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The special celebration at the Warren Historic Site was graced by the beautiful singing voice of Lionel Owens. There are more pictures of this special event in Family Album on page 2.



UMCVFD firefighter Jeffery Eck serves the community in so many ways. Read more in Tribute on page 4.



These are just a few pieces of the puzzle. A sharp eye solved the riddle. Find out more in Tidbits on page 6.



The beloved public leader, Jean Roesser, here with her daughter, passed away this month. Her remembrance is on page 19.

Fireworks Cause for Concern and Confusion

By Jack Toomey

When Jennifer Soumah arrived at her parents' house in Poolesville on Friday night, the last thing that she had anticipated was that she would be involved in a forty-hour search for her parents' dog.

Jennifer left for the homecoming football game at nearby Poolesville High School. Unexpectedly, just minutes into the third quarter, a minute-long fusillade of professional grade fireworks exploded from several sides of the stadium. This unauthorized fireworks display has become a sort of a tradition, and neighbors said that this was the third year that it has happened. The explosions could be heard all over the town and, coming on the heels of the mass shooting in Las Vegas, some mistook the fireworks for gunfire. Embers from the shells could be seen landing on the roofs of people's homes and in brush.

Facebook immediately lit up with questions, complaints, and even compliments. Since the detonation spots were so close to homes, people expressed the fear that the dry conditions could cause a fire. A short video

clip posted online showed the fireworks coming from both sides of the field. One resident of the townhouses near the town water tower said, "It sounded like professional fireworks being shot off in my backyard." Other residents reported that since it was relatively early on a warm fall evening, children were still outside playing and the noise frightened them. The biggest complaint was the effect that the noise had on pets. One resident reported that she thought her dog had suffered a heart attack.

Rose Griffith, Jennifer's mother, was outside her Anita Court house when the explosions began. Her dog, a four-year-old Australian shepherd mix named Darby, bolted away from her and took off running towards the center of town. When Jennifer arrived home she posted an alert on the Poolesville Community Facebook group and an all-night search began for the dog. The dog was missing all day Saturday although there were sightings near the Poolesville Golf Course. At one point, there were fifteen people actively looking for the dog by either driving around or walking and



The shock of unannounced fireworks at the PHS Homecoming football game caused this sweet dog, Darby, to run scared for nearly three days. Rose Griffith is happy to have the little fellow back, safe and sound.

peering in backyards. Scores of others were watching for the dog as they went about their weekend activities.

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A Proud Community Celebrates A New Beginning

By Rande Davis

On October 7, Montgomery County residents were joined by government and elected officials, and historical and preservation organizations in the joy of the congregants and residents of the Warren Historic Site to celebrate the beginning of a process to restore and preserve an iconic building in local history, the Warren Loving Charity Lodge. Built in 1914 to serve the health and burial needs of the local African American community, the lodge became an essential facility offering educational, cultural, and entertainment services such as plays, dances, lectures, and community dinners. It became the home of the Loving Charity Society, a place fully worthy of its name.

The Warren Historic Site, located at the corner of White's Ferry and Martinsburg Roads, was the venue for the celebration of the African American community that originated after the Civil War. A thriving and dynamic community, consisting of previously-freed residents and former slaves, included up to thirty or forty homes with the nucleus of the hamlet being its church, the Warren Methodist Episcopal Church. The nineteenth-century village had its own post office, store, and blacksmith shop, as well as the Martinsburg Negro School, a single-room schoolhouse for grades

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State and local officials joined in the ceremony to begin the restoration of Loving Charity Lodge.

Family Album



Break time during Ride for the Reserve fundraiser.



A little rain didn't dampen the spirits of these energetic women, riding to help the good cause of the Agricultural Reserve.



Friends Nettie La Masters, Ruth Brown (right), and Sheri Dorsey (back) with hundred-year-old former Warren Negro School teacher Nina Clark.



Jeff Feit's (third from left) Torchlight Productions featured local singer/songwriters at its free concert at Whalen Commons.



Families enjoyed the fresh air, the good cause, and the pure fun of the Ride for the Reserve Fall Farm Bike Tour to benefit Montgomery Countryside Alliance.



County Executive Ike Leggett came to Dickerson to give special honor and awareness to the restoration of Loving Charity Lodge.



Town of Poolesville employees. How many can you name? See answer on page 11.



These motorcycle enthusiasts lined up at Watershed Café for the first-ever Poolesville Breakfast and Bikes.

Town Government Town Commissioners Discuss "Blight" In Town's Central Business District

By Link Hoewing

Continuing a dialog they have had in previous meetings, the commissioners heard a report at their Monday, October 16 meeting from Town Attorney Jay Gullo regarding policies or programs the town might consider to help combat what some town officials feel are "blighted" structures in the center of town.

Before launching into that discussion, however, the commissioners heard a request for a grant submitted by George Virkus, the manager of local restaurant Bassett's, and local artist Karen Kouneski to fund the painting of a mural on the side of Bassett's. Kouneski painted a series of notable local buildings at the front of the town hall's hearing room a few years ago. Under the grant request, totaling \$1000, Kouneski requested the town provide support to help defray the costs of the materials (paint, brushes, and so on) needed to paint four murals on the side of Bassett's that faces on Elgin Road. Currently, the restaurant has some planters and decorative molding on that side of its building.

In supporting the request, Virkus said that the effort was in part to help beautify the downtown area. The four proposed murals would be based on scenes from around Poolesville including such things as White's Ferry, the sunflowers blooming at the McKee-Beshers Wildlife Management Area, and Sugarloaf Mountain. Virkus also said he hoped the mural would serve as an inspiration for other business owners in the town.

While the four commissioners as a whole (Commissioner Chuck Stump was absent) were supportive of the concept, they all clearly had reservations about providing funds to a private business to help beautify its own premises. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, in particular, said the owner of the building where the restaurant is located should be willing to make improvements, like the proposed murals, on her own. He remarked that the landlord who owns the restaurant building and the building next door (the Frederick Poole House) is trying to sell the property and should be willing to put some of her own money into sprucing up both

properties. He said he could not support the proposed grant.

The other three commissioners also had reservations about a large grant but recognized that other towns do promote artwork and murals in their downtown areas. They also praised the work of Mrs. Kouneski and suggested a scaled-down grant of \$250 to help provide seed money for the project. The proposal was agreed to by a three-to-one vote with Commissioner Klobukowski voting against it.

Town Attorney Jay Gullo next provided a report on policies or programs the town might use or adopt to help eliminate what some have termed "blight" in the downtown business district. He added that he has represented other towns in Maryland, a number of which had also asked to have recommendations on how to combat blighted buildings.

Gullo specified that in discussing this issue, terminology is important. "Beauty can be in the eye of the beholder," he said and buildings that are "unsightly" or "run down" are not the same as "blighted buildings" which generally refers to structures that are not deemed inhabitable, often due to significant structural failures. In many cases, he said, commercial properties that appear unkempt but are habitable do bring in considerable revenue to property owners. Tenants in the buildings may also be satisfied with the properties. What is "unsightly" is in this sense really about aesthetics or how a building appears to others. Ideas about aesthetics can vary widely, Gullo said.

Some towns do have historic districts that enforce aesthetics and maintenance, but these districts are voluntary in nature. Without such voluntary agreements, a town must consider a combination of "sticks and carrots" in order to try and push landowners to fix up unsightly buildings. He also made it clear that, except in some very large cities which focus on truly blighted areas, it is very difficult to try and press landowners to make investments in their properties that they are not interested in making.

One obvious route the town could take, Gullo said, is to use the town's ability to enforce its building codes in order to press landowners to make repairs, but these codes are based on health and safety, and unless the town can point to obvious impacts on safety due to a building's condition, such enforcement actions would have minimal impact. He also pointed out that increased enforcement would mean the town would need to spend more money for inspections and such things

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Commentary

A Peeve and a Concern

By John Clayton

I am tired of Virginia elections. We must find a way to compel them to hold their elections when everyone else does—or at least at the same time as Maryland. You can't watch television or read the newspaper without some candidate (mostly for governor) going on about how awful his opponent is and why he is the best answer for Virginia. It's not that the ads are any worse than Maryland political ads, although they might be, but it's that they run non-stop and there are no non-Virginia ads to dilute the impact. I get tired of it with every election season.

Furthermore, I realize that the violence and depravations of the MS-13 gangs in our area are a horrific problem, and I don't mean to make light of them, but after listening to one candidate, I had no idea what a problem it was in the Commonwealth. Apparently, they are running wild, committing unspeakable atrocities, and it's totally his opponent's fault, either for something he's done, or something he didn't do, or something he might do if given half a chance. I'm not totally clear on that, as the ads are a bit shrill, but make no doubt about it, they're everywhere. This makes me worry even more about building an additional crossing over the Potomac River into Montgomery County which would just be one more way for Virginia's surplus of MS-13 gangbangers to spill into our area. In fact, it not only bolsters my objection to a new bridge, I am seriously considering whether we should shut down the other bridges into our immediate area. If MS-13 wants to come in, make them cross into the District or Frederick County, but not here. If you want to enter Montgomery County from Virginia, you'll just have to take White's Ferry, at least until they clean up their gang situation.

There is, however, another issue I am more concerned about, particularly as the present administration in Washington (you know who they are) is determined to remove or weaken as

many environmental regulations as it can. We all know that living is messy and, individually, we pollute the world around us every moment, and when there are lots of people around, 323 million in the U.S. and some 7.6 billion on the planet, and we all want electricity and cheap automobiles and expensive smartphones, we're going to make a mess. The challenge is mitigating and minimizing that mess. We use the experience and the best science available to keep trying to produce more and pollute less, right? Not necessarily.

While our present government tries to reverse environmental protections for air, water, and what have you, it also wants to open more wilderness areas for development, mine and burn more coal rather than less coal, and reduce the emphasis on subsidizing the development of alternative renewable energy sources, unlike our rivals in China. This administration is also clearly listening to our scientific advisors less rather than more, particularly as it applies to energy development, pollution, and its impact on global warming. The net effect of all of this will be more pollution of the air and water. Acidification of the atmosphere and of rain will increase, which is hazardous for many forms of life, and the acidification of the oceans will increase, which affects sea life, coral reef survival, and other things we take for granted.

I understand that this makes it easier for many industries to make money, and the toleration for such problems is directly related to the opportunity to be more profitable. A conscious decision has been made that we could, or perhaps should, be living with a more polluted environment without harm. So what is the tipping point? Perhaps it's okay for pollution to affect people who live in vulnerable areas and have more direct contact with the pollutants we produce, but as long as it doesn't noticeably affect those in power, it's not a problem. When does it become too much? What do we do when we pass that threshold? What do we do when everyone's children are being adversely affected by our carelessness? What do we do when we have to admit the scientists were right?

Tribute

Volunteer Extraordinaire: Jeffery Eck

By Susan Petro

The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) is a familiar sight to those traversing the intersection of Routes 28 and 109 in Beallsville. The department serves the residents of Poolesville, Dickerson, Beallsville, Barnesville, and other communities in the Upcounty. A group of highly-trained personnel, both volunteer and career, staff the firehouse around the clock, including longtime volunteer firefighter, Jeffery Eck.

As a member of the UMCVFD fire department since 1994, Eck wears several hats, including that of a Firefighter II, EMT, CPR instructor, board member, and events coordinator. To become a firefighter or EMT for Montgomery County, all recruits, whether career or volunteer, must complete rigorous training at the Fire and Rescue Training Academy, which is now located on Snouffer School Road in Montgomery Village. Although Eck was the oldest recruit in his class of 1994,

he won the Chief Marvin Gibbons Award for Academic Excellence.

Eck first began his career in firefighting many years ago when he moved from California to Connecticut. His neighbor came over and said, "Welcome to the neighborhood and would you like to join the fire department?" Although he had no idea what being a volunteer firefighter was all about, he and another neighbor signed up. "Back then, training was kind of slim," said Eck. He spent the next nine years serving at that department before moving to St. Louis where he took a hiatus from firefighting because there were no volunteer opportunities nearby as all of the fire departments relied on paid firefighters.

Today, Eck has been trained and certified in different areas including fire training, EMT (Emergency Medical Technician), CPR instructor, and refreshes each year for confined space rescue, hazardous materials, trench collapse, and more recently, TECC, Tactical Emergency Casualty Care training. Additionally, firefighters and EMTs are trained to work with special needs children and adults, the elderly, and have cultural training to understand how to approach a diverse population of residents. "The Montgomery County Fire Department, in

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DIY Network's "The TreeHouse Guys" Comes to Dickerson

By Rande Davis

Joy and Tom McCartin share an imaginative and entrepreneurial spirit and, as the owners of Beallsville's Old Oaks Estate with its forested and park-like setting, it was natural for them to decide to open their home with its seventeen-acre grounds for weddings, anniversary celebrations, corporate parties, and other festive events.

The McCartins bought the property in December 1997 and subsequently added a conservatory to the house, enhancing the grounds with a large gazebo with a waterfall, dry stream bed, bridge, and gardens. A cobblestone walkway leads from the patio outside of the conservatory to the large fountain and gazebo, making it a breathtaking entrance for brides and their parties. There are lovely vignettes located throughout the property, and an intriguing private forest to explore. The rustic carriage house includes bar, freezer, refrigerator, and tables and chairs for the guests' enjoyment.

Still they felt something more was needed to make their wedding venue unique and had been mulling ideas for a few years, but it wasn't until they

were watching the DIY Network's "The Treehouse Guys" that they found the missing ingredient to their plans and goals. Their first attempts to make contact with the producers were not productive, but then, after one last attempt, James "B'fer" Roth, one of the TreeHouse guys, contacted them about their plan.

Late this past spring, after a two-day visit from the TreeHouse guys and after discussing design ideas and having B'fer accept Joy's suggestion for what she considered the most desirable trees to use, an agreement to move forward was reached.

The tree house will have electricity to power its utilities which will consist of heat, a portable air conditioner, kitchenette appliances like Keurig coffeemaker, stove, refrigerator, microwave, etc. The house will have a vanity with hot and cold running water supplied by a small tank with a composting toilet which looks and operates like a regular toilet. Tom McCartin's daughter Cynthia Corcoran is designing the décor. Honeymoon couples will receive champagne and chocolates to share on their first stay.

James "B'fer" Roth and Chris "Ka-V" Haake and their crew of TreeHouse Guys travel the country to create amazing custom treehouses for families, communities, nature lovers, and dreamers.

Tree house designer Roth says that when he realized his passion for

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A special guesthouse from DIY Network's "The TreeHouse Guys". Jake Jacobs, owners Tom and Joy McCartin, TV show star Ka-V (Chris) Haake, and workers Jody and Clint.

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Tidbits

Real Life Jigsaw Puzzle Solved

Claire Howard, one of our area's most talented painters, had an unusual artifact lying around their farm but didn't really take too much interest in it as it appeared to be a broken, unidentifiable piece of history at the location. Then Poolesville's Mary Bernardo spotted the item and began to put two and two together, or perhaps more appropriately, she put the missing pieces together. The item on the farm turned out to be the other half of the missing gravestone marker that is located at the cemetery at the Thrift Shop on West Willard Road. As it turned out, Mary was walking through the beautiful memorial near the Blue Hearth during Poolesville Day and spotted the grave marker with her sharp eye and remembered seeing another similar gravestone marker outside Howard's barn door and recognized the name carved into it and realized it was the other half of the same gravestone. The person named on the gravestone is Mary E. Cooley, a young mother in her twenties who died in 1845. I don't know about you, but, if I were to get involved in some kind of jigsaw puzzle competition, I would want Mary on my team!



Ah, the missing piece! This part of the gravestone completes the mystery name and identifies the marker for Mary E. Cooley, a young mother deceased in 1845.

And the Winner of the 2017 Royce Hanson Award Is...

Each year, Montgomery Countryside Alliance bestows the Royce Hanson Award in recognition of outstanding commitment toward the protection of Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. The award is named after its first recipient, Dr. Royce Hanson, former Chair of the Montgomery County Planning Commission and original architect of the Ag Reserve.

MCA has announced this year that they will be honoring Dickerson's Scott family, working and protecting the rural land in Montgomery County. The family has 265 acres of reserve land protected forever under farm easement. This season they are working 1,500 acres. David Scott, Jr. is one of the stars of MCA's *Growing Legacy* film.



2017 Royce Hansen awardees, David Scott, Jr. and Sr., with their combine.

David told MCA, "I love to farm because each day there is something different to get done. From planting and fertilizing to harvest, it's something new each day. My grandfather used to say you only get about fifty chances to grow a crop in your lifetime, make the most of every one."

The celebration will be at the BlackRock Center for the Arts on October 22 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church to "Rise against Hunger"

Poolesville Baptist Church (PBC) will be hosting a very special event on October 28 as part of a vision to mitigate the problems of world hunger in an initiative called "Rise against Hunger."

Their mission is to end hunger by providing food and life-changing aid on a global basis. Rise against Hunger understands its work is more than just ending hunger by expanding its hunger-fighting program beyond meal packaging and distribution.

RAH's approach, like the one at Poolesville Baptist, will produce and package millions of meals to feed people facing severe issues of hunger on a regular basis as well as due to natural disasters from droughts to floods, in conflict zones, and in transitioning political situations. When everyday access to food, wages, and market systems are destroyed in the wake of emergencies, Rise against Hunger works through a network of in-country partners to address these needs. They strive to ensure aid is efficiently and effectively deployed to and received by communities when it is needed most.

PBC's meal packaging event will begin on October 28 at 17750 West Willard Road with setup at 9:00 a.m. and packaging commencing at 10:00 a.m. Within just two to three hours, they plan to package 10,000 healthy, wholesome meals.

First Ever Poolesville Bikes and Breakfast

Jim Brown was at Whalen Commons early one Sunday morning to greet the nearly forty motorcycle enthusiasts to join in a newly-created Bikes and Breakfast event for Poolesville. There are similar groups in other states, including a few outside the United States. The riders plan to get together for breakfast around 9:00 a.m. the first and third Sunday of each month at Watershed Café, share stories, inquire about each other's bikes, and just have great fellowship before heading out on the road around 11:00 a.m. Suggestions have already come in, however, for the bikers to curb their enthusiasm a bit on the way out of town as a few decided to rev up their engines in a thunderous burst appropriate, one supposes, for Rolling Thunder but not so much for Poolesville. The window rattling noise caused quite a rumble for the normally-peaceful town on a Sunday morning.



Have Motorcycle, Will Travel? Contact Jim Brown (center) if you want to join in their twice-monthly Sunday morning motorcycle road club featuring breakfast at Watershed Café.

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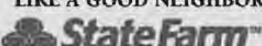
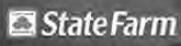
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Business Briefs

Look What's Happening at Watershed Café

Congratulations to Ben Ritter for taking the next big steps for his popular new restaurant in Poolesville, The Watershed café: Beer and wine have been added to the menu, and dinner is now being served during expanded dining hours from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. from Thursday to Saturday.



Ben Ritter of Watershed Café has recently expanded operation hours for dinner on Thursday through Saturday and has also been licensed for beer and wine.

The restaurant has received widespread public approval, and these new changes follow Ritter's original plan of careful advances, making sure to keep to his mission of quality, fresh, and locally-supplied fare. He and his wife, Cara, even bought a pig from one of the 4-Hers from Poolesville High School. Of course, breakfast is his favorite part of the day with their barista offering fresh coffee from La Columba, a socially-concerned company.

This is a great time to stop by, satisfy the foodie in you, and purchase tickets to Markoff's Haunted Forest. Ben, a music-loving former farmer, also worked at Calleva for a time.

Poolesville Fine Framing

Didier Devynck, proprietor of Poolesville Fine Framing, has been busy completing the layout of his specialty shop that opened on Memorial Day. He's wasted no time getting involved in the community by helping the town with frames for the 150th anniversary photo sale to benefit Historic Medley and also framing a Civil War rendering of downtown Poolesville by local historian Jim Poole for its local museum in the Old Town Hall Bank Museum. Open on weekends, you may want to stop in for your decorating and holiday gift framing needs.



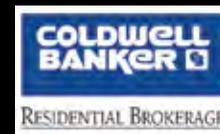
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Yeas and Neighs

Another Way to Have Fun Playing the Field

By Andie Devynck

Is it Poolesville...or Polo-ville? Apparently, the town is not just Montgomery County's but the entire D.C.-metropolitan area's Mecca for Polo. Why? Because there are five—yes, five!—polo clubs in Poolesville alone. Who knew?

Wayne and Kate Briere know. They're the husband and wife team that runs the Seneca Polo Club (SPC), now in its second year of operation. Wayne and Kate describe the

Sport of Kings as spectacular, exciting, and colorful. "To play polo is a thrill that can grow into an addiction," says Kate. "This area has been a hub for polo since the 1970s when Big Joe Muldoon moved the first club, Potomac Polo, from Travillah Road to Hughes Road, now the location of Congressional Polo."

Wayne and Kate describe SPC's mission as one of "growing the sport of polo in the Washington, D.C. area by running a polo school for all ages, hosting low-goal tournaments for local players, connecting with other local clubs, and maintaining a family-friendly environment." Their motto is: Seneca Polo Club: a welcoming, fun, and safe place to learn and play polo.

The Brieres' facility, which is located right behind Bascule Farm on White's Ferry Road, features a regulation-sized outdoor arena, a twelve-stall barn for boarders, well-tended pastures, and a hitting cage. "Our horses and the perfect footing in the arena are what make our club great," says Briere. Wayne has been teaching and playing polo for forty-five years, in Connecticut (Shallowbrook), Chicago (Naperville and Oakbrook), and Florida (West Palm Beach). He came to Maryland in 1984 to teach at Potomac Polo. His wife Kate grew up with horses in Somerset, England and helps to exercise the ponies and groom for games, as well as running things behind the scenes.

"Running a polo club is a lot of work," says Kate, "but a good life, and we are very grateful to be living where we do and to have such a beautiful place to take care of." The Brieres also consider themselves very lucky to have the United States Polo Association (USPA) instructor and club development expert Jenny



Seneca Polo Club

Schwartz. Jenny organized and ran the three-day Youth Arena Summer Camp which attracts many young polo enthusiasts from all along the East Coast.

Wayne and Kate are now focused primarily on their polo school and are currently putting together middle and high school teams this fall with a goal of competing in interscholastic tournaments. They are in search of students who want to learn the basics of hitting and the game's rules before the new season which begins in mid-April. They are looking for a dedicated group that will come to practice polo after school and also ride on a Saturday morning. The team will have opportunities to travel to nearby games, and they plan to invite those teams to compete at Seneca as well.

The Brieres encourage universal access to learning polo by allowing students to trade grooming/working with the horses for lessons. Doing so offers the community a rare opportunity for local young riders to become involved in polo,

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Youth Sports

Strong Effort, Close Division Matches Highlight Division Play for Falcon Girls' Tennis

By Jeff Stuart

As of October 6, the Poolesville High School girls' tennis team had a 5-5 record highlighted by very close division matches against Northwest, Sherwood, and Quince Orchard—all 4-3 losses. There were 7-0 wins against Magruder and Paint Branch, a 6-1 win over Kennedy, a 7-0 win over Einstein, and a 6-1 win over Clarksburg. The Falcons have certainly been competitive.

"We have played a couple of Division I and Division II matches, and we have been doing very well against them," said senior captain Shefali Gupta who plays first singles. "We won against Paint Branch which was really great because they are a division match. We won, 7-0. We played Northwest which is a really strong team and we almost beat them. We lost, 3-4. We lost all four singles, but we won all three doubles. They were all pretty long matches. After the singles, we came back together as a team and just pushed through...Isabel and Paulina did really well—they played great together—and Mandy and Anisha were down a set, and they still won....Winning my first match at first singles was a big thing for me because I came into the season having doubts about being able to win any games at first singles."

"We did lose a couple of our top players last year," said senior captain Bhuvana Pandalai who plays second singles, "but I think we have a lot of great underclassmen, and we are practicing really hard. I see good things for us in the future...My best match was against Northwest. I did lose that match, but I felt I played my best tennis and that I improved my shots. As a team I think our best match was definitely against Paint Branch because that was a division match. Some of the girls had really hard matches and were able to pull through. Molly McCutcheon is a sophomore. She is new to the team and has been playing really well. I look forward to seeing her advance. Val Mozolina is new to the team, too. She is fourth singles. She has been playing really well. She is really tough."

Both Shefali and Bhuvana have played all four years. They are the only seniors. There are six new players on the fourteen-person squad; four of them are freshmen. Sayaka Shanbhag plays at third singles. Doubles players are Anusha Chinthalapale, Mandy Mossman, Isabel Huntley, Pauline Mnev, and Hallie Maytin. Other new players are Christine Tang, Molly McCutcheon, Mahima Thirukkonda, Divya Mathur, and Roshini Parameswaran.

"The girls lost tight, competitive matches," said coach Andy Johnson. "Our recent wins against Einstein and Clarksburg bring our overall record to .500. I've been impressed with our doubles players, in particular. Since our season opener, our doubles teams have played at a high level and won twenty out of twenty-one matches—a remarkable run. With perennial powerhouses B-CC, Wootton, and Whitman ahead, I am encouraged by the improvement demonstrated so far by all of our starters."



Falcon girls' tennis players: Shefali Gupta (captain), Mandy Mossman, Bhuvana Pandalai (captain), Sayaka Shanbhag, Isabel Huntley, Pauline Mnev, and Hallie Maytin. Not pictured among the returning players, due to injury, is Anusha Chinthalapale.



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Football, Boys' Soccer, and Girls' Volleyball Wins Highlight Homecoming Week

By Jeff Stuart

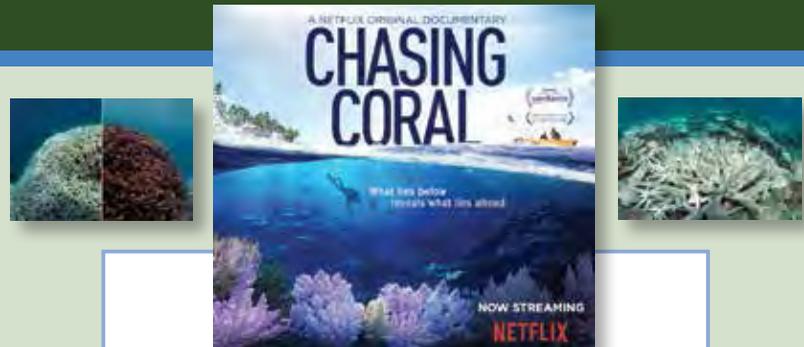
Poolesville's homecoming football game on Friday, October 6 was a huge success. The Falcons defeated the Rockville Rams, 47-6, building a 35-6 lead at halftime and setting the stage for the traditional halftime ceremonies.

Connell Oberman rushed for 196 yards and two touchdowns, the first two touchdowns of the game. Brandon Taylor threw three second-quarter touchdown passes, the longest for fifty-five yards. He threw two more in the second half, including a seventy-nine-yarder with five minutes left. Sam Garrett had five receptions for 171 yards and two touchdowns; Zed Tejada had two touchdown receptions; Foster Holmquist had one. On Twitter, Poolesville Football (@Poolesville_FB) tweeted: "This squad is tough, disciplined, and sticks together. #ourtownourteamourpride."

The night before, the boys' soccer team earned a thrilling double overtime victory over Blake, also at home. "Blake scored two minutes into the game off a shot from the left side," said coach Mike Wills. "Poolesville put one on the board a few minutes later off a corner kick by AJ Poore. Dominic Lanasa headed the corner back across the goal to a waiting Andrew Tarus who put it in the back of the net. The game stayed tied until the second overtime...Finally, with about three minutes left in double overtime, Tyler Roy threaded a perfect pass to JT (John Thompson) from the right side of the field. JT swiftly took the pass around a defender and beat the goalie to his right with a blast to the lower corner...It doesn't get more exciting than that! Colin had a tremendous game in goal. His defense stood strong the entire game."

On October 3, in the middle of homecoming week, the girls' volleyball team defeated Clarksburg, 3-1.

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Youth Sports

New Coach, New Uniforms, and a Win Mark New Era for PHS Boys' Soccer

By Jeff Stuart

Sometimes a win is more than just a win. The Poolesville High School boys' soccer team's 1-0 win over Seneca Valley at home on October 3 certainly was. "We won our first game in a long time," said new coach Mike Wills. "This win was a great step forward for these boys. Many of them haven't been on a high school team that has won a game, so this win really has a lot of meaning for many on the team. I couldn't be happier for them, they deserve it!"

"It was a really big win," said senior captain, Logan Saar. "JT, John Thompson, one of our captains, had an amazing goal. The thing that really clicked was that we were communicating and really connecting on through balls and exposing their defense. The season so far has not been successful in terms of getting wins, but we have been really improving. We have been playing difficult, big schools, which have more talent than us. That has really been building us up for the 2A playoffs, so I believe we are going to be really successful this year when we get to the post season. I think our passing has gotten much better. We are talking a lot more. We used to be really quiet out on the field, but now everyone is working together well. Our defense is really stepping up along with our goalie. He has shown a lot more confidence. It is an upward trend."

"Personally, I feel like our season has really progressed since last season," said senior Thompson. "Last season, we didn't really talk much. We were just kind of a one-man-show kind of team, but this year we have put together a young team that is going to develop into a better team, and we are really excited to see what has happened after the last couple of years."

"The goal came with about twenty minutes left in the game. It was a fifty-fifty ball, and we won it. That left me one on two with the goalie, but I got past the defender, so it was one on one. The goalie came out really fast. I shot it. He saved it, but, luckily, it stayed near my feet, and I had the composure to finish it—to put it away. It felt great. It was really nice. Everyone was going crazy. The fans were going crazy."

"I was just ecstatic after the game," said senior captain Tyler Roy. "That was probably the first win in all four years I have been at Poolesville. It just felt great. I wasn't happy with the way I played, but I was extremely happy to finally get a win. It was well deserved, too. Mike Wills is probably one of the best coaches I have ever played under. The past couple of years have been difficult. There was a very individualistic attitude. We weren't tougher. I think Mike Wills is really bringing us together this year. We have been improving. I think it was inevitable for us to get a win...Our freshmen have impressed me and surprised me. They have been able to compete with the upper classmen and have been a part of our improvement. I am looking forward to the playoffs. We have been playing teams that are twice as strong as some of the teams we will see in the playoffs. I think we will be more than ready to win a few games."

Before the season, Coach Wills said he was "looking to make PHS boys' soccer relevant again." He is: From the flashy new uniforms to the new optimism on the field you can see it happening. There is youth, but the seniors are a big and enthusiastic part of this renaissance as well.

"Our strengths are hard work," said Wills, "playing for the team instead of oneself, and wanting to be a part of a growing program that has high expectations. Surprises are Jason Daniels, Eric Jung, and Jay Doshi. They are all freshmen and have been key contributors to our program. Their energy and skills make everyone work harder in practice. Also, the way the team has bonded—

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*Boys' soccer captains:
Alexei Mozolin, Tyler Roy,
Trevor McFall, Logan Saar,
and John Thompson*

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Volunteer Extraordinaire: Jeffery Eck

my opinion, is very forward thinking in terms of this type of training," said Eck.

Emergency personnel are also taught how to administer the emergency rescue drug, Naloxone, which can reverse the effects of a suspected opioid overdose. Today, all ambulances and medic units carry the drug in hopes of reducing the number of fatalities from what has become an all-too common problem throughout the country.

Eck especially enjoys teaching CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) classes. "Recently, we started offering CPR training to the public," said Eck. The class was maxed out at ten participants, so Eck had plenty of time to devote to each attendee, all of whom were eager to learn and asked many good questions. The department plans to offer the class on a regular basis with the next class to be held in January.

The fire department hosts numerous community events and fundraisers throughout the year. The fundraisers play an important role in allowing the department to purchase important pieces of equipment that are not funded by the county, which pays for most of the department's apparatus and equipment. Over the years, fundraisers such as Santa's Breakfasts, bingo nights, raffles, the concession stand, and the baseball field rental fees have provided funding for a tanker truck, ATVs for off-road rescues, and an additional LUCAS device which provides automatic chest compressions for cardiac patients. The UMCVFD Auxiliary hosts many of the department's annual fundraising events.

The community events such as the recent CPR class, open houses, and the annual Poolesville fireworks are not fundraisers. UMCVFD considers these events as community events at which UMCVFD gives back to the community which supports it so generously.

As the event coordinator, Eck spearheads Poolesville's annual fireworks show, supported by additional UMCVFD volunteers. The Fourth of July fireworks is a popular and well-attended event held on Hughes Road. The event requires an immense amount of coordination, planning, and advance work with the property owners, and state and county officials to get the proper permits and site plan approvals. "We have to get an approved transportation route from where the explosives are manufactured or staged to where the event is held," said Eck. A layout plan must be submitted insuring that the crowds are kept at a safe distance from an errant explosive. Current laws require that spectators must be at least 100 feet away in every direction for each inch in diameter of the shell. The largest shells used are five inches in diameter, but Eck sets up a 700-foot radius as an extra safety measure.

Attendees of the fireworks are treated to live music, concessions, and a show that rivals the area cities' shows without the long drive. Local sponsors, along with the experienced planning expertise of UMCVFD, ensure a fun-filled night for the local community members.

Eck has worked and vacationed in many places around the world, including London, Paris, Hong Kong, Frankfurt, Tokyo, Singapore, Kuala Lumpur, Taiwan, Sydney, etc., and his favorite and most recent assignment in Brussels, Belgium for approximately eight years. Additionally, Eck enjoys frequent five-mile walks around and through the town of Poolesville where he and his wife Candace reside.

A big Thank You goes out to Eck and his colleagues at the UMCVFD who all play a major role in keeping our residents safe and well, in addition to providing a wealth of fun social opportunities at the nearby firehouse and at other community events.

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Family Album

Town of Poolesville Staff, 2017

Back row: Ed Roberts, Jason Abell, Matt Haga, Rick Davidson, Matt McPheeters, Preston King, Wade Yost, Tommy Murgia, Cody Leibrand, Andrew Witt, Matt Warfield, and Paul Lucia.

Front row: Brendon McMinn, Maggie Leibrand, Bobbie Evans, Cathy Bupp, David Feny, John Smith, and Jason Williams.

Local News

Dig Pink Effort: A Success on and Off the Court

By Jeff Stuart

The volleyball match between Poolesville and visiting Gaithersburg, on Thursday, October 12 in the Poolesville High School gym, marked the culmination of this year's Dig Pink fundraising effort. On the court, the Falcon girls' varsity volleyball defeated Gaithersburg, 3-0. Their fundraising effort in support of Breast Cancer Awareness and research was also a winning effort. This was the ninth annual fall fundraising campaign for Dig Pink that has raised nearly \$50,000 since 2009.

Under the banner of the Side-Out Foundation, many volleyball teams nationwide join this effort throughout the month of October.

The gym was decorated with pink balloons and pink streamers hanging from the entrance doors. As requested, most of the spectators wore something pink. The girls wore tie-dye T-shirts furnished by Impact Dye. "This year,

we partnered with Impact Dye, a nonprofit organization, to earn money for the Side-Out Foundation," said senior Iris Yu. "We made T-shirts, and all the money went to the cause."

"Thank you all for coming to our game and supporting the ongoing fight against breast cancer," said senior volleyball player Amirah Paksima between games. "All proceeds from tonight's game will be going to the Side-Out Foundation. Donations made to the Side-Out Foundation for today's Dig Pink event will be combined with funds raised at similar events nationwide and will go toward breast cancer research and patient support services. This year, the focus of the campaign is on metastatic breast cancer, an advanced form of the disease that is currently incurable.

"There are flowers all around the gym, which represent those who have survived as well as those who have passed away. They are not only a symbol of what we may have lost, but a symbol of the strength and courage of those who have battled breast cancer...We really appreciate any donations," said Amirah. "It is a great cause. You can still make contributions at the donations box at the school and through the Side-Out Foundation website."



The PHS girls' volleyball team in its 9th annual Dig Pink fundraiser for breast cancer brings the total raised thus far to nearly \$50,000.



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Things To Do

Poolesville Area Senior Center (PASC) Events

Pickleball: Mondays and Fridays: 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

Game Day: Tuesdays: 1:00 p.m. Poolesville Baptist Church

Zumba Gold: Every Wednesday in gym, 1:00 p.m.

October 20, 21, and 22

The Blue Hearth Market Weekend

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Markoff's Haunted Forest

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October 21

PHS Varsity Home Games

Soccer, Paint Branch. Boys at 10:00 a.m., girls at noon.

Annual Poolesville Oktoberfest and WUMCO Walk!

Walk around the park to benefit WUMCO with lots of kids' activities including pumpkin painting, scarecrow contest, food vendors, dog costume and kids' costume parade and contest, DJ, bands, and beer garden. Burial of 150th Celebration time capsule from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in *Whalen Commons*. Event from noon to 6:00 p.m.

Special Oktoberfest Event

Hosted by the Churchill Group at Russell Branch Estates. Visit the model home, enjoy beer from Oktoberfest Autumn Brewing Co. and light refreshments, and meet Churchill Group president Eric Tovar. 19426 Fisher Avenue. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Fall Festival

Star Gazing Farm Animal Sanctuary is celebrating twelve years of service to the community with a fun festival, featuring: hot cider, raffles, hand-crafted items for sale, bake sale, costume contest with prizes, old-fashioned farm games, face painting, and meeting the friendly farm animals. *White's Store Road, Boyds*. Noon to 4:00 p.m.

October 21 and 22

Seneca Polo Club's USPA Tournament

Finals on Saturday and after-party on Sunday. Poolesville residents are welcome to bring a tailgate picnic and

enjoy the event with friends and family. Dogs are welcome, too (on a leash, please!). 20760 *White's Ferry Road*. Noon.

Horses on Pointe

An evening of dancing horses benefitting Great and Small Therapeutic Riding Center. Tickets: \$95.00 per person. *Wyndham Oaks, 19301 Bucklodge Road, Boyds*. Reservations required. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Performances start at 7:30 p.m.

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October 27

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October 27, 28, 29, and 31

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October 27

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PHS Varsity Home Game

Football. Paint Branch. 6:30 p.m.

October 28

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Mashed potatoes with gravy, stuffing, green beans, sauerkraut, and rolls. Featuring crafts, baked goods, pumpkins, country store, and Christmas shop. \$16.00 for adults and carry outs. Dining room guests under 10 eat free. *St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville*. Noon to 6:30 p.m.

October 31

Annual Lions' Community Halloween Party

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November 2

PACC Network Breakfast Meeting

Hosted by Poolesville Vision Center, 20005B Fisher Avenue. 8:00 a.m.

November 4

Special Movie Event

Poolesville Green hosts a special movie screening and discussion of *Chasing Coral*, a Netflix original documentary. Discussion leader will be C. Mark Eakin, Ph. D., from NOAA and chief scientific advisor for the film. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 7:00 p.m.

November 4

Scouting for Food

Local Cub Scout Pack 694 will be tying bags to the exterior doors of homes throughout Poolesville as part of the Annual Scouting for Food drive in support of WUMCO. Donations in bags will be collected on November 11.

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New Coach, New Uniforms, and a Win Mark New Era for PHS Boys' Soccer

they enjoy being around each other and have become very good friends. That's a great thing about sports."

Key contributors are seniors, Tyler Roy, John Thompson, and Trevor McFall; juniors, Dominic Lanasa, Alex Firestine, and Andrew Tarus; and sophomores, Zack Fedders, Josh Widenhofer, Colin Staszewski, AJ Poore, and Brad Blair.

"My outlook is very positive," added the coach. "We are building both the boys' and girls' soccer programs at Poolesville. Girls' coach Nubgaard and I work very well together. We have the same vision."

Hayden Sabas and Alexei Mozolin are seniors; Vitto Corbo, Timothy Bentz, Adiat Muyeen, and Hrish Chintagumpala are juniors.

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Town Commissioners Discuss "Blight" in Town's Central Business District

as court costs. Legal processes can drag out, costing the town even more money.

Tax incentives or fines have also been used to help encourage landowners to invest in repairs, but Poolesville's total share of property taxes is relatively small compared to the taxes imposed by the state and county. Unless the town could convince the state and county to work with it in imposing fines or offering tax incentives, such efforts are unlikely to have much impact.

Wade Yost said that the town does have a code enforcement officer, Mike Bupp, but his work focuses on residential properties. The process used to enforce building codes for local homes does work well in most cases. Enforcement actions are based on complaints made with the town. Bupp visits the property, writes up a violation report, and the homeowner has a period of a few weeks to make the repairs. If the repairs are not made, the town makes it clear it will impose fines and, in all but a few cases, this works to convince the homeowner to act. A very few cases are scheduled for court, but

almost all are settled before court action occurs.

The commissioners picked up on this point, and there was a discussion about whether and how to apply the code enforcement program to commercial buildings. The key to the process is to find violations of the building code to use to issue citations and, in many cases, significant violations are not evident from the outside of the building. Unless a building owner is requesting town approval for expansion or significant restructuring of a building, however, the town does not have much legal authority to require owners to do anything to their buildings.

In the end, the commissioners decided that it would be a good first step to write the owners of the two buildings that they agreed are most in need of repairs, the Frederick Poole House and the old former Williams General Store, to request a meeting. It was noted in doing so that the new owner of the general store, Alex Markoff who owns Calleva, has been doing extensive internal repairs on the building and has indicated he will make improvements on the outside as well, but it was deemed important to discover from Markoff what his schedule is for making such repairs.



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Fireworks Cause for Concern and Confusion

Finally, at about 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Sonny Griffith, Jennifer's father, and a group of searchers were at the golf course when Darby was sighted in some underbrush. He was quickly retrieved and taken home. Jennifer invited all of the searchers over to the Griffith residence for pizza.

The *Monocle* spoke to Skip Etheridge, the security team leader for PHS. He claimed that no students from PHS were involved in the detonation of the fireworks, yet he said that he was inquiring of students in leadership roles who might have knowledge of the incident. A post on Twitter sent by Katie Rossini, the assistant principal of the school, labeled "Homecoming Poolesville," showed a twenty-second video clip of the fireworks. On Monday, October 9, I spoke with both Etheridge and Rossini. Shortly after talking to Etheridge, the tweet showing the fireworks was deleted from the internet. I then contacted Rossini, and she denied any knowledge of deleting the tweet.

A resident, who chose to remain anonymous, recalled the first fireworks event about three years ago. The fireworks were launched at the Wootton Heights tot lot, directly under the water tower on Beatriz Avenue. They were launched during a moderate wind, into the tree canopy, under very dry conditions. They also were launched from the wood chips of the playground. Before he could go into pursuit of the individual lighting the fireworks, he had to get a ladder to climb on the roof to remove fire. When he did get on the roof, an ember was burning on his neighbors' roof.

Rose Griffith said that she was overwhelmed by the outpouring of support that her family had received and that she thanked the community for helping find her dog.

Principal Deena Levine was not aware of the inconvenience that the fireworks had caused and expressed remorse to those affected. She later visited Mrs. Griffith to express her concern.

Montgomery County Police officer Chris Winkler is the School Resource Officer. He said that he was investigating the incident and was pursuing leads as they came to him. He estimated that this was the sixth time that fireworks had been exploded during football games in the five years that he had been assigned to the school. A military veteran, Winkler estimated that at least six hundred dollars had been spent on the fireworks that he saw. He made it clear that the incident was not school sponsored and that the school complies with all laws and rules of the county and MCPS.

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DIY Network's "The TreeHouse Guys" Comes to Dickerson

creative building projects, he ended his studies at Michigan State University in order to create universally-accessible tree houses for kids with disabilities. He soon met his business partner and fellow builder Haake when Ka-V stopped by B'fer's rustic furniture shop, intrigued by all the unusual building materials. For several years, the two built furniture and then transitioned into tree house building in 2000.

The project began on September 5 and will conclude on November 5.

Any reader wishing to inquire about the tree house or weddings, may contact Joy at joymccartin@comcast.net.

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Police Blotter from the Past 1919

By Jack Toomey

It was reported that Ruby Robertson was seriously injured in a three-auto collision on the Rockville Pike just south of Rockville. Miss Robertson, a clerk in the office of the U.S. Treasury, was being treated by a doctor at her home. She suffered a broken left arm, shock, and other painful injuries. Charles Tetlow and his son were occupants of one of the other vehicles and were both at the Emergency Hospital in Washington. Harry Beall was the driver of the machine in which Miss Robertson was a passenger.

States Attorney Bouic and Sheriff Aud traveled to Washington to question Samuel Wilson who was said to have committed an outrage on a Garrett Park girl a few days earlier. Wilson confessed to attacking Viola Burriss, the thirteen-year-old daughter of farmer Charles Burriss. Wilson remained in the Washington jail while plans were made to bring him back to Montgomery County.

Preston Johnson, a twenty-year-old resident of Rockville, was convicted in Police Court of assaulting Thomas Lewis with a razor while both were riding on an electric car between Bethesda and Rockville. Lewis testified that the two had argued and that Johnson had advanced on him,

holding the razor in a threatening manner. Johnson was sentenced to eighteen months in prison by Judge Gaither. Growing out of the same incident, Ben Brown was convicted of assaulting Lewis and throwing rocks at the car after being thrown off the car by the conductor.

Deputy Game Warden J. Floyd Whip set out to capture men hunting without a license after receiving several complaints. By the end of the day, he had arrested ten men on charges ranging from trespassing on farms without permission to hunting without a license. He took them to Rockville where they appeared before Judge Gaither who found James Doy, Herman Smith, John Williams, and Mote Smith guilty of trespassing. He also convicted Harry Green and Daniel Williams for hunting without a license. The others will appear in court later.

In an effort to curb wife beating, Judge Gaither announced that he would sentence any convicted wife beater to be whipped. Soon afterwards, the wife of William Dorsey of near Halpine came to court and said that her husband had beaten her so severely that she had to spend the night in a fodder shack. After hearing the testimony, Gaither sentenced Dorsey to ten lashes which was immediately carried out by Sheriff Aud.

*Material in this column was
obtained from the archives of the
Washington Post.*

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Another Way to Have Fun Playing the Field

gain varsity letters, and qualify for USPA university grants. "Polo can be a big plus on your college curriculum these days," says Kate.

In addition to running SPC's business affairs, Wayne builds and repairs mallets on the property and has just completed an impressive hitting cage where students and players alike can perfect their swing for hours on end without having to tack up a pony. An all-around handyman, he also built the clubhouse and the barn, but his primary goal is to develop young talent and foster enthusiasm for the sport in everyone—in the same way that Hal Vita and Big Joe Muldoon mentored him in his early days. "I learned everything from these polo legends; they were my university and taught me how to use my common sense."

"We have so many ideas for the next year," says Kate. "We would like to host a big charity event, possibly for therapeutic riding, and we would like to have a community event, such as a Chamber of Commerce Game. I would also like to have an informal dog show, as everyone seems to have a dog, and they love to come here and play together. Sometimes it seems there are more dogs than horses!"

Seneca Polo Club's next USPA Tournament is Saturday, October 21, and the finals and after-party will be on Sunday, October 22. Poolesville residents are welcome to bring a tailgate picnic and enjoy the event with friends and family. Dogs are welcome, too—on a leash, please!—and if, while you're there, you catch the polo bug, be sure to track down Wayne, Kate, or Jenny, so they can sign you up for lessons.



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Remembrance

Patricia "Patti" E. Watkins



Patricia E. Watkins

Patricia "Patti" E. Watkins, 76, of Knoxville, Maryland, formerly of Poolesville, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on October 13, 2017.

She was the wife of Lawrence "Larry" F. Watkins, whom she married on June 18, 1960.

Born on March 11, 1941, in Olney, she was the daughter of the late Douglas and Alice (Duley) Mills.

Patti graduated from Richard Montgomery High School in 1959 and worked for the CIA after high school during the Cuban Missile Crisis. She worked for forty-seven years at Summit Hall Turf Farm and was co-owner of Colony Supply Center for thirty years. Patti was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville where she served as a Stephen Ministry Leader. She was also a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children in Montgomery County.

Surviving besides her husband are three children, Jeffery D. Watkins and wife Cindy of Eldersburg, Maryland, Lisa F. Watkins of Dillon, Colorado, Douglas W. Watkins and wife Candace of Poolesville; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patti's name to Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 358, Poolesville, MD 20837 or to Frederick County Hospice.

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Remembrances

Michael Thomas Sutherland

Michael Thomas Sutherland, 75, of Tuscarora, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017.

He was the loving husband to Patricia Sutherland.

Born on July 20, 1942 in Mayfield, Kentucky, he was the son of the late Mary Ruth Carrico.

Mike was active in the Maryland Horse Breeders' Association, The Lions Club, and was a volunteer and member of the Holy Name Society at St. Mary's Church. He loved spending time with his family. Mike was an ardent golfer and took great joy in farming and caring for his horses.

Surviving along with this wife are two children, David Sutherland of Washington, Stacia Underberg of Maryland; and four grandchildren, Kathryn and Ian Sutherland, and AJ and Owen Underberg.

Mike was preceded in death by a daughter, Michelle Kristen.

A memorial mass was held on October 12, 2017 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Barnesville, inurnment followed in the church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations go to the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area.



Michael Thomas Sutherland

Daniel E. True

Daniel Edward True, 67, of Boyds, passed away on Sunday, October 1, 2017. He was the loving husband to Sharon Diane True.

Born on April 22, 1950, in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late William Francis and Mary Ellen (Dalrymple) True.

Danny served his country in the United States Navy. He ran his own roofing and construction business for over forty years, and he loved the West Virginia cabin and river to which he had hoped to retire. He loved fishing, dancing, and telling jokes at any chance he got, always the life of any party.

Surviving along with this wife are one son Zachary True; two sisters, Judy Ellis of Boonsboro, Donna Magrogan of South Carolina; and five grandchildren, Isaac, Victoria, Joshua, Katherine, and Abigail. He is also survived by his nephew, Tim Magrogan and niece, Mary Barger, along with many nieces and nephews on his wife's side of the family.

A memorial service took place at the Hilton Funeral Home on October 10. Inurnment in Arlington Cemetery will follow at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations go to either the American Heart Association or the Montgomery County Humane Society.

Jean Roesser: Former Delegate and State Senator for District 15

Former State Senator and Secretary of Aging, Jean W. Roesser (R) of Potomac, passed away peacefully on October 2, 2017 after a twenty-six-month courageous battle with acute myeloid leukemia.

Mrs. Roesser was a Member of the Maryland House of Delegates from January 1987 to January 1995, representing District 15, Montgomery County. She was a Member of the Constitutional and Administrative Law Committee, 1987-1990, Special House Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse, 1987-1994, Environmental Matters Committee, 1991-1993, Commerce and Government Matters Committee 1994, Governor's Energy Task Force, 1991-1994, and the Commission to Save the Lighthouses, 1992-1994.

Mrs. Roesser was a Member of the Maryland State Senate from January 1995 to January 2003, representing the 15th District, Montgomery County. She was a Member of the Joint Committee on State Economic Development initiatives, 1995-1996, Special Joint Committee on Group Homes, 1995-1997, Finance Committee, 1995-2003 (welfare reform subcommittee, 1997-1999, chair, telephone solicitation work group 1999), Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing, 1995-2003, Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics, 1995-2003, Joint Audit Committee, 1997-2003, Joint Committee on Fair Practices, 1997-2003, Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee, 1999-2003, Joint Committee on Protocol, 1999-2003, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, 2002-2003 (member 1996-2003) Member, Women Legislators of Maryland 1995-2003, Member, Task Force on Emerging Medical and Surgical Treatments, 1996, Maryland Commission for Celebration 2000, 1999-2001, Task Force to study the Maryland Enterprise Zone Program, 2000, Virginia-Maryland-District of Columbia Joint Legislative Commission on Interstate Transportation 2000-2003, Member, Governor-elect's Transition Team, 2002-2003, and a founding member, Arts Council, Montgomery County.

Mrs. Roesser was the Secretary of Aging, State of Maryland from 2003-2007. She was a Member, Governor's Executive Council, 2003-2007, Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families, 2003-2005, Chair, Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes, 2003-2005, Interagency Committee on Aging Services, 2003-2007, Innovations in Aging Services Advisory Council, 2003-2007, Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness, 2003-2007, State Coordinating Committee for Human Services Transportation, 2003-2007, Task Force on Parking for Individuals with Disabilities, 2004, Task Force to Study the Dynamics of Elderly and Retiree Migration Into and Out of Maryland, 2004-2006, Interagency Disability Board, 2004-2007, Chair, Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities, 2005-2007, Member, Community Choice Advisory Group, 2005-2007, Mental Health Transformation Working Group, 2005-2007, and the Maryland Pandemic Influenza Coordinating Committee, 2006-2007.

Jean Roesser was born May 8, 1930 in Washington, D.C. She graduated with a B.A. (political science and economics) from Trinity College in Washington, D.C. in 1951. She completed graduate studies in economics at Catholic University. She was a former newspaper reporter, Suburban Record, Montgomery County, Delegate, Republican Party National Convention 1996 (alternative delegate 1992). She was past vice president Maryland Federation of Republican Women, past president Montgomery County Federation of Republican Women and the Potomac Women's Republican Club, which recently honored her as one of the Founding Members. She was a Member, Stephanie Roper Committee, West Montgomery Citizens' Association, Germantown Citizens' Association, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, and past Board Member of the Mercy Health Clinic.

Mrs. Roesser was married to Washington, D.C. Attorney Eugene F. Roesser who passed away in 2003. She is survived by her sister Marion E. Coffey of Dublin, Ireland, three children, Eugene F. Roesser, Jr. (Lynn), Mary Roesser Calderon (Jorge), and Anne M. Roesser; and two grandchildren, Mary Margaret Roesser and Paul Francis Roesser Calderon.

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A Proud Community Celebrates a New Beginning

one through five. A special guest of honor attending was former teacher, Nina Clark, who will be celebrating her hundredth birthday in November.

The Loving Charity Lodge, now drastically leaning and with the second floor already collapsing into the ground level, has been the mission of the Loving Charity Society (LCS). Progress has been hard won, yet now that the building seemed to be nearing complete collapse, the day marked a turning point to restore, renovate, and secure the hall as a testimony of the past. Historical architect, Thomas J. Taltavull, of TJT Architecture, said the building would be disassembled piece by piece, and as many of the original pieces that can be salvaged will be used in restoring the building to its original white with green shutters on the windows.

The hall was built in 1914 by W. Scott Bell, a well-regarded white carpenter in the area who built the church on the grounds in 1903 for \$150. Members of the LCS paid dues of 25 cents per month, receiving benefits during illness and at the death of a member.

Shelly Stokes-Hammond, of the Maryland Commission on African American History and Culture, welcomed attendees in celebrating the "next phase of this fruits of our labor of which it would not be possible without the dedication of people of this church home here, like Elsie Thomas and her committee members. This collaboration with Montgomery County Heritage makes us so grateful to witness this day. We are happy, excited, knowing that God has been good."

Sarah Rogers, Executive Director of Heritage Montgomery, explained that the mission of Heritage Montgomery is to provide technical assistance, leadership, and grant funding to the over-forty county museums, parks, and historic sites which assists in the stewardship of the many heritage, cultural, and natural resources in the county.

Ms. Rogers thanked Otho Thompson for his navigation of all the legal issues involved in such a complex project, Rev. Ron Copeland of the Warren Church, and Elsie Thomas and the committee she chaired in preserving LCH. She also thanked County Executive Ike Leggett, Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo, Councilwoman Nancy Floreen, Del. Craig Rice, and State Sen. Brian Feldman. Rogers closed her remarks by noting how the stories and history of the Warren Historical Site are "a poignant beacon of the past which will illuminate all our futures."

Councilwoman Floreen thanked all those responsible for the day's event for their hard work by stating "how grateful we all are to everyone who helps the rest of us learn and know where we come from. Your commitment to community is what makes this county so great."

County Executive Ike Leggett expressed his pleasure in being there, observing that "a county is only a destination, but when we come together, as we have today, to treat each other with dignity and respect, giving honor to our shared and diverse cultures, history, and heritage, then the county truly becomes, in fact, a community."

Leggett made an analogy about the diverse culture in the county to the difference between soup and gumbo, the latter being a favorite dish of his boyhood in Louisiana. He noted that soup is an assimilation of ingredients that causes those items to lose much of their uniqueness to the combination; whereas, gumbo maintains its distinctness of the ingredients so that the taste of its diversity is not lost in the pot. Leggett said gumbo is held together by roux, and he then compared the cause of the day's celebration as being more like gumbo, and those who have been responsible for the success of the day, the roux of social and cultural adhesion.

Adding that progress comes in fits and starts, even "while you see in the midst the struggling and fighting in other parts of the state and America, it is here on a day like today in the midst of this celebration of African American history that we have such a strong sign of progress. This day is a reminder to our children and grandchildren for many years to come that they can look at this site, knowing that even as we elected an African American president and county executive in a county with a small African American population, that none of that happened by accident. It happened because of people like those here in this community who built a foundation for myself and others to stand on their shoulders, so I wanted to be here today to acknowledge that contribution and to thank all of you for what you have done to make Montgomery County one big 'wonderful gumbo.'"

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The Halloween Ghouls for Pets Take the Form of Unattended Candy!

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It's a trick-or-treating tradition: Dump the night's candy haul onto the living room floor to pick out the gems, or do some horse trading with siblings or friends.

The excitement—and sugar rush—may leave humans unaware that all that candy might just be a lethal grab away for their hovering pet dogs and cats.

Generally, pet owners likely know what their animals should and shouldn't eat, but they may not know why. Our four-legged family members can't metabolize candy like humans.

Chocolate, for instance, contains caffeine and a compound called theobromine, which can be toxic in certain doses to both dogs and cats. Cats can't taste sweet so aren't necessarily as drawn to chocolate as dogs. Theobromine is more concentrated in darker chocolates, so that type is particularly perilous, while white chocolate has none.

Symptoms of chocolate upset include digestive upset (vomiting, diarrhea), restlessness, hyperactivity, and trembling.

Then there's xylitol, a sugar substitute found in some sugarless gums and candies. It can cause hypoglycemia, seizures, and even liver failure in dogs. Symptoms of xylitol poisoning can include vomiting, weakness, lack of coordination, unconsciousness, and coma leading to death.

It is important to keep Halloween candy secured in a location out of the animal's reach. Containers with a secure lid are only safe if they are out of reach. Dogs especially love to open the unopenable. Secure lids will also prevent any possible encounters and reduce the smell. Many animals are attracted to the novel scent of the candy.

Beyond candy, one other major threat to animals is the ingestion of glow sticks. Cats especially love to chew on these objects. The chemicals in these toys can cause severe drooling, mouth irritation, and can be quite painful to your pets.

Some traditional high-sugar candies popular at Halloween may not necessarily be life threatening but can still cause digestive upset in dogs if consumed in large amounts.

What's inside all those wrappers isn't the only potential problem. Wrappers themselves can be problematic for pets. Dogs that find candy lying around the house often consume the wrappers along with the candy, which can cause bowel irritation and potentially blockages.

If you suspect your dog or cat may have snuck into some candy and is having digestive upset, first seek supervision from your veterinarian or an emergency veterinary facility. The ASPCA animal poison hotline (888-426-4435) is also a great place for help if it gets to be later in the evening. Do not give any of the human over-the-counter GI medications unless directed by a veterinarian.

Some seasonal superfoods that dogs and cats can enjoy while the humans live it up on Halloween include pumpkin. The rinds make for a great source of soluble fiber to support proper digestion. Apples are an excellent source of phytonutrients that support the overall health of pets. Lentils are also a great source of dietary fiber for a healthy digestive system, providing folate and magnesium as well to support heart health. Most pet bakeries and pet stores stock up on safe seasonal and Halloween-themed treats. So make sure you have safe alternatives for your costume wearing furry friends on All Hallows' Eve.



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