

# The Monocacy

# MONOCLE

*Keeping an Eye on Local News*

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*Barn square dances, still a joy for the generations. Pictures in Family Album on page 2.*



*The C&O Canal Association wants your help on the use of its land near White's Ferry. Learn more in Local News on page 4.*



*Sorry, Charlie, but this new state record would make Sunkist proud. Read about it on page 5.*



*The local American Legion gave navy veteran Sean Iousic something special. Discover what in Meet Your Vet on page 10.*

## Five Residents File to Run for Poolesville Commission

By Rande Davis

Five persons have stepped forward to throw their names in the ring of candidates for Town of Poolesville commissioner. With the election on November 8, all voters should be advised that voting for town commissioner is held at the Poolesville Town Hall, not at the general election district sites. Two openings on the commission will be filled by this vote: Kerri Cook is stepping down as commissioner; Jim Brown's position is up for vote, and he is running for reelection.

The Monocle requested that each candidate provide brief statements explaining why he/she chose to run, along with background information. The five candidates, in alphabetical order, are:

### Jim Brown

I want to thank all Poolesville residents for your strong support over the years. I'm running for reelection as your town commissioner because, under my return to a leadership position, we've turned the town hall "ship"

around, and we've secured over \$120 million in funding for many important initiatives (including an almost-all-new PHS!) but still face many challenges, both current and new, that will require my veteran and proven stewardship at the helm.

I plan to continue to be the lead advocate, along with my Fair Access Committee partners, for the proper completion of PHS (including a proper-sized Fred Swick-dedicated main gymnasium). Under my county- and state-wide recognized leadership, we'll continue to push for a fully-funded Community/Wellness Center as well as a "bubble" over the pool to turn it into a year-round facility. We have a critical trash contract to negotiate (we know how important this is!). With our Streetscape Safety Initiative now primarily grant funded, I'll work with my fellow commissioners and our Planning Commission to implement this transformative project as well as our new Compressive Plan with built-in growth limits.

Background: Currently, he is the commission president and a local realtor.

### Eddie Kuhlman

I am running for commissioner because I want to again do my part to keep Poolesville great and make it even better. There will always be challenges in the future, and I want to roll up my sleeves and help Poolesville continue to be an amazing community. I have the knowledge and the experience needed. I am retired and have the time to commit. If elected, I would serve the town with an open mind, dedication, and integrity. With past experience in negotiating, I have learned how to reach constructive results, so all sides feel positive about the outcome. We need to continue safeguarding as well as advancing our corner of the county. Having served the town in the past was a great honor and privilege, Poolesville is a treasure that needs to remain a wonderful place in which to live and to raise our future generations.

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## Commissioners Begin Consideration of Renewing Trash and Recycling Contract

By Link Hoewing

At their regular meeting on October 3, the Town of Poolesville commissioners began discussions about the trash and recycling contract for the town that will be up for renewal next June. Even though the time to renewing the contract seems distant, a number of concerns is driving the commissioners to begin early discussions about the contract.

For one thing, there have been continuing complaints about the service provided by the current contractor, Bates Trucking, although service levels have improved at various points.

Another complex issue that will take time to sort out is how recycling will be performed under the new contract. Right now, the town allows for

single-stream recycling in its recycling operations. This means all kinds of recycled materials from glass to plastic to paper products are commingled and transported by Bates to the county recycling center. While single-stream recycling is convenient for customers, it affects the quality of recycled products and can result in the eventual rejection of some recycled materials and their disposal in trash dumps. Under a dual-stream model, citizens would be required to separate metals, glass, and plastic from all paper and cardboard products, and the trash hauler would be required either to keep them separate in their trucks or offer two separate pickups to keep the recycled material separate.

Finally, some aspects of the existing contract with Bates are unusual in the industry, such as twice-a-week pickups. The existing contract is also substantially cheaper than can be negotiated in the existing market, so cost will be a significant factor. Trash and recycling services constitute the single largest contract funded by the town to the tune of \$520,000.

Commissioner Jim Brown said that he wanted to begin the discussion on the trash and recycling contract because of the many complexities and high costs involved that have to be worked out. He also said that, depending on who wins the contract, it would

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*Family Album*



American Legion  
Barn Dance



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## Rande(m) Thoughts Will the Real John Poole, Jr. Please Stand Up?

By Rande Davis

In the current discussion about renaming John Poole Middle School, I am reminded of an old TV quiz show, "To Tell the Truth." For those out of the "silverpeeps" loop and not around at the time, three people would claim to be the same person, and the panelists had to decide who was answering with the truth and who was lying. The drama built until Bob Collyer finally said, "Will the real [name of person] please stand up?"

The county is currently considering dropping the name John Poole from the middle school because he was a slaveowner. In the census report from his times, there are four John Pooles. While John Poole, Jr. did own slaves, we believe the John Poole they are using to justify removing his name is the wrong John Poole. Here's why.

In the 1800 census report and biography used in the county's study, it reported that John Poole, Jr. owned seven slaves and bought a "negro girl" in 1799. For two reasons I believe this to be the wrong John Poole. In that census tally of household members for a John Poole, there is no female less than twenty-six years of age. Our John's wife was Priscilla Sprigg, born in 1780, she was just nineteen years old. The record used said there was one female over forty in the household. Not so for J. Poole, Jr.

John Poole, Sr. and his brother Joseph are not recorded as owning slaves. In fact, Joseph eventually returned to England.

Census records seem to show that Priscilla's father, Frederick Sprigg, had three enslaved people. Major Frederick Sprigg died in 1791. It's possible that at some point Priscilla may have inherited the three as she seems to be an only child. Of course, we doubt the three slaves lived with them in 1800 in the log cabin. English law would have had the son-in-law as the recipient of the inheritance not the daughter, so while he "owned" inherited three slaves, they most likely remained on the farm in Barnesville.

With no previous Poole family history of owning slaves, should the inheritance of slaves cause us to remove John Poole, Jr.'s name from the middle school? Judging on that problematic status alone leaves out the other aspects of this man.

Who was John Poole, Jr.? He was a religious man, an original signer to the St. Peter's registry, lay reader at the church, filling in when priests were not present, and a member of its elected vestry. He was known to conduct personal religious lessons on Sunday to his family, in which he welcomed his "servants" to attend.

While running the trading post, he served the community as an essential merchant. Of the fifteen acres he got from his father, he sold sub-lots to others, which resulted in other commercial entities, most likely a blacksmith or possibly a cobbler. What little land was left did not need a slave to care for it.

If John Poole, Jr. did not help establish a commercial aspect to our area through his store and the other establishments he sold land to, Poolesville would not have been created, nor would the store have been selected as a postal office known as Poole's Store. Our town may have been called Chiswell, Brightwell, or Petersville.

As reference to his character, it should be noted his peers highly respected and trusted him. He was selected by the community to be a "Factor." At a time and place of more trading than currency, a factor acted as an economic judge, adjudicating impasse when parties could not settle on a fair arrangement for a trade. This position was given men to whom people trusted to be fair.

Priscilla and he had ten children, all surviving youth. As the head of the household, he was solely responsible for everyone under the roof, family and slaves, their food, their clothing, and their general welfare.

To be clear: I'm opposed to renaming JPMS on the basis of this "other" John Poole who owned seven slaves, as deemed by MCPS. He is not the man after whom Poolesville's middle school was named. Our John Poole, Jr. was an upright, respectable, eminent businessman (and more!) of our town. I can't understand how any person can think it right to be the owner of another person, and if our John Poole, Jr. did end up owning slaves, it seems that it may have been because his wife inherited them. This is not very different from the case of George Washington who liberated his slaves but had no legal say on his wife's doings.

There are lots of "isms" going around these days. Judging John Poole, Jr. solely as an owner of enslaved persons, disregarding his other positive aspects and contributions to our history and lives, I believe is on a narrow-minded path of "presentism." Judging people of the past based solely on our current experience is a myopic self-aggrandizing view.

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## Local News

### Second Chance for Public to Comment On the Future of Recreation at White's Ferry

The National Park Service (NPS) is again seeking public input as it takes the next steps to improve opportunities for recreation at Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park.

On October 12, the NPS will host a public meeting and begin the second public comment period to continue the preparation of a Development Concept Plan for White's Ferry. The public is invited to comment until November 12.

The purpose of a Development Concept Plan is to evaluate existing park conditions and create future plans for visitor enjoyment and recreation, and park preservation.

In its plan, the NPS proposes to: Improve forest areas and stream buffers throughout the area; open a gathering and play area, add new picnic tables and restrooms, and repair the pavilion on the north tract; and add campgrounds on the south tract.

White's Ferry is approximately seventy-three acres, made up of two tracts of land, and includes open spaces, a picnic pavilion, a large parking lot, wooded areas, river access, historic structures, and access to private lands; however, there is currently no access to the canal towpath, and the area lies in a floodplain.

The area surrounds a private property where the White's Ferry ferry operation and White's Ferry Store & Grill are located. The future of the ferry operation is not within the scope of this Development Concept Plan.

NPS will not pursue commercial development of the site.

Public participation is vital to the planning process. There are several ways to get involved.

#### Attend a virtual public meeting:

The NPS will host a live, virtual public meeting on October 12 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To participate, visit [parkplanning.nps.gov/whitesferryconceptplan](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/whitesferryconceptplan).

#### How to comment:

You are invited to review the proposal and provide comments and ideas from October 12 to November 12. If you prefer to mail your comments, make sure they are postmarked by

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## Tidbits

### Way to Go, Tad!

Here's a change of pace. Captain Ryan Knapp, aboard the fishing boat Top Dog, weighed in a new state record for albacore caught by our very own Tad Bodmer! This is just one pound off the World Record. Great job, Tad!

### A Sendoff in Style

The family of Donald "Duck" Savage, who passed away on September 17 and whose remembrance is in this issue, knew how to send him off in style. Donald's greatest passion was his Clydesdale horses, and he was one of the founders and a lifelong member of the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Association. He actively showed his horses and received many awards, including the most recent being Best in Breed at the 2022 Maryland State Fair.

On Monday, September 26, the family delivered him to Monocacy Cemetery, appropriately pulled by a team of Clydesdales. Clearly the message from the family was, "This one's for you, Duck!"



*Duck Savage departed in style.*

### '82 Reunion

The PHS class of 1982 is gathering at the Asian House of Poolesville on Saturday, October 29 at 6:00 p.m. for its forty-year class reunion.

For classmates wanting to make a weekend out of it, the undefeated (thus far) PHS football team has a homecoming game on Friday night, and Andre Johnson is organizing a golf outing on Friday afternoon. For details on the golf outing, contact abnjohnson@yahoo.com.

### WUMCO's New Home—It's Official

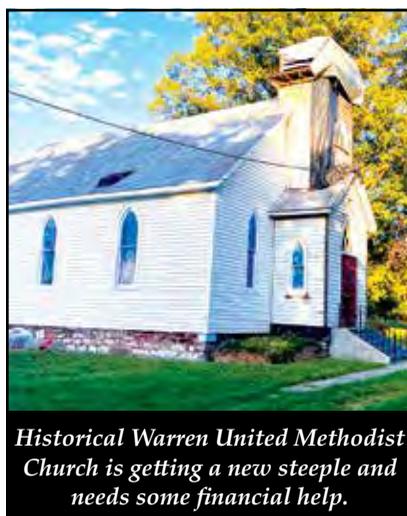
While WUMCO has been operating out of its new location at Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, it's not official until the ribbon cutting. The PACC will be hosting the ceremony and invites the entire town to stop by! Great people and plenty of refreshments.

### High School Equestrians Wanted

High school equestrians wanted to form a competitive polo team, grades seven to twelve. Contact Kate at Seneca Polo at 240-446-6318, senecapoloclub@gmail.com, or at Friday Night Polo!

### Warren Historic Church

The historic African American Church in Martinsburg, at the corner of White's Ferry and Martinsburg Roads, is in the process of replacing its steeple. The community needs support and welcomes any donations from



*Historical Warren United Methodist Church is getting a new steeple and needs some financial help.*

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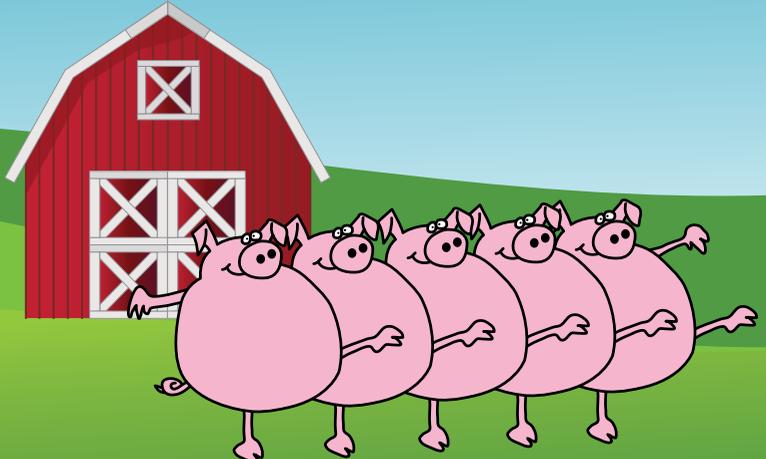
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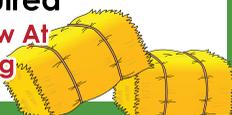
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## Senior News

### Poolesville Seniors Presents Virtual and In-Person Programs

Are you looking for activities that stretch your mind, renew your body, and lift your spirits? Then visit the website for Poolesville Seniors, [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org), or call 301-875-7701 to register for a wide variety of virtual and in person events. **Registration is required, but all events are open to the community.** Speer Hall is located at the Poolesville Presbyterian Church.

#### October 11

##### Bingo Afternoon

IJ Hudson and Roger Brenholtz will be calling your number at another fun bingo afternoon filled with competition, snacks, and prizes. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### October 15

##### Pig Roast & Line Dancing

Do not miss the Pig Roast & Line Dancing extravaganza! Music, dancing, food, sodas, water, and cash bar. Online ticket purchase only. No tickets at the door. Registration required at [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org). 21+. *Linden Farm Gothic Dairy Barn, Dickerson.* 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

#### October 17

##### PS Book Club

The October Book Club Selection is the historical novel *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. In World War II Britain, a new BBC radio program, "The Kitchen Front," is searching for a female co-host using a unique cooking contest. Four contestants, a young widow, a kitchen maid, a lady of the manor, and a trained chef, must create recipes using only their ration allotments. Will the contest change their lives as they hope? 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### October 20

##### Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Explore the next historic Ag Reserve Properties with local historian Kenny Sholes. Dotted 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.

#### October 21

##### Glenstone Museum

Discover the world-class Glenstone Museum in nearby Potomac. With 64,000 sq. ft. of gallery space on 300 natively-landscaped acres, it is the largest private contemporary art gallery in the U.S. Genre-defying, thought-provoking works by R.H. Quaytman and Wade Guyton will be exhibited at Glenstone for the first time. Pre-registration is required for 30 free tickets. *Glenstone Museum.* 12:00 p.m.

#### October 27

##### Say Watt?

Watts are out and lumens are in! Join MoCo Residential Program Energy Manager Larissa Johnson who will demystify modern lighting to help you save energy and money. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

#### Weekly Events

##### Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

**Outdoor Pickle Ball.** *Stevens Park.* 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

##### Tuesdays

##### Bridge and Other Games

Snacks provided. Registration required. *Speer Hall.* 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

##### Wednesdays

**Tai-Chi** with Maureen Ivusic. 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Virtual. New day and time.

##### Zumba Gold with Karen McPhatter.

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Virtual.

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### October Spooktacular Menu

**Smoothie Flavors:** Pumpkin, Chocolate Smash, Screamsicle, and Tootsie Roll

**Pumpkin Peanut Butter Cookie Butterfinger**

**Boosted Teas:** The Frankenstein, Bonfire Brew, Autumn Sunrise, Tippy Spider, and Sour Apple.

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**Second Chance for Public to Comment On the Future of Recreation at White's Ferry**

November 12 to receive consideration and mail them to:  
 Superintendent,  
 Attn: White's Ferry DCP  
 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal  
 National Historical Park  
 142 West Potomac Street,  
 Williamsport, MD 21795.

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**Will the Real John Poole, Jr. Please Stand Up?**

Let us humbly share the shame of our past, as is the plight of all humans, remembering all our transgressions of the past, but let also share our pride in our personal and societal growth and cultural advancement. We should also educate our children about the tragic history of slavery in our area and still be grateful for an ancestry, while darkened by slavery, that also helped make us who we are. Maybe John Poole, Jr. can play a part in that worthy endeavor.

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**Senior News**

**Trivia Game Night**

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

**Thursdays**

**Mahjong with Joyce Kral.** Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Speer Hall*. 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

**Fridays**

**Breath-Mind-Body** with Kathy Jankowski. Please register for each Friday class. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 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: [poolesvilleseniors.org](http://poolesvilleseniors.org). Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on their YouTube channel. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.



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**Five Residents File to Run for Poolesville Commission**

Background: Career: Thirty years as broker/owner of Kuhlman Real Estate, now fully retired to my woodshop.

Public Service to Town: Sixteen years as commissioner (twelve of these years as president of the commission); eight years on the Poolesville Planning Commission; and I have served on numerous boards and committees for MML (Maryland Municipal League), Poolesville Day Committee, board member for NLC (National League of Cities), Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Montgomery County Agriculture Advisory Committee, and also numerous committees for the Montgomery County Board of Realtors.

**Brooks Martin**

Statement: His platform includes green initiatives, measured growth, protecting the Ag Reserve and our smalltown charm, and hopes to use technology to engage the Poolesville community better, bring businesses to town, gain fair access to resources, and gather support for initiatives that need outside influence.

Background: Brooks Martin grew up in Nashville, Tennessee, spent fifteen years in Los Angeles, and along with his wife, two PHS Falcons, and a JPMS Timberwolf, has been a Poolesville resident for over eight years now. "We absolutely love it here and couldn't imagine living anywhere else." He came to the area to lead digital product and design management for Marriott International's mobile app and on-property digital experiences. He now works as the managing director of a national digital agency called Variate.

He has served on several national and international nonprofit boards, always bringing technology as a way to empower people to do more. Over the years, he has worked behind the scenes with Protect Our Poolesville and the PTA.

**Sarah Paksima**

I'm running to help our community continue to grow, to encourage others to use their voices, and to invest in the future of our children and grandchildren. I appreciate the unique role that Poolesville plays as the heart of the Agricultural Reserve. I hope to continue to build onto expansive ideas, like the Fair Access Committee, the Poolesville High School/Community Center, and the Crossvines project, while also bringing my own ideas to the table. Through my work as a small businessowner, I have learned how to be calm under pressure, how to relay complex information, and most importantly, how to bring people together to share ideas and work towards creative solutions.

Background: Our family, my husband Shahram and I, along with our five kids—moved to Poolesville in 2013. When we found Poolesville, we were smitten by its smalltown charm and knew we had found our forever home. Our kids have gone to preschool through high school here in Poolesville, as well as

participated in summer camps, athletic and music programs, and summer jobs at Calleva and the county pool.

Education: MPH, MBA (The Johns Hopkins University)

Career: Owner, D.C. Birth Doulas LLC

**Adam Sroka**

I have decided to put my name in as a candidate as a commissioner for many reasons, but the main one is to help facilitate the growth of Poolesville in the correct way for current and future residents and for the next generation that is currently growing up in this town. I want to help keep the smalltown feeling we have but also make sure we are improving it for the future generations.

Background: I grew up in a small town on the west side of Michigan (I always tell people Lake Michigan was my backyard and playground growing up). I attended Ferris State University where I received my bachelor's in construction management. I moved to Germantown in 2017 for a job opportunity, and shortly after, I relocated to Poolesville after meeting my wife, who has lived in Poolesville the majority of her life. My wife and I have a three-year-old son and one-and-a-half-year-old daughter that definitely keep us on our toes and laughing.

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## Meet Your Vet

### Sean Ivusic: From a Meandering Life to a Missile Guided Cruiser

By Rande Davis

For navy veteran, Sean Ivusic, making the decision to enlist in the U.S. Navy was more than just a career move, it was a life changer.

As a tenth grader, Sean's outlook on a path to a career or a livelihood looked foggy, at best. The teenager's friends, other young men like himself, lacked motivation and ambition, and they had little direction or sense of positive purpose. He found school boring which led to the decision to drop out, get a job, make some money, and then maybe, find what he was looking for in life. The outlook for a stable career for this young man did not look promising.

While working a full-time job at a photo finishing shop, a navy advertisement caught Sean's eye. The ad announced that the navy was looking to hire electrical technicians. Sean thought this would be a fantastic opportunity to get away from his current listless life. He met a local U.S. Navy recruiter, liked what he heard, but at seventeen he couldn't just sign up—he needed his mother's permission. Like many mothers, military service concerned her, but in the end, she reluctantly agreed to sign his permission forms.

He signed up, took the ASVAB (the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery, a multiple-aptitude battery that measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success in the military), and did quite well.

The U.S. Navy sent him to the Recruit Training Command Great Lakes. While there, he often heard others talking about going to Navy A School, short for Assessment Training. After a ten-week boot camp, sailors go to receive technical training in their selected military occupational specialty at an A School. In the midst of boot camp, Sean discovered his actual orders didn't include an A School—didn't include anything about being an electrical technician—and he discovered he was headed straight to the fleet, no specialized training, just a swabby way of life.

At that moment, Sean found a new sense of maturity. Instead of anger and frustration, he focused on a solution. He asked his Company Commander if he could attend an A School. The commander hemmed and hawed, only agreeing to consider it.

Sean, determined to reach his goal, chose to work hard and be on his best behavior. It paid off. Towards the end of boot camp, he received orders to attend Operations Specialist A School in Dam Neck, Virginia. He was elated, to say the least.

While in A School, he began to shine, to stand out, applying himself in his newfound vocation, learning how to be an Operations Specialist, essentially manning radar and navigation in C.I.C.—Combat Information Center (the nerve center of combat for the ship). He graduated second in his class out of fifty.

After A School, sailors are allowed to select their billet, their duty station. He found two that appealed to him. The first was Over the Horizon Radar Station in Alaska which meant shore duty, and the other was Pre-Commissioning the USS *Lake Champlain* CG-57, which meant being on a brand-new ship, a prospect that he also found appealing.

The guy ahead of him chose the Alaska duty, something Sean would come to believe was a stroke of luck.

Sean accepted duty on the Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruiser, the *Lake Champlain* CG-57, moored in Pascagoula, Mississippi, prior to her commissioning. "We commissioned the USS *Lake Champlain* CG-57 in New York, across from the Intrepid Pier on August 12, 1988, and the rest was a fantastic, wonderful redirection of my life.

"My life had been completely changed by the navy, literally, from misdirection, no motivation, and no discipline to joining the military and finding, for me, direction and purpose."

He got out after the four-year enlistment, a time for him that "turned out to be fantastic," meeting many great friends, visiting cool ports and places he would otherwise would have never seen.

While at the Dam Neck A School, he earned his G.E.D., and while at San Diego, the home port for the USS *Lake Champlain*, he attended night school and received his High School Diploma.

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**Sean Ivusic: From a Meandering Life to a Missile Guided Cruiser**

After the navy he attended Northern Virginia Community College and received an associate's in Business Administration (1994), matriculating to the University of Virginia to complete a bachelor's in Commerce at the McIntire School of Commerce (1996) and then his master's in Management of Information Systems (1997).

Today, Sean works for NIH as a government contractor providing database architecture services and consultation. In 2015, the family moved to Poolesville, with his wife, Maureen, a tai chi instructor and chocolatier who has built a local following, his son, Tanner, who loves to play baseball and who attends the Global Ecology Studies Program at PHS, and his daughter, Cora, keenly into gymnastics, who attends JPMS.

When the members of his American Legion discovered he never really attended a high school graduation, they created their own version of a high school diploma, put Sean in a cap and gown, played "Pomp and Circumstance," and gave him the graduation ceremony he never had.

Sean Ivusic's journey through the military is a time-honored one: One of newfound direction, one that profoundly altered the entire course of his life. Was it easy? Sean is adamant: "Hell no, but nothing worth doing ever is, and through it all, it was a fantastic ride."

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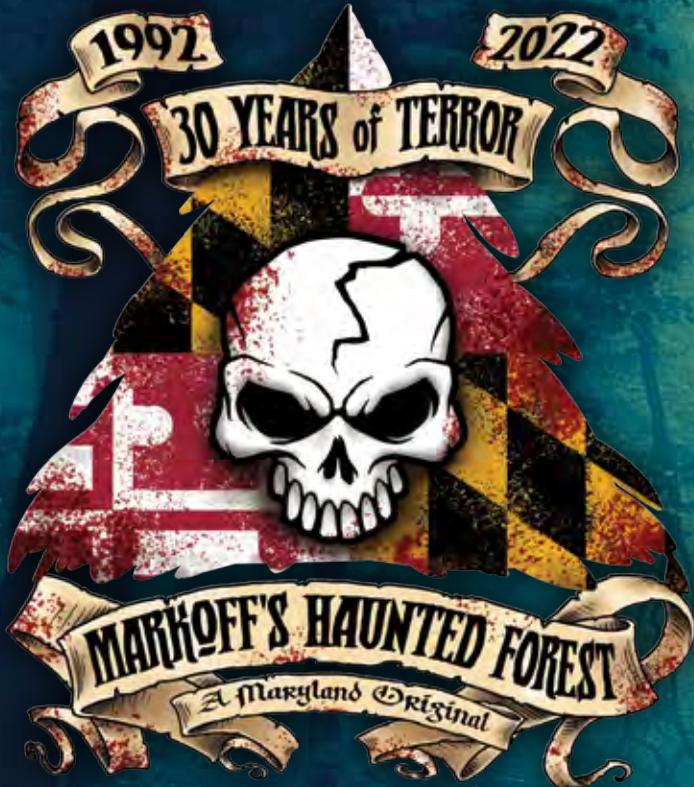
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Looking for 1880 Photos and Artifacts

The Historic Medley District plans on hosting a memorial concerning the lynching of George Peck in 1880. The purpose of the exhibit is to provide context and reasoning around a proposed memorial to the injustice perpetuated on George W. Peck, regarding his lack of trial and his lynching across from Poolesville's Presbyterian Church for the alleged attempt to rape an eleven-year-old girl from Beallsville.

Navy and Marines Select Poolesville Firm for Support

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Officially on Board

On October 3, Niles Anderegg officially started in his new Town of Poolesville position as assistant town manager. In welcoming him aboard, the Monocle will be publishing an interview with him, so all can get acquainted with him and his new roles.



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### Saturdays

#### Poolesville Farmers' Market

Produce, cheeses, meats, crafts, plants, and more. *Whalen Commons*. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### Save the Date:

#### October 24

#### Organ Recital

St. Peter's music director, Daniel Weatherholt, with the theme of a musical journey through the liturgical year, will perform seasonal organ selections beginning with Advent and journeying through Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and ending with the Feast of Christ the King. The recital is free and open to the public with a free will offering being taken up to support Poolesville community dinners which are hosted at St. Peter's. Community dinners are free to anyone.

#### October Community Scarecrow Contest

Annual contest with categories: Individual/Family and Business/Community Organizations. Scarecrows will be displayed on *Whalen Commons* from October 3 to November 1. Winners will be announced via Facebook Live on October 31. Prizes for each category. For more information and to register, visit [www.wumcohelp.org/scarecrow-registration](http://www.wumcohelp.org/scarecrow-registration).

#### October 7

#### Seneca Polo Club

50th Reunion of Georgetown Prep, starring Joe Muldoon, III. *Hughes Road*. 6:00 p.m.

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Springbrook. 5:15 p.m.

#### October 8

#### Community Yard Sale

To benefit the building improvement campaign. *Boyd's Presbyterian Church*. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

#### Poolesville Community Yard Sale and Recycling Event

Yard sale plus free electronics recycling provided by Montgomery County. Free paper shredding sponsored by Jim Brown Turning Point Real Estate and Lakeside Title. Paint recycling by Yuck Old Paint: \$2.00 per can. *Whalen Commons*. 8:00 a.m. to noon.

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey. Kennedy. 11:30 a.m.

#### October 9

#### Free Breakfast for Veterans

The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 12 (Rockville) would like to invite all veterans to breakfast. Join us as we work to improve the lives of veterans and service members within our community. Breakfast will be paid for by the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 12. *American Legion Post 86, 2013 Veirs Mill Rd., Rockville*. 11:00 a.m.

#### October 10

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer. Kennedy. 7:15 p.m.

#### October 11

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

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

#### October 12

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey. Damascus. 7:00 p.m.

#### Planning Commission Meeting

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

#### October 13

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

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

#### October 14

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Football. Churchill. 6:30 p.m.

#### October 14 and 15

#### St. Peter's Fall Rummage Sale

Toys, games, puzzles, kids' books, baby items, clothing to size 3T, Halloween decorations and costumes, Thanksgiving and fall décor items, and artificial flowers. Masks suggested. *St. Peter's Church*. Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### October 15

#### WUMCO's Free Community Clinics

For patients aged 18 and over: sick visits, insured and uninsured. Offering primary care, prescription refills, annual checkups, and lab work. Appointments and walk-ins welcome. In conjunction with Healthcare Initiative and American Diversity Group. For more information, call 240-258-8584. *17821 Elgin Road*. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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#### October 16

#### Grand Opening of WUMCO

Official ribbon cutting for the grand opening of WUMCO's service center at *Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church*. Refreshments and fellowship.

#### PACC Commissioner Candidate Public Forum

Meet and hear from all the candidates for town commissioner of Poolesville. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

#### October 17

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer. Wootton. 5:15 p.m.

#### Town Commissioners' Meeting

*Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:30 p.m.

#### October 19

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer. Rockville. 6:00 p.m.

#### October 21

#### PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey. Quince Orchard. 5:15 p.m.

#### October 22

#### Sugarloaf Citizens' Association

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## Remembrances

### Donald "Duck" Savage

Donald "Duck" Shirley Savage, 82, of Mount Airy, passed away on September 17, 2022, in the comfort of his home.

He was born on July 30, 1940, in Dickerson to the late Charles and Irene Savage.

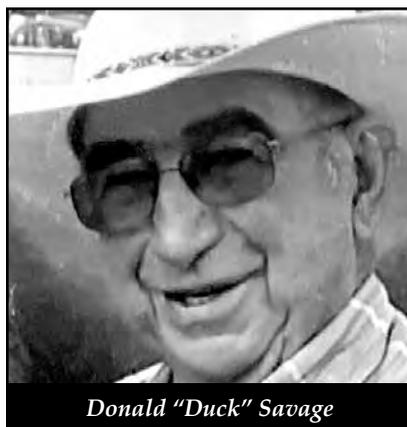
A farmer all his life, Donald moved and settled in 1965, with his family, in Carroll County. There, he operated Char-Lene Farm, a working dairy farm that later transitioned into a successful beef and crop operation.

As his family and friends knew, Donald's greatest passion was his Clydesdales, and he was one of the founders and a lifelong member of the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Association. He actively showed his horses and received many awards, including the most recent being Best in Breed at the 2022 Maryland State Fair.

If he wasn't at the farm or showing his horses, Duck could be found at his favorite restaurant, Denny's, where he was known by staff as "Frank."

Donald is survived by his children, daughter, Shirley Burdette (Jeff), son, David "Mark" Savage (Angie), and daughter, Irene Savage (Wayne); and loved William "Billy" Zavona (Bonita) like a son; seven grandchildren, Ashley Clinton, Jill Carr, Derek Savage, Brandi Burdette, Kristina Savage, Brooke Green, and Brittney Zavona; and six great-grandchildren, Breanna Clinton, Alisha Clinton, Levi Savage, Bentley Knill, Maci "Peanut" Rill, and Audrey Yingling. He was predeceased by a son, Charles "Ricky" Savage.

In remembrance of Donald's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the Maryland Draft Horse and Mule Association.



Donald "Duck" Savage

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#### Things to Do

growing commodity crops to diverse pasturage for regenerative livestock grazing. Speakers include Greg Glenn, CEO of Rocklands Livestock, and Amanda Cather, Mid-Atlantic Program Manager for American Farmland Trust. Coffee and carbs provided! *Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Rd, Dickerson. 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.*

October 25

#### Montgomery County Lynching Memorial Project

A public conversation on a proposed project in remembrance of the 1880 lynching for Beallsville resident George Peck. This is an advisory meeting to facilitate public understanding of the project's mission. Pre-registration is required. To register visit: [mdlunchingmemorial.wixsite.com/montco](http://mdlunchingmemorial.wixsite.com/montco). 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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## Remembrances

### Winifred Steiner Kohlhoss

Winifred Steiner Kohlhoss (Winnie), 91, peacefully passed away at her residence in Poolesville surrounded by family on September 29, 2022.

Winnie was the widow of Charles E. Kohlhoss, Jr. who passed away in 1983.

Born in Jefferson, Winnie was the daughter of the late Francis Leo and Ruth Smith Steiner.

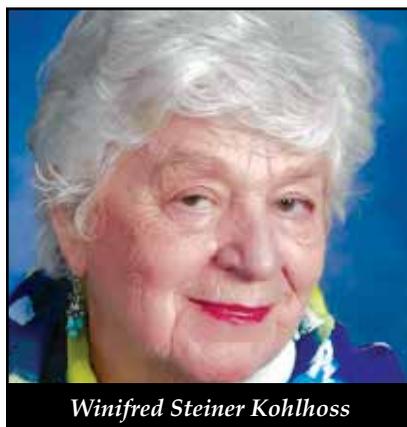
She grew up on her parents' small farm on Steiner Hill with her sisters Alice Eileen (Carmack) and Leona (Beers).

After graduating from Brunswick High School, Winnie worked as a secretary at Fort Detrick and later the Montgomery County Courthouse before serving as the guidance counselor secretary at Poolesville High School in the 1970s. Throughout the seventies and eighties, Winnie assisted her husband Charles in the operation of their family automotive business, the Poolesville Motor Company, founded in 1906. Winnie was a devoted and active member of the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church since 1953 where she fostered many lasting friendships. She was a Soroptimist and dedicated volunteer with Hospice Caring for thirty years before retiring from that service in 2010.

She is survived by three children, Pamela K. Nill (Jack, deceased), Cynthia L. Cook (David), and son, Charles E. Kohlhoss, III (Beth); seven grandchildren, Jack Nill, Timothy Nill, Wesley Nill Seymour, Kendall Nill, Samantha Cook Hebron, Jocelyn Cook, and Chloe Kohlhoss; and eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a reception of family and friends at Hilton Funeral Home, 22111 Beallsville Road, Barnesville, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 8. The Rev. Timothy Dowell will officiate a memorial service at Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Rd, Poolesville, MD 20837 at 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 9.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy be made to Winnie's beloved Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, PMUMC.org or to MontgomeryHospice.org.



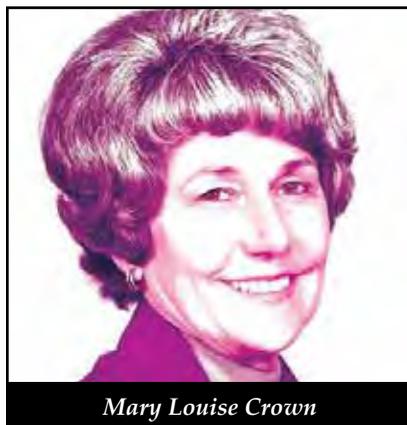
Winifred Steiner Kohlhoss

### Mary Louise Crown

Mary Louise Crown, affectionately known as "Johnnie" her entire life, peacefully passed away at the Homewood at Frederick Assisted Living Residences on September 11. Johnnie was born in Barnesville on April 28, 1924 and was a resident of Gaithersburg until her move to Homewood.

Upon graduating from Gaithersburg High School, she settled into a life as a home-maker with her husband of seventy-nine years, Thomas, while at the same time sup-porting him in his career as a successful homebuilder.

A kind and gentle person, Johnnie was totally devoted to her family throughout her entire life. She is survived by her son, Kevin M. Crown (Jamie E. [Packie]) of Gaithersburg; her grandson, Thomas Marshall Crown (Sarah D.) of Cambridge, Eng-land; two great-grandchildren, Turner Wyatt Crown and Ashby Jane Crown, also of Cambridge, England; and nieces, nephews, grandnieces, great-grandnieces, and great-grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas Oliver Crown; her parents, Charles M. Orme and Irene Vivian Bosley Orme; a sister, Edythe Orme Rotruck (Gerald M.); a sister, Lorraine Orme Koonce (Henry Koonce); a brother, Charles Lindburgh "Lindy" Orme (Jean Muir); and a nephew, William Michael Reber.



Mary Louise Crown

### Vadym Pyatovolenko

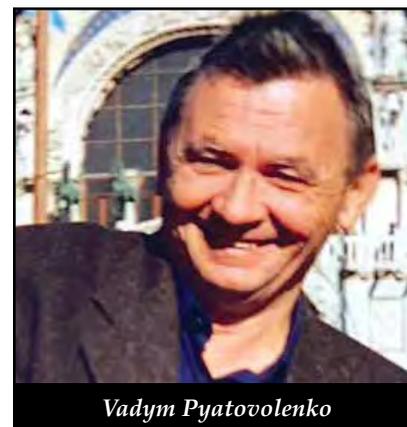
Vadym Pyatovolenko of Poolesville, 82, passed away on September 25, 2022.

He lived a full life and had a distinguished career as a college professor of mathematics in his native Ukraine. After he was raised in an orphanage in post-World War II years, he graduated from university and was able to bring his younger siblings to the city of Dnipro. Being from a family of schoolteachers, he continued the family tradition by becoming a college professor. As such, he was a mentor to many. He met his wife Tamara when he taught graduate-level classes at the university. It was love at first sight. They had two wonderful children together. Vadym was a life-loving man—always kind and positive with a great sense of humor. He firmly believed in the goodness of mankind. He suffered from a stroke at the age of 71 and was partially paralyzed and could not speak (global aphasia), but he kept his smile and positive attitude to life—his eyes could tell stories without saying a word. He dearly loved his wife, Tamara. He admired her kindness, generosity of spirit, and was very grateful to her for the love and care she showed throughout their fifty-five-year relationship, and especially for almost twelve years since his stroke.

He was an incredible father who taught his beloved children the importance of commitment, taking responsibility, and asking for forgiveness. In the last years of his life, he became a refugee, fleeing the Russian war in Ukraine. Being a survivor of World War II atrocities in Ukraine, it was especially difficult for him to change the country in his late years, but after moving to Poolesville, he loved his new community, new country, and the countryside. Having grown up on a farm, he certainly appreciated the tranquility of Poolesville. He loved animals and his favorite cat Moe. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten. The tears shed by his family and friends are not merely from sorrow but from gratitude for having had him in their lives.

He is survived by his wife, Tamara; son Igor (Olena) and daughter Julia (Rosty); grandchildren, Solomya, Fedir, Ivan (Maria), Tetyana, Iryna (Mykhailo), Joseph, Peter, and Paul; sister Nelia and brother Valentyn; nieces; nephews; many friends; and extended family.

He is predeceased by his father, Gregory, and mother, Nadya.



Vadym Pyatovolenko

### Rodger Walter Williams, III

Rodger Walter Williams, III, 80, of Frederick, passed away suddenly on September 24, 2022.

He was the loving husband of Gwendolyn (Zimmerman) Williams.

Born on December 20, 1941, in Frederick, he was the son of the late Rodger and Mary Shaw Williams, Jr.

He was a graduate of Poolesville High School class of 1960 and enjoyed farming the family farm. Rodger worked for the Frederick County Highway Department for twenty-five years prior to retirement. After retirement, he made many road trips delivering either Boss Hoss motorcycles or racecars to various locations throughout the U.S.

Above all, he was a loving husband and father that was always caring for his family and children.

Surviving besides his wife are his children, Rodger "Buddy" Williams, IV (Jeanne), David L. (Teri Williams), Patricia (Terry Jacobs); one brother, William Clifton Williams of Poolesville; one sister Emily Jane Perry (Bill) of Herndon, Virginia; seven grandchildren, Shane, Holly and Steele Williams, Jack and Katelyn Williams, Kelsey Sweeney, and Ella Jacobs; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one sister-in-law, Bonnie Williams, wife of Clifton.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in Rodger's memory to either the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

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**Commissioners Begin Consideration of Renewing Trash and Recycling Contract**

be good to have them on board before the June deadline to provide a “buffer” so they can plan and be ready to roll as soon as the old contract expires.

Town Manager Wade Yost, in opening the discussion on the topic, explained that the town extended the Bates contract a year ago because at the time “no one wanted to take it on.” He pointed out that, while the town could include a requirement for dual-stream recycling in its bid proposal, some companies may not be able to fulfill that requirement. It is likely that dual streaming would raise costs to a degree, depending on how the company fulfills the requirement. He also said it is almost unheard for companies in the industry to offer twice-a-week pickups.

Commissioner Jeff Eck said that, in a memo prepared by Yost about companies who have outlined the services they could offer and likely bid costs, some of the proposals were almost twice as high as the existing Bates contract.

Commissioner Ed Reed, who sits on the Sustainable Poolesville Committee, said he and the committee are very concerned that the town do all it can to continue to improve its policies affecting the environment. For that reason, the committee is very supportive of moving the town’s recycling operations to a dual-stream system. He added that there was a recent survey of resident preferences regarding trash and recycling services, and the largest share of the public who responded either had no opinion about whether the town should move to dual streaming or preferred single streaming. He hopes the town and the committee can help educate the public about why the town should move to dual streaming.

Don Street, the chair of the Sustainable Poolesville Committee and Solidad Aguilar, who works with the committee, testified in support of dual streaming. Street said that it is “undeniable that dual streaming is better than single streaming” in terms of its impact on the environment. When recycled products are separated, it keeps contaminants such as water, oils, and other chemicals from covering the paper and cardboard products. Once that happens, most of the paper products have to be taken to the trash. Dual streaming eliminates this problem.

Aguilar noted that, in Maryland, more than 6.2 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> alone is eliminated each year due to effective recycling of all recyclable products. She admitted that dual streaming takes more work, for example, requiring trucks to keep recycled products separate. She also said it does take more work in the home, but it is certainly far from impossible to manage.

Joyce Breiner, from Poolesville Green and also a member of the Sustainable Poolesville Committee, agreed with the comments of Street and Aguilar. She explained that, as a result of adopting dual streaming, less burning in incinerators is needed which can help lessen the need for the incinerator that has operated outside Dickerson for so long. In addition to recycling, the town and its citizens should move towards more composting because of a lot of the waste burned in the incinerator is spoiled food. Poolesville should set an example of effective recycling to help make an even stronger case to close the incinerator.

In other business, the town gave final approval to the \$7.7 million project designed to dramatically reduce the release of nitrogen compounds into Dry Seneca Creek.

Commissioner Eck also noted that the Parks Board, on which he sits as a member, is going to be undertaking a number of projects of importance to citizens, including a redesign and upgrade of the skatepark, plans to build a “bouldering park” meant for adults and teens, and the installation of more speed bumps in various roads in town. Commissioner Radigan, in his comments about the Planning Commission on which he sits as a member, commented that the commission is making steady and very positive progress on a new master plan. He expects a draft to be available in early spring.

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### Why is My Dog Leaking? Understanding Reasons for Urinary Leakage

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

If your canine friend is house compliant when doing his or her business and has not had accidents in the house since being a youngster, a sudden return to peeing in the house is not a failure of your training. It is an important clinical indication that something is not correct with his/her urinary tract.

The Urinary Tract incorporates the kidneys, ureters (tubes from kidney to bladder), bladder, urethra (tube from bladder to anterior vaginal vault or penis), prostate (male dogs only), or the vaginal and the vulva or external penile opening. Problems can be found in any one of these locations.

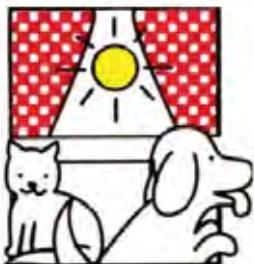
The first thing to pay attention to is the color and amount. If there is a moderate to large amount of urine and there is discoloration (cream to red), bring your pet to your veterinarian as soon as you can. Your veterinarian may ask you to come up first to get a urine collection kit so you can get a urine sample and bring it with you. Alternately, when you arrive, stay in your car and let the staff know you have arrived. They can meet you at the car to collect urine when your canine hits the ground. If the urine color is normal, then note the location in which he/she is peeing inappropriately (the bed, your bed, the back door rug, under the table, on your kid's toys, etc.). This is valuable information for your veterinarian to help narrow down the reason.

Male canines can have problems with their prostate glands. This reproductive organ that is identical to human males' can become infected, abnormally enlarged, or develop cancer. Special prostatic "washing" can be done to evaluate the prostate and determine if there is a problem in this organ.

Females can have several conditions causing urine leakage that are not infection related. These include: spay incontinence (low estrogen level incontinence) or urethral sphincter mechanism incompetence or a rare condition called urethral sphincter hypotonus.

These conditions can be diagnosed by excluding other reasons. In some cases a Cystoscopy (video scoping the urinary tract) may be required to see how the bladder and support components of the urinary tract are working and where the leaking is occurring.

The good news is there are medications that can be prescribed for these conditions that will return the urinary system to a more normal state. The bad news is that once your canine friend has one of these conditions, lifelong treatment is usually needed.



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