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*Larry and Mark Ryba flipping the chickens. Check out page 2 to see where this might lead.*



*Why is this young man smiling? Find out in Tidbits on page 11.*



*Stalking the white elephant at St. Mary's Annual Barnesville Picnic. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.*



*Ryan Lacourciere gives one a ride. Read about his UMAC team in Youth Sports on page 9.*

## *Firing Range Proposal Postponed Due to Huge Turnout of Protestors*

By Rande Davis

On July 24, the Frederick County Zoning Board held a public hearing on a request for a special exception to allow a proposed firearms training center in Frederick County off of Thurston Road. The public response, estimated to be more than five hundred people, primarily protesters of the proposal, caused the applicant's attorneys to request a delay in the hearing. The request was granted due to the inadequate space available and that most would not be able to speak that evening. The new date for the hearing is August 28.

The 262-acre property in question, owned by Elm Tree Properties, LLC, is near the Sugarloaf/Stronghold property, and is publically known as the old Warfield Farm.

Old Line Arsenal, LLC, which has entered into a lease with Elm Tree, LLC, has requested permission

to build two outdoor firing ranges (one for long guns, the other for pistols) and a two-story educational center for classrooms which would have a pistol range in the basement. The facility would be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday for use by the general public as well as law enforcement and military personnel. Under the proposal, usage of the three ranges would not exceed one hundred participants and would include a 144-car parking lot.

According to the application, the fifteen-plus acre site will be built so that the building is 250 feet from the property line and 400 feet from the nearest neighbor. The outdoor firing ranges are to be 1,300 feet from the property line and 1,600 feet from the nearest neighbor. The applicant maintains that public safety will be

maintained by industry standards for the construction of such sites, and that sound from the ranges will be muffled by additional berms, trees, and other foliage.

The unprecedented number of protestors included individuals as well as members of the Sugarloaf Alliance and the Montgomery County Alliance which supports the former's lead in the initiative to prevent the special exception.

Protestors of the request for special exception point to noise, environmental, and safety concerns. The primary issue centers on loss of the tranquility of the Ag Reserve and the negative impact on the tens of thousands of others who use the area for hiking, golfing, weddings, and receptions, etc. There is also

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## *Grand Opening of Brightwell Crossing's Phase II Scheduled*

By Rande Davis

Kettler Forlines Homes is planning for its grand opening of Phase II of its Brightwell Crossing subdivision of luxury homes for the end of August. Phase I consisted of seventy-nine homes, of which, fifty-six are now built with the remaining due to be complete by the end of this year.

The new development, referred to as the Reserve at Brightwell Crossing, will begin near the Woods of Tama off of Jerusalem Road and will connect to Cissel Manor Drive. The new homes, ranging from \$600,000 to \$900,000 in price, feature one-half-acre-plus lots and wooded walkout home sites. Home sites in Phase I were primarily one-third acre lots.

Rick Normoyle, sales manager (and Poolesville native and graduate



*Tom Kettler of Brightwell Crossing and sales manager Rick Normoyle are smiling about the upcoming grand opening of Phase II home sales at the Reserve at Brightwell Crossing.*

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# Family Album



Joe Ryba of the Monocacy Lions presented our own Rande Davis with the coveted Lion of the Years award, recognizing his many years of service to the club and the community.



The Rock Fish Band performed many favorites at the 139<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Mary's Chicken Picnic.



Vacation Bible School at Memorial United Methodist Church was a joyous time for all.



Brandon Bush, Ed Rothenberg, Joe Ryba, Trevor Magaha, and Logan Jones are part of the army of cooks that barbecued the chickens.



Irene Vignola of Boyds (right), who will turn ninety-nine in December, at St. Mary's Barnesville Picnic with her son Luciano and his wife Lilliana.



In one of the toss games, Tristan Collier gladly hands out prizes to a winner.



Tommy L. participates in Maryland's State sport of jousting.



Nel Washington, Frank Austin, Bernadette Washington, and Betty Stewart sold raffle tickets at the festival.



Families have been coming for the roasted chicken for 139 years, and it still is considered the best barbecued chicken around.

## Local News

### Master Plan for Recreational Park in Germantown Approved

By Kristen Milton

A master plan draft for Clarksburg's Ovid Hazen Wells Park envisions drawing people to the former farmland for everything from swimming to weddings to gardening classes.

The Planning Board approved a draft master plan update on July 17 that continues the process of creating a "destination park" at the 290-acre site. The same meeting also saw the approval of a one-acre purchase for the park, at a cost of \$395,000.

In suggesting approval for the draft, Commissioner Amy Presley, a Clarksburg resident, called the plans "fantastic...I would love to see some of it happen while I am still there."

The board unanimously approved the draft as well as the scheduling of an October 2 public hearing to garner community reaction.

The current Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park Master Plan, intended to guide development at the park, was approved in 1995. A condition of the property's donation to the commission was the eventual relocation of the Ovid Hazen Wells carousel currently located at Wheaton Regional Park, once the area's population was judged adequate to support the amenity. "That time has come," the master plan update says.

In her July 17 presentation to the board, planning coordinator Rachel Newhouse divided proposed usage of the park property into three major categories, corresponding with the way the land is divided by two stream valleys. The uses were recreational, agricultural or natural, and educational.

The western portion of the property, along Skylark Road, already hosts sports fields and other recreational facilities. The proposed plan for the area would include the installation of the carousel as well as support infrastructure such as restrooms and food concessions and additional entertainment sites such as a sledding hill and splash park. Newhouse said "a Victorian-farm type theme" in keeping with the hundred-year-old carousel was being considered.

In the park's currently undeveloped center area, the master plan update envisioned mown natural trails

but also conversion of the historic Ned Watkins House, built in 1892, into an event center that could host 150 to 200 guests at weddings, graduations, and fundraisers. Such a change to a building currently rented as a residence would require upgraded accessibility at the house and barn, parking and road improvements, and other construction. Planning Chair Françoise Carrier suggested that "considering the cost," the plan might be more of a "long-term goal."

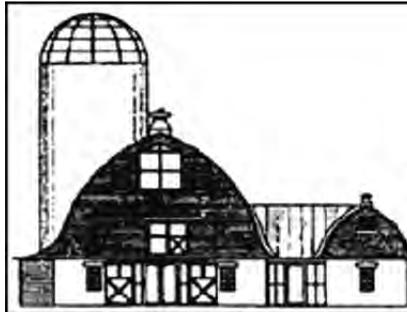
In the eastern section of the park, another historic building, the Oliver Watkins House, was envisioned as the center of a Home Food Gardens program that Newhouse said would be "unique to our park system." The house, currently gutted, would contain offices and classrooms where visitors would be instructed in the techniques and importance of gardens and edible landscapes. Newhouse said utilities at the house would be needed, including the extension of water and sewer service by Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC). A demonstration garden and community garden plots would also be part of the program. This section of the park already hosts the Red Wiggler Community Farm, a nonprofit that provides local organic produce and employment for the developmentally disabled.

Newhouse's presentation also addressed the potential for a future Clarksburg Community Recreation and Aquatic Center, which she said was the most-requested amenity during recent months of civic meeting visits. One potential site for such a center would be in the western area of the park where the one-acre purchase approved July 17 was located. The \$395,000 cost of the land will be funded by the state's Program Open Space. According to the purchase memo, a home on the property will be rented out in hopes that adjoining properties can eventually be purchased to host a facility such as a swim/senior center.

Planners mentioned that the timeline for the many suggested park changes would be dependent on funding. "There is money available to do the facility planning for the first phase of this project," Newhouse said, "so we are happy about that."

After the public hearing in October, the planning board is expected to hold winter work sessions before adopting a final master plan update.

The project webpage, including the draft update and online community comments, is located at [www.montgomeryparks.org](http://www.montgomeryparks.org).



## SUGARLOAF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Another Threat to Sugarloaf Mountain

**You may not believe this but there is an application pending to permit a large commercial firing range complex at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain!** Although it is proposed to be located in Frederick County, Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) believes that this request for a Special Exception demonstrates a breathtaking lack of understanding of the entire Sugarloaf region.

The applicant suggests that the proposed shooting range is consistent with the 2010 Frederick County Comprehensive Development Plan because it supports a diversified economy, helps preserve the agricultural nature of the land, and includes environmentally friendly initiatives. The SCA strenuously disagrees since a firing range would neither "support Frederick County's farming economy" nor "support land use initiatives to maintain and enhance Rural Communities to service the agricultural industry". In fact the applicant removes acres of land from potential agricultural activity. And it is clearly evident that a commercial firing range is not an environmentally friendly initiative.

The agricultural community in the area consists of people who bought their properties in a reasonable expectation of hearing shooting in connection with annual hunting on private land but certainly not the din of repetitive shooting on a commercial shooting range. The Sugarloaf mountain is not an appropriate buffer zone and the 250,000 people who annually hike, picnic, and horseback ride on the mountain came for the scenic beauty, tranquility and the sounds of nature and not never-ending gunshots from a commercial shooting range.

**A most devastating economic effect will be suffered by the owners of existing commercial equine businesses.** Who would pay to board and/or train a horse at a facility close to incessant gunfire? Horses have become an important part of the agricultural community in both Frederick County and northern Montgomery County and the proposed firing range will have a deepening impact on the viability of farming in the Sugarloaf region.

Then there is the suggestion that the 20 foot wide Thurston Road would be adequate for the anticipated peak traffic to the firing range of up to 100 people six days a week. However, the application also suggests the construction of nearly 200 parking spaces - are you wondering whether there is any connection with the anticipated peak traffic flow?

In response to the applicant's request for a Special Exception to convert the 262 acre parcel to an outdoor shooting range, SCA believes that the proposed use is **not** consistent with the purpose and intent of the Frederick County Development Plan, is **not** in harmony with the appropriate and orderly development of the Sugarloaf region, and **will have an adverse effect** on all neighboring properties.

## Commentary

### What Next?

By John Clayton

There is a tired cliché that newspaper writers often use around election time, pointing out that political campaign signs have sprouted up overnight like mushrooms after a spring rain. I would never say such a thing, but it did come to mind last week while I was driving through upper Montgomery County into Frederick County, and I encountered an explosion of shiny new signs protesting a proposed shooting range near Sugarloaf Mountain. Cliché alert: The proponents of this idea have kicked up a real hornets' nest (actually, that was more of a hyperbole, but I'm sure the editor will let it slide).

Our front page story by Rande Davis presents the facts and events, and the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association's newsletter ad forcefully advocates against the range. I recommend both for your consideration and won't attempt to build onto them here. What has impressed me is the explosion, like stinkbugs on tomatoes in a dewy garden on a Sunday morning, of outrage and protest in such a short time. The public hearing was overrun, social media is crackling like cicada shells underfoot on a city sidewalk, and every horse farm proprietor in sight has been quoted on TV news or in a newspaper.

Frankly, when I first heard about this, I was incredulous, as in, "A shooting range? What's next? Parachute training?" There's just no telling what the next challenge will be, and recreational

challenges, like churches, country inns, camps for kids, and even gun ranges are legitimate pursuits that have merit and in many cases need wide open spaces, or just space in less expensive areas, to pursue their activities; however, when that activity changes the experience of the surrounding resources for others, or when it represents a foot in the door for similar pursuits in the future as a dangerous precedent, it's great to see organizations and individuals step up so boldly.

I'm sure many anti-gun activists love the outcry, but there's nothing anti-gun about this vigorous response. I was initially concerned about the range garnering some support merely as a reaction against anything that sounded like it was an attack on legitimate gunplay, but I think that momentary thought was misguided. I did see one Facebook post from someone who traced a path from resisting the range to being available to the military to not supporting those who protect our gun rights, so I suppose if one tries hard enough, any issue is only two or three degrees away from Support the Troops. Nice try, fella. I happen to think a Sugarloaf shooting range makes it more likely that Virginia shooters will lobby for a new bridge across the Potomac into the Ag Reserve to get there faster. Take that.

The same concern remains with any threat to open land, scenic vistas, country roads, a dark sky at night, and relative peace and quiet. When it's gone, it's gone, and it doesn't come back.

## Rande(m) Thoughts

### The Times They Have Been a-Changin' — For the Better

By Rande Davis

With our headline about the opening of Phase II of Brightwell Crossing, I got to thinking about what Poolesville was like when my family and I first came to town.

Our arrival was in 1976, and the community could have been described exactly as the new town slogan describes it today: Small town charm, down home character. Thirty-eight years later, much has changed, but Poolesville's charm, if anything, has improved. When considering the acrimony in the town that popped up periodically over the years over one issue or another, I even think the town character, while good then, has also improved.

To understand why, first consider the town as it looked back then.

There was no Whalen Commons packed with special events. There was no science building at Poolesville High School, no Global Ecology

or other magnet programs, no lights at the football field and not as much seating either, and the baseball field was just that, a field. Poolesville Elementary School had portables and no separate gymnasium. There was no John Poole Middle School. All the talk then was not about renovation of the high school but whether we would even get to keep it. Despite the public division over the decisions made by commissioners of the 1960s and '70s, their decisions led to the town we have today. A town larger and changed, but one we still describe as small, charming, and of good character.

The town government was in the 1907 National Bank building in the center of town. The town hall was overcrowded with a sparse meeting room upstairs and no access for persons with disabilities. Town sidewalks were sporadic and often uneven, nearly unsafe.

While none of the strip malls where here, neither were the services they bring. One may not like the structures, but what would we do without a public library or Hope Garden Ballet. We know what it is like to lose a Selby's. There were just two places to eat out: Larry's Diner

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## New Equine Book by Mary Ann Powell JUST RELEASED!

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## Local News

### It's a Doggie Dog World

By Emma Whitehouse

A college friend introduced Peter and Caroline Williams to dog training while they lived in Texas, and they started training dogs when they moved to Maryland. Their first dog was Apollo, a fluffy, gray Samoyed-Belgian Shepherd mix that had a bad temperament originally, but improved greatly when he started to enter competitions. His first competition was in obedience, in which Caroline and Peter entered him on the spur of the moment. He passed away from cancer at age ten, years ago, but Peter and Caroline, with their daughter Courtney, have been training dogs successfully for many years since then. With numerous awards to their names, they have proven to be some of the best trainers in the region. Currently, they have four Australian Shepherds and a Pembroke Welsh Corgi. Peter developed a fondness for Australian Shepherds when he worked for a geese removal

company in Maryland that used Australian Shepherds to round up the geese and was given a dog.

The Williams family and their dogs were invited to the Purina Pro Plan Incredible Dog Challenge in April of this year. Caroline and Peter participated in the event of freestyle flying disc, with Australian Shepherd Steel and Corgi Ziva. "It was awesome!" Peter said. Caroline added, "There's a competitive nature to it...but it's also very entertaining!" The Purina Challenge isn't the only notch on the Williams family belt. Caroline and Steel qualified in the 2011 and 2012 Northeast Regional Disc Dogathon, the 2013 Eastern Open (from Maine to Florida and very competitive with many competitors from Japan even though Japan is not on the East Coast), and in 2014, Steel qualified for seven out of nine events in the northeast qualifier, all for the Skyhoundz World Championship. Steel also qualified in first place for the Ashley Whippet Invitational, the UFO World Cup, and the United States Disc Dog National Qualifier. Peter and his dog Ziva are four-time world finalists in

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experience with and a love of children, be self-motivated, have excellent references, and must submit to criminal and sexual misconduct background checks. Lead teachers are responsible for planning each day with assistant teachers in a supporting role. Child care or preschool experience a plus. All staff must be certified in CPR and first aid by start of school. Please send resume to [MDO@saintpetersnet.org](mailto:MDO@saintpetersnet.org).



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## Things To Do

August 1

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

August 2

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment

The Crimestoppers Rockin' Blues. 4:00 p.m.

August 4

### Mother's Day Out

Babysitting care for working parents who are at home, work from home, or work part time. *St. Peter's Episcopal Church.* 9:15 a.m. to 1:00 pm.

### Poolesville

#### Commissioners' Meeting

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

August 6

#### PASC Event

Poolesville area seniors. **Zumba Gold.** *Poolesville Baptist Church.* 1:00 p.m.

#### Free Community Dinner

*Memorial United Methodist Church.* 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

August 7

#### PASC Event

Poolesville area seniors. **Understanding hospice care.** *Poolesville Town Hall.* 1:00 p.m.

**T'ai Chi.** *Poolesville Baptist Church.*

7:00 p.m.

August 8

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment

DJ Slim Pickens. 8:30 p.m.

August 9

### 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Poolesville Music and Arts Festival

Live bands and performers, family fun zone, artisan vendors,

food, crafts, and more. Benefit for Relay for Life. *Whalen Commons.* 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### Pit Barbecue sponsored by the UMCVFD

Featuring pulled pork, roast beef, and great sides. Behind the fire house. Starts at 11:00 a.m. and continues until food is gone.

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment

Bobby Lewis Blues Band. 4:00 p.m.

#### PASC Event

**T'ai Chi.** *Poolesville Baptist Church.* 7:00 p.m.

August 10

#### Second Annual MJW Fest

Car meet, auction, and festival. The event raises funds for an Automotive Technology scholarship at Montgomery College in memory of Matt Williquette, lifelong car enthusiast, Montgomery college alumnus, and resident of Poolesville. Information on entering the car meet is available from Nicole Onley at nso5006@gmail.com. *Whalen Commons.* 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 13

#### PASC Event

Poolesville area seniors. **Insurance 101 by Maryland Insurance Administration.** *Baptist Church.* 1:00 p.m.

August 14

#### PASC Event

Poolesville area seniors. **Understanding Alzheimer's.** *Poolesville Baptist Church.* 7:00 p.m.

August 15

#### Summer Music Concert

The Wandering Peacocks. *Whalen Commons.* 8:00 p.m.

### House of Poolesville

#### Entertainment

Karaoke. 8:30 p.m.

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### The Times Have Been a-Changin'

(previously known as Titus's Taste Diner where Bassett's stands now) and the Meadowlark Inn, a regionally-popular restaurant of excellent entrées. There was no pharmacy; we had to go to Rockville.

Westerly and Wesmond homes had just completed their build out. Before those subdivisions were built, the town population was around 350 which is about the same as it was during the Civil War. The townhouses on Kohlhoss and Meadow Valley Townhomes (then called Summer Hill) were just being constructed with a price range in the mid-30s.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Memorial United Methodist, and Poolesville Baptist did not have the community halls which serve today not only their needs but those of the community. St. Mary's was the only Catholic Church in the area. There was no McDonald's, but nearby stood a carwash which soon became abandoned and ugly until Total Automotive and Diesel's equestrian barn-like structure replaced it. Where Hearthside Gardens and Mixed Greens sit was Norris Oil Company. Where Discovery Day Care resides, we had a High's Convenience store. Selby's was located where Healthworks was before the club moved to the west side strip mall in a building that originally housed our second pizza shop. The nearest supermarket was in Darnestown, but Selby's was a really nice grocery store that could easily meet everyday needs and whose quality meat department drew people from as far away as Potomac.

The town population grew from about 3,600 in 1976 to where it peaked in 2010 at 5200 before heading south to 4800 until Stoney Springs and Brightwell Crossing began to be built. The decline was due to lack of new home construction coupled with the children of residents graduating and moving away.

As the newcomers in town in 1976, we were very aware of those who were glad to see us and those not so pleased, with the latter fighting the growth and changes every step of the way. Back then, community discussions seemed to be more spirited and not necessarily in a positive way, since the dialogue often crossed over into vitriol. A planned community similar to Columbia sparked hot public discourse, but it was turned down by the voters. At least it left

behind a country club, which eventually became a county-owned public golf course. It had a pool, which was ultimately filled in, but that was followed by a multi-use county pool in the west end of town. When Saudi Arabians thought building a school here was a good idea, the town arose in a very heated debate. The anger expressed was palpable and not at all charming. The Saudis decided Leesburg was a better place to be.

Today, while growth has been significant, the town's character, has gotten better. Much of the dialogue about public concerns has improved in substance and tone. Expressions of anger have lessened. Dialogue on public issues, while at times painfully extended, has been a much more serious and complete discussion that most often results in consensus rather than a divisive sense of winners and losers. Over time, hotly-made charges of the town government being reckless and irresponsible and heading toward bankruptcy have proven to be reckless and irresponsible in and of themselves.

The community consensus is that the town needs to stay small, and the plan caps population at 6,500 without negating the small-town ambience. The new neighbors will bring more security for our school system and greatly enhance the stability of the businesses and churches.

As we look to the future, we can have a sense of positive hope for an even better Poolesville. Such hope springs from many different resources in the town. In the Monocle, we often cover the many nonprofit community service organizations that help define this area. The reason is that such organizations like the Lions Club, Odd Fellows, churches, and WUMCO, just to name a few, are the lifeblood of a community. One such organization is the Historic Medley District, Inc., the guardians of the 1793 John Poole House, the Old Town Hall Bank Museum and Exhibit Center, and the Seneca Schoolhouse. I am its executive director and ask the reader's indulgence for a moment, as an editor of the Monocle, to think about the importance of securing our history and historical sites, and as the facilities are currently under the heavy burden of need for renovation, request you consider making a donation. You can send a check to P.O. Box 232, Poolesville, MD 20837 or visit [historicmedley.org](http://historicmedley.org) and use PayPal.

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## Focus On Business Lewis Orchards— Sowing Seeds of Love for Four Generations

By Susan Petro

For over one hundred years, customers have been stopping at Lewis Orchards, located at the intersection of Route 28 and Peach Tree Road, to purchase their favorite fresh fruits and vegetables. Some come from as far away as New York, Pennsylvania, and Florida because they believe Lewis Orchards has the tastiest produce. Owner Linda Lewis said her customers tell her “that the peaches from Lewis Orchards are better than Georgia peaches, and they’ve never had sweet corn so good.”

Linda and her husband, Robert Lewis, are the fourth generation to operate the market that has been on the family’s 197-acre farm since 1888. Robert’s great-grandparents, Lewis and Charlotte Mainhart, were the first generation of farmers on the land. They had hay, horses, and a few cattle on the farm, and fruit trees around their home.

Lewis and Charlotte’s daughter, Lottie, married Guy Lewis, an orchard farmer from Thurmont. Guy and Lottie planted more fruit trees on the farm. Guy was one of the first people in the area with a flat-bed truck, so he was able to haul their fruit, mainly peaches, to local canneries. When World War II began, Guy went off to war, and Lottie maintained the farm. She was one of the first members of the Bethesda Women’s Market.

Marshall Lewis, the youngest of Guy and Lottie’s six children, was only eighteen years old when Guy passed away. Marshall stayed on the farm to help his mother run the orchard. When Marshall was killed in an accident in 1988, his son Robert, the current owner, returned to run the operation. Robert and his wife Linda leased the farm from the family until 2001 when they bought Lewis Orchards and the farm from the estate.

Robert and Linda have been married for twenty-six years and work together to run the farm and market. Linda works the retail side of the business, and Robert works behind the scenes in the wholesale



Linda and Robert Lewis  
of Lewis Orchards.

operation. Linda said their secret to a successful working relationship is to keep any private issues out of the building.

Over the years, Lewis Orchards expanded numerous times from a simple roadside lean-to shed offering mainly peaches, to the current building that opened in 2003. In the early 1970s, they began selling vegetables. Linda added fresh bottled milk for sale when the newest building opened. Even when the market closes for the winter, Linda says they still sell milk year-round to their regular customers.

The market is open from mid-June until Thanksgiving. According to Linda, their most popular produce are peaches, sweet corn, and pumpkins; however, they also offer a full range of locally-grown fruits and vegetables, including tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, blueberries, lettuce, green beans, and much more. In recent years, Robert and Linda added a pick-your-own apple orchard, and cut-your-own zinnias. Additionally, the market offers jams, jellies, sauces, cheeses, milk, soap, and an assortment of other goods.

When they planted apple trees, they realized they would need to add a fence to the property. Linda, worried that young children might wander away from their parents onto busy Route 28, did not want just any fence. “I’ve always liked different,” said Linda. Both Linda and Robert loved stone walls, but such a fence would normally be too expensive. Luckily, a large amount of stone became available when a nearby builder excavated tons of stone for a foundation for a home and was not allowed to rebury it, so Linda and Robert obtained the stone and built the beautiful stacked stone fence that now borders the market.

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## Youth Sports

### UMAC 9U Team Wins Ripken State Tournament

By Jeff Stuart

On July 15, the 9U UMAC Attack All-Star team won the Cal Ripken Maryland State Championship played at Urbana District Park in Frederick. They defeated Calvert in the championship game, 7-6, in extra innings and advanced to the regional championship to be played in Basking Ridge, New Jersey from August 1 to 5. They will face the top teams from New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. "In pool play, UMAC defeated the Prince George's All Stars, 12-2, Calvert, 10-4, and Walkersville, 13-6, earning a bye to the quarterfinals," said Assistant Coach Drew Woolery. "On July 14, UMAC defeated Urbana, the host, in the rain by a score of 8-2. It was a close game until the last couple innings. Tommy Roldan pitched three innings, giving up two runs, and my own son, Ryan Woolery, pitched the last three frames with no damage."

Calvert, having lost earlier in pool play, was looking for redemption in the championship game. Both starting pitchers, Luke Boyd for UMAC and Calvert's, played the full six innings. "We were down, 3-0, early," said Woolery, "but scraped together a couple runs in the second, then tied it in the third with a sac groundball from Trent Adelman bringing home the tie run." The team fell behind again, but Roldan tripled home two runs in the bottom of the fifth, tying the game again. "We shut them down in the top of the sixth, and in the bottom of the inning managed to get Luke Pearre over

to third with one out. Pinch hitter Mao LaMotte hit a groundball to third, but was thrown out at first. Luke tried to score on the play," explained Woolery, "but he was gunned down at the plate on a great throw from first." The teams, tied, went into extra innings.

Tommy Roldan relieved Luke Boyd as pitcher and, with the help of catcher Ian Stewart and some close plays, prevented Calvert from scoring. "In the bottom of the seventh, our second baseman and lead-off hitter, Noah Ashker, was grazed by an inside pitch and took first," Woolery described the final inning. "He stole second and went to third on a wild pitch. The number-two hitter, Ryan Woolery, struck out, but not before working the count long enough for Noah to steal second and take third on a wild pitch. With one out, Roldan hit a walk off double to end the game."

All players born after April 30, 2004 and who played on a UMAC rec team were invited to attend tryouts for the All Stars in early May. Many who made the team had played together on previous select or all-star teams. The Select team placed first in the Harry O. Smith Memorial tournament in Walkersville, and they took first at the Bulldog Bash in Mt. Airy. UMAC hosted a School's Out Tournament but lost the championship game to a very good team from Arlington.

Despite trials and tribulations, the coaches kept preaching a mantra that could serve the players in life as well as in baseball: "Don't start coasting when you get ahead, and never give up when you fall behind." Hard work and determination kept the boys striving for first, even when they could have easily placed second. "That lesson is the reason I introduced my kid into baseball," added Woolery, "and one I hope sticks with him long after he moves on to bigger things.



UMAC's 9U All Stars rallied twice from three-run deficits to capture the 2014 Cal Ripken Maryland State Championship.

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## Tidbits

### Poolesville Day Promises New and Exciting Things

Poolesville Day 2014 is fast approaching, and it will be a day of fun and entertainment for Poolesville and surrounding area residents. The Poolesville Day Committee (PDC) has chosen "Bring It On" as this year's slogan and theme, and once again, the PDC will bring new features to keep the free family event fresh. Just to name a few: At Whalen Commons, kids will not want to miss several new rides: Old West Playground, Jungle Mania, and Disco Car. The updated Maryland Agricultural Showcase and Birdie Ball Golf will be fun for all ages. By the way, if you don't look up, you might miss the Stilt Walkers looming above the crowds. Over at Falcon Lane, the very popular Dunk Tank is making a return, and be sure to try the 3-Lane Bungee Basketball while listening to tunes performed by Smoke n' Mangos, Stone Age Rhapsody, and Remedy—all talented young performers with ties to Poolesville.

For vendors and parade participants, it is better to send in your applications sooner than later. As a reminder, Poolesville Day will take place on September 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Wonderful New Collection Spot for WUMCO

Every since Selby's Market closed, canned and dry food donations to WUMCO have slipped. Alex Pike, son of Tim and Margaret Pike, stepped forward and handcrafted a new collection house/box for WUMCO. The sturdy structure is in the parking lot of Pike and Valega's dental office, and donations



*The new dry and canned food shed in Pike and Valega's parking lot has resulted in much more food being donated to WUMCO. The shed was made by Alex Pike.*

already have picked up. The items of great demand but low in inventory are: macaroni and cheese, instant mashed potatoes, gravy, and any veggies other than green beans or corn.

A bit more news about WUMCO, the organization recently voted three new board of directors members: Carly Stoliker, Adam De Baugh, and Kathy Nethercutt.

### Monocacy Lions Award Scholarships

At a recent awards ceremony, two Poolesville High School graduates received scholarship awards from the Monocacy Lions Club. The awards were presented at a May PHS awards ceremony by Lions member and former King Lion Roger Brenholtz.

The Lions Scholarship Committee received ten applications and chose two. Justin C. Kim, who will attend the University of Michigan, received the club's Earl Shreve Memorial Scholarship. Stephen Marsh, who will attend Elon University, received the Club Scholarship.

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### Lewis Orchards—Sowing Seeds of Love for Four Generations

In response to customer requests and a desire to start baking again, Linda added fresh baked pies to the market's offerings this year. Linda said that many customers who stop in are specifically looking for dessert items and most often request pies. Many years ago, when Robert and Linda's sons were young, Linda used to bake a selection of fresh breads on Friday and Saturday nights to earn extra money. After the tragic death of their son, Marshall, fourteen years ago, Linda said she decided to focus on just the market and stopped selling the baked goods. By the spring of last year, Linda was ready to start baking again and placed an order for a new stove.

Kim Bailey, the former baker for Selby's, helps Linda bake the pies which include peach, blueberry, peach-berry, cherry, apple, and a few no-sugar options. The two plan to bake on Thursday through Sunday. Many customers who remember Linda's fresh-baked breads are hoping she'll add them to the lineup, as well, but Linda says she wants to focus on pies for now.

When asked why people from near and far keep coming back to Lewis Orchards season after season, Linda replied that most produce is picked daily if not every other day. "We believe in quality over quantity," said Linda. "No fruit that's been on the ground is ever sold. Robert's great-grandfather believed that if it's on the ground, it's on the ground for a reason, and it stays on the ground."

Although the Lewises' generation-spanning affinity for selling quality produce contributes to their continuing success and steady stream of loyal customers, Linda thinks one more factor is equally important: love. "Farming is sowing seeds of love and working with Mother Nature," said Linda. A little love is packaged with every piece of fresh produce they sell.

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### Firing Range Proposal Postponed

special concern for the impact on the many equestrian farms in the area and the noise impact on horses.

One protestor, Kelsey Roos, whose home is near the proposed range, said, "Hardest hit will be the equestrian community, as those who ride and board in the area will take their horses elsewhere. No one wants to ride a horse that may bolt when startled by weapons fire."

Montgomery County Alliance stated on its website, "Regardless of how one feels about shooting ranges, we can agree that this over-sized facility does not fit the surrounding neighborhood of farms and popular hiking destinations. 'Resource Conservation,' this is not."

The lead organization against the facility, Sugarloaf Alliance also declared, "The loud noise from this large, commercial facility will disturb the peaceful enjoyment of homes, farms, and Sugarloaf Mountain, as well as threaten local businesses such as Sugarloaf/Stronghold, Sugarloaf Mountain Winery, Comus Inn, and farms with horse riding, training, and boarding. There are unknown environmental issues from having a firearms range run through flood plains and Little Bennett Creek, a waterway that feeds the Monocacy River and ultimately the Potomac River."

The Frederick County Zoning Board is searching for a venue large enough to support such a large turnout for the next public hearing.

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### Mary Faith

Mary Faith, 85, long-time resident of Poolesville, passed away on July 3, 2014 at Shady Grove Hospital. She was the mother of Barb Faith and grandmother of Jennifer, Jason, and Meghan Massey, all of Poolesville. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Presentation Church in Poolesville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Presentation Church at 17230 Tom Fox Avenue, Poolesville, MD 20837.

### Christiane Marie Barrett-Jacoby



Christiane Marie Barrett-Jacoby

Christiane Marie Barrett-Jacoby went peacefully to be with our Lord on Thursday morning July 24, after a long and valiant struggle with cancer. Christine was the loving wife of Michael Barrett, beloved mother of Brian Lynn Mote. She is survived by her identical twin Carolyn Marie Ahner, wife of Mark; nephews Matthew and Timothy; and her favorite niece Ms. Lindsay Marie Ahner.

A memorial service is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Saturday August 2, 2014, at Our Lady of the Presentation Church, Poolesville.

### Martha V. Butler

Martha V. Butler, 75, of Poolesville died on Sunday, July 13 in Chevy Chase, Maryland. She was the wife of the late Edward T. Butler, Jr. Born on September 28, 1938 in Boston, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Col. Nicholas R. and Virginia (Warren) Voorhis.

Martha graduated from Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School in 1956, the Lucy Webb Hayes School of Nursing, Washington, D.C. in 1959, and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from American University in Washington, D.C. in 1963. She was a registered nurse for several years and then devoted her time to her family.

She is survived by her children, Edward N. Butler (Ann) of Woodbridge, Virginia, John W. Butler (Lori) of Salisbury, and David H. Butler (Wendy) of Poolesville; one brother, Nicholas R. Voorhis, Jr., of Albuquerque, New Mexico; one sister, Virginia Butler of Media, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Emily C. and Sarah E. Butler of Salisbury, and Ross D. Butler of Poolesville; and one aunt, Nathalie W. McCulloch, of Sarasota, Florida.

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### Former PHS Principal, Dr. Harry C. Rhodes, Passes Away

By Rande Davis

Just three months short of his hundredth birthday, Dr. Harry C. Rhodes passed away. The beloved former teacher and principal of Poolesville High School from 1947 to 1952 was an accomplished person in many fields and endeavors. After departing Poolesville, he became Superintendent of Schools for Queen Anne's County, the youngest person to hold the position in the state. He was married to his beloved wife Elizabeth Creighton Rhodes for over sixty years.

Born on November 25, 1914, he left his family farm to graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland in 1935 and obtained his high school teaching certificate the same year. His first year teaching at Poolesville High School paid \$90.00 per month and included coaching soccer. He must have done a good job since he was made assistant principal in 1937.

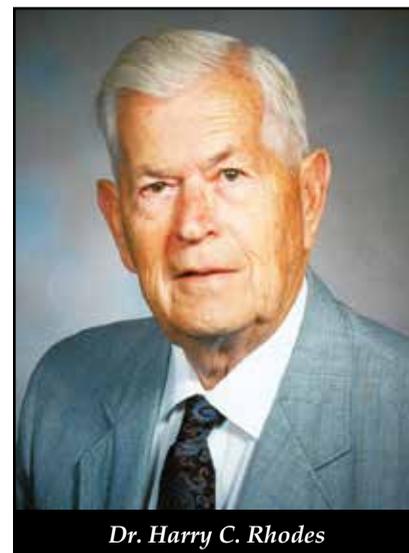
In 1937, he met his future wife, Elizabeth Creighton Jones of Dickerson, and they married on August 11, 1938. Before World War II, he was the executive director of the Montgomery County Housing Authority. During the war, Rhodes served as an officer in the U. S. Naval Reserves on a minesweeper serving in the South Atlantic and Pacific. After the war, he resumed his teaching career at Gaithersburg High School in 1946 and completed his Master's Degree from the University of Maryland. In 1947, he was appointed principal of PHS. Even as principal, he continued his love of farming, raising hogs and sheep.

In 1940, Harry became a charter member of the Monocacy Lions Club and was elected second-vice president and served one term as King Lion.

He continued his education and obtained a Doctorate in Education from the University of Maryland in 1960. In 1967, he joined Anne Arundel Community College as Dean of Faculty, a position he held until 1973.

Through the years, Harry served on many important boards and was involved in a myriad of community service programs, receiving many awards of honor. In particular, he is remembered for his service on the Board of Directors of Queenstown Bank of Maryland, commissioner of the Town of Queenstown, and at one time its president. In 1980, he was selected as the Queen Anne's Educator-Outstanding Citizen. He served on the Board of Eastern Memorial Hospital and as its treasurer, and was one of the founding members of Chesapeake College, serving on its Board of Trustees for eleven years.

Dr. Harry C. Rhodes, upon his death, was especially remembered for his peaceful integration of Queen Anne's County schools, and as someone who played a pivotal role in the community college movement.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

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**Theft of vehicle:** 17700 block of White Ground Road.

**Theft:** 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue, 17900 block of Bliss Drive.

### Past Crime

**August 3, 1951** The body of a soldier was found lying next to his car near Edwards Ferry. He was identified as a soldier who had been missing for a week from his post at Walter Reed Hospital. Because of the circumstances, the coroner issued a certificate of suicide and turned the case over to the Armed Forces Police.

**August 5, 1951** Officer Robert McAllister shot two men in the legs inside a Wheaton home after their bizarre prank backfired. One of the men had called a funeral home to report the death of a friend. When McAllister arrived, he found not a corpse but an intoxicated man lying on the basement floor. When McAllister warned them that they could be charged with making a false report, the men attacked the officer, and one hit McAllister with a water pitcher. As the officer backed up the basement stairs, he fired twice, striking each man in the leg. They were later charged with a variety of offenses

(McAllister would be murdered a year later by an escaped convict).

**August 7 1951** Willie Whitehead of Rocky Mount, North Carolina was arrested by county police on a charge that he stole a cow and a hog from a Rockville farmer. The livestock were found at a Baltimore stockyard.

**August 9, 1951** Fast police work resulted in the arrest of the "midnight burglar" who had been hitting homes in Chevy Chase. Officers had responded to a burglar alarm, but when they arrived, the thief was gone. In quick succession, three other homeowners called the police reporting that their homes had been entered. Two officers found a man quickly walking away from the neighborhood and took him to the Bethesda station. The man was questioned by detectives and eventually admitted to committing fifteen burglaries in the area.

**August 12, 1951** A crap shooting and gambling party was abruptly ended when Montgomery County Police arrived at a baseball field near Norbeck. About two hundred people were assembled at the park when the police arrived at about 1:00 a.m. Police had kept the field under surveillance for several weeks and had observed untaxed whiskey and beer being dispensed from a truck. Four men were arrested on a variety of charges, and the rest were told to leave.

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## Garden

### A Midsummer Report

By Maureen O'Connell

In several of my columns this spring, I talked about the effects of our past, harsh winter on our gardens. Mine suffered many losses and damages, but some of the plants and shrubs struggled through to face another summer, in a diminished state. The Phoenix lived—but with his feathers quite clipped.

It is now early August and what is the State of My Garden? Well, rather than throwing in the proverbial towel, I decided to make some garden design changes. Whether you believe in climate change or not, many of the plants that I have grown for many years are now struggling to deal with our summer's heat and drought conditions. The six, new hybrid tea roses I planted in the spring (against my better judgement) did not survive the heat and my no-spray program. By the time I got back from London three weeks ago, they were covered in Japanese beetles and blackspot and were seriously dehydrated. I cut them back to the ground. Most of the tender perennials and annuals that I so lovingly planted in May gave up the ghost. I was particularly disappointed with my six White Flower Farm dahlias. I ordered them in March and received them at the proper time for our planting zone. If you recall, our spring was wet and chilly. Three of the dahlia tubers rotted in the ground, but I had hope for the other three. I lovingly pampered them, but I did not spray them with any insecticides or fungicides. Last week, they were about two feet tall and they needed to be staked, which I did. To my horror, when I checked them the next day, they had all wilted overnight, probably from a virus infection, their nascent buds, so close to blooming, hung their heads low, never to emerge in a rainbow of bright, luscious colors. What was left? The plants that thrived in the survival-of-the-fittest category were plants of the Mediterranean.

"Are you going to Scarborough Fair?"

Parsley, sage, rosemary, and thyme."

Those of us of a certain age might remember these opening words of Simon and Garfunkel's 1966 hit

cover of an old ballad, "Scarborough Fair." The song is taken from an 1889 English canticle describing the virtues imbued in these herbs. I will throw into that mix my favorite herb lavender. My point in this digression is to show how these five Mediterranean herbs have filled the gaps in my garden. As you have probably surmised by now, 2014 has not been kind to my gardens. I will admit that part of the problem stems from my new policy of not using chemical insecticides and fungicides. You can try all the home remedies, but with our climatic conditions, it is impossible to grow most roses and many perennials without the help of chemicals, but, as we all know, the environment pays a price for our longing for Camelot's Garden.

In the lower part of my garden, I have a small, rectangular plot that used to be home to six old roses. They were victims of the winter and the increasing shade from six very old and tall white pine trees. What should I plant there; roses were not an option. It became my new herb bed; with just the right amount of shade and sun, it was ideal. I love delphiniums, but I never had great luck with them. They flourish in England, but we don't have their climate. They might grow here for a short time, but soon the heat wilts them, so my new herb garden could also be home, for a short time, for six delphiniums. They were a beautifully-azure blue for about three weeks and then they were gone. I cut them back to the ground; I recently noticed that they are setting out new signs of growth to hopefully rebloom in the fall. Around the delphiniums, I planted flat-leaf and curly parsley, three varieties of sage, rosemary, thyme, dill, cilantro, and chives.

The rose gardens were not the only areas that were left with gaping holes. What to plant to fill the gaps? Here again I looked to herbs. In my travels visiting gardens, I have noticed the trend of inter-planting herbs with flowering plants. If you choose the right ones, they are resilient with colorful and different foliage and flowers with the added bonus of providing fresh herbs for cooking. I have planted amongst my flower beds basil and lavender. I cannot say enough about the wonders of lovely lavender. Many people grow it for its fragrance, but it is also a very reliable garden plant for summer and

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### Brightwell Crossing's Phase II

of Poolesville High School), noted Kettler Forlines's particular excitement about the six styles of homes which offer an option which is a new trend in home construction that features what is called multi-generational homes. Homeowners may select a five-hundred-to-seven-hundred-square-foot home-within-a-home option, which goes beyond the previous concept of an in-law suite to provide separate living arrangements for extended family or guests. The extensions will be attached to the house but will include a separate entrance. The concept includes a bedroom with full bath, living room, kitchenette with sink and dishwasher, and space for a washer/dryer. It allows full independent living for the family member or guest.

The Reserve at Brightwell Crossing features four- to seven-bedroom homes offering scores of luxury features with a variety of distinctive exteriors, interiors with nine-foot ceilings on all levels, gas-fired fireplaces, two-piece custom crown molding, and second-floor laundry facilities. The luxury kitchens feature center islands, granite countertops, and Energy Star appliances. Since the lots are larger than those in Phase I, the Reserve will offer side-of-house garage entrances,

expanding the overall presentation of the exterior of the homes.

All homes are Energy Star certified and subject to testing by an independent third party. Additionally, all the homes are certified in the EPA Indoor airPLUS Program, providing advanced indoor air quality.

Ultimately, there will be 177 Brightwell homes. Brightwell has nearly completed Elgin Park which is just off of Elgin Road and has a large kiddie play lot, full size soccer and lacrosse fields, and multiple sidewalks connecting to trails, one of which will eventually cross Dry Seneca Creek to connect with the Woods of Tama. A covered pavilion is to be completed this summer. One very special feature of the park is an experimental tri-sponsored American Chestnut Tree orchard, part of a movement to restore the grand North American tree to our environs. Partners in this environmental project are the American Chestnut Association, the Global Ecology Studies Program at PHS, and Kettler Forlines.

One of the icons of the Brightwell community is a covered bridge which Tom Kettler was very pleased to save from destruction. It was previously located at the Cozy Inn in Thurmont before that restaurant closed. The bridge straddles a small creek near the playground, bringing joy to kids as well as adults.

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### A Midsummer Report

fall with its resistance to deer, heat, and drought. Plant them in masses for a spectacular look or scatter them amongst other flowering plants. Even when they are not in bloom, their cool, gray-green foliage adds a dramatic punctuation mark.

Who else survived in my garden? This year my garden phoenixes are: *Rosa rugosa*, *Coreopsis* 'Moonbeam,' *Echinacea* (cone flower) 'Cheyenne Spirit' and 'Fragrant Angel,' lilies 'Casa Blanca' and 'Stargazer,' *Rudbeckia* 'Goldsturm,' salvia 'East Friesland,' and *Heuchera* (coral bells), especially 'Georgia Peach.

Everyone might have their own successes or failures in their gardens this year. My experiences with my gardens these past few years have changed or re-focused my direction in what to grow and how to handle the challenges of gardening in our area.

Odds and Ends. I have seven *Buddleia* (butterfly bushes) in my gardens. For years, they have always been covered with butterflies, especially the Eastern tiger swallowtail butterfly. This year, I have seen, at the most, two butterflies on the bushes. Has anyone else observed this decline in the number of butterflies on plants?

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### It's a Doggie Dog World

Skyhoundz Microdog, dogs less than sixteen inches, as well as qualifying for Skyhoundz Disc Dogathon with dogs of all sizes and placing fourth in the Ashley Whippet Qualifier. Courtney, an upcoming junior in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Studies Program, is Cir-el's handler. Courtney and Cir-el placed first in Skyhoundz in disc from 2010 to 2013 as well as winning the 2012 and 2013 Junior World Champion in disc for Skyhoundz.

The family will be hosting the 7th Inning Fetch Disc Dogathon

on August 2 at Stevens Park in Poolesville from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. Five events will be held, and the first-place winner of each event will qualify for the Skyhoundz World Championships. Since Nutrimax sponsors the Williams family, joint and fur supplements for dogs will be handed out as prizes. On September 5, there will be a Bark in the Park Dog Contest at Whalen Commons where the Williams family will do a Disc Dog Demo at approximately 5:00 p.m.

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# “My cat doesn’t need a checkup because he/she never goes outside.”

By Peter H. Eeg, DVM  
 Poolesville Veterinary Clinic

We hear, “We had a cat that lived to be 20 that never went to the vet and it was fine” all the time. The reality is that it was no more likely to be fine than a 90-year-old person who never went to the doctor. Conditions like bad teeth and arthritis may cause a great deal of suffering. Cats in pain often just sit still. If you didn’t know any better, you might think it was fine. You might also say it was just slowing down. When we slow down in old age, it’s rarely because we simply want a more leisurely pace. It’s usually a result of feeling bad or pain. It’s the same for pets. If we get a chance to check them over, we can often find where a problem lies and offer management solutions to provide some relief. When our senior cats are comfortable, they are often more active. We can help your cat avoid suffering in silence.

Dental disease, chronic gastrointestinal disorders, arthritis, and aging changes don’t care if a cat is inside or out. They still come into our cats’ lives. Parasites come inside, too. Even though a cat stays inside, the outside can certainly come in. Flea eggs can hitchhike inside on our clothes; mosquitoes can sneak in as well and transmit heartworm to your cat; and potting soil and houseflies can carry roundworm eggs. There are plenty of opportunities for cats to be exposed to the creatures. Regular checkups for your cat are also important to help your cat keep a healthy weight and to alert you to troubling behaviors. So as much as we want to think that our homes are havens against illness and disease, the reality is that we need to help our cats stay feeling as good as possible with regular checkups that look for red flags and help you manage problems.



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