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Father O'Reilly (driver) was not going to be the first priest in 145 years to not host St. Mary's annual barbecued chicken picnic. See Family Album on page 2.



Hey, President Trump, this man knows how to build a wall in two weeks. See Business Briefs on page 4.



Steve Gibson in Boyds at the Poolesville American Legion's Post 247 mystery memorial to veterans. Read more on page 8.



Senior Jalen Inman in final season at PHS now heads to college. Read more about him and fellow senior Cole Roy in Youth Sports on page 10.

Poolesville Proposes Diversity Council

By Link Hoewing

Ed Reed, a counselor in the school system who has been leading a series of community discussions about racial inequity in the wake of the June 12 protest in town, said he wanted to publicly praise the young students who organized the peaceful protest and have been working on ideas to strengthen Poolesville and improve dialog and understanding. He said he and those working on a series of "community conversations" would like to find ways to partner with the town on "issues of diversity and inclusion."

Commissioner Cook then turned to a discussion about creating a town-sponsored diversity council. She referenced the community conversations Reed had noted were ongoing. She said she had reached out to other leaders in the county and "what keeps coming up is the idea of creating some form of diversity council."

Commissioner Dickerson said the town had to figure out, if it created such a council, how to ensure that it has a wide range of voices. "We don't want to just have people who all agree on everything," but she said she was on board for doing something.

Commissioner Klobukowski pointed to the role he felt the churches could play and wanted to reach out to get more input about the idea and how to structure it.

Commissioner Brown said he would also like to get more details about the concept from Ed Reed and others, including church leaders, but he is very interested in joining in as the idea is refined.

President Cook said she felt it would be good for the town to officially join in with the work that is now ongoing

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COVID-19 Testing Alert

The Montgomery County Health Department will conduct COVID-19 testing on Saturday, August 15 at the Poolesville Baptist Church, 17550 West Willard Road. On August 7, details on how to sign up for a test will be posted on the Town of Poolesville's website and facebook page, and on the Town of Poolesville Community Information facebook page.



Local Slave Quarters

By Kenny Sholes

The recent unrest across the country in response to racial injustice has driven needed conversations about equality, privilege, and local history here in the Ag Reserve. While the conversations are sometimes uncomfortable, they are incredibly important. Personally, I've been pleased to see the increased community-wide examination of Ag Reserve history, as I think improved understanding of our past will help us think about and navigate potential hurdles towards the community we desire in the future. This is not to say that our community isn't already great, but that it could always be better—more inclusive, more informed, and kinder.

Personally, it's been eye-opening to see some town members express surprise at revelations of our past. For

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Local example of typical slave quarters in the Ag Reserve.

Family Album



Jeff and Zoe Welsh and family looked for the great bargains at the St. Mary's White Elephant Sale.



Ninety-six-year-old Florence King Bell was joined by her daughters at St. Mary's picnic. If our calculation is right, she has attended over sixty-five percent of them!



The 145th St. Mary's barbeque team lived up to historic challenge despite the coronavirus.

145th St. Mary's Chicken Picnic— Carryout Only Due to COVID-19



Mike Virtz (a.k.a. the Knight of St. Mark) participating in Maryland's state sport, jousting.



Steve Vogel and Barbara Davidson cheered on the charging jousters.



Bettie Laug made sure to come early to get her chicken dinner before they ran out.



Some of the kids' games were still available and greatly enjoyed.



Ron Magaha (center) and friends stopping at the time-honored country store at the St. Mary's picnic.



The Clark family with friends enjoyed the food and music!

In Your Own Backyard

A Hillside Discovery along the C&O Canal: Part 3

By Jon Wolz

Note: This is Part 3 of a three-part series of Civil War along the C&O Canal. Part 1 may be found in the June 5, 2020 issue of the Monocle, and Part 2 may be found in the July 17 issue, both available at Monocacymonocle.com.

After enjoying the sights and sounds of the “quarry bluff” above White’s Ford and the C&O Canal, I thought since I had climbed this far up the hillside I should continue on to the top of the hill where Steve had gone to see what I could see from there. I yelled up to Steve if he saw anything and he yelled, “No!”

He scampered back down the hill to me. We both climbed to the top, and Steve got to the top quicker than I did. When I got to the top, Steve was gone. He had gone down a hill that went down to a stream that flowed beneath the canal at Culvert 63. I looked down in front of me and could also see the Potomac flowing from upriver near where I was standing. As I was looking upriver, I noticed, through a clearing, earthen mounds. I walked to them and realized this was a Civil War fort! I whistled for Steve, and he came running back up the hill to me. A little farther upriver, we came upon more disturbed earth that had the appearance of an earthwork fort with a view looking up the canal and the Potomac River.



This photo shows a LiDAR image that stripped away vegetation to show the crescent-shaped earthen works of the Civil War fort at White’s Ford.

My friend Jack Marshall, who is a member of the Maryland Archeological Society, did some research and told me the White’s Ford fort was occupied by the 10th Vermont Infantry. The fort is on canal park property and is next to private property. In a letter dated May 24, 1863, Capt. George C. Morton wrote Lt. Col. L.H. Lathrop saying that he had visited the Potomac River crossings near Poolesville and gave a report of the various blockhouses and Union encampments along the Potomac. In the letter, he wrote, “At White’s Ford Block House, Capt. Sheldon, 10th Vermont Volunteers is stationed; his command is encamped on the right of the Block House, which is guarded by a corporal and six men all under arms, and at the lookout one and one half miles below is stationed a corporal and three men. The water at the ford is only two feet deep and falling fast; the Block House at this point is nearly finished.” The earthen works above White’s Ford are crescent shaped.

The 10th Vermont was mustered on September 1, 1862, with ten companies totaling 1,016 men under the command of Col. Albert Burton Jewett. They arrived by train in Washington, D.C. on September 8. They marched across the Potomac using the Long Bridge and camped at Arlington Heights, Virginia. They could hear the sounds of distant cannons at South Mountain and Harper’s Ferry. On September 17, they left Arlington for a long march to Seneca Lock at the C&O Canal. There they set up headquarters and camped at the location of what is Bretton Woods Golf Course. At that location, they were next to a swamp with many soldiers falling ill with fever; twenty-five died while at camp. One soldier stated that he was sick, and the camp surgeons could find nothing wrong with

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Diversity by Any Other Name

By Rande Davis

Kerri Cook, president of the Town of Poolesville Commission, has called for consideration of a Town Diversity Council. At first glance, it's a noble gesture, but on second thought, it might be better to consider the legendary adage: "Be careful what you wish for..."

Don't get me wrong, it not only is entirely worthy of consideration, but the concept is not far removed from my own thought as expressed in the June 5 Rande(m) Thoughts column. It was two months ago that I wrote: "I do not know where this all (the March for Justice) is going, but I look forward to bringing together a group of friends of both races to explore ways we, as neighbors and friends, may better understand each other's perspectives. From this dialogue perhaps there will come a message of hope and understanding we could share with the whole community."

"In the meantime, let us all honor the memory of George Floyd with shared acknowledgement of the wrong done to him through a process of peace, understanding, and justice. Let us live more than ever as **one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**"

To illustrate just how difficult a task such a council might have, consider that I started right off the bat on the wrong foot by saying "both races." How about "all races" instead? See, it's easy to make a mistake.

At first glance, how can you not applaud Ed Reed's call to "strengthen Poolesville and improve dialog and understanding (by) working on a series of 'community conversations' that would find ways to partner with the town on issues of diversity and inclusion."

How about Kerri Cook, when she proffered, "It would be good for the town to officially join in with the work that is now ongoing with the community dialog"?

I particularly liked Commissioner Dickerson warning that "we don't want to just have people who all agree on everything."

"If you are going to have a commission on inclusion," Commissioner Klobukowski noted, "you might start with the role the churches could play, and we should reach out to them to get more input about the idea and how to structure it."

Jim Brown offered that he would "like to get more details about the concept from Ed Reed and others, including church leaders, but I am interested in joining in as the idea is refined."

As a nation, we have had at least five decades of discussion on inclusion and diversity even as we have reached a point where race relations are ostensibly worse than ever before. Don't worry, though, we all know who is responsible: the other guy.

There are so many questions, though. By diversity, is the commission really trying to say racial diversity only? After all, there are many forms of diversity, such as economic, political, or social diversity. The commissioners already sponsored a high-society-style fundraiser in Whalen Commons that cost \$250.00 per couple—and that was before an auction began. Was this public offering a good example of economic diversity? Was it something all of us could feel welcome to or was it something just for those among us who could afford it? When the concept was objected to at the time as being restrictive, one leading elected official said, "What's wrong with it? No one is forced to attend." Oops, that's not far from "then let them eat cake."

After listening briefly to some of the discussion of the community conversation on the topic, I quickly realized that participation was meant for those who identify as progressives. Perhaps political diversity could work, but I am skeptical these days. Being comfortable with public frankness about one's political proclivities would be required, and a recent poll said over seventy-seven percent of Republicans and nearly fifty percent of Democrats are afraid to speak out for fear of "being labeled or worse, canceled."

Often, over the years, I have been saved by my partner John Clayton from making mistakes. Perhaps the greatest time relates to this topic. Originally, I wanted to call for the *Monocle* to sponsor such a diversity forum. He warned just how challenging that could be and that it really takes experts, which we both could agree, he and I are not.

While I applaud the stated objective, I return to my originally stated adage. If diversity is to be limited and really does mean racial diversity, only then let me suggest a simple approach first. How about we Caucasians just be quiet for a moment and let our African American friends and neighbors congregate in some manner to come up with a collective mission or goal, that they, as a community, can agree with. Once they do that, we "white folks"

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Business Briefs

Raising Our Spirits

Montgomery County's Alcohol Beverage Services (ABS) has opened its first "spirits-only" store right here in Poolesville in the Village Shopping Center (Subway) at 19710-D Fisher Avenue.

The store is open Monday through Saturday from noon to 7:00 p.m. It is closed on Sundays.

"The spirits-only store provides spirits access to residents who previously had to drive a long way to purchase spirits," said ABS Director Bob

Dorfman. "This store will keep shoppers in the area without competing with the mom-and-pop beer and wine stores that are currently there."

The Poolesville store is a new concept that will be closely monitored for future spirits-only store placement. All other county ABS stores sell spirits, as well as beer and wine.

"We appreciate the county's investment in our town," said Kerri Cook, president of the Town of Poolesville Commission. "A spirits-only store keeps shoppers in Poolesville, and our residents and small businesses really appreciate that."

ABS is the alcohol wholesaler of beer, wine, and spirits for Montgomery



The shelves are stocked and ready at the new ABS location in Poolesville.

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County. Along with the store in Poolesville, ABS operates twenty-five beer, wine, and spirits stores. It manages alcohol licensing, enforcement, and education for more than one thousand businesses. ABS's annual profits of more than \$35 million are used to pay down county debt with a large portion deposited in the county's general fund to pay for resident services that would otherwise be funded by county tax dollars.

Landscape Project Completed in Four and a Half Months

Bernie Mihm teased us with a small article about a project beyond his expected planting and growing! One of the nice things about Fine Earth Landscape is the wide variety of projects that they do. A good example is a failing six-foot-tall retaining wall in a Gaithersburg office park which they replaced with a new keystone block retaining wall. With tongue in cheek, he reported the project took four and half months to complete. The county permit took four months; they took out the old and put up the new wall in just two weeks.

Bodmer's Back in the Business of Refueling Cars

When Total Auto and Diesel first started, they pumped gas at their original location at the corner of Elgin Road and Fisher Avenue. Now electric car owners can swing by to get a "quickie" refuel from one of their two new electric power rapid-charging stations.

The charging stations were placed by the Electric Vehicle Institute (EVI) which was first established in 2009. EVI is a highly-focused electric vehicle infrastructure company which provides a range of cutting-edge products, services, and solutions in the ever-evolving world of electric vehicles. EVI developed the Maryland EV Charging Project to support both public and private entities, deploying EV charging stations as part of a statewide initiative to develop electric drive and charging infrastructure.

At Total Automotive, EVI installed two Level 3, 50kW DC Fast Charging Stations that will be compatible for all EVs to charge at 50kWslim. These are more updated chargers than the ones that were replaced across the street when an additional two Level 2 chargers were installed to continue to support the Town of Poolesville, which brings the total number of Level 2 chargers to four at Whalen Commons.

Matt Wade reported to the Monocle that "EVI is excited to install these two fast-charging stations in Poolesville as we increase the fast-charging network in western Maryland, where we have recently installed DC fast chargers in Mt. Airy, Hagerstown, and Hancock."

Now, if only they would wash your windshield, check your oil level (nix that, EVs don't have oil to check!), and give you a free Redskins, er, Washington Football Team glass as a thank you, it would be just like the old days.



Lynne Bodmer of Total Automotive and Diesel with Matt Wade of the Electric Vehicle Institute showing the newly installed rapid-recharge devices for those in need of a quick charge.

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will not only have much to learn, but just as importantly, we will need to come to the table with open hearts and minds. Then we can all come together as a true community with mutual respect, and this small town can then stay a small town. After all, small town ambience is so much more than just population size. To coin a phrase, "It takes a village to be a small town."



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Garden

A Garden of Hope

By Maureen O'Connell

In February and March of this year, gardeners around the world anxiously looked forward to welcoming in the new growing season. There were new vegetables and flowers to plant, old favorites to welcome back, and many chores to get done. The crisis from the global pandemic was only just beginning to unfold. Little was known of this novel coronavirus and how it would impact everyone's health, social mores, and the global economy. Could its immediate and long-term effects change the course of history? Every day brought more cases and more deaths. In all this gloom, where can we find something happy or pleasant to think about? There were no easy answers. The everyday actions of everyday heroes—the first responders, teachers, police officers, doctors, nurses, delivery drivers, clerks, cashiers, and many more—brought a glimmer of hope to a world turned upside down.

As we head into August, gardens everywhere are billowing and overflowing with color and scents. They are brimming with summer joy, oblivious of the surrounding aura of crisis. I hope that the gardens of all my readers will be a welcome distraction in these difficult times.

I still take my evening garden walk every night with my two Lab friends, Spencer and Winston. I sit on my slate blue Lutyens bench with a glass of Prosecco, and the Labs bring their squeaky ball. Winnie is particularly obsessed with it and demands that I endlessly throw it to him. If I close out all disturbing thoughts, all I can see and experience are the pale blue sky above and the bees, butterflies, and birds hovering over the many beautiful flowers in the borders. All seems right with the world. I will face reality another time.

To put a happy face on my garden, I have to admit that this year's garden is the best it has been in years. Many years ago, I planted along a paddock fence line about ten beautiful blue 'Endless Summer' hydrangeas. They bloom on both new and old wood. Year after year, they put on a spectacular display of huge flower heads in June through September. About five years ago, they stopped producing any flowers, only bright green foliage. The culprit was a mid-March freeze that killed the emerging flower buds. I sadly had given up on them.

This year another hard freeze came in March and April—another year without blooms, I thought. Much to my surprise, new buds appeared, and today all the shrubs are again covered in delicious blue blooms. If you don't have the Oakleaf Hydrangea 'Snow Queen' in your garden, order one now. It has elongated clusters of pure white blooms which slowly transition to pink-purple as the seasons change. Its deep green foliage turns beautiful shades of bronze, maroon, and purple during the fall. This year it almost doubled in size—a remarkable plant. It has also been a great growing season for my *Allium* 'Everest,' *Coreopsis* 'Moonbeam,' *Dianthus*, *Echinacea* 'Cheyenne Spirit' and 'Pow Wow Wild Berry,' geranium 'Delft Blue,' lavender 'Phenomenal,' and Oriental lilies 'Stargazer' and 'Casa Blanca.' Three years ago, I planted four *Agapanthus* 'Twister,' two in the ground and two in container pots. I had seen them (of a different variety) growing wild in Cape Town, South Africa and in San Diego, California. I had to have them; I finally found them in the Wayside Gardens catalogue. The first year, they did nothing; they just sat in the ground. The second year, the two in pots never made it through the winter. This year, I was totally surprised to see five emerging flower buds on the taller of the plants in the ground. I encourage you to plant some in your garden; they are worth the wait.

Odds and Ends

On spring and summer blooming bulbs, don't cut back the fading foliage too soon after the flowers die. This applies to daffodils, alliums, and lilies. The foliage serves a critical role in nourishing the buds below for next



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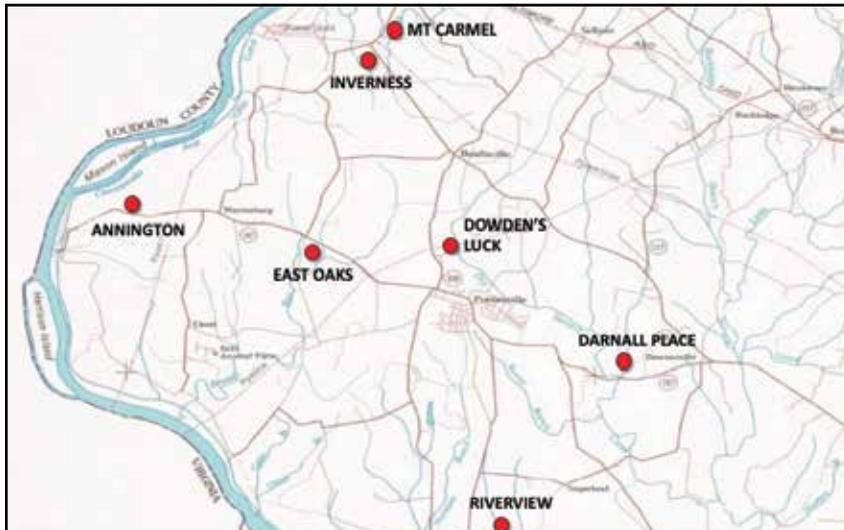
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example, it seems clear that many didn't realize White's Ferry is named after Confederate Col. Elijah V. White, a hometown boy who crossed the Potomac River in 1861 to fight for and lead a Confederate cavalry unit. Upon further reflection, unless you have an interest in studying local history, these details are not openly discussed very often. This is why I think there's a real opportunity to educate the community in this moment of deeper reflection, curiosity, and discussion.

Before 1864, when Maryland abolished slavery, the use of enslaved labor on land now within the Ag Reserve's boundaries was incredibly prevalent. In the election of 1860, Abraham Lincoln received zero votes here in the Medley District (the old voting district which covered most of northwestern Montgomery County). While the numbers here aren't completely clear, we know from the 1860 census of Montgomery County that thirty percent of the county's population was enslaved. A significant percentage of this enslaved labor worked in the fields we drive past each day and built the now-historic homes that fill my thoughts.



Map of historic slave quarters in the Ag Reserve.

One historic asset here in the Ag Reserve that I believe gets far too little attention is the significant number of enslaved quarters that remain standing, largely in the shadows (literally) of these grand historic homes. While the depiction of slavery in film typically shows expansive southern plantations with multiple hut-type structures made of wood (think *Gone With the Wind* or *North and South*), the reality of slavery here in the Ag Reserve was different. Very few property owners owned more than ten slaves; therefore, enslaved housing was normally satisfied with either a loft over the kitchen wing of the home or with a single structure behind the main home. While some of these structures were likely built with logs, the structures that remain with us today were built with brick or stone (typically using leftover material from the building of the main home). Simplistic in plan, the enslaved quarters usually consist of a single room with a fireplace. On a number of properties here in the Ag Reserve, the enslaved quarters are two separate living areas divided by an interior wall, an indicator of multiple enslaved families on the property.

It's difficult to find the names of the enslaved peoples who lived in these homes (a work in progress), but census records and wills do provide some details. For example, we know that in 1830, there were fifteen enslaved people on Darnall Place.

While all of the enslaved quarters in the Ag Reserve lie on private property and are not publicly accessible to view, I hope the ability to organize a tour of these historic landmarks will become available at some point in the near future. It's critical that we protect, preserve, and learn from these structures. Despite being small and simplistic in design, the remaining slave quarters represent an incredibly important component of Ag Reserve history.

Interested in seeing more pictures of enslaved quarters here in the Ag Reserve? They can be found in the Property Explorations section of the Historic Ag Reserve website: www.historicagreserve.wordpress.com.

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Tidbits

Congratulations on Fifty Years of Marriage

The family of Spencer and Janet (Bayachek) Schmidt are pleased to share the Golden Anniversary of their marriage of the beloved and popular Poolesville couple. Spence and Jan were married in South Plainfield, New Jersey on July 25, 1970. After Spence served a tour in Vietnam, both spent their careers teaching with Montgomery County Public Schools. Since moving to Poolesville in 1976, they have been active members of Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church. Spence is also an active member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows Lodge #97. Together they raised two daughters, Kim Schmidt and Kirsten (Schmidt) Lewis. Since retirement, they have enjoyed traveling the world and spending time with family and friends.

Although not able to celebrate with extended family and friends as originally planned, they were able to celebrate with their daughters, their son-in-law, Andrew Lewis, and grandchildren, Sam and Nicole L.



Spencer and Janet Schmidt recently celebrated fifty years of marriage.

Mystery Memorial in Boyds

Well, not exactly a total mystery. There is a seldom-noticed veterans' memorial in Boyds that has been there since 1981 and sits along the roadside on Slidell Road encased in white picket fence to give remembrance and tribute to those from our area who have served us in military service. The property and memorial belong to the Daniel-Jeffers American Legion Post 247 in Poolesville. The post is grateful to Chuck and Melissa Harner, nearby neighbors of the memorial, who have lovingly mowed and cared for the memorial site to assist the post and to provide their personal tribute to veterans.

Poolesville Seniors! A New Name, A New Agenda

Are you ready to watch something new and interesting on YouTube or Zoom? Then check out the Poolesville Seniors! website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Although temporarily closed to activities in person, Poolesville Seniors!, previously known as the Poolesville Area Senior Center, plans to offer diverse virtual programming which will appeal to the entire community.

Kenny Sholes gave the first virtual talk, via Zoom, about historic homes in the Medley District of the Agricultural Reserve. Another program, available

on YouTube, features Bernie Mihm, a landscape architect from Fine Earth Landscape. Bernie gives pruning tips and demonstrates how to prune a boxwood. A link to his video was sent to everyone on the email list of Poolesville Seniors! Each Wednesday at 1:00 p.m., Karen will teach a Zumba Gold class on Zoom. Consult the poolesvilleseniors.org website for information and a link to this class.

On September 16 at 1:30 p.m., Poolesville Seniors! will host its first Virtual Social. Smithsonian Scholar, Mary Ann Jung of History Alive, will entertain with a Zoom presentation of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, a Women's Suffrage advocate.

Even more entertaining and educational virtual programs are in the planning stages and will include offerings that support the mission of Poolesville Seniors! of fostering physical activities, encouraging social interaction, and keeping minds sharp. Some programs being considered are crafts projects, a sing-a-long, and information on health-related issues. If you would like to receive a hard copy of their monthly newsletter, please call 301-875-7701. Check the Poolesville Seniors! website and the *Monocle* for updates on the virtual programming. Poolesville Seniors! hopes to "see" you there!



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Poolesville Proposes Diversity Council

with the community dialog and asked all commissioners to think more about the idea.

In other town business, the town commissioners rejected a proposed compromise Forest Conservation agreement on the fifteen acres of land owned by local citizen Jennifer Beaulieu at their July 20 meeting. As the Monocle previously reported, Beaulieu owns fifteen acres of land at the corner of Tom Fox and Hughes Roads. In 2013, Beaulieu bought the fifteen-acre property and applied for a permit to build a home. At the time, her land was zoned rural and she could only build one home, and the land could not be subdivided.

State laws apply Forest Conservation rules to properties that are over 40,000 square feet and, as a result, Beaulieu was required to reserve 8.4 acres of her land for "forest retention." She agreed to an easement for the forested areas to be preserved and filed the agreement with the town.

At the time, the Planning Commission was reviewing the zoning of some properties in town to allow for more houses to be built on some lands that were close to existing developments. The intent has been to create "transitional lots" that allow for more houses on lands that are small parcels near developments that already have large numbers of homes.

The Planning Commission finished the rezoning process around the time that Beaulieu had filed her easement agreement. The rezoning proposal did not include changes in how the forest conservation rules would apply to Beaulieu's property. In theory, since the number of homes that could be built on the newly-rezoned land had increased, the amount of land reserved for forest conservation should have been reduced.

Once the property was rezoned to allow for more houses to be built, Beaulieu applied earlier this year to subdivide her property with a lower amount of land for forest conservation. The town has not agreed to a series of refinements Beaulieu offered since then. At the July 20 meeting, a new compromise proposal that included land for forest conservation and the establishment of a "forest conservation bank" funded by a seed grant of \$20,000 paid by the applicant was discussed.

Of the four commissioners in attendance at the meeting (Commissioner Martin Radigan was absent), Commissioners Jim Brown and Valaree Dickerson appeared supportive of the proposal. Both noted how long Beaulieu had worked with both nearby landowners and the town on a compromise, and Dickerson said, "We do not want to give up forest conservation land, but we came behind the applicant and changed the way the rules applied to everyone but her." She concluded that if the town had not done that, she would be with those who opposed approving the compromise.

Commission President Kerri Cook thanked Beaulieu for working with the town but said she "had mixed feelings about this item." She said she trusts the town manager and staff and town attorney but has a problem "voting to reverse a forest conservation agreement that is supposed to be in perpetuity." She also said, "I fail to see how the town benefits from the proposal."

Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski said, "This sets a bad precedent for the town," but Commissioner Dickerson countered that the bad precedent was set by the town in changing the rules for a local citizen without giving her any recourse.

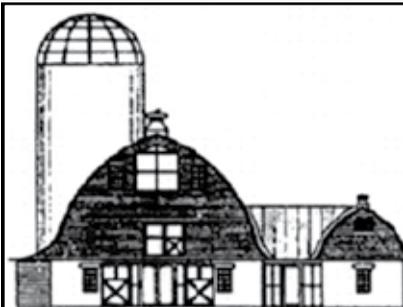
The vote on the proposal was split, two against (Cook and Klobukowski), and two for (Brown and Dickerson). A split vote means a proposal is rejected.

The commissioners next considered a proposed two-year extension of the sewer/water allocation for the Donegan commercial property that houses businesses like Tractor Supply and CVS. Town Manager Seth Rivard said the extension would move the expiration date from 2023 to 2025 and give time to work with Donegan to try and come up with ideas for the property, "which is one of the most visible in town," that are a better fit for the town. The commissioners voted 4-0 to approve the extension.

In the town manager's report, Seth Rivard said that, given the uncertainty of the county and state rules about limited openings as the pandemic continues, he is recommending that town hall remain closed to the public through September 8. He said in doing so that he has not heard from citizens about any deterioration in service despite the closure and feels it is prudent to continue to limit exposure to possible infection for town staff. The commissioners did not disagree.

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On a countywide scale, we at SCA endorse widespread expansion of clean energy production along with significant reduction of energy usage through building code changes and investment in mass transit. Solar and wind power-generating facilities can and should go in sites such as under powerlines and at the decommissioned coal-fired power plant in Dickerson. This site alone has 1,000 acres of land zoned for industry and transmission infrastructure already in place. Here in the Ag Reserve, every farm, home, and business could power themselves through rooftop or ground-mounted solar arrays, wind turbines, or geothermal systems.

We believe, however, that rezoning any of the Ag Reserve for non-farming commercial use is ill-advised. The Ag Reserve is an important and unique asset in the county's arsenal to combat climate change. It provides services that no other area in the county can: food production, clean water preservation, and carbon sequestration. We must recognize this, protect it, and use it productively so that it can continue to serve us all for decades to come.

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PHS Seniors Inman And Roy Set to Continue Lacrosse Careers in College

By Jeff Stuart

PHS seniors Jalen Inman and Cole Roy have played lacrosse together since they were freshmen—and they played a lot. A small roster provided little room for substitutions. Both have a lot of lacrosse to play, but it will have to be on college fields. The pandemic forced the cancellation of their PHS senior season. They both agreed that stinks.

“It is just really unfortunate that the whole situation is happening,” said Jalen

“There is not too much to say about it,” said Cole. “I just know I will always look back and wish I could play one more season with my lacrosse family and get that sense of closure I know we all wanted at the end of the season.”

Looking back, they cited personal highlights and memorable games.

“I would say starting on varsity as a sophomore is a major achievement for me,” said Jalen

“Getting pulled up to varsity for playoffs my freshman year” was big, said Cole, “and playing varsity all four years. I was named second team All Division, and I played for Madlax Capitol and the Madlax Nationals club team.”

“Last lacrosse season we played Rockville, and we went into overtime,” said Jalen. “Our attackman, Clark Trone, had run up from an inbound play, caught the pass, and shot from the top of the box and won us the game. It was just such a hype way to win a game.”

“I remember two games,” said Cole. “We lost against Churchill my sophomore year, but I scored twice, they were a great team; and a game against Damascus. Colin Hemingway absolutely obliterated one of their players with a hit.”

They both got their start in lacrosse in the eighth grade. Cole claims it was “after years of badgering to play from my friends.”

They have pregame rituals.

“I always wore the same pair of compression shorts every game,” said Jalen.



PHS senior Cole Roy.

“My coach would probably say being late,” said Cole, “but just lots of stretching and making sure that I am checked in mentally. More routine preparation than superstitions.”

They each have moments or things they would like to redo. “The coronavirus not happening,” said Jalen.

“If I could change anything, it would be Colin Hammett hurting his knee our junior year in a scrimmage before our season started,” said Cole. “He’s a game changer.”

They look back on their coaches and teammates and the Poolesville experience.

“I really enjoyed being around coach Orns as a coach and a person,” said Jalen, “and my teammates are really just all my friends: Conner Sorrell, Adam Eisenhardt, Tim Dominici, and Colin Hemingway, Colin Hammett, and Zach Onderko. We are all seniors and have all been playing together since we were freshmen. We all had really good chemistry.”

“The Poolesville lacrosse experience is unique because our coaches and team are unique,” said Cole. “Everyone has their own personality, and it shows on the field.”

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They both have had to balance academics and athletics at PHS. "I would try and finish most of my homework before practice," said Jalen. "Then I would go to practice, and whatever homework I had left I would finish after practice." "I tend to do better in school during athletics seasons," said Cole. "I always have more discipline in season, and it usually translates to school." "I will be attending Ferrum College to play lacrosse," said Jalen. "The program and academics are both a good fit." Ferrum is located south of Roanoke in south central Virginia. "I am going to the University of Massachusetts in Boston next year and will play lacrosse," said Cole. "I am going there because I love Boston, the campus and course options are amazing, and their lacrosse team is full of amazing guys, and their head coach is an amazing guy as well. It is a very strong program." "Jalen has worked hard to continually improve all aspects of his game," said Coach Stuart Orns. "He is ready to make an impact at the next level. His combination of size and skill make him a perfect fit for the college game." "Cole has pushed himself to become a player who can succeed as a college athlete. His work ethic and straight-ahead approach to the game is a tremendous asset, and his abilities will translate to a successful career at U-Mass."

Fun Facts...

Lacrosse has often been called "the fastest game on two feet" because of how quickly the ball can be moved across the field. The game is so fast that sometimes you may not even see where the ball is until somebody has scored a goal. According to *LAX World*, "In 2009, the fastest a lacrosse ball has ever been shot was broken by Paul Rabil. His shot was a recorded 111 mph."

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A Hillside Discovery along the C&O Canal: Part 3

him. He had been married just before enlisting and kept moaning, "I want to go home!" He died a few days later, and a surgeon claimed the cause of death was a "clear case of nostalgia."

The 10th Vermont had guard duty along the Potomac from Muddy Branch to Seneca Creek until November 13 and were stationed at Offutt's Crossroads in Potomac until December 21. They marched to Poolesville on December 21, and in early 1863, they had guard duty at Conrad's Ferry, White's Ford, and at the mouth of the Monocacy River until April 19, 1863. At White's Ford, Capt. John A. Sheldon had two companies under his command. The University of Vermont Digital Collections contain letters written by the 10th Vermont Infantry. While stationed at the White's Ford fort and camp, Lt. Col. William W. Henry wrote to his wife Mary Jane, and assistant surgeon Joseph Rutherford wrote his wife Hannah.

Below are some items I saw in letters that stood out for me from Lieutenant Colonel Henry to his wife.

December 28, 1862: A smart looking "contraband" (a slave from a Confederate state who had escaped to Union held territory) has just been brought in by the officer of the guard, who has just come across the river, from his master—the poor fellow was nearly frightened out of his wits, for his master had told him that if he got over here the Yankees would sell him to go South. He felt very much assured when I told him he was free and could go where he pleased. The lieutenant took him for a servant. I went out Christmas on an invitation from an old fellow by the name of Hezekiah Trundle who lives close by and got a first-rate Christmas dinner. They were very nice people. I was there again today and got dinner. He is very friendly for he wants me to keep the boys from stealing all his chickens and loose property.

(Hezekiah Trundle and his family farm was by the Little Monocacy River upriver from White's Ford. He was listed in the 1850 census with his wife and four children with \$7,200 in personal property. He married Emily Ann Jones April 25, 1835. In the 1860 census, Hezekiah showed real estate value of \$11,500 and personal property of \$34,465. In the 1867-1868 Slave Census of Montgomery

County, the heirs of Hezekiah listed as owners of twenty-eight slaves, all shown by their names and ages.)

January 10, 1863: It is raining hard now, and we hope it may continue so as to raise the river, then it will not be such hard work to guard the river here, for the enemy cannot then ford.

January 27, 1863: The regiment is one of the healthiest now in the field, we have only about thirty sick while all the other regiments in the brigade have not less than one hundred and sixty. We were invited out to Mr. Trundle—the same place I got a Christmas dinner—a very wealthy Marylander, to dinner. Colonel Jewett, Colonel Wilson N.H. 14th, Major Duncan, with several field officers of a Pennsylvania Regiment of Cavalry, and some of our captains were there, and we had a splendid dinner. Captain Damon of my regiment had his wife there, also Col Wilson. Mr. Trundle has got two very good-looking daughters, but they do not like "Yankee Soldiers" very well, but I am a great favorite with him and his wife who is a very nice motherly old lady. He has a beautiful little niece about twelve years old.

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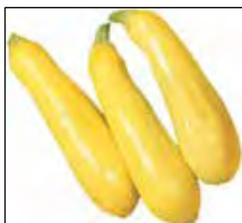
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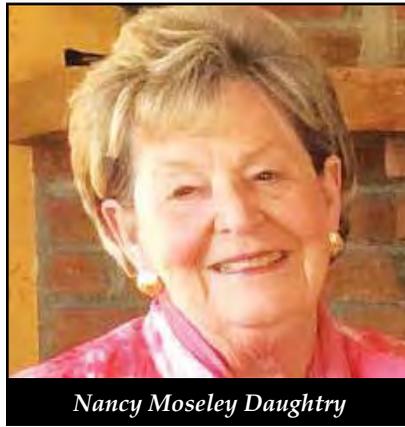
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Nancy Moseley Daughtry



Nancy Moseley Daughtry

Nancy Moseley Daughtry, loving wife and mother of three, passed away at the age of 79 after a lengthy and incredibly hard-fought battle with ovarian cancer. She was the daughter of Lillian Bullard Moseley and Alvin Raffield Moseley of Laurinburg, North Carolina.

She is survived by her husband of fifty-nine years, Col. Ben P. Daughtry (Ret.); two daughters, Beth Norton (John) and Cathy Kogler (Tim); and son, Bryan Daughtry. She is also survived by six grandchildren, Evelyn and Joanna Norton (Joseph Williams), Emily and Katie Kogler, and Brooke and Ben Daughtry, II. In addition, she is survived by an extensive family, including nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins. She was predeceased by her grandsons Nicholas and Christopher Kogler, as well as her parents and sister Anne Moseley Hardaway.

Nancy attended Peace College in Raleigh, North Carolina, graduating with an AA degree; New York State University at the Plattsburg, New York; and the Inter American University in San German, Puerto Rico, graduating with a B.S. in Education with Summa Cum Laude honors. In addition, she completed a Master Equivalence Program with Honors through a Montgomery County Public Schools-sponsored program.

She married the love of her life, Ben, in 1961 and they began their great life journey together. For twenty-four years, they were an air force military family, which often involved moving and starting over, and she holds claim to having set up a total of fifteen homes.

Nancy was truly a people person, someone who never met a stranger. She was the "pied piper" of friendship, always meeting new people and collecting new friends along the way, including making everyone she met feel important. As an extremely extroverted person with a God-given gift of hospitality, she was known for bringing people together for spontaneous gatherings and for hosting friends and strangers who were coming into town. Many years ago, she claimed Flag Day as "her" holiday and would throw an elaborate party with a parade for old and young alike as well as lots of patriotic songs!

Nancy loved animals, especially dogs and horses, and shared this passion with her family. She enjoyed riding and watching her children develop a love for their own animals throughout their lives. She had great compassion for the elder dog population and adopted several dogs later in their lives when most people would overlook them as too old. She loved gardening, especially flowers, and her wild birds that came throughout the year brought her great joy. She loved to porch-sit with friends and family or just in reflection with the Lord. Her ability to whistle her children home at the end of a day was a famous skill long before the days of cellphones. She was a great motivator, encourager, and supported her friends and family in the pursuit of their dreams by teaching them to never settle for less than they can be and to make the world a better place.

She taught for thirty-three years, the majority of which were spent at Travilah Elementary School in North Potomac, Maryland. She also taught for three years at Poolesville Elementary School. She retired from teaching in 1999 but continued to substitute teach for an additional ten years. In addition, Nancy spent numerous years leading and inspiring children in their faith journey at Darnestown Presbyterian Church.

She left her family and friends with these words, "Thank you for being the best family and for such supportive and amazing friends. I hope you'll be reminded of me when you see happy children, dogs and horses, gardens and porches, and an iced beverage in a tall glass. I have no doubt I'll see you all again."

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Remembrance

Lorenzo Ellsworth Duffin

Lorenzo Ellsworth Duffin peacefully entered eternal rest on July 18, 2020.

Lorenzo was born on May 11, 1933 in Boyds. He was preceded in death by his parents, Helen and Arthur Duffin; his wife Annie Marie Duffin; and siblings, Thomas Duffin, Ed Duffin, Nathaniel Duffin, Helen Dorsey, and Eleanor Duffin.

Lorenzo is survived by his sister, Mary Alice Duffin (Greene); daughters, Sheila Lynn Simpson, Alice Marie Duffin also known as Pops, and Perryanna Cole also known as Cookie. Lorenzo is also survived by a host of nieces and nephews.

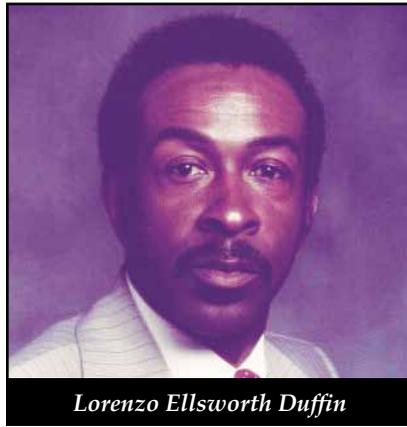
His legacy will be passed on by his grandchildren Meshashe Snowden, Joseph Simpson, and Mekeisha Jones. Lorenzo also has six great-grandchildren.

Lorenzo was affectionately known to family as Dada, Horse, Uncle Reni, and Jazz. Lorenzo enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1950, attaining the rank of sergeant, after which he returned to his hometown of Boyds, where he began employment with the Montgomery County Landfill later transitioning to work for Montgomery County Public Schools from which he retired in 1996.

Lorenzo had a special bond with his granddaughter Meshashe. He loved spending time with Bad-Goody as he nicknamed her. Dada and Bad-Goody were inseparable, going shopping, having lunch dates, and most recently video chatting.

Lorenzo's favorite activities included playing lottery numbers and watching wrestling, the Washington Redskins, or a good baseball game with his sister.

Lorenzo loved his family deeply and will be deeply missed.



Lorenzo Ellsworth Duffin

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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crime: 1900 to 1905

Deputy Sheriff Kennedy faced the mirth of his coworkers after a prisoner escaped wearing Kennedy's handcuffs. Deputies had been called to Glen Echo to break up a crowd of disorderly men, and in the process, Kennedy arrested Ike Burton for being drunk and disorderly, and handcuffed him. Then Kennedy went to the aid of other officers and when he turned back, Burton was gone. It was suspected that Burton had taken the trolley to Washington and that is where the search continued.

Deputies Collier and Bradley happened upon a picnic being given in the Emory Grove section of the county. They noticed that a dozen men were kneeling around in a circle, engaged in a game of craps. The officers tried to arrest all of the men, but George Holland decided to fight, so Deputy Bradley drew his gun and shot Holland in the side. Holland was put on a train to Washington where he was met by a

D.C. patrol wagon that took him to the hospital where doctors determined that the bullet was lodged in Holland's side, but he was in stable condition.

Two detectives from Washington spent two days searching Montgomery County for a mysterious Italian who was suspected of being involved in the murder of Kate Jordan. It was said that this man would go from farmhouse to farmhouse, begging for food and, when turned away, would threaten the homeowner. He avoided the main roads and was making his way through wooded areas. His trail was lost at Boyds. There was talk that the man might also have been connected to the Gozman murder which also happened in Washington.

The much-touted boxing match between Eddie Crowley and Fred Martin was canceled at the last moment when Deputy Sheriff Bradley showed up at the ring at the Rock Spring Hotel in Cabin John and announced that there would be no boxing match held because prize fighting was illegal in Montgomery County. Crowley's manager wanted to go on with the fight despite the presence of the officer, but Crowley said that he had a good job and did not wish to end up in the Rockville jail.

Deputy Sheriff Crowley arrested John Curry for shooting Robert Snowden at Sandy Spring. Curry had been taken to the Emergency Hospital in Washington where he lay near death. There was some talk in the community that the shooting was accidental, but Crowley proclaimed that if Snowden died, Curry would be charged with murder.

Some of the material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.

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A Garden of Hope

year's performance. It should be allowed to photosynthesize until it fades in place.

Order spring and summer bulbs now before your favorites are sold out. There will be a fall planting season, and early next spring, we will be impatiently looking out for the first snowdrop or daffodil, just like always.

If you have some plants with powdery mildew, see if they have good air circulation around them. That is the biggest cause of this problem. I have several *Phlox* 'David' planted in different plots. The ones that are densely planted have mildew, the others that are thinned out, have none. Good air circulation equals no powdery mildew.

For the past couple of years, I have had bindweed and Johnson grass growing in some of my flower beds. They are difficult to eradicate. It helps if you keep pulling them up every year.

Our need to find refuge, peace, and solace in our outdoor spaces can be more compelling now that it has ever been. We must see through today's challenges to find hope. Although the coronavirus itself will not create a new world, the ways in which we choose to respond to it certainly will.

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Remembrance

Darrell Ugene Davidson

Colonel Darrell U. Davidson (USMC, Retired) of Jekyll Island, Georgia, son of John and Gladys Davidson of Osage, Iowa, died on July 22, 2020 at the age of ninety.

Darrell was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Huenefeld Davidson of Gregory, Arkansas who died in 1986. He leaves behind his loving wife of thirty years, Sharon Davidson; daughters Kimberlee Schifrin (Mark), Beverly Ungerer (Robert), Barbara Davidson (Jack Shea), and Kimberly Hoy; son John Davidson (Donna); eight grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and a sister, Joan Bateman.

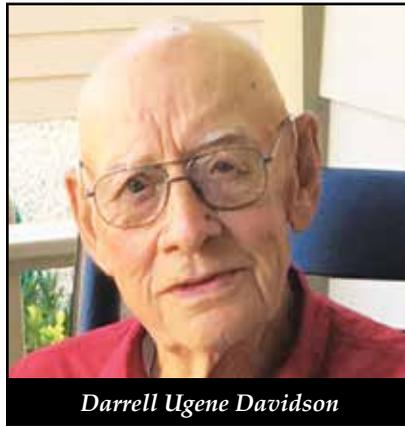
A civil engineer, Darrell was a veteran of both the Vietnam War and the 1958 Lebanon Crisis. He and his family traveled widely as part of his military career, including tours in Taipei, Taiwan and Yokosuka, Japan where he served as the Naval 7th Fleet Marine Officer. Darrell's military assignments included commands at the platoon, company, and battalion levels. In Vietnam, he commanded the 9th Engineer Battalion (1968 to 1969). He ended his military career as Executive Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Robert Barrows. In doing so, he had the rare distinction of having directly served two heads of service (since the Commander of the 7th Fleet, Thomas Hayward, went on to become Chief of Naval Operations).

Darrell, whose military decorations include two Legion of Merit awards with combat "V", the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, enjoyed a full second career as a business consultant and accountant. In retirement, he served as Treasurer for numerous charitable organizations, including St. Richard's Episcopal Mission and the Rotary Club of Jekyll Island. He is past President of the Friends of Historical Jekyll Island Association, the Jekyll Island Arts Association, the Sand Dollar, and Pauper's Club. In addition, he was a long-time editor/distributor of the Citizen's Association newsletter. To many of his friends, neighbors, and family, he was their ad hoc computer guru extraordinaire.

Darrell and Sharon moved to Jekyll Island, Georgia from Dickerson, Maryland in 2002. They fell in love with the island from the moment they first drove onto it, returned three weeks later, and purchased a home. The island has been the center of many cherished gatherings for family and friends.

Darrell will be remembered by his family, friends, and community as a man of great strength, honor, and integrity. His 6'5" frame, deep voice, military bearing, and instinct for leadership and forward momentum are what were immediately noticeable, but it didn't take long for those who crossed his path to appreciate his big heart and profound respect for humankind.

Memorial services for Darrell, including inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery, will be announced at a later time. Contributions in his memory are invited to the Jekyll Island Arts Association in which Sharon remains deeply involved.



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July is a blind date with summer. –Hal Borland

The summer looks out from her brazen tower, through the flashing bars of July. –Francis Thompson

They talk about big skies in the western United States, and they may indeed have them, but you have never seen such lofty clouds, such towering anvils, as in Iowa in July. –Bill Bryson

Here men from the planet Earth first set foot upon the Moon. July 1969 AD. We came in peace for all mankind. –Neil Armstrong

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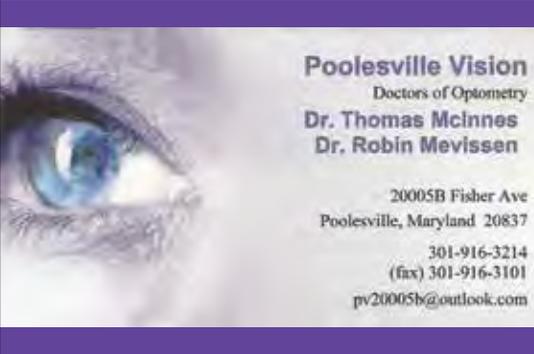


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To Our Valued Clients

By Peter H. Eeg, BSc, DVM, CVLF

Considering the ongoing developments with COVID-19 (Coronavirus), Poolesville Veterinary Clinic is continuing to implement a plan to help protect our patients, clients, and our amazing clinic staff. While we are always concerned with the health and safety of our patients (your furry friends), to date, the CDC has evidence of pets carrying COVID-19 on their fur and mouth in households with infected humans. Active infections with spread to humans has not been noted. Our primary concern is for the health of the people within our hospital so they may be able to continue to help you and your pets stay healthy. Should one of our employees become COVID positive, it may force the closing of this hospital for up to two weeks. This has happened in several states where clients have been allowed to re-enter the building when bringing their pets for medical attention. For these reasons and the current spike in cases in over 27 states, including Maryland, we will be continuing our curbside drop-off service. Please wear your mask when interacting with our staff. Please call our office from your vehicle when you arrive for your appointment. Please have any notes or paperwork you have filled out ready for our staff when they pick up your pet. Our staff is not allowed to enter your vehicle for any reason, so please have your furry friends in their carrier or on your leash outside of the car. If you are physically unable to leave your vehicle, please ask a friend or relative that can easily get in and out of your vehicle to help. Your mask protects us, and our mask protects you.

Currently, we intend to keep all our services available and maintain our regular schedule of operations. As we navigate this new territory, there may be a disruption to services or a delay in appointments due to school closures and staffing shortages. So far, we have had no issues with these potential disruptions, but as we reach the fall, and schools implement distance learning, we may see changes to our schedule. We will do our best to keep you updated every step of the way.

Please note, there is a potential for increased wait times as more people are home with their pets for longer periods. They have a better chance to see issues that may otherwise have gone unnoticed. We have also been thrilled to see the outpouring of love for rescue animals. We are seeing new "forever home" furry friends on a continual basis. We will continue to make every effort to deliver the best possible care for you and your pets.

To help protect against the spread of COVID-19, visitation hours for hospitalized patients will not be allowed.

In the unfortunate situation where euthanasia is the considered option, we will work with you to allow you to be with your best friend during this stressful and sad time. Our staff remains committed to you and your pets' quality of life and quality of passing.

At this time we are asking clients who have a fever, flu-like symptoms, or who have had exposure to an individual with COVID-19 or have recently traveled to a high risk state or area within the last 21 days to please contact us to discuss rescheduling their pet's appointment.

Poolesville Veterinary Clinic takes the wellbeing of you, your pets, and our staff very seriously, and we will continue to monitor this situation and follow CDC recommendations to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our goal is for your pets to be able to receive the treatment they need without compromising the health of you or our medical staff. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Please feel free to call our hospital with any questions.

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