75,000 per year.

If they offer to pay the per-car fee, and she then refuses them, then eminent domain is the only answer. Devlin maintains that no part of the farm, so long as it's in her family, will be sold. Well, we all know that when Loudoun County moves on widening Route 15, it will use an easement to take whatever part of her family farm they need, and we certainly doubt they would agree to a fee per car for that.

Business Briefs

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, from the PACC

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the hiring of Mallory Carey as the PACC's new executive secretary. She started in June and can be contacted at secretary@poolesvillechamber.com. She replaces Cathy Bupp who retired June 21 as PACC Executive Secretary after seven years of service to the chamber. The chamber thanks her for her work supporting the PACC and welcomes Mallory to the PACC team.

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce has just published the 2022-2023 Community and Business Directory, and copies have been mailed to all area residents. Extra copies can be obtained from Poolesville Town Hall. Thanks to all the PACC members who purchased advertising space in the directory to make this valuable local resource available to residents and businesses free of charge. Remember, shop, eat, and play local. Your support is vital to our local business community.

Pike's Party Time

If it's June, it's party time at Dr. Pike and Dr. Valega's dental practice. The



Drs. Pike and Valega have been in Poolesville since 1989.

couple set up shop in Poolesville forty-three years ago; they opened another office in Rockville a few years ago. For the past thirteen years, they have celebrated their patients with a very special Patient Appreciation Day. This year was no different, and we must say the food and fun do seem to get better every year.

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Notice is hereby given

That the following vessel has apparently been abandoned for 180 days at 14915 Partnership Road in Poolesville. The vessel is described as: hull number US-RGMBM613F607, a white and blue Regal 1900, 19 feet in length vessel, as well as the associated trailer, ID number 40ZAB19196P010405. Application for title will be made in accordance with Section 8-722 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Natural Resources Article if this vessel is not claimed and removed from the above property within 30 days of this notice.
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In Your Own Backyard

The C&O Canal

By Jon Wolz

As we know, the Upcounty is a great place in which to live. Many of us know that we live near the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park (C&OCNHP), an exciting place to explore historic features and nature. I do meet people in our area that have not visited this park or have only visited one or two spots in the park. This park is 184.5 miles long, extending from Georgetown in Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Maryland. A towpath where mules once pulled canal boats up and down the waterway parallels the canal prism for most of the length of the canal. I decided to write this article to let everyone know what park locations and features are near Poolesville.

The canal was constructed from 1828 to 1850, and in our area, the canal was built through 1833. The canal stopped operations in the spring of 1924 after a flood event.

In our area, the park stretches from Mile 22 at Lock 23, known as Violette's Lock, all the way to the Monocacy Aqueduct at Mile 42. People wanting to visit this twenty-mile stretch of the canal from outside of our area generally go through Poolesville. Other nearby access points include Lock 24 (Riley's Lock) at Mile 22.82, Sycamore Landing at Mile 27.21, Lock 25 (Edwards Ferry) at Mile 30.84, White's Ferry at Mile 35.5, and the Dickerson Conservation Park parking lot at Mile 39.63. There are boat ramps at Riley's Lock, Edwards Ferry, White's Ferry, and at the Monocacy Aqueduct.



One of many C&O Canal walks hosted by Monocle columnist, Jon Wolz.

If you decide to visit the towpath, let someone know your plans. Be sure you take plenty of water during warm weather. During summer months, it is best to stay on the towpath to avoid ticks, chiggers, snakes, poison ivy, and stinging nettle plants. In the winter months, it is safer to explore park features that are off the towpath. There are many trees that shade the towpath in our area, and on a warm day, the shade makes the towpath several degrees cooler as compared to being out in the sunshine. People walk, run, and ride bicycles on the towpath. People even ride horses along the towpath.

When biking, keep yourself and others safe by following the speed limit (15 m.p.h. maximum). The towpath does have occasional tree limbs that have fallen that can throw you off your bike if you run into a large limb. Bicyclists should yield to horse riders, runners, and hikers. Ride single file and stay to the right except when passing. Make sure to walk bikes over aqueducts. Children under the age of 18 are required to wear helmets in Montgomery County, and children under the age of 16 are required to wear helmets in other areas of the park. Dogs should be on a leash. Unleashed dogs can encounter wildlife in the woods or in

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July 6

Landmade Brewery In-Person Tour

Join our tour of Landmade, a family-run farm brewery in the Ag Reserve. The 33-acre site encompasses a Brewery, Tasting Room, and General Store. Registration required. Ticket price is \$6 per person, includes tour and one drink. Must be over 21. Please visit poolesvilleseniors.org to register. 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

July 7

Get to Know Riverworks Art Center

Meet "Locals" Sandy and Dave and the rest of the staff of the Riverworks Art Center on this interactive virtual visit. Riverworks is home to a community of artists, makers, and teachers who are dedicated to helping others access and harness the power of the creative act. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

July 14

NOAA's Role in Regulating Outer Space

Join Glenn Tallia for a brief overview of the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). From daily weather forecasts to space commerce, NOAA's products and services support economic vitality and

affect more than one third of America's gross domestic product. Glenn's presentation will also explain the important role NOAA plays in supporting the growing U.S. space industry and its effort to address the problem of "space junk." 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

July 19

Bingo Afternoon

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July 21

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Explore the next historic Ag Reserve Properties with local historian Kenny Sholes. Dotting the landscape is an array of impressive historic homes, standing as a visual reminder of those who came before us and the important part they played in American history for centuries. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Outdoor Pickle Ball. *Stevens Park.* 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m..

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Virtual. No class 7/4.

Tuesdays

Bridge: June 21 to July 12. Beginner review or intermediate bridge play. Eight spaces only. Registration required. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Senior News

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Trivia Game Night

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Thursdays

Pickleball Ladder Play. The current Ladder Play session with players grouped, according to their ranking based on their win/loss record, will run from June 23–July 28. *Stevens Park.* 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall.* 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays

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

Poolesville Seniors is searching for a full-time Executive Director. Contact jobs@poolesvilleseniors.org.

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. 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.

Fun Fact...

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The C&O Canal

the canal prism. In the prism in our area, there are snapping turtles and snakes. Unleashed dogs can cause bike crashes, spook horses, or injure other dogs.

In our twenty-mile stretch of canal, there are many historic features, including five locks, Lock 23, Lock 24 (Riley’s Lock), Lock 25 (Edwards Ferry), Lock 26 (Woods Lock), and Lock 27 (Whelan’s Lock or Spinks Ferry). In the entire length of the canal, there are seventy-seven locks. Lockhouses still stand at Locks 24, 25, and 27. The lockhouse at Lock 25 is part of the Canal Quarters program and can be rented for overnight stays. The theme for the interior of that lockhouse depicts the Civil War in the Edwards Ferry area. Many of the lockkeepers and their families who once worked on the canal are buried at the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville.

There are campsites in our area that include the Horsepen Branch Hike-Biker Campsite (Mile 26.10), Chisel Branch Hiker-Biker Campsite (Mile 30.5), Turtle Run Hiker-Biker Campsite (Mile 34.43), Marble Quarry Hiker-Biker Campsite (Mile 38.2), and just above the Monocacy Aqueduct is the Indian Flats Hiker-Biker Campsite (Mile 42.40). Each campsite has a well with potable water that is treated with iodine, a portable restroom, picnic table, grill, and a fire ring. There is no charge to camp at these campsites. These campsites are on a first come, first served basis.

There are also twenty-five culverts in our area where streams and even a river flow through their stone structures as they pass beneath the canal prism and towpath. The largest culvert is Culvert 69 that has the Little Monocacy River flowing through it. Culverts are unique features of the canal. Some are in good condition, and others are not in good condition. Some even have sinkholes on top of them, and one culvert has collapsed. The best time to view the culvert entrances or exits is in the wintertime when undergrowth has died back. Do not walk into a culvert because a ceiling stone is able to fall at any time.

There are three aqueducts in our area that once carried canal water over large creeks and a river. These aqueducts include the Seneca Aqueduct over Seneca Creek at Mile 22.82, the Broad Run Trunk Aqueduct at Mile 31.94 that once was a wooden aqueduct over Broad Run, and the Monocacy Aqueduct at Mile 42.19

that is a seven-arched restored aqueduct over the Monocacy River. Currently, the C&ONHP is developing a statement of work that will be used in issuing a contract to have engineering studies done on ten of the aqueducts to see what restoration work may be needed.

Other unique sites along our stretch of the canal include Feeder Dam 2 at Mile 22.15, Inlet Lock 2 at Mile 22.12, Seneca Quarries beginning at Mile 23.03 on the opposite side of the canal, Goose Creek River Lock at Mile 30.64, White’s Ferry and White’s Ferry Store and Grill at Mile 35.5, Latrobe’s Marble Quarry at Mile 38, and White’s Ford at Mile 38.8. People in our area make an annual walk across the ford when the river level gage at Edwards Ferry is 3.5 feet or lower. They wear lifejackets and walk all the way across the Potomac River. I have stepped on slippery rocks and have fallen into the water twice.

Books that I have found helpful regarding the C&O Canal include: *C&O Canal Official National Park Handbook*, the *Towpath Guide to the C&O Canal*, and the *Pocket Guide to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park*. These books can be purchased through the C&O Canal Association website, candocanal.org.



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Dairy Products & Eggs: Butter; McCutcheon’s jams, jellies, preserves, sauces, and salad dressings;
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Order onsite for immediate pickup
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Things to Do

Saturdays

Poolesville Farmers' Market

Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

July 4

Fabulous UMCVFD Fireworks

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July 5

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

July 7

American Legion Post 247

Calleva Offices, 19926 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. 7:00 p.m.

July 12

Library Special Event: Peter Wood—Collector of the Impossible

Elementary School Age. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 4:00 p.m.

July 18

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

July 28

Library Special Event: Energy Express

Elementary School Age. Registration required. *Maggie Nightingale Library.* 2:00 p.m.

July 30

St. Mary's 147th Annual Chicken Dinner

Jousting Tournament (1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Delicious Barbequed Chicken Dinner, Country Store, White Elephant, Crafts, Baked Goods, Snack Bar, Children's Games, and Live Music by Sookey Jump. Meals available for \$20 until sold out; seating outdoors under the tent. *St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville.* Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Would you like to announce a meeting, club, or upcoming event in **Things to Do?**

Then let us know!

Send it along to editor@monocacymonocle.com

Town of Poolesville Assistant Town Manager Employment Opportunity

The Assistant Town Manager is responsible for assisting the Town Manager in planning, coordinating, and administering Town services and operations. The Assistant Town Manager will provide direct support for the day-to-day operations and will serve in the Town Manager's absence providing oversight, support, and collaboration with Department Heads and staff.

Hours: 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Monday – Friday
Hiring Range: \$85,280-\$95,000

Supervision:

Works under the supervision of the Town Manager. Under the direction of the Town Manager exercises administrative and management responsibilities over Town operations, departments, and staff.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assists the Town Manager in the daily administration and operations of the Town; and makes recommendations to the Town Manager.
- Prepares and drafts correspondence, reports, analyses, and other information as requested.
- Responds to citizen inquiries, complaints, and suggestions; provides research assistance and addresses request of Town departments, the public, and citizen groups.
- Provides zoning support related to planning, development, permitting, and code enforcement.
- Assists in the preparation of the annual operating and capital budgets.
- Prepares and reviews a variety of complex and routine correspondences, memoranda, and staff reports.
- Attends Commission and Board meetings, and makes public presentations as requested by the Town Manager or Commissioners.
- Assists the Town Manager in assuring proper water and wastewater reporting and operational requirements are adhered to. Provides technical assistance as needed.
- Provides support as needed with procurement matters, personnel management, policy development, grant writing, and special projects.
- Assists in oversight of contract personnel, including refuse collection, engineering, and legal support.
- Oversees and assists in website updates and social media with notices, agendas, news, etc.
- Performs other related duties as may be assigned by the Town Manager.

Qualifications:

Bachelor's degree in business administration, public administration, public policy, finance, or similar management or research-related field is required. A minimum of five years' related experience is required serving in an assistant Town Manager or Finance & Admin/Finance Director or comparable municipal role. Experience with data analysis, project management, researching, and report writing is highly desirable. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel is required.

Compensation and Benefits:

The expected hiring range for this position is \$85,280-\$95,000, depending on qualifications. The Town also offers an excellent benefits package, including 100% employer-paid medical, dental, and vision insurance. The Town also contributes 10% (no match required) for all employees in a retirement account. We offer 11 paid holidays, along with sick and vacation leave. Life insurance, long-term and short-term disability coverage are provided at no cost to the employee.

Work Environment:

This job operates in a professional office environment. This role routinely uses standard office equipment such as computers, phones, photocopiers, filing cabinets, and fax machines.

Physical Demands:

This is largely a sedentary role; however, some filing is required and site visits to ongoing municipal projects and facilities. This would require the ability to move files, open filing cabinets, and bend or stand as necessary. May lift up to 25 lbs. occasionally.

How to Apply:

Please submit cover letter and resumes electronically at townhall@poolesvillemd.gov. First review of applications will begin July 30, 2022. This position will remain open until filled. The Town of Poolesville is an equal opportunity employer.

Questions:

Please direct questions to Town Manager Wade Yost, at wyst@poolesvillemd.gov.

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Tidbits

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Lindsay Beane and Jason Woodman

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White's Ferry Impasse Results in Little Prospect for Opening

Rockland Farm for \$14,000,000, an amount that at the time was more than three appraisals on the property.

In 2014, the Virginia court ruled that the survey used at the origin of the public landing decree by the county in 1878 did not clearly identify the parcel; therefore, the judge determined, county intention aside, that it was no longer a provable public landing and had to be considered part of Rockland Farm.

It has been reported that Rockland Farm, LLC wanted \$2,000,000 for the very small space. It is public record that the majority owner of the farm, Peter Brown (unrelated to the Brown family), a billionaire and CEO of Renaissance Technologies, a firm *Forbes Magazine* (2019) called "a legendary quantitative trading firm" made \$100,000,000 per year from that position alone.

Another proposal by Rockland Farm to provide access to the Virginia landing was for them to receive a fee of fifty cents per vehicle. Rockland also offered to purchase the business from Mr. Kuhn for twenty percent above his terms of purchase from the Brown family. Mr. Kuhn has stated he is not interested in selling his business to the Virginia party, and doing so was not why he purchased it to begin with, nor is he seeking a partner or de facto partner in his business which a per-car fee approach would do. The primary reason for rejecting the per-car fee concept is that it does not settle the landing rights issue as it would always be subject to renegotiation. Mr. Kuhn is only interested in a complete, once-and-for-all-time settlement of the issue so that he then can make prudent and necessary investments in the service without the uncertainty that the pay-per-car option would have. Additionally, the fee suggested is too close to the ferry's long-term profitability, the sharing of which does not include Rockland sharing in cost, liability, insurance, etc. Mr. Kuhn has continued to pay ferry staff for the past eighteen months in hopes that a settlement will come and that opening the ferry again could occur quickly; furthermore, Mr. Kuhn has stated that the per-car arrangement would also force the ferry to increase current rates beyond a reasonable amount, potentially reducing vehicular traffic use.

Mr. Kuhn has stated that without Devlin/Brown accepting a negotiated price for settlement, the only way the ferry will open again will be if Loudoun County reasserts its original decision to declare a public landing at the site. It now appears that, without the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors declaring eminent domain over the landing, the ferry service will not operate again.

Mrs. Devlin has told the *Monocle* that Loudoun County Supervisor Phyliss Randall has made it clear to her that the county is not interested in pursuing eminent domain on the landing, that the traffic is not of sufficient demand to cause the county to do so. Randall did not get back to the *Monocle's* request for comment on this report. Loudoun County Board of Supervisor Caleb Kershner maintains that the "county remains hopeful that a solution can otherwise be reached for the benefit of this important historic ferry and transportation option between Maryland and Virginia."

Devlin reported to the *Monocle*, "The Virginia landing has been in our family for over two hundred years. The Maryland landing was only recently purchased by Mr. Kuhn. Given this, and all the proposals we have put forth, and the fact that we have found an independent operator who will bring in its own ferry and pay both sides market value, perhaps Montgomery County can suggest to Mr. Kuhn that if he doesn't want to pay market rates to get the ferry running, he should permit an independent ferry operator to come in and do so."

She also said, "We are reluctant to get into the same situation that my grandparents got into with Ed Brown. My grandparents had a license agreement with Ed Brown for a fixed price in perpetuity so long as he never violated the terms of the license agreement. They had no way of knowing at the time that the ferry would become such a highly-trafficked route and regretted that decision. When my father took over, Ed Brown asked permission to change the landing in the 1990s (due to damage from Hurricane Hugo). In return, my father asked to renegotiate the license agreement. Ed Brown refused. Instead, Ed Brown went ahead and expanded the landing without permission in 2004, thereby violating the 1952 license."

This statement incorrectly indicates that Mr. Brown had a lease with Rockland for the landing rights. There was no such agreement. The agreement she refers to was simply a permission agreement to place a cable pole above the current landing into the pasture of Rockland Farm to raise the cable line. It was never an agreement to lease the landing, as both parties at the time understood it to be a public landing and not private property.

A lawsuit, between the two parties, which the court ruled in Rockland Farm's favor, came after Hurricane Hugo. At the time, repairs were made on the Virginia

side by Ed Brown. The case had nothing to do with landing rights. The court determined that Mr. Brown inadvertently trespassed on the Rockland property as an honest mistake. He ordered Mr. Brown to either take down the improvements or pay Rockland the cost he saved for not doing so. That fee was \$100,000, and Brown paid Rockland that amount. In its ruling, the court stated that it was clear through records that Ed Brown did not intend to trespass, so the court refused to order Brown to pay any of the requested Rockland Farm, LLC court costs.

Ms. Devlin has stated that the landing site, "which has been in her family since 1817," cannot be purchased, and the only solutions she is willing to consider are arbitration or 50 cents per car. Devlin told the *Monocle* she and her family now "enjoy the peace and quiet along the shore and that they like to sit there listening to the birds sing," seemingly unconcerned over the public's inconvenience and damaging economic impact on Poolesville, upper Montgomery County, and the region on both sides of the river.

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Remembrances

Myrtle Lou Nestor

Myrtle Lou Nestor, 86, of Beallsville, was called home to Heaven on June 8, 2022.

Married for 61 years, she was the most beloved wife of E. Dale Nestor and mother of identical twin daughters Adell Lou Nestor Eckenrode of Woodsboro and Agnes (Aggie) Ann Nestor of Mt. Airy.

Known as Sugar (Sug), Myrtle Lou was born February 10, 1936, in Philippi, West Virginia. She was the oldest of eight children born to the late Junior and Lucy Agnes (Pittman) Lantz. Along with her husband and daughters, Myrtle Lou is survived by her son-in-law LeRoy (Bud) Eckenrode and grandson Colton Nestor Eckenrode of Woodsboro; sister Judy (Bob) Arbogast of Belington, West Virginia; two brothers Paul (Sandra) Lantz of Belington, West Virginia and Jerry (Jeni) Lantz, of Philippi, West Virginia; and numerous cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and friends that were her extended family.

Myrtle Lou was preceded in death by four brothers, Jobie (Tip), Winfield (Sam), Charles (Pug), and Michael Lantz; and several in-laws.

Myrtle Lou was a very proud Christian woman and strived to live a Christ-like life. She was an avid Bible student who delighted in listening to Christian radio. Myrtle Lou took great pride in always including a special Bible verse when sending cards and letters.

She was a member of the Poolesville Baptist Church where she served as church secretary. Throughout her life, Myrtle Lou was very active in the Poolesville community. She enjoyed volunteering at the Friendly Thrift Shop and being a Sunday and Vacation Bible School teacher.

Donations honoring Myrtle Lou can be made to the Jerusalem Prayer Team at jerusalemprayerteam.org and/or to the Poolesville Baptist Church.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, August 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Poolesville Baptist Church, 17550 W. Willard Road, Poolesville, MD 20837.



Myrtle Lou Nestor

Roger Alexander Hayden, II

Roger Alexander Hayden, II passed away on June 23, 2022. He died peacefully from complications after a long-fought battle with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was 66 years old. He was the son of Roger Alexander Hayden and Mary Frances Hayden (née Hodgkin) of Poolesville.

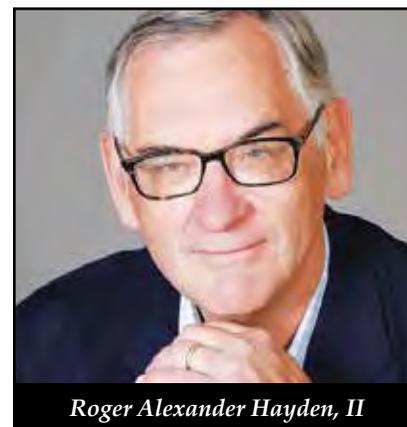
Roger grew up on a farm in Poolesville and remained in his beloved Poolesville his whole life. He attended Bullis High School in Potomac, worked in the family ceramic tile business, and, in 1978, graduated from Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia. He received his law degree in 1982 from the George Mason University Law School.

He practiced law in Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia for over forty years. He served as Deputy General Counsel for a \$2 billion savings bank and as Regional Counsel for a national title insurance company. He entered the private practice of law in 1996. After over twenty years as a partner in a sixteen-plus attorney law firm in Bethesda—where he chaired the firm's real estate, business, employment, and litigation group—he and his wife opened their own law firm in Poolesville, known as Hayden Legal Services.

Mr. Hayden served as president of the Poolesville High School PTSA (where he was instrumental in helping get the magnet program established); taught religious studies at his church for over twelve years; was a Youth Leader for the local Knights of Columbus council; and was active in the local chapter of the Boy Scouts of America as a leader and counselor. He was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and Shrine in Barnesville. He enjoyed collecting, driving, and working on Mustangs and muscle cars.

Roger is survived in death by his wife of thirty-four years, Diane D. Hayden, and their three children: daughters, Caroline Hayden and Elizabeth (Ahmad) Chabkoun, and son, Roger (Alex) Alexander Hayden, III. He is also survived by his sister, Charlotte Baker; a niece, Christina; a nephew, Jason; as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, it is requested that donations may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church and Shrine, P.O. Box 67, Barnesville, MD 20838.

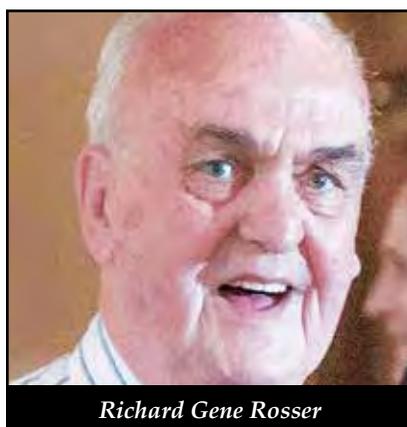


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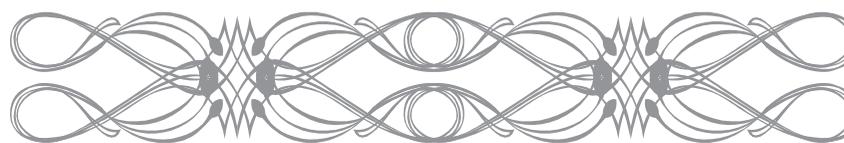
Richard Gene Rosser

Richard Gene Rosser, 78, of Poolesville, passed away on June 14, 2022. Richard was born on June 4, 1944, in Baltimore.

Richard is survived by his wife of 57 years, Patricia; children Tricia Grubb (Bruce), Richard S. Rosser, Charles Rosser, Becki Esposito (Dustin); and seven grandchildren, Amy, Chrissy, Christopher, Megan, Matthew, Nicholas, and Jacob. He is preceded in death by his granddaughter, Emily Grubb, and his two brothers, Ronald and Lee Rosser. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD), 19801 Beallsville Road, Beallsville, MD 20839, UMCVFD.org, or the charity of your choice.



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- Rachel Peden

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- Henry David Thoreau

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Public Forum for Democratic County At-Large Council Candidates

Reserve; the environment and climate change; Upcounty services, in particular, health services, support, and ideas to economically support small business locally; and the role of school resource officers or other solutions concerning school security and safety.

Among the democratic candidates, there was general consensus on most issues: they seek better cooperation of the private sector and governmental parties to work to reopen the ferry; the need to support and promote the environmental and farming strengths of the Ag Reserve; further advancement in climate change abatement policies; finding ways to bring more health services to the area through community center space in the new high school; and deemphasizing the role of Montgomery County Police in school safety, and advancing more social services and mental health services within the school system. All were generally supportive of the county's new master plan referred to as Thrive Montgomery 2050 and spoke with varying specifics on the need for more affordable housing. For more individual particulars of each candidate, the full forum is on the town website.

The candidates were given time with opening and closing remarks to emphasize their priorities and particular strengths vis-à-vis the other candidates.

A recap of remarks of each candidate begins with the incumbents.

Gabe Alborno, the current president of the Montgomery County Council, emphasized his affinity for Poolesville, noting the town's culture of having each other's back and wanted attendees to know he plans to have the town's back on key issues as well. "We have much more work to do regarding the high school, but it should include a community center with mental health services." The Kensington resident was formerly the Montgomery County director of Department of Recreation.

The county council's current vice president is Evan Glass. Mr. Glass is a former journalist with CNN. Referring to the need to be ready to help the area with their needs, he said, "I'm proud of my work to make our community a more fair, equitable, and welcoming place for everyone."

Tom Hucker, who is a past county council president and vice president, has served on the council since 2014 and is also a former state legislator. He emphasized that security within schools requires clearer and more precise rules of engagement and offered that mental health professionals and expanded school system security officers are the best way to identify at-risk students. Hucker referred to himself as a trained community organizer who works with people to find common ground. He emphasized the need to have strong associations with

state officials, referring to his experience, and he pointed to praise from Dr. Fauci during his reign as county council president in handling the pandemic and support from the NAACP as evidence for his success in leading the county.

The fourth incumbent is Will Jawando who is seeking his second term. He is a former Maryland House of Delegates, District 20 member. His priorities are increasing the number of affordable and middle-income housing units in the county, addressing challenges in our education system, finding ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and preparing for emergencies related to climate change. He is a civil rights lawyer and former Obama White House staff member.

The others were non-incumbents.

Brandy Brooks referred to herself as an environmental and social justice organizer and consultant who has been a strong supporter of the Ag Reserve and the need for well-preserved rural and agricultural areas. "The Upcounty is part of my vision for the well-being of the entire county even though I live down county. We must recognize the mutual interest and interdependence of protecting our ag land, supporting rural communities, protecting our air, ground water, and making sure the Upcounty and the Ag Reserve continues its critical role in and protecting the Ag Reserve climate, and change economic inequity." Brooks is the founder and CEO of Radical Solutions LLC, former member of Zoning Board of Appeals in Somerville, Massachusetts, and is an Afro-Latina educator, facilitator, designer, and community organizer with fifteen-plus years of experience working in land use, environmental and racial justice, and civic participation.

Laura-Anne Sayles, a former member of the City of Gaithersburg Council, offered that her experiences help her to understand the need to bring resources back to local government. She is a former paraeducator with MCPS and a senior consultant with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Public Health from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a Master of Public Administration from the University of Baltimore, School of Public and International Affairs.

She spoke of the need to "strengthen learning from cradle to career, make the county more affordable, advancing sustainable food production in the Ag Reserve, continue to recover from the pandemic, and fighting climate change."

Scott Goldberg is CEO and general counsel for Streamline. He drew from his personal experience from open heart surgery as a baby and the long delay in remodeling Northwest High School to refer to his affinity to those from Poolesville, referencing a need for a new high school and more medical services. He is the past chair of the Montgomery County Democratic Party and considers housing problems one of his most important issues.

The primary election is July 19. The general election is November 8.

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**DEADLINE FOR
MEDICATION REFILLS
IS JULY 1—
for those needing pet meds
over the holiday weekend.**

For many people, nothing beats lounging in the backyard on the Fourth of July with good friends and family—including the four-legged members of the household. While it may seem like a great idea to reward Rover with scraps from the grill and bring him along to watch the fireworks, in reality, some festive foods and products can be potentially hazardous to your pets.

Never leave alcoholic drinks unattended where pets can reach them. Alcoholic beverages have the potential to poison pets. If ingested, the animal could become very intoxicated and weak, severely depressed, or could go into a coma. Death from respiratory failure is also a possibility in severe cases.

Do not apply any sunscreen or insect repellent product to your pet that is not labeled specifically for use on animals. Ingestion of sunscreen products can result in drooling, vomiting, diarrhea, excessive thirst, and lethargy. The misuse of insect repellent that contains DEET can lead to neurological problems.

Always keep matches and lighter fluid out of your pet's reach. Certain types of matches contain chlorates, which could potentially damage blood cells and result in difficulty breathing or even kidney disease in severe cases. Lighter fluid can be irritating to skin, and if ingested, can produce gastrointestinal irritation and central nervous system depression. If lighter fluid is inhaled, aspiration pneumonia and breathing problems could develop.

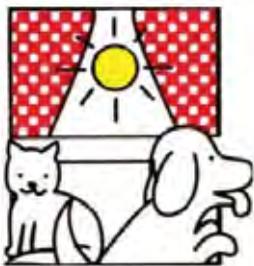
Keep your pets on their normal diet. Any change, even for one meal, can give your pets severe indigestion and diarrhea. This is particularly true for older animals which have more delicate digestive systems and nutritional requirements. Keep in mind that foods such as onions, chocolate, coffee, avocado, grapes and raisins, salt, and yeast dough can all be potentially toxic to companion animals.

Do not put glow jewelry on your pets, or allow them to play with it. While the luminescent substance contained in these products is not highly toxic, excessive drooling and gastrointestinal irritation could still result from ingestions, and intestinal blockage could occur from swallowing large pieces of the plastic containers.

Keep citronella candles, insect coils, and oil products out of reach. Ingestions can produce stomach irritation and possibly central nervous system depression. If inhaled, the oils could cause aspiration pneumonia in pets.

Never use firework around pets! While exposure to lit fireworks can potentially result in severe burns and/or trauma, to the face and paws of curious pets, even unused fireworks can pose a danger. Many types contain potentially toxic substances, including potassium nitrate, arsenic, and other heavy metals.

Loud, crowded firework display are no fun for pets, so please resist the urge to take them to Independence Day festivities. Instead, keep you little guys safe from the noise in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area at home.



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