



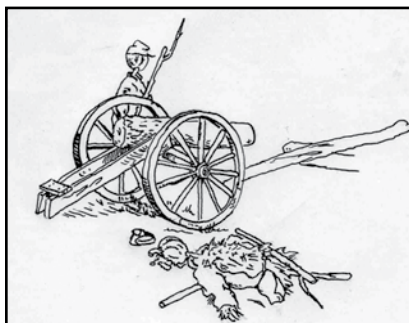
Dr. Thomas Taylor knows a lot about our schools. After all, he is the first superintendent to have attended MCPS. See more of the PHS ribbon-cutting ceremony on page 2.



Is this the last cow standing in the county? Probably not, but you can read all the "moos" about her in Ag News on page 9.



Holy cow, these gents are walking on water!—aren't they? Find out the truth in Tidbits on page 17.



Did this log cannon fire pinecones? Nope, but it did play an important role during the Civil War. Jim Poole tells you all about it on page 26.

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Poolesville Day!

Poolesville Day: Your Guide to a Great Day

By Rande Davis

Poolesville Day 2026 promises to continue its decades of annual celebration and reunion for neighbors and friends. It is our own very special event that once again fulfills its reputation as a day for all—young and old, for new neighbors in the town, and for longtime residents, too. For out-of-town visitors and tourists, there is no better day to get a “feel” for our community. This time-honored day of fun, food, music, and community revelry is lining up to be as great as ever this year.

The Monocle is proud to once again be the official program guide for the

festivities, providing the best way to plan the day for yourself, by checking out all that is going on and making a list of the things you just don’t want to miss.

It’s too early to predict the weather, but it has been said that if you are planning an outdoor wedding, have it on Poolesville Day because the lack of rain on the third Saturday in September has been remarkably consistent. I just hope that I didn’t just jinx the day for us by writing that.

With a long list of vendors, Poolesville Day shopping is a perfect time to get ahead of the upcoming holiday gift-giving season with so many crafters, artisans, home décor professionals, and personal care vendors offering great gift ideas. It’s not just for retail shopping. Will



The crowds for Poolesville Day 2026 are expected to be bigger than ever.

you have a need in the coming year for a home improvement, repair, or other home interior/exterior service? There are so many commercial services to choose from to fill your needs. The best part? You get to meet the owners up-close and personal and ask the questions you want answered firsthand.

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It's Official! The New PHS Is Open!

By Rande Davis

The new Poolesville High School was officially celebrated through a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 24. The long journey to the grand opening was observed by all attending speakers as a community and county achievement that was marked by perseverance and dedication from many groups, area leaders, and, of course, by many individuals.

Mark Carothers, PHS principal, stated in his remarks, “I am overjoyed that we now have a physical environment that reflects the high level of teaching and learning that happens here every day.”

Echoing this pride, Montgomery County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Thomas W. Taylors, advised the attendees, “Take a very good look at this school as it truly embodies what a community can achieve.”

In opening the celebration, Grace Riviera Owens, president of the Board



It's now official! The new Poolesville High School is open!

of Education, pointed to the county-wide impact of PHS. “The PHS has a student body that draws students from nineteen different county clusters into a vibrant magnet program.”

She credited Poolesville High School with “pioneering education for the entire country, first by leading with love, fostering inclusion by creating a

safe, welcoming environment where students feel valued. This achievement proves what can happen when an entire county comes together to reach for the stars.”

Dr. Taylor, who is the first MCPS alumnus to serve as MCPS superintendent, completed his entire K through

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Family Album

Around Town

Right: Mike and Pilar Garrett enjoyed displaying their antique Falcon at the car show at a recent Friday on the Commons.



These sweethearts sold baked goods at the recent Friday on the Commons and raised \$160 for WUMCO: Charlie Glazier, Alice Carlesso Torres, Ava Rauschecker, Penelope Embrey, and Landon Glazier.



Above and left: The PHS cheerleaders had the crowd, and state and county elected officials all celebrating the wonderful grand opening of the new Poolesville High School.



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Rande(m) Thoughts

Happy New, New Year!

By Rande Davis

This is our annual Poolesville Day Guide edition presenting everything you need to know about the upcoming celebration. Like other traditions that families share, Poolesville Day is a time to celebrate our life together—perhaps the only other occasion comparable is New Year's Eve. Once upon a time, as in an old fairy tale, we seemed to have had many of these community events. It seems we have more proclaimed national days of recognition than actual days of the year. Sometimes, in our laudable goal not to leave anyone out, we forget the most important thing, our commonality. We need, more than ever, the comforting sense of family, and Poolesville Day is our time for that. It will be a Happy New, New Year.

Here we are now at the end of summer with the start of the school year, enjoying the transition from the blistering hot days of summer into those wonderful, cool, and breezy days of fall. It really is a new year, a new time of celebration. The timing can't be beat. This is the best time of the year to have that special day. It's much better than New Year's Day in January. I understand our calendar tells us January 1 is the start of our next year—a new beginning—but the timing is terrible. As the dark, cold days of winter start to shroud us, the event is an elusive fleeting momentary reprise from our upcoming time of forced separation from the icy, dreary, unwelcoming days ahead.

With Poolesville Day, the slogan "Better than Ever" is not just a throw-off line. It's true. Who'd've thought we would have the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile and monster trucks coming to our little town party? Thanks to this year's grand marshal, John Speelman,

they will be here. How about having the Maryland National Guard marching band in our parade. Don't you feel a bit proud when you watch and hear them go by?

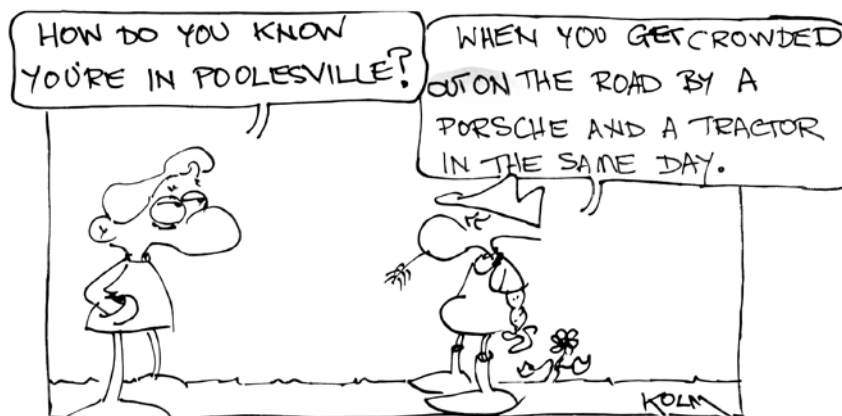
With all that there is to do to prepare for Poolesville Day, I have liked to joke that the best part is 4:00 p.m., but that's just a joke. For what's best, there is so much to choose from: The day will start early, especially for the runners in the Lions/PACC 5K and will test our endurance as the day begins to warm up, and exhaust us from more trips up and down Fisher in one day than we do in a whole year—all thanks to the very hard work and dedication of the Poolesville Day Committee. It's amazing how such a small group of people can deliver on such a grand, large event.

As a local historian of sorts, I have come to understand that Poolesville has always been a "party" town. Everywhere I research our history, the source of the stories and pictures seem to be defined by special days. It might simply be that when the music and great food come out, so too, do the cameras. As with weddings in a family album, these events end up as the most poignant descriptions of our times, our days of bonding.

I will always be grateful for publishing our shared lives in print. Our stories may not be in the preferred style for our times, but I can assure you of one thing: They will end up on someone's refrigerator door, in a scrapbook, or in plastic boxes under the bed protected for the future to be shared some day at another time. The flashiness of online can be dramatic, but it will never end up in someone's attic to be mysteriously and wonderfully discovered by the next generation seeking to know more about us and our life.

We hope you have a wonderful day together on September 19, on Poolesville Day, and are pleased knowing that the *Monocle* has done its job. As we like to say, it is *A Chronicle of Our Lives: Past and Present for the Future*.

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Registration is required, but all events are open to the entire community and free unless otherwise noted.

September 11

Movie Night:

Remarkably Bright Creatures

Free monthly movie night features the film *Remarkably Bright Creatures* based on Shelby Van Pelt's bestselling novel. PG-13. *Speer Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

September 15

Securing the Potomac

Join Tim Snyder, author of *Trembling in the Balance: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal During the Civil War*, as he talks about a local expedition that includes Poolesville and other nearby river towns. *Speer Hall*.

September 17

Historic Ag Reserve Properties with Kenny Sholes

Join local historian Kenny Sholes for the next Historic Ag Reserve Properties presentation. The lands around us have played an important part in American history over the last few centuries. Kenny introduces us to an array of impressive historic homes. Virtual. 7:00 p.m.

September 17, 23, and October 1

Chair One Fitness with Deirdre

Join the 45-minute musically-driven workout of seated dance and fitness movements perfect for older adults, those with balance deficits, limited mobility, injuries, disabilities, or those getting started on their weight loss journey. *PES All-Purpose Room (Cafeteria)*. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 19

Poolesville Day

Stop by the Poolesville Seniors booth and see what is new and walk with us in the parade.

September 21

PS Book Club: *Theo of Golden*

Join us when we discuss Allen Levi's 2023 self-published debut novel, *Theo of Golden*. This New York Times #1 best seller follows Theo, an 86-year-old man who moves to the small Southern town of Golden, Georgia, and quietly changes lives through acts of generosity, particularly by purchasing and returning portraits to their subjects. Virtual. 7:00 p.m.

September 23

Poolesville Photography Club: Poolesville Day

Each month, members are invited to share photographs of a particular event or topic by uploading them into a group gallery. The group then meets to view the photographs and discuss the techniques used to capture each image. This month we are photographing Poolesville Day with a focus on taking pictures of People in Action. *PMUMC*. 1:00 p.m.



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September 23

The Basics of Nuclear Power Plants

In this first of two presentations, Dr. Brian Sheron will explain the basic concepts of nuclear power and how a nuclear power reactor works and creates electricity. Virtual. 7:00 p.m.

September 25

Line Dancing with Ashley Kelch

Enjoy a free evening of line dancing with basic instruction that builds up to more complicated moves. Join the fun, work out, and meet new people. PMUMC. 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

September 26

September Dance Party

Put on your dancing shoes and join the See You in September Dance Party. Zach Etheridge, known as DJ EZ, has entertained many over the years with his fun party personality and great tunes. Free event for ages 21 and over. Light snacks and refreshments. Sponsored by the Poolesville Odd Fellows. Gothic Barn at Linden Farm, 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson. 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

September 30

Nuclear Power Plant Accidents

In the second of two presentations, Dr. Brian Sheron will explain what happened in the nuclear accidents that occurred at Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima Daiichi, including what went wrong and what steps have been taken to prevent their reoccurrences in existing and future nuclear power plants. Virtual. 7:00 p.m.

October 2

Carpools to Countryside Artisan Tour

Curious about the Countryside Artisan Tour? If you would like to visit these wonderful artisans, this is your opportunity. Three volunteer drivers will take three passengers each to a variety of artisans on the fall Countryside Artisan Tour. Meet at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church parking lot at noon.

Weekly and Monthly Events:

Visit poolesvilleseniors.org for details if you are interested in the following: Pickleball, Walking Club, Ping Pong, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Body Sculpting, Zumba Gold, Knitting and Crochet Instruction and Support, Let's Dance, Cornhole, or Mahjong with Terri Pearson.



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Town Government

Town Commissioners Hear Presentation About Electric Bikes and Motor Scooters From Montgomery County Police Officer

By Link Hoewing

At their only meeting for the month on August 17, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville heard a presentation from Montgomery County Police Officer Sergeant Paul Bandholz about safety and about county and state regulations related to e-bikes and electric scooters. They also reviewed and approved final budget spending numbers for the last fiscal year.

Officer Bandholz said that there are three classes of e-bikes. All have pedals, but the first two classes travel at maximum speeds below 20 mph, and there are no age restrictions regarding their use. With regard to the third class, one must be sixteen years or older to operate it, and it cannot be used on off-road bike paths.

Electric scooters, unlike e-bikes, are stand-up vehicles. They can travel up to 20 mph and do not require a license or registration; however, only kids older than fourteen can ride an electric scooter.

Motor scooters and mopeds and electric motorcycles are all only legal for those who are sixteen years and older. They require both a license and registration, and importantly, operating a moped/motor scooter without a license can mean fines up to \$500 and jail time.

Officer Bandholz said there are “two things parents don’t often know” about electric bikes and scooters; First, moped and motor scooter riders—operators and passengers—must wear a helmet and eye protection, at every age, on every ride; second, you can ride your own e-scooter at age fourteen, but to rent a dockless e-bike or e-scooter through the county program, you must be at least eighteen with a valid driver's license.

Regarding gas scooters or mopeds: Vehicles with smaller than fifty-cc motors must be titled and have a registration decal, the operator must have a driver's license or moped permit, insurance is required, and a DOT-approved helmet is required at all times. For vehicles larger than fifty ccs, most students will not qualify to drive legally.

For electric bikes, registration and licensing depends on the wattage of the vehicle. For vehicles under 750 watts, no registration is required, no license is required, no insurance is required, and the vehicle is treated like a bicycle under Maryland law. Bikes over 750 watts are reclassified as motor vehicles by Maryland law; registration, license, and insurance are now required.

A key issue for parents—no matter what vehicle is involved—is helmet laws. Under Maryland State Law, riders under sixteen must wear a helmet on public property, streets, trails, and sidewalks. Montgomery County sets a stricter local rule requiring helmets for anyone under eighteen riding e-bikes or e-scooters on public property. Helmets are strongly encouraged by the Maryland Department of Transportation, but state and county laws do not legally mandate them for adult e-bike or scooter riders. Helmets are mandatory for all operators and passengers at any age on traditional motorcycles and motorized motor scooters. State law also requires eye protection (like a face shield or goggles) unless the motor vehicle has an approved windshield.

Generally, as you increase the wattage or engine size, requirements regarding such things as licensing, helmet use, or where a vehicle can be ridden increase as well. Riders must also follow traffic laws and must stop at signs and lights, ride with traffic, not against it, use lights after dark, must never carry a passenger unless the bike is built for one, and must never use a cell phone while driving.

After the presentation, Town Assistant Manager Niles Anderegg provided an overview of the town's spending and revenues from the last fiscal year which ended on June 30. Each year, the town does a “budget close out” in which the commissioners review the actual spending and revenues from the previous fiscal year as compared to budget plans and projections. Spending and revenues can, of course, vary from projections made at the beginning of the year, and the close out provides an opportunity to examine actual results and to assess trends.

At a high level, the budget consists of the General Fund, which includes general operations, all capital projects, debt service, and any grants to the Water and Wastewater Fund which funds operations only for the sewer and water systems. Total spending in the General Fund came to just over \$6 million, including a “grant” of \$256,000 from the General Fund to pay for operations of

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Ag News

Brown Cow Creamery: The Last and Now Not-Forgotten Dairy in Montgomery County

By Christina Williams

Editor's Note: In our special edition this past August honoring farming in the Agricultural Reserve, we were informed that the last dairy in the county had ceased operation this past spring. I was wrong (that's what I get for not listening to my copy editor!). The good news is we do have one, lone dairy farm still commercially milking cows, especially for their wonderful ice cream. Kevin and Laurie Savage, owners of the Brown Cow Creamery, located on the upper side of the Agricultural Reserve in Montgomery County, between Claggettsville and Mount Airy on Route 27, flagged us for overlooking them.

The Savages carry on a family tradition of dairy farming inherited from both sides of their family. Without a doubt, working on a farm is challenging yet productive. They have shared their love of tending the land and caring for their farm animals to their children as well. In addition, the Savages participate in programs using healthy soil techniques and nutrient management. It's not just dairy, though. They grow crops of hay, corn, and small grains. Their farm also regularly donates to local food banks.

Kevin and Laurie have around twenty dairy cows, which include Jersey and Ayrshires, known to give a high butterfat content to their milk (the more butterfat, the better the ice cream). The operation is state of the art with cows milked robotically, meaning each cow will come to the milking units when she is ready to give milk. The cows have digital ear tag IDs to capture how much feed they eat and milk they give as the robotic machine cleans and attaches suction cups to the cows' udders. This process affords less hands-on time manually prepping a cow in a typical dairy barn. The milk is pasteurized on the farm and is bottled either as grade A milk for consumption, white or chocolate, or for cheese. Their milk is famous, recently it was called "LegendDairy!" Milk is also made into delicious, flavored ice cream on the farm. They are one of the farms that participate in the Maryland Ice Cream Trail event. Some of the milk is sent to a cheese-making facility and is crafted into small batches of artisan Colby and cheddar.

Their farm also raises beef cows, pastured pork, lamb, and egg-laying hens. They sell frozen hamburger packages, beef hot dogs, and a few other cuts of beef. Pork products include breakfast and Chorizo sausage. You may also find eggs, baked goods, jarred items, and more at the farm market. The farm market is open year-round, usually from Thursday through Sunday, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. Give them a visit at 28600 Ridge Road in Mt. Airy. Their website is browncowcreamery.shop.



Brown Cow Creamery's Laurie Savage, last dairy farmer standing in Montgomery County.

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Tribute

Scoutmaster

Jon Kasner: Over Eighteen Years of Legendary Service

This past June, Troop 496 held a Court of Honor for all scouts achieving ranks and receiving awards. The evening also saw a celebration that honored retiring Scoutmaster Jon Kasner.

Jon has dedicated his service to scouting since 2008, originally as a leader in Pack 694, when his son, Tim, was a cub scout. He then moved to Troop 496 when his son joined the troop.

As scoutmaster, Jon has worked with all ages, ranks, and abilities. Over the eighteen years of serving, he spent over three hundred nights at campouts, including weeklong summer camps. He also led the troop on numerous high adventure camps like Swampbase in Louisiana and Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

Among the scouts he has led, he has become a legend within the scouting community for helping many scouts find their passion and work to achieve Eagle rank. He often mentored scouts under challenging circumstances, helping them to overcome fears, even staying up all night playing cards to ease anxiety or making quick adjustments to trips so that everyone was accommodated. He has been most visible to the public during Poolesville Days, managing the traditional rope bridge and leading the scouts in the parade.

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Scoutmaster Jon Kasner

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Focus on Business

Fine Earth Landscape: Personalized Service Is the Foundation of Their Success

By Rande Davis

If longevity is the best testament to a business's professional reputation, then Fine Earth Landscape, Inc. meets the mark. As one of our area's top five longest-operating companies, Poolesville's Fine Earth Landscape is now owned in partnership by founder Bernie Mihm and company president Joel Hafner.

Bernie started in the landscaping business as a summer job after tenth grade in 1973. He made a whopping \$2.00 per hour working for the company that had the landscape and trash contract at Parkside Apartments in Bethesda.

Working hard, Bernie founded Fine Earth in 1977 when he was studying landscape design and horticulture at the University of Maryland. Today, he is a licensed Landscape Architect and Certified Arborist. Over these many decades, Bernie has almost certainly been on more properties looking at landscaping than any other single entity in the entire D.C. area. Almost every one of the firms that were in the business when Fine Earth started have had their owners retire. For Bernie, it never gets old. Even today, he still very much loves going out to homes and helping the owners with their plants and their hardscape construction.



Bernie Mihm and Joel Hafner, owners of Fine Earth Landscape, Inc.

Joel has been at Fine Earth for thirty-seven years and has been a full partner for thirty of those years. Joel was a U.S. Army Ranger who also served in the honor guard in the U.S. Army. We know you are familiar with those soldiers who march at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery twenty-four hours a day through rain, snow, wind, and heat. Well, that was Joel. That's the kind of discipline and dedication that has helped make Fine Earth what it is today. Joel is a Certified Professional Horticulturalist and is Landscape Industry Certified.

After Joel finished his service to our country, he started at Fine Earth at the very bottom as a landscape crew member and eventually earned his way up the ladder to become its president and full partner. Joel is responsible for more of the large-scale projects in the metro-D.C. area. He has even done two large projects in Nantucket for local clients who would not trust anyone but Joel to install their pool, pool house, paving, and landscaping.

Fine Earth does it all, from design and planting to hardscape construction of patios, walls, drainage, grading, water features, and lighting. They even design many of their swimming pools. Fine Earth uses a swimming pool contractor to install the pools, but they do everything outside of the actual pool construction.

It's not just the longevity that marks their success; it is the winning of awards and gaining recognition for their work as well. Over the years, Fine Earth has won over two hundred region and national awards. Their website is replete with many beautiful award-winning projects, some of which cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars. They even did the vice president's Family Heritage Garden while Joe Biden resided at the vice president's mansion at the Naval Observatory. Another of their award-winning local projects was the Willow Mist Equestrian Center on Partnership Road.

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Protect the Ag Reserve

Ongoing and new challenges to farmland, the environment and open space in our area require persistent vigilance.

■ **Data Centers.** The Montgomery County Council has imposed an 18-month moratorium on large-scale data centers. None can be approved and no data center applications can be processed during the moratorium. That includes the proposal by a company called Atmosphere to build a 110-acre, 5-building data center campus in Dickerson. The 18-month pause will allow the Council and County officials to thoroughly evaluate the risks posed by large data centers, and draft regulations that will specify where they can be built and what rules they must abide by. SCA advocated in favor of the moratorium.

■ **Waste Management.** Montgomery County's plans to overhaul its waste disposal and recycling systems has been delayed for several years. This fall, the County Council plans to again take the issue up, with hopes of a decision by the end of November. The Council will weigh options. SCA supports an option that would close the County's polluting, aging and costly trash incinerator in Dickerson, and transitions to landfilling our non-recyclable trash in environmentally-sound landfills. That's what most counties and cities do with their trash.

■ **Agritourism.** The idea of allowing more "tourism" and non-agricultural activities on working farms is gaining momentum, including in the Ag Reserve. Some activities—such as tasting rooms, shops, pick-your-own, and farm education—can be a good fit and enhance revenue. Other activities, such as corporate retreats, weddings and music venues may be weakly or not at all related to agriculture. SCA is deeply engaged in these discussions, with the priority of protecting farmland and enhancing actual agriculture.

You can read about these issues and more on SCA's website.

*Help us advocate on behalf of the Ag Reserve.
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Things to Do

Throughout September

The Riverworks Artist in the House Gallery exhibit at Locals Farm Market and Restaurant features contemporary landscapes by Jenny Wilson, inspired by plants, clouds, sea, and sky, themed "Into the Light." Drawing from her background as a jazz musician and composer, Wilson brings rhythm, color, texture, and improvisation to her paintings, exploring the natural world and the geography of her imagination.

Riverworks Friday Night

Jam Sessions

With Brian Jamison (weather permitting). Bring your instrument or voice and join the jam! Free. *Locals Farm Market*. 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

September 4

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football vs. Winter Mill at 6:30 p.m.

September 5

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Walter Johnson at 10:00 a.m.

September 6

PACC Crab and Cluck

Steamed crab and chicken dinners. Pre-order only (visit Poolesvillechamber.com or scan the QR code on page 35). Children's games and activities, including bounce house, balloon artist, and dunk tank, are free. Local vendors. *St. Mary's Pavilion*. 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 8

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball vs. Walter Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

September 9

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' soccer vs. Springbrook at 7:15 p.m.
Cross country vs. Rockville at 3:30 p.m.

September 11

Friday on the Commons:
Roots & Rhythms

Music by Michael Heister (6:00 p.m.) and the Highway Legends Band (8:00 p.m.). Offering local breweries, Metzger Winery, local distilleries, food trucks, inflatables and games, and line dancing lesson for one hour by Arielle DeReggi. *Whalen Commons*. 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

September 12

Historic Ag Reserve Homes Tour

Self-guided tour of historic homes in the Agricultural Reserve. Sells out quickly, order tickets today. Explore

several unique historic properties in the Ag Reserve. Don't miss this special opportunity to discover the grounds, outbuildings, and exteriors of some of the most captivating historic properties of the Ag Reserve: Valhalla, Montevideo, Seneca Quarry Master House, Oakland Farm, and Woodstock Farm. Tickets and info available on facebook: Historic Ag Reserve Properties.

UMCVFD BBQ Pork
and Beef Fundraiser

Offering slow-smoked BBQ pork and beef, BBQ chicken leg quarters, classic coleslaw, and hearty baked beans. Enjoy your meal at our covered tables or grab carryout to go! *19801 Beallsville Rd, behind the firehouse*. 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (or until we sell out)!

Riverworks Made-in-Studio

Mandala Magic with Suzanne Wright. No experience necessary, all materials provided. *Alden Farms*. \$20. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 13

Riverworks Visual Arts

Watercolor class with Betsy Casaleno. *Alden Farms*. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 14

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Middletown at 7:00 p.m.

September 15

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' volleyball vs. Northwest at 6:30 p.m.

Girls' soccer vs. Damascus at 7:15 p.m.

September 16

PHS Varsity Home Game

Flag football vs. Northwest at 7:00 p.m.

September 17

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer vs. Northwest at 7:15 p.m.

September 18

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Northwest at 7:00 p.m.

UMCVFD Firehouse BINGO

Bring your friends and family for a night of fun, food, and fantastic prizes! Every game supports our community and your local heroes at UMCVFD. 5:30 p.m. doors open; 7:00 p.m. games begin.

September 20

Riverworks Literary Arts

Finding your voice with found poetry with Lisa Couturier. *Alden Farms*. 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Poolesville Day: Your Guide to a Great Day

For those of you on a mission to improve your health, many of the vendors offer insight and information to help you reach your health goals. If spiritual growth is a mission for you, there are representatives from our local faith/spiritual groups. Don't forget educational opportunities, too. So many of our local educational folks (public and private) are here to talk to about their schools and to answer your questions.

We are lucky to have an amazing number of civic groups and nonprofits serving our community. Are you new to the community? Poolesville Day is a perfect time to explore your potential space to volunteer your service within this large circle of community service groups. Visit them and learn about their missions. Maybe you will find one that is something you might like to join. Ever thought of being a Lion or Odd Fellow? Now's the time to get to know them.

The day, though, is mostly about fun, food, and friends. As always, it kicks off with the parade that each year offers something new and surprising. The grand marshal helps lead the parade. Nominations for grand marshal are submitted by the public with the final decision made by the Poolesville Day Committee. It's never an easy decision as we are blessed with so many people deserving of the honor. This year, the committee chose John Speelman for his friendly and outstanding service running one of Poolesville's older businesses, Poolesville Hardware. It seems that nearly everyone has at least one how-John-helped-me-out story to share.

Thanks to John, the Oscar Meyer Wienermobile will be the most exciting new addition to the parade. A very close competitor to the biggest new thing for the day will be monster trucks on display at Bassett's.

With Maryland pride, we are pleased to report the Maryland National Guard marching band will once again lead our American Legion in the parade. Post 247 will place a wreath at Whalen Commons to give honor to those who have served our nation.

We continue to have first-time food vendors with a wide variety of selections. Read through this guide program to discover what vendors will be here and where you can find them. (including a QR code map). The schedule of events will help you plan your day. A clue to help find them: If the booth ends with an even number, it's on the Whalen Commons side of Fisher; if it's an odd number, it will be on the McDonald's side.

The very first festivals in our history always included farm animals, so naturally our ag exhibit will be a favorite, especially for the kids—they love to see and pet them! This year's display features an expanded livestock area where you can meet Scottish Highland cows, Holstein calves, goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs, and poultry. You can also watch the sheepdogs of Plow and Stars Farm show off their herding skills, enjoy demonstrations by area farmers, and meet adoptable miniature horses from Fox Lea Mini Horse Rescue. Modern tractors and specialized farm equipment will also be on display.

Poolesville Green's annual EV Show is one of the best nationally. Once again, they will have a great variety of electric vehicles and hybrids for your review on display.

The Historic Medley District has put together a new exhibit in the Old Town Hall Bank Museum. They will have on loan an amazing Lego model of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. If you love or loved Legos, you will not want to miss it. The model will be on display upstairs in the bank museum. The attention to detail is too unbelievable to describe.

HMD will also have a host of historic pictures of Poolesville rarely seen, from oil-fueled streetlamps and wooden sidewalks, to snow piled more than four feet high and buildings long gone due to fire or demolition. There are many subtle changes in the town that seems to remain the same yet is always changing. Jim Poole's painting depicting Poolesville in 1862 is not just a glimpse of Poolesville during the Civil War, now you get to see most of the buildings we lost due to three fires in town.

At the 1793 John Poole House and Trading Post, Mr. and Mrs. John Poole, Jr. will be at their home to personally greet you. There will be other living history docents dressed in Colonial clothing offering tours. If you stop in, you will learn three amazing facts you most likely did not know about the town: Why was Poolesville globally famous during the Civil War? How did Poolesville play a pivotal role in the victory of the Union Army at Gettysburg? Why was the body of Abe Lincoln's best friend brought to Poolesville after the Battle of Ball's Bluff? Although, if you are a regular reader of the Monocle, you already know the answers to those questions.

There is no party without great music. The headliners are on the main stage in Whalen Commons, but there will also be bands at Locals.

Performances at Whalen Commons start at 11:00 a.m. with Patrick Budd, a folk/Americana artist from Poolesville, based out of Washington, D.C. With personal, powerful lyricism inspired by writers such as Noah Kahan, Zach Bryan, and Tyler Childers, Patrick weaves heartbreak and nostalgia into moments in time to which he wishes he could return. His debut album, *Suburban Bench Swing*, is an open book about this very feeling, and it is available to be streamed everywhere.

The headline band for the day is Pictrola! They will play two sets on the main bandstand in Whalen Commons, one at 12:45 p.m. and the other at 3:00 p.m.

Pictrola got its start at DelFest Academy in 2017 when late-night jams grew into a band fueled by bluegrass tradition, improvisation, and a love of the unexpected.

With roots stretching from bluegrass and jazz to the Grateful Dead, classical music, soul, and beyond, five distinct musicians have come together to create arrangements that are never quite the same twice. Their originals and covers stretch, shift, and find new ground in the moment. Pictrola's 2023 debut album, *Time Rages On*, featured "Indy Air," selected for Spotify's Newgrass Playlist, and "More Than We Can Fix," winner of a 2024 Wammie Music Award. For Pictrola, the music is meant to be alive—and every performance is a chance to take it somewhere new.

Falcon Lane, featuring PHS student groups, has lots of fun starting at 10:00 a.m., with DJ E&T rockin' the stage all the way until 4:00 p.m.

Visitors can stop by the student booths for games, treats, creative activities, performances, and plenty of surprises while supporting our local students. Be ready for one of Falcon Lane's favorite attractions: the dunk tank, where a good throw can send a brave volunteer—sometimes a Poolesville High School teacher, coach, trainer, or other familiar face—straight into the water, all while helping senior class students raise money.

Essence Studios at Riverworks offers pre-professional ballet, teen ballet, hip hop, tap, jazz, and contemporary instruction for dancers of all ages, right here in Poolesville. Dancers from Essence Studios at Riverworks will perform original ballet and contemporary works choreographed by Artistic Director Breanna Viscardo and Essence alumna Charlotte Gularson.

Another dance company, based in Germantown, is CoMMotion Dance, which brings to the stage the importance of building confidence, leadership skills, and providing a positive and encouraging environment for dancers to gather and develop friendships that will last a lifetime.

New to us is Danceworx, which is devoted to providing dancers of all ages an encouraging environment where they are given the opportunity to grow and excel in their dance education. They strive to deliver the highest quality of dance training, while nurturing each student's unique gift of talent and creativity.

MyDance DC is a professional DanceSport ballroom and Latin studio for children, based in Rockville and founded by Alina Sharipova in 2014.

The dancers, ages five to eighteen, actively and successfully participate in local and national DanceSport competitions. Students train in a variety of ballroom and Latin styles, including cha-cha, samba, waltz, tango, and many more.

Pocket Threes Band

Andreas Millradt, Colin Li, and Mav Zures are Pocket Threes. Based in the Washington, D.C. area and formed in 2022, Pocket Threes is a high-energy cover band of classic rock, country, soft rock, disco, and pop tunes. These talented musicians share their passion for music, delivering unforgettable performances that resonate with audiences of all ages, getting people singing along, dancing and enjoying the show. www.Pocketthreesband.com

Ray "Mr. Swiftie" Castro

Ray "Mr. Swiftie" Castro is a Maryland-based guitarist and vocalist. He is a solo acoustic cover artist who performs regularly at venues in the DMV and beyond. Music has been a passion his entire life, having been a guitar player since he was a kid, and playing in cover bands when he was younger. He is a former CPA, Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Black Belt and school owner, and former professional wrestler, but these days, he is living his lifelong dream of entertaining audiences with his takes on popular songs that people know and love. www.mr-swifty.com

The Upcounty Roundabouts

Alan Gramley, Dan Spinder, Kev Rice, and Matt Partain are looking forward to playing on the famed Locals stage with a mix of originals, covers, rock, pop, and blues. Come on down and close out Poolesville Day with them at Locals under "them big ol' shade trees!"

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Reva Oleta Hoewing

My mother, Reva Hoewing, passed away on July 21. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and thoughts. We are having a celebration of her life on September 26 at 1:00 p.m. at *Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville.* We will go to the fellowship hall afterwards for food. We hope you can come and celebrate her wonderful life and example. Call me (Link Hoewing) at 202-365-4749 if you have questions.

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Town Commissioners Hear Presentation about Electric Bikes and Motor Scooters from Montgomery County Police Officer

the sewer plant. This grant is necessary because fees for water and sewer services did not cover the cost of the service. The total cost for water and sewer operations was just over \$2 million. The budget did close out, Anderegg noted, with a positive balance of \$267,396 (total revenues minus costs).

The revenues to fund all these activities come from a number of sources. The largest source of revenue (thirty-seven percent) is income taxes, followed by property taxes (thirty-six percent), "revenue sharing" (state payments) at ten percent, and highway user funds (from the state) at nine percent. In the recent past, property taxes always made up the largest share of revenues, but that is no longer true.

Revenues were projected to be about \$5.6 million last year but exceeded that total by more than \$500,000 due to higher levels of interest income, income tax revenues, and highway user funds.

Expenditures this year came in at about \$65,000 more than projected due

in part to the grant made from the General Fund to pay for water and wastewater costs. Costs to manage the wastewater system were higher due in part to higher costs for hauling the sludge that remains from treatment and staff salaries. Major expenditures this year from the General Fund included road repaving, rewiring the electrical system for Whalen Commons, and intersection improvements. Major expenditures for the water and wastewater fund included PFAS remediation and repairs to the storage lagoon.

Overall, the town managed to preserve its "rainy day" fund at over \$1.6 million which is nearly double the typical ten percent to fifteen percent municipal baseline. It also continued funding major capital projects and accumulating funds for future capital spending as well. The commissioners unanimously approved the "budget close out" report.

It was also noted at the meeting that the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a forum for candidates for commissioner on October 25 at Poolesville Town Hall.



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Tidbits

Local Youth Elected
Maryland State President

Barnesville resident James Parsley was elected State President of the Maryland State Society of the Children of the American Revolution and represented the organization at the Eastern Region Meeting from July 17 to 18 in Princeton, New Jersey. The meetings included workshops and presentations of the 2026-2027 National Project, "Liberty's Legacy," which will partner with the National Park Service to recognize and honor the contributions of youth during the American Revolution. Also included was a tour of Washington's Crossing. The park preserves the site where George Washington crossed the Delaware River and turned the tide of the Revolutionary War.



Barnesville's James Parsley was recently elected State President of the Maryland State Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

The Children of the American Revolution (CAR) is the oldest and largest patriotic youth nonprofit organization in the country. CAR trains good citizens, develops leaders, and promotes love of the United States of America and its heritage among young people. Learn more at www.nscar.org.

Every year, the State President chooses a nonprofit organization to support. James wanted to support veterans and help animals. He founded Paws of War, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to bring together veterans, first responders, and rescued animals, creating unbreakable bonds that foster healing and mutual understanding.

Through one of these programs, titled "War Torn Pups and Cats," military personnel are reunited with animals with which they bonded while serving

overseas. Other programs include service animals provided for TBI and PTSD individuals, veteran counseling and housing and veterinary care for their animals. The Maryland CAR will raise funds to support Paws of War and their programs. Learn more about CAR at www.nscar.org and Paws of War at www.pawsofwar.org.

Poplar Springs Sanctuary
Thankful for Donation

Poolesville's Poplar Springs Sanctuary announced its appreciation for a donation recently made to the animal care and shelter facility.

Poplar Spring Animal Sanctuary is a four-hundred-acre nonprofit refuge for farm animals and wildlife. Founded in 1996, its mission is to offer care, rehabilitation, and permanent sanctuary for neglected, abused, or abandoned farm animals, as well as providing a protected habitat for wildlife. They promote compassion and the humane treatment of all animals by educating the public on farm-animal and wildlife issues.



Dr. Susan Scarlett and Terry Cummings, the cofounder of the Polar Spring Animal Sanctuary.

The donation was made by the Estate of Thomas Scarlett. Tom was a prominent lawyer in the field of food and drug law (in fact, he was a former Chief Counsel of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration). Tom had an abiding love of animals and, over the years, gave regular large donations to the sanctuary.

Tom passed away last year, and his will bequeathed a substantial donation to the sanctuary so that it could continue its work. In recognition of his lasting support, a bronze plaque has been prominently mounted at the sanctuary.

Poolesville High Ranked Second in State

Poolesville High School was ranked the second-best public high school in Maryland, making it the best of five Montgomery County high schools that made

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Poolesville Day Guide-2026

Poolesville Day 2026

We're thrilled to welcome everyone to Poolesville Day 2026!

Join us on Saturday, September 19, as we celebrate the spirit, pride, and traditions that make Poolesville such a special community. Poolesville Day thrives because of the dedication of our volunteers, the unwavering support of the town commissioners and staff, and the enthusiasm of our residents, businesses, and community organizations.

A special thank you goes to all Town of Poolesville employees, especially Niles Anderegg, Tara Scholz, and Preston King, whose guidance, partnership, and support have been instrumental in making this year's event possible.

Meet the Poolesville Day Committee

Poolesville Day is made possible by an exceptional team of volunteers who dedicate countless hours throughout the year planning and coordinating this community tradition.

Kathy Bassett, Vice President and Entertainment Coordinator for the Locals stage, brings leadership,

creativity, and energy to our entertainment lineup.

Melanie Sholes, Secretary, keeps the committee organized and moving forward with her attention to detail.

Olivia Murphy, who joined the committee last year as Restroom Coordinator, now also serves as Treasurer, managing the finances that keep Poolesville Day running smoothly.

Leslie Curran, our Vendor and Food Truck Coordinator, expertly organizes more than two hundred artisan and food vendors each year.

Amy Baker, now in her fifth year on the committee, leads our social media outreach and keeps the community informed throughout the year.

Chris Trader and **Sapna Hurd**, our Security and Traffic Coordinators, work closely with town staff and the Montgomery County Police Department to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

Carlos Cabrera, with support from his family, once again returns to organizing our beloved parade with precision and dedication.

Erin Gang, who spearheaded the redesign of our logo and website,

continues to keep our online presence fresh, informative, and engaging.

Jonathan Harris, our Volunteer Coordinator, organizes the many helping hands who make Poolesville Day a success. Special thanks also to all our "day-of" volunteers who give their time to support the event.

Bernie Mihm, a longtime committee member, coordinates sponsorships and designs our iconic volunteer t-shirts.

Link Hoewing, our Grand Marshal Coordinator and committee historian, helps preserve the traditions and history that make Poolesville Day unique.

Matthew Johnson oversees main stage entertainment and sound, ensuring a first-class experience for performers and attendees alike.

Bobbi Hammer and **Patricia Magnoni** coordinate the high school groups and activities that bring Falcon Lane to life.

Christina Nanof and **Alex Markoff**, our dynamic duo, continue to elevate the Agricultural Display and celebrate Poolesville's rich agricultural heritage.

Jeremy Hinds brings excitement and smiles to our youngest attendees with his outstanding rides and attractions.

Paul Harney leads efforts to improve event signage, helping visitors navigate and enjoy the day.

JD Taylor and **Joyce Breiner** organize one of the East Coast's premier EV Car Shows, which continues to grow in popularity each year.

Welcoming New Faces

We are excited to welcome **John Speelman**, the 2026 Grand Marshal, who is helping bring the Classic Car Show back to Poolesville. Be sure to check out the iconic Oscar Mayer Wienermobile and other outstanding automotive attractions throughout the day.

Community Contributions

We deeply appreciate the many community organizations, civic groups, schools, churches, and local businesses that spend countless hours planning exhibits, decorating Fisher Avenue, and creating engaging activities for attendees. Your creativity, dedication, and community spirit are what make Poolesville Day truly special.

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Poolesville Day 2026 Committee: Left to right: top: Matthew Johnson, Johnathan Harris, Jeremy Hinds, Link Hoewing, and Chris Trader; middle: Leslie Curran, Joyce Breiner, JD Taylor, Patricia Magnoni, Melanie Sholes, and Sapna Hurd; bottom: Erin Gang, Kevin Schramm, and Kathy Bassett.

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FOOD and SNACKS

EAST END - FISHER AVENUE

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Memorial United Methodist: Booths 78, 78A, and 80

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Ben and Jerry's: *Ice Cream*

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Origin's BBQ and Grill: *BBQ*

Sherrie's Crab Cakes: *Crab Cake, Crab Mac*

The Pita King: *Pita Sandwiches, Egg Rolls, Gyros*

Kuk's Tribute Cuisine: *Rice, Chicken*

Bon Appetite Bowls: *Cheesesteaks, Burgers, Tenders, Pork Belly, Tots*

Kona Ice: *Shaved Ice*

Cousin's Maine Lobster: *Lobster, Shrimp*

Pop-up Poutine: *Poutine, Loaded Fries*

Dogs on the Curb: *Gourmet Hot Dogs*

Dina Colados: *Tea, Lemonade, Mac*

Bruster's: *Ice Cream*

Mia Cane Sugar: *Cane Juice, Vietnamese Iced Coffee*

Wild Bill's Craft Beverages: *Craft Sodas*

IN AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY

The Market at Deere Valley: *Hamburgers, Hot Dogs*

FALCON LANE

Lameera Food Truck

SPECIAL BAKED GOODS & SWEETS

Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church: *Booths 17&19*

Baked Goods

Boss Ice Cream: *Booth 102*

Prepacked Ice Cream and Popcorn

DJ Bakery: *Booth 126*

Scones

Golden Rose: *Booth 144*

Bakery

Nothing Bundt Cakes: *Booth 150*

Bundt Cakes

Artful Eats: *Booth 174*

Decorated Sugar Cookies

BEAT THE HEAT!

POOLESVILLE RESTAURANTS ARE OPEN AS USUAL

House of Poolesville, Bassett's, Cugini's, Locals, Mexican Grill,
Subway, McDonald's, Kristopher's, and Dunkin' Donuts.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Race pre-registration at Poolesville Baptist Church.

PACC 5K RUN/WALK RACE – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church

POOLESVILLE DAY EVENTS

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

PARADE – 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Starts at Poolesville Elementary

GRAND MARSHAL: John Speelman

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Presentation of Memorial Wreath – 10:10 a.m.

American Legion Poolesville Post 247

JPMS Music Department Band

ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENTS

Whalen Commons – Poolesville Town Hall – Fyfe Road parking lot

Ferris Wheel, Kiddie Carousel, Mind Winder, Mobile Ninja

Course, Zip Line, Trackless Train, Wacky X Large, Pinball Super

Slide, Calleva Rock Climbing Wall, Boy Scout rope ladder, etc.

FALCON LANE

Student and Class Booths

Dollar General / Fisher Avenue

Enjoy great DJ music and more!

JOHN POOLE HOUSE

The oldest building in Poolesville. Log structure built in 1793,

served as a trading post and U.S. Post Office.

OLD TOWN HALL BANK MUSEUM

Historic Pictures of Downtown Poolesville

See St. Peter's Episcopal Church made from Legos

WUMCO HEALTH FAIR

Poolesville Town Hall

POOLESVILLE CAR AND TRUCK SHOW

Bassett's Rear Lawn Area

POOLESVILLE GREEN EV SHOW

Electric Vehicle Test Drives and Rides

Parking lot corner of Elgin Rd & Fisher Ave.

	House of Poolesville Side of Street			CVS Side of Street	
1	Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection	Information			
3	Sima Soltani	chiropractic practice Info	2	Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN)	Information
5	Poolesville Pride	Information	4	Yul d'Uz	Clothing Brand
7	ISKCON	Information (nonprofit)	6	Asal Gems	Jewelry
9	Christopher Companies	Builder	8	Passanante's Home Food	Information
11	Douglas and Sons	Information	10	Wonky Whisk Bakery	Cookies
13	The Juniper Reader	bookstore and tea shop	12	Dee-Lightfully Good	Tea, spice blends
15	Tiny Treasures	Art	14	Kilan Coffee	Coffee
17	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	16	Artistic Expressions	Canvas, Totes, Digital Prints
19	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	18	Poolesville Cats	Information
21	White Caterpillar	Candles	20	Poolesville Cats	Information
23	TEEHHEE CREATIVES	Kid Business Poolesville	22	Os Born to Make	Fabric Creations
25	Savvy Hobbyist	Kids' Games	24	District 15 Democratic Caucus	Information
27	South Side Sprinkles	Home Fragrance	26	Two Busted Teeth / Watercolor by Chris	Watercolors
29	Anastasia Sincevich	Artwork	28	M&T Bank	Information
31	Butler Montessori School	Information	30	Chesapeake Climate Action	Information
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35	Friends of the Library	Books	34	Poolesville Design	Handbags
37	Poolesville Vet Clinic	Information	36	Furry Friends	
39	Gail Brodrick	Doll Clothing	38	Colibri Crafts	Crafts
41	Little Learners	Information	40	Jamison & Co Cake Pops	Cottage Bakery
43	CVS	Info / Flu Shots	42	Nawal Tahri-Joutey Re/Max	Information
45	CVS	Info / Flu Shots	44	Shear Elegance	Information
47	Living Word Bible	Information	46	Siren Studio	Photo Booth, photographer
49	Living Word Bible	Balloon Twisting	48	Gardens4everyone	Flower Items / Micro Farm
51	Bipity Bliss SkinCare	Lotion, bath bombs, scrubs	50	Artsy Farmer	Alpaca farm
53	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Information	52	Sugarland Studios	Pottery, Ceramics
55	WUMCO Help, Inc.	Information	54	James Nie	Local kid artist
57	KPC Buddhist Relief	Information	56	Sugarloaf Citizens' Association	Information
59	PACC	Information	58	PHS Global Ecology	Recycling Booth
61	PACC	Chamber of Commerce	60	Mont. Co. Board of Elections	Voting Outreach
63	County Council Vice President Marilyn Balcombe	Information	62	Falun Dafa	Information
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71	GAIL LEE Homes	Information	70	UMCVFD Ladies' Auxiliary	Raffle Tickets
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			94	Caroline Designs	Beach Bags, Wine Bags
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97	Gigi’s Treasures	Purses, Hair Accessories	98	Poolesville Baptist Church	Rock Painting, Temp.Tattoos
99	Gigi’s Treasures	Purses, Hair Accessories	100	Community Farm Share	Information
101	Financial Advantage Associates	Information	102	BOSS Gourmet Sweets, LLC	Prepacked ice cream and popcorn
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107	Guevara Group – eXp realty	Realtor	108	Pville Community Garden	Information
109	Guevara Group	Realtor	110	Pville Presbyterian Church	Information, water, games
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113	Girl Scouts of Poolesville	Information	114	Trisha’s Treasures	Wreaths, Silk Arrangements
115	Burnin Daylight	Dog Groomer, Boarding	116	Rural Women’s Republican Club	Information
117	Who's A Good Boy LLC	Dog Training	118	DC National Rowing Club	Demonstrations
119	Rustic flags	Flags from barn boards	120	Madison Fields	Information
121	Rustic Route	Whole Bean Bagged Coffee	122	Capital Remodeling	Information
123	Seneca Academy	Information	124	Catoctin Mountain Cyclery	Bike shop
125	Poolesville Seniors	Information	126	“DJ” The Baker	Scones
127	Sniddy’s Gunworks	gunsmith	128	Pampered Chef	Kitchen
129	True Standard Distilling	Distillery	130	Shine on Together	Information
131	The Crossvines	Wine tasting, info on bistro and rentals	132	District Dance	Information
131A	Power Home Remodeling	Information	134	Friends of Ten Mile Creek	Information
133	Hardie Sauce	Hot Sauce	136	H2 Yo Yo	Water yo yos, kids’ toys
135	Title Boxing	Information	138	Nancy Adams C&N Crafts	License Plate Creations
137	MC GOP	Information	140	PestX	Information
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			144	Golden Rose Cakery	Bakery
	FALCON LANE		146	Larry Sprague	Wood Ducks
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	Flight And Fortune		180	Author’s Corner	Books
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	Oveja Bath & Body LLC		184	Alpine Butterfly	Upcycled Art
	Fox Lea Mini Horse Rescue		186	Dear Mary Sewing	handmade bags
	Bela Vista		188	W Shawl Studio	cashmere
	Blooms By Floru Bunda		190	Gyna’s Toys	Crocheted toys
	Poolesville Area Small Ag Producers		192	Amber Nubgaard	Photo booth, crafts

	Rising Lotus Farm		194	What's Up Promotions	Branding
			196	Tee Cee's Boutique	Backpacks, Bows
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			200	HRN Designs	Children's Accessories
			202	G Diek Jewelry	Jewelry
			204	RIDE MoCo/Rooted in Unity (RIU)	
			206	Mont. Co. Lynching Memorial Project	Information
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			224	Joey's Name Art	
			226	Nate Whiting - The Accidental Poet	
			228	Moon Bird Art	
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F1	Bon Appetit Bowls	Cheesesteaks, burgers, tenders, pork belly, tots
F2	Cousins Maine lobster	Lobster, shrimp
F3	Fest. Concessions 2	Sausage, Burgers
F4	Fest Concessions 3	Funnel Cakes
F5	Origins BBQ and Grill LLC	BBQ
F6	Sherrie's Crab Cakes	Crab Cakes, Crab Mac
F7	The Pita King	Pita sandwiches, egg rolls, gyros
F8	Kona Ice	Shaved Ice
F9	Ben & Jerry's	Ice Cream
F10	Wild Bill's Craft Beverages	Craft Sodas
F11	Pop-up Poutine	Poutine, loaded fries
F12	Kuks Tribute Cuisine, LLC	Rice, chicken
F13	Mia Cane	Sugarcane juice, Vietnamese Iced Coffee
F14	Dogs on the Curb	Gourmet Hot Dogs
F15	Bruster's	Ice Cream
F16	Catchin Fish Chips	Fish and chips, shrimp, chowder, wings
F17	OPEN	
F18	Dina Coladas	Tea, Lemonade, Mac

Additional vendors, exhibitors, attractions, and information are located in different areas around town. Scan the QR code below for more information.

Historic Medley District features the John Poole House and Old Town Hall Bank Museum.

WUMCO Health Fair at Poolesville Town Hall.

Information Booth located at Whalen Commons flagpoles.

First Aid at Poolesville Tire and Auto.

All Local Restaurants Are Open.

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and organizations that invest in our community and help make this celebration possible.

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Bretton Woods, Calleva, Don Hoffacker's AC & Heating, Inc., Fine Earth Landscape, Gail Lee Homes, Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Poolesville Scout Troop 496 and Troop 2027, Potomac Valley Surveys, LLC, The Guevara Group, Town of Poolesville, and Trippy Goat Distillery.

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Home Remodeling, Reworld Montgomery, Riverworks Art Center, and Shear Elegance of Poolesville.

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On behalf of the entire Poolesville Day Committee, thank you to everyone who volunteers, sponsors, participates, and attends. Your support is what makes this event a cherished community tradition year after year.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. for a day filled with fun, friendship, and community pride.

Warm regards,
Kevin Schramm
President, Poolesville Day Committee



ONLINE FESTIVAL
MAP



Open camera app, point at the QR code above, then click on yellow bar to open map

Find detailed location and information:

Detailed location and information for each vendor, entertainment location and schedules, car show information, food vendors, rides, ag display, shuttle bus, and parking information.

Poolesville Day 2026 Grand Marshal: John Speelman of Poolesville Hardware

This year’s grand marshal selection is John Speelman of Poolesville Hardware. The store is the longest-running retail business in town, and John still likes to get up each day and help keep it open seven days a week. John’s good nature and penchant for being extra helpful has resulted in endless stories by his customers expressing the joy of shopping there. Everyone has a “John story” about his extraordinary service.

His store is not just an iconic throwback to the days of the traditional local hardware store; the facility has a long history in Poolesville. The store occupies a part of what once was a sort of community building in Poolesville that, among other things, hosted dances.

You can still see some of the lights and steel ceiling tiles from the old hall in the attic. Speelman has had a career of commercial serving including a repair shop for cars for many years. He was also into hot rod racing. When he turned thirty-six, he said, it got harder to get underneath and inside

cars to do major repairs, and he began to think about other businesses he might like that would involve working with his hands and fixing things, two great loves of his.

In 1987, John talked with George Hillard, the owner of Poolesville Plumbing, about his dilemma. Hillard mentioned that the local owner of an insurance and hardware business, Bill Bliss, had just lost his brother. Hillard wondered whether a conversation with Bliss might be worthwhile, given Speelman’s love of mechanical things.

John did talk to Bliss, and an hour later, a deal was struck for John and two other friends, including one who owned Bethesda Lawn Equipment selling lawn mowers, to take over the store. Back then, Western Auto was the hardware store supplier.

After a time, it became clear that John’s two partners did not really want to spend the time running a hardware store. They left, and John said that he could tell selling mowers and lawn equipment was not a great strategy. He continued renting

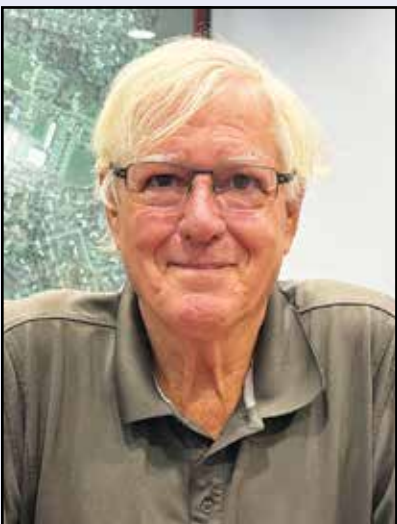
from Bliss and worked out a deal with Trustworthy Hardware to get his inventory.

John says that if he were to look for a business to go into that would potentially make lots of money, hardware would not be it. He loves fixing things and helping people get the things they need to help them make repairs. He says his background in mechanics has helped him run the store so that he can really help people buy what they need, and he can show them how to do the repairs.

John also said two local attorneys—Frank Wilson and Bill Roberts, both deceased—helped him along the way in setting up his business.

In 2014, John thought he might face some problems when Tractor Supply came to town, but it turned out that most of their focus—such as animal feed—did not compete with John, so he benefited from the traffic they generated.

John says he would not be able to survive if he did not have things to do which is why he is excited about



2026 Grand Marshal
John Speelman

bringing monster trucks and the Oscar Meyer Wiernemobile to Poolesville Day. He said the store has been a real lifesaver, giving him a purpose. His wife Zoellen understands his need for activity and has supported him throughout his life in hardware.

POOLESVILLE DAY 2026 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



Pictrola



Danceworx



CoMMotion



MyDance DC



Essence Studios at
Riverworks



Patrick Budd

WHALEN COMMONS MAIN STAGE

Headliner: Pictrola – 12:45 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Patrick Budd – 11:00 a.m.

CoMMotion Dance – 1:30 p.m.

Danceworx – 2:00 p.m.

MyDance DC – 2:45 p.m.

10:05 a.m. – Presentation of Memorial Wreath

Poolesville’s American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247

10:10 a.m. – National Anthem

JPMS Music Department

12:00 p.m. – Poms and Cheerleaders

Essence Studios at Riverworks

Welcoming and Opening by Town Commissioners

Locals Restaurant



Pocket Threes – 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Ray “Mr. Swiftie” Castro – 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ZUMBA – 2:00 p.m.

The Upcounty Roundabouts – 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Falcon Lane

(Dollar General lot)

DJ E&T – 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Poolesville Green

Driving an EV into a Charging Desert

By Richard Strock

Last summer, an old high school friend invited us to visit her at her home on Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia, Canada. Over the past couple of years, we have explored much of the U.S. with our electric vehicle (EV), driving from Poolesville to San Diego and back twice, and up and down both coasts. We have always felt comfortable doing this, and finding charging stations has never been a concern; however, this was the first time venturing outside the U.S., and Cape Breton Island is almost four thousand square miles of sparsely-populated beauty, bounded on the north and west by the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Northumberland Strait, and by the Atlantic Ocean to the east.

Our plan was to drive from Poolesville to Calais, Maine, cross the border into Canada, drive east through New Brunswick into Nova Scotia, then north onto Cape Breton Island and to the home of our host. Our return would take us to the southern tip of Nova Scotia, by ferry to Bar Harbor, Maine, then back to Poolesville.

We began researching charger availability along our intended routes to and from our destination, and on Cape Breton Island itself. We discovered there would be few high-speed (DC fast) charging stations along our planned route once we left New Brunswick and entered Nova Scotia. When travelling the U.S., we use Tesla's Supercharger network exclusively due to their charging speed, reliability, and accessibility, but the closest Tesla Supercharger station to our host's home was in Aulac, NB, 248 miles from our destination, pushing the practical range of our car.

On Cape Breton Island, we found few DC fast chargers, and no public chargers of any type within a twenty-three-mile driving distance of our host's home. Unlike Tesla's Supercharger stations, which frequently have eight or more charging stalls, other networks often have only one or two charging stalls, which could be in use upon arrival, or worse, inoperative, leaving us with few, if any, charging options.

We contacted our host in Nova Scotia and relayed our concerns. She confirmed there was a standard 120V outlet accessible from her driveway into which we could plug our charge cable. She also put us in touch with a neighbor who owns an EV. The neighbor was quite helpful, telling us of the charging stations she uses in her travels, what phone apps we should install to use various charging networks, and of newly-installed chargers that were not yet open, but that should be by the time of our trip.

In eastern Canada, Irving Oil Ltd offers DC fast at many of their locations. Irving Oil has facilities like those of Sheetz and Royal Farms. Some are co-located with Tesla Superchargers, but Irving is also expanding its own EV charging network.

NS Power is also expanding its DC fast charging network across Nova Scotia. Its chargers are controlled using the ChargeLab app, which we found quite user friendly, providing the address of chargers, maximum available power, charging cost, type of adapter, and charger status (available, in-use, or out of order).

Another provider of DC fast chargers in Canada is FLO. To use these chargers, one must install the FLO app, create an account, and fund the account before charging. We successfully charged twice at a DC fast charger at a restaurant/hotel during our stay.

Thanks to some research, detailed planning, and suggestions from the EV-owning neighbor, we had a wonderful five-day visit with our host who revealed in showing us around her beautiful island. We encountered no charging issues during our stay.

While visiting, we also discovered that Parks Canada has installed hundreds of Level 2 chargers at many of its national parks, and these are available at no cost to park visitors. When we visited Louisbourg Fortress, we plugged into one of the eight chargers in the visitor parking lot and received about a thirty percent charge increase during our 2½-hour visit.

For our return trip to Maryland, our host suggested driving the scenic southeast coast of Nova Scotia to Yarmouth where we would catch the ferry to Bar Harbor, Maine. Taking "The Cat," a 3½-hour ferry ride from Yarmouth to Bar Harbor was quite relaxing and enjoyable. After clearing U.S. customs in Bar Harbor, we opted to take the scenic route home through central Pennsylvania,

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Resident of Barnesville

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Tidbits

the top ten list for 2026-2027, according to annual rankings released Tuesday by *U.S. News & World Report*.

The Ump Is Blind!

Not really, just having some fun teasing JPMS Principal Jon Green, who loves to umpire baseball as a hobby. Sweet Lemon's Katie Horan traveled to Williamsport, Pennsylvania for a Little League tournament with her son, and guess who turned out to be the umpire: Yep, Principal Green!



Yeah, they're smiling now, but just wait until JPMS Principal Jon Green says: "You're out!"

New Mural for Bandstand at Whalen Commons



Scout Ava Shelburne (sixth from left) with many of those who assisted her with her Eagle Scout project.

Scout Ava Shelburne, a founding member of Scouting America Troop 2027 and a senior at Poolesville High School, chose painting a mural depicting town history for her Eagle project. She designed the mural, and planned and led the installation of the mural. She chose to create a mural because of her love of art, and a large-scale painting was right up her alley. After talks with the town's Parks and Streets Board, they settled on the bandshell at Whalen Commons to be the location. She knew it was important for the design to be centered around Poolesville's history and beauty. She ultimately incorporated the John Poole House, the Old Town Hall Bank Museum, and a farm framed with our popular sunflower fields. "I'd like to thank Mr. Preston King, who helped me through the full process, as well as my scout-master, Zoe Welsh, my family, and all of the people who participated in bringing my design to life."

You Can't Walk on It, but You Can Walk across It

White's Ford is a place at which, periodically throughout the year, people can cross the Potomac River. This natural phenomenon was the reason Lincoln needed a garrison of Union Troops in Poolesville. If the Rebels were to attack, they'd cross at White's Ford. Last month, the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) sponsored a walk across the river. It can be done but can be very dangerous if not done through a supervised group. The river can surprise, so if it's something you want to try, check with the PASC to find out when they will do it next.

Place your ad in the next issue of the *Monocle*.

Call Rande Davis at 301-509-9232

POOLESVILLE SENIORS FY27 ANNUAL MEETING

You're invited to join the Poolesville Seniors Board of Directors and support the mission that keeps older adults in our community active, and connected.



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026
1:00 - 3:00 P.M.



SPEER HALL

Poolesville Presbyterian Church
17800 Elgin Rd (109)

Montgomery
MAGAZINE

2025 WINNER
READERS' CHOICE

Montgomery
Magazine 2025
Winner Best Senior
Programming & Best
Senior Center

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

SECURING THE POTOMAC

Tuesday, September 15th, 7pm

Poolesville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary

NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

Wednesday, September 23rd and 30th, 7pm, Zoom

SEPTEMBER DANCE PARTY

Saturday, September 26th, 7pm

Gothic Barn at Linden Farm

COUNTRY ARTISAN TOURS

Friday, October 2nd, 4:30

Meet at Our Lady of the Presentation Church

WESTERN MD SCENIC RAILROAD TRIP

Thursday, October 15th, 8:30am

Meet at Our Lady of the Presentation Church

COOKIE DECORATING PARTY

Saturday, October 24th, 10am

Poolesville Presbyterian Church Speer Hall

Register at poolesvilleseniors.org



Stay Active!

Poolesville
Seniors!

The Battle for Barnesville: September 1862

Eyewitness Reports of Civil War Life in Our Area

By Jim Poole

Life under Union control became hard on Poolesville and area residents as can be seen in the first-hand reports of life in September 1862 that follow.

Since June of last year (1861) the people of Medley had borne the weight of martial law and all that it entails. The Union troops commandeered their farms for camps, with crops and livestock appropriated, and took control of their everyday life as to the use of the public roads by the Federal Army. Their mail was censored, and none could cross the river. Several had been arrested and carted off to Washington's "old Capital Prison." To top things off, Gorge W. Dawson, a district lawyer, was going around collecting names for future induction into the federal cause.

Earlier this spring (1862) the greater part of the army had moved on to deal with the Confederate Army elsewhere. Still, Medley was under

military rule which guarded along the river and canal. The Provost Marshal controlled the interior, making their presence known, especially since an election was gearing up to be held soon.

Then on the night of the third of September, life was about to become a lot more interesting. The Confederate artillery began shelling the Federal pickets at Edwards Ferry. Another battery placed their guns on Ball's Bluff and began shelling canal boats. This would cause the Federal pickets to withdraw towards Poolesville. By morning, the Confederate troops crossed into Maryland in preparation for its main force. Their cavalry quickly fanned out from Darnestown to Barnesville. The Confederate infantry was crossing at White's Ford.

On Friday, at about eleven o'clock, columns of infantry and artillery commenced to cross. They crossed into Maryland at three locations. Conrad's Ferry, Noland's Ferry, and White's Ford, the water being up to a man's waist. There was no resistance being offered at any of the crossings.

Federal troops sent out scouts to see what was going on. The 1st Mass.

Cavalry ran into a group at Conrad's Ferry and were attacked and chased back to Poolesville. The houses were closed and the streets blockaded by the citizens. The farmers fired upon our flying cavalry as they passed (this is a story for another time).

According to a newspaper report, a witness to the events reported:

"About dusk, General Lee rode into Poolesville at the head of four regiments of infantry and guided by a farmer, who has been professedly a Union man. Their infantry went off to the left toward Frederick. The rebel Generals Robert Lee, Hill, Stewart [sic: J.E.B. Stuart], and Fitzhugh Lee are with the men. Their wagon trains were crossing on Saturday and Sunday morning.

"The farmers are bringing in hay and provisions of all kinds and giving them away. There is not a loyal Union man, with one or two exceptions, there. The women received them with flags and other tokens of joy."

From the personal letters of the soldiers was written, "Many persons 'hailed our approach with demonstrations of unfeigned joy.' Farmers flocked to Poolesville with wagons

carrying forage, food and clothing. 'This was not half-starved Virginia—we can get here all that we want,' remarked one joyous Rebel."

Soon the locals began arriving with new garments. An observer witnessed tattered, soiled clothing in piles. "Certainly, there were several train carloads of it."

They found the shopkeepers opening their stores and willing to accept Confederate money at face value.

Meanwhile, when the Barnesville residents learned that the Confederate Army was crossing into Maryland, a large group went to the river to watch and cheer them on. The ladies were especially vocal, so much so that they brought several soldiers home to treat them to a home cooked meal.

Later, General Stuart, with his cavalry, passed through Barnesville. The ladies of the area made sure Gen. Wade Hampton, General Stuart, Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, and staff were all treated to a good square meal also.

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Fine Earth Landscape: Personalized Service Is the Foundation of Their Success

The firm prides itself on its topnotch maintenance department run by Joel's son, Jacob Hafner, and Mark Smith. Quality is their trademark, so they are not inexpensive, but they can boast of having nearly-one-hundred percent renewals every year.

The company does all the individual components of landscape management separately. Examples include front foundation plantings, screening of an area with evergreens, stone and paver patios and walkways, stone walls, and even sending out a crew for a few hours of horticultural specialized pruning.

While you might see their trucks up and down River Road every day as they do projects in the D.C.-Maryland-Virginia area, they really love working for their friends and neighbors around Poolesville.

Fine Earth is proud of their team of experienced designers. The lineup includes Ann Shruben (thirty-five years of experience), John McCarthy, Landscape Architect (twenty years), and Heather Armstrong and Melinda Boswell (both having fifteen years of experience).

It's not just the people in the lead that count, it's their field staff as well. They have a very low turnover rate within their one hundred employees, many who have been at Fine Earth from ten to twenty years.

Sticking to what makes one great is important for success. When Bernie first started Fine Earth, its first flyer advertised excellent personalized service, and they still work every day to keep that promise. One way they do that is to have a single point of contact for each customer. Bernie likes to point out that when a customer calls Fine Earth, the caller talks with one experienced person before they sign up, during the full project, and even after the project is completed, so the clients never have to wonder whom they should contact for any questions. Of course, being a team, they often bounce ideas off one another in full collaboration with their support staff.

It's not just in operating one of the most successful, long-lasting companies in the area, but perhaps even more importantly, it is the community spirit exemplified by both Bernie and his wife Kathy. When they moved to Poolesville in 1984, they did not realize just how wonderful the Town of Poolesville would be for their family. They have given back big time. In the old days, you could readily find Bernie helping with local soccer teams. Wife Kathy was one of the key organizers of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce and Monocacy Lions Club's annual 5K race on Poolesville Day. They love to sponsor and support local events and causes: Poolesville Day, WUMCO, Friday on the Commons, Helping Hands Poolesville-Rebuilding Together (starting when it was called Christmas in April), Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, and Riverworks. Bernie has been on the Poolesville Day Committee for many years, primarily leading the group's essential sponsorship program.

Over these past five decades, many other landscape firms have sold to private equity landscapers. Fine Earth has always refused that opportunity, and they remain dedicated to being independent. "We do not want to be in the position of some higher up financial 'wizard' telling us that we are paying our bills too quickly or that we shouldn't be doing this or that for the client because it's beyond warranty."

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The Battle for Barnesville: September 1862

Col. Thomas Munford, who oversaw the rear guard, seeing the excitement of the gathering crowd, called his color-bearer and said, "Give the ladies the flag to wave," which he did. The flag was of the 9th Virginia Cavalry.

Munford later left a cavalry company in Barnesville to keep an eye on the advancing Federals. The Confederates set up a camp in a grove near the village behind the dwelling house where Mrs. Clifton Brown was under the command of Captain Walker and Lieutenants Williams and Tyson. All the kids would go to their camp where they were greeted cordially and offered them the best they had, which was hard tack, crackers packed for the army and more likely captured from the Yankees. They were so hard, a bullet could not break them.

These soldiers, feeling somewhat exposed, fixed a make-believe cannon and placed it on the Poolesville Road between the two houses standing on opposite corners to the entrance of the village (one owned by the Massions and Mrs. Reid). It was made of an old wagon gear with a log laid across the axle to give pause to any advance.

While they were there, the residents were told to move into the cellars, which they did, by placing a carpet on the dirt floor and laying their beds on it. There we slept on for several nights. One morning, they got up in the Confederate lines, and before night, our

Barnesville changed hands five times, leaving us in the same hands.

The Yankees had a small force (advance guard) and not enough to hold the town. The next day the Yankees came in force. Seeing the odds, Lieutenant Williams ordered his seventeen men to retreat towards Sugarloaf Mountain to prevent the town from further damage. He took Harris Road. About a mile from the village, Lieutenant Williams ordered his eighteen men and formed into a line of battle. He was facing a whole brigade, but still they stood to give battle. Needlessly, he was killed along with one other. The other seventeen surrendered, four of whom were wounded.

This report comes from Mary Poole Hays Jones's remembrances of her childhood during the Civil War.

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PHS Varsity Home Game

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September 23

PHS Varsity Home Game

Flag football vs. Seneca Valley at 7:00 p.m.

September 24

PACC Network Event:
Happy Hour at Bassett's

Open free to PACC members. Light refreshments. Cash bar. 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

September 25

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football vs. Centennial at 6:30 p.m.

September 26

Community Fall Yard Sale

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Riverworks Outdoor Concert

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September 28

PHS Varsity Home Games

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Girls' soccer vs. Clarksburg at 5:30 p.m.

September 29

Maggie Nightingale Library
Special Event

The library proudly unveils a new portrait of Maggie Nightingale. All are welcome to attend in honoring this grand woman. 5:30 p.m.

September 30

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October 1

Riverworks Dinner for the Arts

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Remembrances

Norman Edward Mease

Norman Edward Mease, 89, of Boyds, passed peacefully on the family farm on August 22, 2026. He was a loving son, brother, father, grandfather, and community member.

Norman graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and retired from the National Institutes of Standards and Technology (NIST) in 1992.

He had great appreciation for his farm and community. He and his family raised black angus cattle, chickens, hay, and a large vegetable garden. He completely built the wood-heated family farmhouse himself. Throughout his life, he promoted conservation and was a board member of Friends of Ten Mile Creek. As a community leader, he was involved in authoring an early version of the Clarksburg Master Plan. He completed the headstone refurbishment and relocation of the Clark Family Cemetery in Clarksburg.

Norman was preceded in death by his wife, Anna, and oldest son, Michael. His children, Mary and William, and granddaughters, Rachel and Olivia, will remember Norman as an honorable, giving, and loving man.

A celebration of life will be held on October 3 at the farm from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Norman Edward Mease

Bruce J. Norton

Bruce J. Norton, husband of Taunya Norton, died August 10, 2026, in Germantown, after battling heart disease and cancer.

Bruce was the father of six children who survived him: DeAnne (Scott) Larsen, Riley (Sarah) Norton, Nicole Norton, Jason (Rebekah) Norton, Kaycee (David) Sirstins, and Guy Norton. He was also a loving grandfather to ten grandchildren.

Bruce was born on September 24, 1954, in Provo, Utah, to Guy and Enid Norton, who preceded him in death. He was the second of four children and is survived by his siblings, LaMar Norton, Wrenetta Mitchell, and Gayle Norton.

He graduated from Springville High School in Utah in 1972. After graduation, he attended business college and then worked at Nebo School District as a head custodian and president of the Nebo School District Classified. He also joined the Springville Police Department and was the corporal over the Reserve Officers.

Bruce and Taunya were married for time and all eternity in Utah and later moved to Maryland where they raised their children.

Bruce built a cleaning and handyman business as an independent contractor in a retirement community. He worked with many beloved clients who became friends.

Bruce was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served in many capacities in the church but loved working with the scouts and helping with youth camps.

Bruce's cooking was legendary; he catered events, taught his children how to cook, and made special treats for his grandchildren. He loved to watch movies until he could quote his favorite lines. Bruce was also an amateur photographer. He loved taking photos of wildlife and his children playing sports.

He was a storyteller at heart and entertained his family, friends, and clients with tales of his life and the lessons he learned.

He left a lasting memory of love and inclusion with his family and friends that will never be forgotten.



Bruce J. Norton



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It's Official! The New PHS Is Open!

twelve schooling in Montgomery County. Although he graduated over thirty years ago, he stated that when he first came to Poolesville as a high school athlete to compete, it was apparent, even then, that it was in need of renovation and replacement.

Dr. Taylor praised all the many participants who shared in this remarkable journey.

His first praise went to the high school staff. He acknowledged them professionally for how much difficulty they endured throughout the entire process. "To build on site and still operate a school is a remarkable achievement and will open the door for generations of students who will pass through the halls of Poolesville High School, bringing great things to the county, to the country, and in the world because of the instructors that are in it and the students that attend here."

In expanding on his recognition of the collaboration of the many people involved, he gave special recognition to the county council and state delegation. "Thank you for having the vision to support critical projects, not just at Poolesville High School, but projects like this throughout the county by recognizing the need to invest in our community by investing in our children."

Dr. Taylor also thanked Poolesville's local leaders on the Town of Poolesville Commission and the Fair Access Committee, who have been "strong advocates, not just for Poolesville, but education overall for Montgomery County and giving the town a special place in this county."

He closed with sincere congratulations to Principal Carothers, the longest serving principal in the county. He added that Mr. Carothers was recently named by the Maryland Association Student Councils as principal of the year, an honor that was made more special since the honor was made by students in the county.

Taylor thanked Mr. Carothers for being such a dynamic leader. "He is a difference-maker and someone the county relies on to help train our future educational leaders."

SGA president, Bo-Yuan Liang, thanked Mr. Carothers for his past eight years as principal for leading with "kindness and his unwavering commitment to

students. What makes him so special is his ability to truly understand and connect with students, building relationships that leave lasting impacts long after the students leave PHS. He celebrates our successes, supports us through challenges, and helps make Poolesville a place that truly feels like a community." On a personal note, he said he is "incredibly grateful for Mr. Carothers's support, encouragement, and trust that he places in students like me every day."

In his remarks, Principal Carothers acknowledged how humbled he was to be standing before the attendees on this occasion. In preparing his remarks for the day, his thoughts had kept coming back to one word: gratitude.

"As trying as this process was at times, I am not only grateful it is finally completed but also for all of you, the people who made this happen, and for supporting our students."

To his dedicated teaching staff, Carothers said, "I know I stretched the definition of short-term with my mantra that short-term inconvenience leads to long-term gain; however, you (the staff) remained flexible throughout, you served our students and our future, and I am in awe of your commitment to reaching and teaching our kids despite the complications of the process."

To the students, he said, "Thank you, Falcons, for your patience and dedication to your future as well. Thank you for always flying high despite the difficulties of the surrounding physical environment."

His gratitude included Poolesville's local leaders. "Thank you to our incredibly supportive, passionate, and powerful local community and elected officials, specifically our town commissioners and Fair Access Committee. Your advocacy played a big part in this moment. You were and are a champion for PHS and, because of you, I will always be a champion for Poolesville and western Montgomery County."

He added to these appreciative observations by thanking all the parents, and especially the local PTA leaders. "Each of the four current and past PTA presidents who served as partners throughout the process, testifies just how long the process was. I am grateful for the parents and parent-leaders' support, personally, professionally, and even, at times, emotionally."

Finally, Mr. Carothers was grateful and honored that during his tenure of leadership, the school was able to dedicate athletic facilities to two of

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Scoutmaster Jon Kasner: Over Eighteen Years of Legendary Service

In 2024, Jon was recognized by Seneca District with a Seneca Outstanding Unit Scouter Award (SOUSA) for his hours of service and commitment to the troop.

During the retirement celebration, Committee Chair Barbara Brookmeyer emceed a host of speakers who acknowledged Jon's service to the troop. There were former Eagle Scouts, led by Joseph Garrison, who presented Mr. Kasner with a memento book of the Eagle Scouts he has worked with over the years. Ben Schneider, Senior Patrol Leader, gave remarks on Jon's service and his own experiences in the troop. Town of Poolesville Commissioner Ed Reed spoke about Mr. Kasner and presented him with a proclamation from the town.

Several Eagle Scouts then presented Mr. Kasner with a retired flag and frame. In Jon's address to the audience, he stated these encouraging words, "Keep in mind, we would not ask you to do something that you are not capable of doing. Take advantage of the opportunity to take on the challenge. Even if you don't succeed the first several times you attempt something, you will learn something; and try again, you will eventually succeed. It is easy to just give up and state that you can't, but you will waste an opportunity to see what you are capable of."

Jon Kasner is a man acknowledged to have served the troop with heart, dedication, and a whole lot of patience.

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It's Official! The New PHS Is Open!

Poolesville's legendary giants, Howard Lyles and Fred Swick. "Their names being attached to the renewed PHS ensures that these individuals from school history are also part of this new chapter in education."

In closing, Mr. Carothers spoke of his pride in the design of the facility. "There were two themes that were the focus in the building of the new school: Flexibility and Community. We wanted to make sure all our spaces can be used in a variety of ways and there would be plenty of spaces to bring together our geographically- and personally-diverse student community."

The Monty Winner for August

Ruth Gau, from Buckingham's Choice, was the winner of the August Find Monty contest. For the \$100 gift certificate, she chose Bassett's Restaurant.

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We are very much looking forward to seeing you at our Poolesville Veterinary Clinic booth just in front of BB&T Bank on Fisher Avenue. We will have good conversation and free samples to share with visitors on Poolesville Day.

Until then, here are some things to think about: You may be wondering about the title of this article. It is designed to have you think about whether or not you want to bring your furry child to the big day.

There is always a desire to show off your friends—and we totally get that—but there are so many humans from out of town who will decide to bring their hairy companions, and personality conflicts may occur. It is also possible that we are going to have a very warm day. This makes it harder for your fur-coat-wearing friends to cool themselves. Remember that they only cool themselves through transpiration from the tongue. The warmer the air, the harder it is to cool off.

The asphalt is black and absorbs a lot of the sun's energy. This translates into heat, and that heat transfers directly into your bare-footed friend's feet. Pad burns and blisters are very common. Now you know we will have all the excellent food vendors that call Poolesville home for the day.

A lot of great dishes spill onto the ground, creating perfect opportunities for your pet to grab a quick bite. Unfortunately, that is also a great opportunity to get gastritis, pancreatitis, or worse. Corn cobs are a common gastrointestinal obstructing object. Tastes great going down but has a tendency to get stuck in the small intestine during the exit. Surgery becomes the only way to correct the blockage.

Small humans (aka children) are very popular creatures to bring to Poolesville Day. They are very excited and very enthusiastic about the entire event. Their caution buttons are put in the off mode, and they tend to touch, poke, pat, bonk, pull, or yank first and think about the consequences later. For your furry child, this can lead to much unhappiness and sometimes conflict.

My advice for this article is to leave you fur-coat-wearing companions at home in the cool air conditioning, where they have access to water and a comfortable, cozy place to snooze until you arrive home with great smells from Poolesville Day for them to enjoy from the safety of their own home.



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