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Friday on the Commons is like a bucket of fun! See more park pics on page 2.



The Queen wasn't the only one celebrating a platinum jubilee! See Ray and Reva's story on page 3.



Presenting the PES graduating class. Pictures on page 10.



Craig Dickerson lent a hand to clean up the town. See more in Tidbits on page 20.

Groundbreaking for New High School Attracts Large Crowd of Leaders and Local Citizens

By Link Hoewing

On a beautiful, sunny June day, dozens of county leaders and over a hundred local citizens gathered to officially acknowledge the reconstruction and renovation of Poolesville High School. The list of notables in attendance was long and included County Executive Marc Elrich; County Councilmembers Andrew Friedson, Will Jawando, and Gabe Alborno; District 15 state delegation members, including Del. David Fraser-Hidalgo, Lily Qi, and Linda Foley, and Sen. Nancy King standing in for Sen. Brian Feldman; Superintendent of Schools Monifa McKnight; and MCPS Board of Education members Judy Docca, Shebra Evans, Rebecca Smondrowski, Karla Silvestre, and Brenda Wolff. All five Poolesville commissioners also attended.

The event was almost certainly the largest gathering of county and state leaders in Poolesville at any one time



A rendition of the proposed new Poolesville High School.

in its history. It symbolized both the size of the investment being made by the county as well as the intense work and partnership between the county leadership and the Upcounty community needed to get final approval for the

school's reconstruction and funding. There is intense competition for county budget resources as the Upcounty community knows from decades of

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Juneteenth: The Journey to Freedom

By Christine "Tina" Clarke

On January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. This proclamation was designed to free all slaves in the United States; however, that was not immediately the case. The word of freedom never reached the slaves in Galveston, Texas. In addition, slaveowners from all over the United States shipped their slaves to Galveston, Texas. For the next year and a half, the slaves continued their dark days of bondage. On June 18, 1865, Major-General Granger and his soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas. This mission was to inform the slaves of their freedom. He read them General Order No. 3 as follows:

"The people of Texas are informed

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General Order No. 3 was read on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas.

Family Album

Below: New Poolesville High School groundbreaking.



A huge crowd welcomed town, county, and state dignitaries for the groundbreaking ceremony for Poolesville's new high school.



The sun shone warmly on a new, brighter day for PHS!



Which one is retired? John Howard doesn't have to change clothes until July 5.



Joan, Heather, and Dick Henry with the spirit of red, white, and blue.



Lt. Col. Mia Brennan and Col. Michael Brennan (both retired) with their father (center) and three children. Their eldest daughter (right) is at West Point, and their son will be heading there this fall.



The prospect of a good time in the moon bounce brings on smiles and excitement!



Paul Harney, Glenda Bertoli, Michelle Collins, and Tara Bertolini enjoyed the Red, White, and Brew event at Whalen Commons.

Local News

Our Own Platinum Jubilee

By Rande Davis

Ray and Reva Hoewing celebrated their seventieth wedding anniversary (a platinum jubilee!) by renewing their vows on Sunday, June 5 at Poolesville’s Memorial United Methodist Church.

The couple have five children, Link, Mark, Becky, Francie, and Tammy. Link honored his parents in hosting a gathering for friends and family in the McDonald Hall.

The Hoewings began life together with very little and without a firm sense of how they would make a living or even where they might live. Both Midwesterners, they exemplified the Midwestern persona of being modest, friendly, caring, community-oriented people. Link observed about Midwesterners, “The ones I knew were not often showy, but they worked hard and accomplished a lot, and the couple exemplified that model.”

They both grew up in the area of southwest Iowa and northeast Missouri, at the confluence of the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers. Ray grew up as a farm boy in the Missouri bottomlands around towns like Canton and Wayland, and Reva grew up in southeastern Iowa. Both spent their late teens in a town called Keokuk. “You can tell if someone really is from Iowa,” explained Link, “if they know how to pronounce Keokuk. It is spelled K-E-O-K-U-K but is pronounced ‘Kilkuk.’”

Both went to a college right across the Mississippi River from Keokuk in a town called Carthage College in Illinois. “They eventually dated, and by the time Ray hit twenty-two and Mom twenty, they married in Keokuk, Iowa. According to popular lore, they had no money, so they did not even have enough resources to have a reception. They owned no car, so Dad borrowed his parents’ Studebaker and took the \$50 an uncle had given as a wedding present plus some money colleagues at the Montgomery Ward where Mom worked had given her to head to Lake of the Ozarks in southwestern Missouri for a honeymoon.” On the way to the resort and their honeymoon, the couple passed St. Louis. Ray’s legendary devotion to the St. Louis Cardinals is exemplified by the story that, before they even got to their honeymoon destination, Ray insisted that they stop to see his beloved St. Louis Cardinals play.

Ray eventually went to grad school at Princeton, and later the family moved back to the Midwest to Indiana and then Illinois, and then moved twice from Illinois to Virginia and then Maryland as Ray took a job in Washington, D.C. They lived in homes in Country Club Hills, Illinois; Alexandria; Wheaton; Palatine, Illinois; Boyds; and then Poolesville. All the kids spent most of their lives in the Poolesville area, growing up and graduating from Poolesville High School.

Link credited his parents with showing the children not only how to stay committed as a couple but how to keep a family together through lots of changes and challenges. Both had careers, Ray as an executive in public affairs in Washington and Reva as a teacher before she eventually started her Crafts-a-Plenty store in Poolesville. Both made time to be involved in our community in many ways, making it a better place. They were involved in boy scouts. They were active PTSA members. They were churchgoers and committed to their faith by their volunteering and involvement. Ray’s community spirit led to his being named Grand Marshal of Poolesville Day in 2011.

Reva had a special way to help others through her craft shop. The shop was a welcoming spot for kids’ activities—such as the many craft-learning sessions she ran in partnership with local groups like the girl scouts—and for those who needed a sympathetic ear.



Ray Hoewing, with bride Reva, reflected on seventy years of marriage.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Look at You Now!

By Rande Davis

Sometimes in life you reach a special moment, a time when you seem to be at the zenith of expectations, a time when your only thought is, "Can it get any better than this?"

I had that such a moment when my youngest child got married after completing her master's degree at Johns Hopkins. The other two had already finished their degrees, had gotten married, and had started families, but with this last child at the altar, it seemed that everything in life had reached its peak, and everything would be downhill from there. Life would have its ups and downs, of course, but the general thrust would be a gentle downward drift. What a glorious day!

I think we had such a community moment this past week when the groundbreaking ceremony for the renovations of our new high school took place. At the founding of the John Poole House in 1793, our very first commercial enterprise, there was no groundbreaking. Even when the Seneca Schoolhouse was completed using local Seneca stone with funds raised by the school's parents, there was no groundbreaking. Even though our place in the county then was quite impressive being the second largest

town in the county at the time, still, no one came from outside to celebrate with us.

This past June 6 surely was a banner day in our life as a town. Yes, we built the old school in the 1960s, and it was a big deal then, too. This time, there was something different. This time, Poolesville's rightful place in the county got center stage. It was as if the down county local leaders, who for too long often saw us as a farmers' town, even sometimes calling us rednecks, saw the town and surrounding community differently. It was as if the awkward young lady grew up to be a real beauty.

When people work together, with mutual respect and sharing a great cause, that is also something very beautiful.

Frankly, most of the time, I thought this day would not ever come. I admired the concerned citizens in town government and in the Fair Access Committee for their zeal and positive attitude, but that the county is now planning to spend \$110,000 for a new school in Poolesville is nothing short of a miracle to me. This has been a most historic time in one of the county's more historic towns. Congratulations to all our local leaders and neighbors who did so much to make this day come and thank you to this new current class of local down county leadership. We can all reflect on what we have done, and with pride, a smile, and for the moment at least, with a long exhale, sigh and say collectively, "Look at us now!"

Fun Fact...

wikipedia.com

Groundbreaking, also known as cutting, sod-cutting, turning the first sod, or a sod-turning ceremony, is a traditional ceremony in many cultures that celebrates the first day of construction for a building or other project. Such ceremonies are often attended by dignitaries such as politicians and businessmen.

The actual shovel used during the groundbreaking is often a special ceremonial shovel, sometimes colored gold, meant to be saved for subsequent display and may be engraved. In other groundbreaking ceremonies, a bulldozer is used instead of a shovel to mark the first day of construction. In some groundbreaking ceremonies, both the shovel and the bulldozer are used to mark the first day of construction.



Poolesville's own groundbreaking—for the new Poolesville High School.

Photo by MCPS Bulletin

Garden

Summer Gardens 2022

By Maureen O'Connell

As many days in late April and May experienced below-normal temperatures and above-average precipitation, I waited until the last week of May to buy plants for outdoor containers and garden beds. I visited several area garden centers to see what tempted me, as usual, to buy too many flowering plants and herbs. I was quite surprised by the increased cost for plants and garden supplies, but it was not unexpected. Many factors created this situation; inflation affects all sectors of the economy. Many garden centers produce very few of the plants that they sell to home gardeners. Seedlings are grown in greenhouses throughout the country, and they have seen an increased cost for everything from gas to heat the expansive growing areas to additional charges on items delivered to the store and the rising cost of gasoline and diesel fuel. Winter storms affected many areas, especially in the West. There are supply chain issues. There are shortages of trucks and truck drivers to deliver the goods, nursery workers, and plastic



Sarah Bernhardt peony

pots to contain the plants. Labor costs have also increased. The cost of fertilizer has almost doubled. This will especially affect farmers. They need to fertilize their fields for increased yield and better quality. In our area, this will affect the cost of hay for horses. A portion of fertilizer used throughout the world comes from Ukraine and Russia. Farmers need diesel to run their tractors. I foresee a rise in the cost of a bale of hay very soon. Some

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Mystery History

A Century Old Clarion Call to Duty: Shop Local

By Rande Davis

Long before the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (PACC) was established, there were those in the community who recognized the contribution and importance of a thriving business community that benefits all. The PACC is to be applauded for its perpetual "Shop Local" campaign and support to our local entrepreneurs, and with gas prices so high, the advantages of shopping locally are in favor of the local consumer, as well.

Back in 1922, the student writers for the *Poolesville Pool*, the school newspaper, under high school editors, Arthur Elgin and Constance Chiswell, took special care to also note the importance of shopping locally. Their slogan was less technical and much more personal: "Buy at home."

The following article is taken from the December 1922 *Poolesville Pool* without specific mention of the author:

Everyone wants Poolesville to be a progressive wide-awake community. It is true that our town has grown in the past twenty-five years, but it is also true that it may doubly do so as much in the next twenty-five years.

How may it do this? By my co-operation and yours. There are many ways by which we can co-operate to make Poolesville a more successful town, but the chief way is by patronizing our home stores.

Buying from our home stores keeps the money in circulation in the community, and the whole town gets the benefit of it. Now, if we were to spend that same money in some nearby city, we would be the only one getting the benefit of the money, and the whole town would be losing.

One may say, "I cannot get what I want in the hometown," or "What I get in my hometown costs too much," etc. Let's consider these two phrases.

It is true there are many things you cannot get in Poolesville, but when can Poolesville furnish for you the things that you want to buy? Most assuredly, not until you buy the things that the stores furnish for you now. For the same reason, the prices can come down and the quality become better.

The stores are here for your accommodation and mine, and it is our duty to support them by buying what they have for us.

If you are a loyal citizen, prove it. How? By buying from your home stores.

It is gratifying that today we appear to be shopping locally and using our many food services more often. As we continually reach out to every business in town for their financial contributions in funds or discounts for our nearly forty nonprofit groups, we need to remind ourselves of the call to duty, to give back to them for their generosity.

As a newspaper, we were deeply impressed—and I might say somewhat envious—of the commercial support for the school newspaper. Some of them advertised twice in the same issue! The copy of the page of advertisers in the paper particularly amused us as, one hundred years ago, limericks were often used to "sell" services. Be sure to read them, they are a great way to create

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Senior News

Poolesville Seniors Presents Virtual and In-Person Programs

For the months of June and July, Poolesville Seniors is offering a variety of virtual programs that will meet community needs for exercise, information, and socialization. Visit their website, poolesvilleseniors.org, or call 301-875-7701 for more information and to register for the Zoom link for each program. All virtual events are open to the entire community.

June 20

PS Book Club

This month's selection is *Piranesi* by Susanne Clark. A *New York Times* best-seller, *Piranesi* introduces an astonishing new world, an infinite labyrinth, and is full of startling images and surreal beauty, haunted by the tides and clouds. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

June 21

Bridge Is Back! June 21 to July 12

Join us for Beginner Review or Intermediate Bridge play. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Independent or Supervised Bridge play. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. *Speer Hall*. Registration required.

The Lost History of Potomac Marble

Join Paul Kreingold for a fascinating presentation on how local marble quarries provided the materials that built our capital buildings and monuments after the destruction of Washington by the British in 1814. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church Sanctuary*. 7:00 p.m.

June 23

County Council, At-Large Candidates Forum

No evening Poolesville Seniors event due to candidate forum. *Poolesville Town Hall*. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 pm.

June 30

Artist Judith Guy

Join Virginia artist Judith Guy as she leads us on a virtual tour of her studio. From breezy beach scenes and bursting flowers to ordinary household items, the colorful canvases will delight the viewer. Her latest black and white creations made using an iPad explore images with the sensibilities of mono-prints and dry points without ever needing a print shop. 7:00 p.m. Virtual.

July 6

Landmade Brewery In-Person Tour

Join our tour of Landmade, a family-run farm brewery in the Ag Reserve. The 33-acre site encompasses a Brewery, Tasting Room, and General Store. Registration required. See our website for more information and ticket price. 5:30 p.m.

Weekly Events

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays

Outdoor Pickle Ball. *Stevens Park*. 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. As of June 27, the time will change to 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. until August 9.

Mondays

Tai-Chi with Maureen Ivusic. 1:00 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Virtual. No class on July 4

Tuesdays

Bridge, Beginner Review, or Intermediate Bridge play. 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 21 to July 12. Eight spaces only. Independent or Supervised Bridge Play. 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesdays June 21 to July 12. *Speer Hall*. Registration required.

Wednesdays

Chair Yoga with Twyla Insalaco. 11:00 a.m. Virtual. Class through June 30.

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Senior News

Trivia Game Night

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Thursdays

Mahjong with Joyce Kral. Beginner and seasoned players are welcome. *Poolesville Presbyterian Church's Speer Hall*. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Fridays

Breath-Mind-Body with Kathy Jankowski. 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Please register for each Friday class. Virtual.

Poolesville Seniors is searching for a full-time Executive Director. Contact jobs@poolesvilleseniors.org.

For more information or to register for any of the programs listed here and receive the Zoom link for each, visit the Poolesville Seniors website: poolesvilleseniors.org. Many of these presentations are also streamed live on their Facebook page and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Did you know that you don't need a computer to participate? You can join the Zoom presentation using your smartphone or just listen in using the local telephone number from Zoom and the Poolesville Seniors meeting ID and Password. Call or text them at 301-875-7701 to learn how.



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Dr. Belt Road

By Jon Wolz

Many of us have driven on Route 28 to and from Frederick or Point of Rocks from Dickerson and passed Dr. Belt Road, it is the last road on the right before crossing the Monocacy River. Dr. Belt Road is only four-tenths of a mile long. At one time, before it became known as Dr. Belt Road, it was a much longer road connecting Dickerson to Frederick County and Frederick City. Before it crossed the Monocacy River it was known as Furnace Ford Road. At Route 28 today, at the entrance to Dr. Belt Road, across the street, there is a line of trees, and a stone wall is visible where the old road was once located. Today, if you drive down Dr. Belt Road, the old road makes a sharp left turn towards the Monocacy River where the Furnace Ford Road was once used to cross the Monocacy River before the Route 28 bridge was built.



Dr. Norvell Belt.

On the farm fields that overlook the Monocacy River above the ford, Native Americans once lived. The old road was once a Native American trail. In early September 1862, thirty thousand Confederate soldiers walked down this road to cross the river at Furnace Ford on their way to Frederick before marching into history at the Battle of Antietam. At the end of Dr. Belt Road is the Rock Hall home where the members of the Belt family lived from 1836 to 1937. That home was built in 1812 by Roger Johnson. When Route 28 was straightened and the bridge was built, the Furnace Ford Road was forgotten. The old road across Route 28 returned to nature and the left turn down to the Monocacy River is now a forest. Up until 1977, what was left of the road was a four-tenths of a mile dirt and at times a muddy drive that led to Rock Hall. Behind Rock Hall, there was a shack with a family living in it. In 1949, a home was built on the right side down the road known as The Knoll. At The Knoll, there are two stone posts at the driveway entrance. On one of the posts, there is a stone with "THE KNOLL" carved on a stone. On the other post, there is a stone with "DR BELT" carved on it. The three homes on the road had no street addresses or street name associated with them. On the driver's licenses of the people who lived in the three homes, their addresses were either Rock Hall or The Knoll, Dickerson, Maryland.

In 1977, things changed for the old unimproved road. In January 1977—as some of us may remember—there was a blizzard in our area. Jon Mullen who was living in Rock Hall with his family says they were stranded for three days after the storm. The winds blew the snow across the corn fields and dumped six or seven feet of snow on the old road. The people who lived on the drive could not get out. John said he did not know what to do. He called Frederick County Roads. A man answered the phone. Jon asked, "When are you coming to plow my street?" The man said all the roads in Frederick County had been cleared. He asked Jon the name of the road where he lived. Thinking quickly Jon came up with a name for the road, exclaiming, "Dr. Belt Road!" Jon could hear the man flipping papers trying to figure out where Dr. Belt Road was located. The next day, the county sent heavy snow removal equipment and cleared the four-tenths-of-a-mile road. After clearing the road, when the temperature warmed up, the road was a muddy quagmire with many potholes. In the spring, the county came back and smoothed out the road, followed by laying tar and stone chips. After that, they came back and paved the road with asphalt. They installed a street sign at Route 28 that read, "Dr. Belt Road."

Who was Dr. Belt? He was Dr. Norvell Belt. He and his wife Lorena lived at The Knoll. Jon says the Belts were pleased to have the street named Dr. Belt. With a street name, the homes now had house numbers and the driver's licenses had street numbers, Dr. Belt Road, Dickerson, Maryland on them. Jon says that Norvell and his wife were very pleasant people. Norvell liked to read

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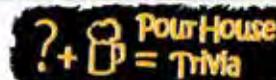
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Tidbits

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Attention PACC members and other businesses: There's still time to sponsor the Poolesville Day 5K Run/Walk! Visit the PACC website for sponsorship details.

A Local Youth Starts Fire at Skateboard Park

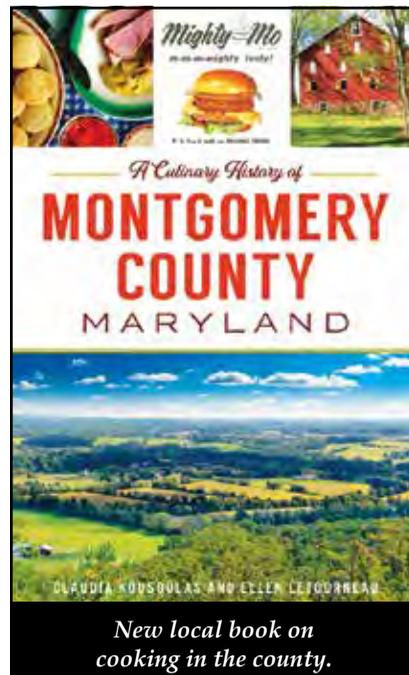


Vandalism resulted in \$75,000 of damage at a Poolesville park.

A local youth started a fire at a tot lot in Poolesville's Dillingham Park, next to the skate park, on June 3. The fire was confined to the tot lot, and no persons were injured. The fire, spewing heavy black smoke and with a fireball thrust of more than forty feet, destroyed the equipment, but it was quickly brought under control by fire fighters from the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. Damage is estimated to be at \$75,000.

New Local Book: *A Culinary History of Montgomery County, Maryland*

Claudia Kousoulas and Ellen Letourneau tell the story of the county's agricultural history through food and recipes. Montgomery County's earliest residents, Native Americans, developed agricultural communities and used the shores of the Potomac as a trading spot. European settlers farmed tobacco, eventually collapsing the county's economy until the Quaker community returned fertility to the land. The C&O Canal was the nation's first significant infrastructure project and helped create links to national and international markets. In the twentieth century, the Marriott chain developed contemporary, industrialized food that signaled a changing world. Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve, created in 1980, was a history-making decision that is a model for land preservation. Along with farming, it also preserved history and foodways.



New local book on cooking in the county.

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Summer Gardens 2022

estimates from horticulturists say we could see increases across the board by an average of thirty percent, with nursery input costs up twelve to fourteen percent.

To revitalize your garden this year and add some new plants, gardeners will have to find alternative ways to save money to keep their garden oasis a place of peaceful refuge. Let's look at some simple cost savers.

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Better design plans. You don't have to cover every inch of soil with plants lined up like little tin soldiers. A well-designed bird bath, sun dial, or armillary can add a lot of interest to a corner or middle of a bed.

Take care of your plants all seasons. Don't put them in the ground and walk away. They need your help. One of my favorite parts of summer days is my morning and evening walks with my two Labs Spencer and Winston in the garden to check how everyone is doing.

Annuals vs. perennials. Annuals live only for one growing season and then they die. They can be a bit showier with bright, colorful flowers in an amazing number of types and varieties. They are often less expensive than perennials. Perennials regrow every spring and can last for many years. It is common for gardeners to use a combination of the two to add a variety of plant height, growing habits, and unusual colors. They will give you the most value for your money. You can also divide them each spring to increase your beds.

Older varieties vs. new varieties. Every growing season brings a boatload of new plant introductions, trumpeting all sorts of improvements. Can they all be that much better? Well, it depends on what is important to you in a plant. Do the "new kids on the block" bloom better with new and exotic looks? Do they bloom longer and are more disease resistant? They can be, but it is worth it? New varieties usually cost more than older ones, and higher prices don't always mean superior performance. Many of my garden plants are tried and true. Phlox 'David' was the Perennial Plant Association's Perennial Plant of the Year 2002. It is probably the best white phlox and is still the most mildew resistant of all phlox plants. I have many in several of my garden beds. The photo accompanying this article is of my wonderful pastel pink peony 'Sarah Bernhardt.' Introduced in 1906, this longtime favorite blooms dependably year after year. I have five of them in my Upper Garden and they are over twelve years old, hardy, and totally maintenance free.

It is going to take more than a green thumb to spruce up and maintain your garden this summer. You will need persistence, patience, and likely more money.



Phlox 'David,' Perennial Plant Association's Perennial Plant of the Year 2002.

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Youth Sports

Boba Teas, Teamwork, and Managers

By Jeff Stuart

Competition and sociability—coed volleyball has perhaps become a bit more competitive over the past several years, but the camaraderie it affords is still its biggest draw. The Poolesville High School coed volleyball team improved as the season moved on, winning at rival Damascus in a five-set thriller on April 6 and sweeping two of their last three regular season matches. They beat Einstein away on April 25 and finished the regular season at home on Senior Night with a convincing win over Seneca Valley.

“Something that I am most proud of this year is our bonding on and off the court,” said junior captain Jordan Su at practice the day after the win over Einstein. “I really enjoy going to get boba teas before the game and team dinners afterward. We really try to get to know each other. We are much more than just a team. I consider some of these people my closest friends—maybe even for life. All that helps because, on the court, there is a lot of communication involved in teamwork. I would like to give a shoutout to our managers first, Anusha Krishman and Varshana Ramnarine. They show up at every game and provide support and help organize everything. I think they are often overlooked but not by me and my teammates and coaches. They keep us together.

“On the court, I also think Einstein was our best game. We won, 3-0. There were a lot of great rallies. We kept the ball in play, shared the ball, and played as a complete team. I am really proud of us for that.”

Senior Christine Kim, who also played girls’ volleyball in the fall, had a bit more of a game face, but she also focused on the social nature of the sport.

“I think the start of our season was a little difficult because we had a mostly new team. We were all learning how to play with each other and getting to know each other, but I definitely think that, as the season progressed, we became a lot closer and communicated better. That led to better outcomes. We are really supportive of each other. We all love each other. I think our game against Einstein was our best effort. On the net, we all communicated well. Our spirits were high.



The 2022 PHS coed volleyball team.

We didn’t get frustrated. If something bad happened, we just moved on. We stayed supportive. I want to give a shoutout to our captain Jordan. He has done a really good job of keeping the team together and keeping our energy high. He is the best player on our team, but he’s also done a really great job of keeping us focused and making sure we don’t lose ourselves in the moment during the game.

“Our third captain, Daniel Petrov, a sophomore...is amazing. He also is very comical and collected, and we appreciate having that kind of presence on and off the court.”

“This team has been a joy to coach,” said coach Megan Warner. “We have many seniors on the team. They bring a positive energy and excitement to the court. Captains Jordan and Daniel have taken to the role of the go-to hitters with enthusiasm. Christine has done an exceptional job leading, both on and off the court. They might not be the biggest, but they play smart and find the open spots.

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Tidbits of The Past

By Rande Davis

Observations all taken from *The Echo*, a PHS newspaper, in 1942.

Patriotism Was Important

"Dr. Brome, the county superintendent, asked all students to cut down on outside entertainments which were not necessary. The junior class got the patriotic spirit ball rolling to help in the current crisis by giving up their planned play. The reasons for this were: First, coming to practice for the play cuts three evening trips per week for at least four weeks. By doing this, we help save tires, which will soon be worth their weight in gold. Secondly, we ought not have our school open so much in order to save electricity and fuel. The juniors have just begun to show what good Americans we have here at Poolesville High School."

On the Radio

The ninth-grade English class accompanied by the senior music class broadcast from WFMD, Frederick. This year, the Poolesville High School was asked to sponsor two programs, one seasonal and one patriotic. The

patriotic theme was about the life of George Washington.

Faculty Wins Basketball Honors

The night of February 6, 1942 was a rare occasion as it was then that the first basketball game between the faculty and the girls team was played. "Great enthusiasm enveloped the crowd, especially at the halfway mark when the score was 27-20 in favor of the faculty. This was all good until the girls began shooting right to left! Yes, sir, despite height and accuracy of the faculty, the girls went on to win. The score was 49-40."

The praise for the girls' basketball team was exalted later in the paper: "The girls don't need goals made of peach baskets, as in olden days, to sink their shots in winning a game. For instance, Iva Lee Foster made eighteen out of twenty-four goals in one game."

Social Media—1942

The Inquiring Reporter wanted to know if blondes go with brunettes. Some answers:

"Yes, absolutely."

"Not in my case they don't."

"I don't think the color of the hair has anything to do with it."

"Being neither one, I like to change from one to the other."

"I think contrasts are more interesting."

Finally (looking directly at the reporter), "Yes, they certainly do."

Motivational Editorial

"In whatever vocation we may choose, we must strive toward perfection. We find happiness in a task well done. Although your task may appear small and of little value, we must remember we get out of a thing only what we put into it."

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Tidbits in Story of Poolesville

In 1695, Richard Brightwell settled on a one thousand-acre tract near Edwards Ferry. In 1787, Robert Peter surveyed the land in what is Poolesville. The old brick church (former Thrift Shop) was built in 1826, Poolesville Presbyterian built in 1848, and St. Peter's in 1847. The first Montgomery County Fair was held in Poolesville in 1843.

Favorite: Long Before the Wright Brothers

The Pleasant family lived off Wasche Road in 1838. Basil Pleasant used to sit on the fence and watch the buzzards fly, so he worked and experimented until he had a pair of wings at last to do the job. He invited friends and family to watch as he strapped on the wings, climbed to the top of the barn, and prepared to fly. Alas, after a wave or two in the air, the wings wouldn't work. Mr. Auld's grandfather shouted to him, "Flop, Basil, Flop," but his wings wouldn't flop, and poor Basil hit the ground, breaking his leg.

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June 17

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Family Storytime**

Age: Preschool and Kindergarten.
Maggie Nightingale Library. 10:30 a.m.

June 18

St. Peter's Half-Price Sale

Leftovers from last week's Rummage Sale are being offered at half price on Saturday. 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Poolesville Farmers' and Artisans' Market

Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

June 15

Planning Commission

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

June 17

**Library Special Event:
Family Storytime**

Age: Preschool and Kindergarten.
Maggie Nightingale Library. 6:30 p.m.

Friday on the Commons:

Bark in the Park

Featuring dog and car rescue groups, Cutest Dog Contest (7:00 p.m.), dog

musical chairs (8:00 p.m.), inflatables, DJ, food trucks, artisan vendors.
Whalen Commons. 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

June 18

Live Music at Landmade Brewing

Featuring The Minor Fall, original songwriters with a long list of cover songs from the 1980s to the 2000s.
19124 Jerusalem Road. 3:00 p.m.

June 23

**County Council At-Large
Candidate Debate**

Poolesville Town Hall (and Zoom).
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

June 25

Poolesville Farmers' and Artisans' Market

Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Library Special Event: Sharks!

Presented by Under the Sea. Age: Preschool and Kindergarten. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m.

June 28

**Library Special Event:
Book Discussion**

The Love Proof by Madeleine Henry.
Age: Adult. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m.

June 29

**Special Library Event:
A Visit from the Montgomery
County Agricultural Fair**

Age: Elementary School. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m.

July 2

Poolesville Farmers' and Artisans' Market

Whalen Commons. 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

July 4

UMCVFD Fireworks

Music, food trucks, ice cream, local churches. Sponsored by Town of Poolesville, Jamison Real Estate, PACC, Total Automotive, and Covanta. *The polo grounds at Hughes and Sugarland Roads*. Gates open: 5:00 p.m. Fireworks at dusk.

July 15

**Friday on the Commons:
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Youth Sports

PHS Boys' Volleyball— Saving the Best For Last

By Jeff Stuart

Senior Night for the Poolesville High School boys' volleyball was April 29 against Seneca Valley in the first half of a doubleheader with coed volleyball. It was the most compelling match of the season, a five-set win where even the tiebreaker went into overtime. The Falcons, who had to rally in game four to force the tiebreaker, trailed 14-11, facing match point several times. They rallied to tie the game at fifteen. They trailed again in overtime, facing match point twice more.

"I am so proud of every single one of these boys! It took every single player to win that match," said coach Sarah Kenneweg who returned to PHS as coach after a great career as a Falcon and later as a Seton Hall Pirate. "The seven players that were on the court and the four players that were next to me—every single player had a role, and they fulfilled that role! I am so proud of the energy and the drive!"

"I have only seen that drive and competitiveness one other time this season, against Northwest, and I could not have asked for a better match to play going into playoffs.

In the fifth set in particular, the boys really came together and finally played as a team. They were supportive and there for each other and stepped up when we needed to. Sophomore captain, Noah Lee, and junior setter, Soren Brown, really shined in the last few points of the match. Soren knew that Noah was going to get the job done. We are all looking forward to playoffs and continuing the competition!"

"We were doing really good," said outside hitter Noah, at practice the day before the Quince Orchard game on April 27. "We were 5-1. Then we lost two in a row, but we picked it up again, and I think we are going to finish the season well. It is sort of like a new team. Last year, we didn't have many players because of COVID, but this year, a lot more people are comfortable coming out. I think the Northwest game was our best game. It was the closest game of our season. I probably hit the ball the best in that game...I am having fun. I am enjoying it a lot."

"We had a great record to start," said senior Filip Lukomsky, "lots of momentum. Then we went up against a couple of really difficult teams in Clarksburg and Sherwood...Our coach really pushes us. She had a lot of experience in college. She knows how to play. Last year with COVID, we had kind of a difficult situation scrambling to find a coach, so this year is a fresh start. We are getting back



The 2022 PHS boys' volleyball team.

into it. I also think Northwest was our best game...We had to dig deep. We got the fundamentals down and showed what we know how to do. We won on a service ace.

"Omar Khan is a senior. He is new to volleyball this year, but he brings so much spirit to the team. It is never quiet when he is playing or on the bench. He is cheering us on even in practice. He enjoys playing and watching us play. It is great to have that kind of support."

The Falcons finished at eight wins and four losses, losing at Paint Branch (9-3) in the playoffs.

Other juniors are Andrew Yuan, Araav Rotella, Charles Labarge, Dave Liyana, Sarab Arachchigw Don, Thomas Zhong, and Utkarsh Gupta. Ammo Li is a sophomore, and Shalav Pawar is a freshman.

Managers are Rachel and Katie Huynh. Their efforts are appreciated.

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Boba Teas, Teamwork, and Managers

We thrive in and out of a system, and that is to our advantage. Ball control is hands down our strength. We are quick to the ball and remain calm on serve-serve."

Other seniors are Braedon Mullin, Sara Tang, Nico Carrillo, Mary Ryan Abbago, Anna Stanoyevitch, Sara Stanley, Nicole Guzman, and Sierra Schenck-Davis.

Justin Li, Mega Jasti, and Flynn Barger, Jr. are juniors. The final record for the season was 4-8.

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Our Own Platinum Jubilee

Ray's crowning local achievement in community involvement was his management of the online newsletter "Poolesville Online." It was a real family affair: Ray as editor and publisher, Mark as webmaster, Tammy doing billing, and Link often writing articles from his perspective as a Poolesville Commissioner.

Link summarized his parents' monumental accomplishment of seventy years of marriage: "It says a lot about their character that they have remained together as true friends and as the love of their lives. One of the sayings I came across recently says this 'My parents didn't tell me how to live; they lived and let me watch them do it.' That just about sums it up. To me, truly great parents are good partners to each other, and they live lives and are the people you want to be, when you grow up. Thank you, Mom and Dad, and congratulations!"

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Groundbreaking for New High School Attracts Large Crowd of Leaders and Local Citizens

losing out in the battle for funds to reconstruct the high school. To finally achieve success in getting the project funded is an amazing community accomplishment.

About seventy percent of the high school will be completely new construction, mostly student classrooms, labs, and learning centers. The budget for the new school—totaling approximately \$110 million—was given final approval by the county council on May 26, just a few days before the groundbreaking event on June 6. Once complete, the new Poolesville High School will be about 234,000 square feet and will have a capacity for 1,500 students, which is an increase of 400. The school can be expanded further to house an additional 300 students in the future if needed. Space has also been identified on the school grounds for a new community center which is likely to be co-located with the school. The school should be ready for the start of the 2025 academic year.

Kicking off the festivities, Principal Mark Carothers paid special tribute to the teachers, staff, and students at the school who had endured the pandemic as well as major changes in routine that are required to accommodate school reconstruction. Despite all of these pressures, the school maintained its excellence and focus.

County Executive Marc Elrich reiterated his strong support for rebuilding the high school from the earliest days of his administration. He recalled his visit to Poolesville on one of his first “listening sessions” just after his election in 2016. He lauded the modern design of the new high school and pointed to the fact that it will be a “zero carbon footprint” building as evidenced in its advanced design. He plans to continue working to support a new community center co-located with the high school and pointed to the funding he has already put in this year’s budget to begin the design of the community center as testimony to his commitment to the project.

School chief Monifa McKnight lauded the new school. She said, “What’s going to happen? Everyone’s going to want to come out to Poolesville and take part in the great things that are happening here. We’re excited about that.” In a conversation later, McKnight said she is focused on ensuring that an expanded new gym is included in the reconstruction project.

Jim Brown, President of the Poolesville Commission and founder of the Fair Access Committee (FAC), said, “The Fair Access Committee was created around the premise that Montgomery County has a commitment to progress and equity for all. Your presence today at the groundbreaking and the building of our new school demonstrates that our faith in this premise was right. We knew that we had to demonstrate the need and highlight, on a continuing basis for county leaders, the specific inequities that existed in our area. You have listened to our pleas and have acted in good faith to start addressing some of the key shortcomings in county policy that have afflicted our area.” He pointed out that more work needs to be done, including ensuring the high school has a competition gym on par with those of other high schools, but he concluded, “For now, thank you, and congratulations to all in our community and in the county leadership who made the new high school possible.”

Councilmember Andrew Friedson, whose leadership and political support were instrumental in finally obtaining the funding to reconstruct the high school, reflected on the work of the FAC and the entire Upcounty. He said that the committee’s work and leadership helped provide him with the support he needed to ensure the budget was secure. He praised the Upcounty community for coming together and not giving up on making its case for the new school and for its other priorities, including the community center. Though Friedson’s new district will no longer include Poolesville, he emphasized his love for the Upcounty and his intent to continue to support the community.

Councilmember Will Jawando commented on how much he looks forward to the annual Poolesville Day breakfast sponsored by the FAC. “It is one of the most informative and notable pancake breakfasts in the county, although they need to have pancakes next time!” He echoed the remarks of County Executive Elrich and said the council would follow through and ensure funding for a Wellness Center and a new community center. Council President Gabe Alborno made similar statements, emphasizing that the council would continue to partner with the community to ensure its other priorities are supported.

PTSA President David Griffith highlighted the partnership between the FAC, the community, and the PTSAs. He reiterated the long path it took to reach the successful groundbreaking for the school. In thinking about the philosophy that might best express the joy everyone was feeling about the school’s

reconstruction, he turned to “Noted TV personality Dora the Explorer who says, ‘We did it! We did it! We did it!’”

Throughout the ceremony, various speakers mentioned the many individuals as well as organizations who helped make the groundbreaking a reality, including Liz Smith, Jerry Klobukowski, Rebecca Munster, Valaree Dickerson, and Link Hoewing. In the end, though, what made the project a success was partnership and a relentless effort to educate county leaders and convince them that inequities in county policies that hurt the Upcounty are unfair and have to change.

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Juneteenth: The Journey to Freedom

that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor. The freedmen are advised to remain quietly at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at Military Posts; and they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere."

The Folklore of Juneteenth: When Major-General Granger arrived on June 19, 1865 and read the proclamation, it had been illegal to teach slaves to read or write, so slaves repeated what they thought they heard. As Granger read the General Order No. 3, they thought they heard "June 19" read as "Juneteenth."

The office of the former Montgomery County Executive Douglas M. Duncan and Tina Clarke, African American/Black Liaison Officer to Duncan, presented the first countywide Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, 1994. Our distinguished guests were the original Tuskegee Airmen, including Mr. James Harvey, now ninety-nine years old, the only surviving member.

Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Each year, Juneteenth is celebrated all over the world. The day is also known as Freedom Day and Emancipation Day. The celebration can take place anytime between June 13 and June 19, usually during the third week in June. It can also be one day, one week, or a month of celebrations.

Freedom came at different times for the slaves, depending on where they lived. As freedom came, certain cultural traditions survived. Music was one of the traditions. African rhythm and instruments, such as the banjo and drums, were transported as freedom came throughout the Americas.

Each year, the Offices of the County Executive and the Montgomery County Government celebrate Juneteenth countywide. It is now a tradition, one that is more than 150 years old.

A traditional Juneteenth Celebration included singing, dancing, stomping, clapping, rejoicing, and praying. The types of spirituals sung at the Juneteenth Celebration were classed in three separate groups: the call-and-response chant; the slow sustained, long-phrase melody; the syncopated, segmented melody.

As with all grand community celebrations, the sharing of a meal is also the central part of the celebration and often would include pulled pork, mixed greens, beans and rice, fried okra, corn bread, red velvet cake, sweet potato pie, and pressed strawberry juice.

There is more information available at www.juneteenth.com where their mission is succinctly stated:

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Tidbits

Claudia Kousoulas worked as a land-use planner for more than twenty years in Montgomery County and is also a freelance writer and editor whose topics include architecture, urbanism, food culture, and culinary history. She is the coauthor of *Bread and Beauty, A Year in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve*.

Ellen Letourneau is a fiber artist, baker, and event planner. As a member of the Common Grain Alliance and Chesapeake Fibershed, she is interested in the revival of grain and fiber economies in the region and is also the coauthor of *Bread and Beauty, A Year in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve*.

Busy Lions

The Monocacy Lions have been on a roll of service and fellowship! Roadside cleanup and the offering of a paper shredding service at St. Peter's Church on June 11 were their two most recent community services. They had their annual club picnic on June 13, too.

Show of Force Traffic Stop

On June 6, the Montgomery County Police Department came to Poolesville in a big way to make a statement about speeders, jaywalkers, and others who break traffic laws in the town. They had seven motorcycle police located on Route 107 just near Morrow Road to catch anyone speeding out of town. In town, they stationed police at Whalen Commons and Spates Hill Road to keep an eye out for persons breaking pedestrian rules. They then moved the team to

another location on the way out of town. For those who have desired more police presence in town, they sure got it this day.

Thank You, Adam

WUMCO and their patrons, friends, and supporters thanked Adam DeBaugh who recently stepped down as assistant executive director of WUMCO. The farewell was held at Locals on June 11.

Champs!

Congrats to the Poolesville Athletic Association (PAA) 8U softball team for a championship season! These girls showed them how it's done!



Adam Debaugh at his retirement farewell party.



PAA 8U Softball Champs!

THAT WAS THEN...



THEN AND NOW

...THIS IS NOW!

Then: The Kohlhoss home, located in the parking lot of what is now Poolesville Tire and Auto. Charles Kohlhoss, Jr. took over his father's business but later changed his goals and went on to earn his law degree.

Now: As seen today from between the Old Town Hall Bank Museum and the Walsh home.



Remembrances

Zannie Ellen Bates

Zannie Ellen Bates, 84, of Poolesville, passed away peacefully amongst family, on June 8, 2022.

She was the loving wife of the late Dale A. Bates.

Zannie was the daughter of the late Walter and Mary (Beatty) Emanus.

Born and raised in Louisiana, she attended Ruston Elementary and Ruston High School. She went on to attend Louisiana Tech University where she majored in English and Drama. Zannie was a devoted wife and dedicated mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She loved children and taught Sunday school for many years at Poolesville Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Gaithersburg. Zannie also worked at Poolesville High School's cafeteria and at the local Poolesville florist shop. She had a tremendous love of flowers and worked tirelessly to transform her yard into a living work of art. In her later years, traveling became one of her passions, and she was able to take her children and grandchildren on many adventures.

She is survived by three children, Chandra McCall of Fayetteville, Pennsylvania, Dee Ann (Johnnie) Osborne of Griffin, Georgia, and Barry (Michele) Bates of Martinsburg, West Virginia; six grandchildren, Erin Blakemore, Ian McCall, Sean Patrick, Katie Woodall, Mandy McCall, and Bryan Patrick; and three great-grandchildren, Emilia McCall, Sam Blakemore, and Ava McCall.



Zannie Ellen Bates

Austin A. (Tony) Pirrone

Austin A. (Tony) Pirrone, Jr. of Greencastle, Pennsylvania passed away peacefully on June 12, 2022. His son, Tim Pirrone, and granddaughter, Isis Pirrone, surrounded him with love as he took his final breath. He was the loving husband of Linda Pirrone and devoted father to their children, Patrick (Groove) Pirrone and Tim Pirrone. Along with his wife and children, Tony is survived by his brothers, William Michael (Micky) Pirrone and James (Jimmie) Mitchell, and Tim's wife, Satomi Pirrone; and two grandchildren, Isis and Zenta Pirrone.

Born on September 27, 1942, in Washington, D.C. He was the son of the late Austin A. Pirrone, Sr. and Mary Helen (Kelly) Pirrone.

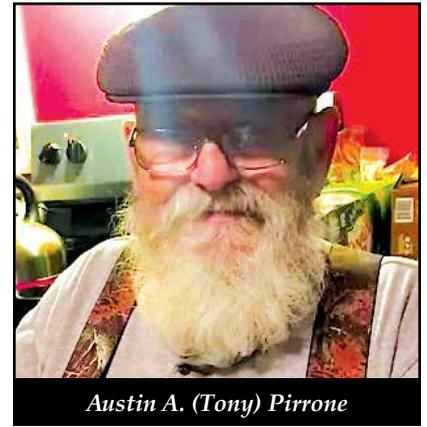
Tony was a devoted Catholic from altar boy to honor guard for the Knights of Columbus.

Tony was a volunteer firefighter for most of his life. When he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, he received training and certification as a corpsman. He was stationed at the Quantico U.S. Marine Corps base during the Vietnam War where he served as an instructor, teaching others how to assist wounded warriors upon their return. During his service, Tony volunteered to serve on the battlefield. His skills in instructing others kept him in the States until his honorable discharge.

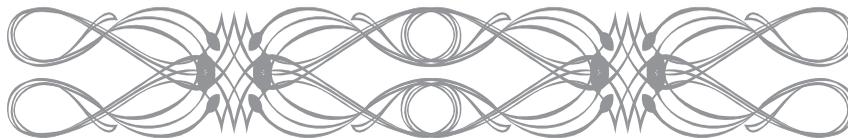
Once discharged from the U.S. Navy, Tony continued his volunteer duties with Chillum-Adelphi Volunteer Fire Department and accepted full time employment at Takoma Park Fire Department in Maryland. Because of his accomplishments as a corpsman, he received advanced training as an emergency medical technician for Montgomery County until 1974 when he became one of the first four paramedics based in Montgomery County.

Upon his retirement from Montgomery County Fire Service, Tony continued his life of service to others through many local volunteer activities: The International Association of Odd Fellows (Grand Master, State of Maryland), Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, American Legion, and the American Red Cross (multiple deployments in the U.S. for disaster relief).

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in his memory to Heroes Inc, 1200 29th St., NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.



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Dr. Belt Road

jokes to friends he cut out from the newspaper. He was 5'6" and had a ruddy complexion.

Norvell's parents were Dr. Edward Oliver Belt and Emily Norvell Belt. Norvell was born in 1902 in Washington, D.C. He was the youngest of three children. In December 1906, he broke a leg and was unable to travel with his father and two brothers to visit Dr. Belt's family at Rock Hall. Norvell's mother stayed home with him in the District. After leaving Rock Hall, the three Belts boarded a train at the Dickerson Station. At the Terra Cotta station in Northeast Washington, the train crashed, killing fifty people, including the three Belts. Norvell was raised by his mother in the District; however, when he was not in school, he stayed at Rock Hall with his Uncle McGill and Aunts Sarah and Julia Belt. It was Uncle McGill who gave Norvell six acres where The Knoll was built. While at Rock Hall, Norvell was responsible for walking down the hill out back every morning to start the Ram gas pump that pumped water uphill to the cistern for Rock Hall. The pipes and the cistern are still present in the woods.

As a child, Norvell played with children who lived in the old slave cabin at Rock Hall. He remembered Aunt Delia and Uncle Jimmy who lived there. He once asked Uncle Jimmy why it was so cold inside the cabin. Jimmy replied, "The wind blows through the front and out the back!" In 1910, living in the cabin were Cordelia (Delia) Carroll, 75, Martha Weed, 24, Keeler Weed, 9, Dollie Weed, 5, and James (Jimmy) Jackson, 75. James was a hired man and the others were servants.

In June 1920, Norvell graduated from Western High School in Washington, D.C. The commencement speaker at that graduation was the commandant of the Marine Corps, Maj. Gen. John Lejeune. Norvell went on to George Washington (GW) University where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1924. Then, he graduated from the GW Medical School. He took post graduate courses at Johns Hopkins University, Harvard, the University of Chicago, and the Mayo Clinic. He practiced urology in Washington for twenty-three years and in Frederick beginning in 1949. He retired from medicine in 1958. He became a realtor with his office in Frederick, he was president of the Frederick County

Board of Realtors and president of the Frederick Rotary Club. He was president of the Frederick Federal Savings and Loan Association, a director of the Western Maryland Trust Company, a member of the Fellows of the American College of Surgeons, and president of the Washington Medical and Surgical Society. He served a term as a Judge of the Orphans Court in Frederick County, and at one time, he was the County License Commissioner (liquor) for Frederick County.

He and his wife were members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville where Norvell served as a member of the vestry. Dr. Belt was active in raising cattle and raised peacocks as a hobby. At one time, he was very fond of his collie known as Tippy and his cat Lucky. Norvell died at home in 1983. Lorena died in a nursing home in 1999. They are buried together at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick along with Norvell's mother Emily. Norvell and Lorena did not have any children.



Dr. Belt Road, as seen on Google Maps.

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Vacations are Back—for Some— How to Make it Safe for Your Furry Family Members

Peter H. Eeg, DVM

Many of us are going to venture out for a vacation this year. Remember: Leave time for your vacation, time to recover from COVID after your vacation, and time to plan your next vacation.

For your furry pals, you may be taking them with you, or you may be making at-home arrangements for them to stay safe while you are out looking for COVID.

Here are some guidelines for how to keep your four-legged family safe during the vacation adventure.

Taking them along:

1. Be sure that they are up to date on all vaccinations, have a microchip, and are current on their Heartworm/Flea/Tick protection before you go.
2. Some vacation spots and some states require a health certificate for your pet. This needs to be scheduled within 10 days of travel. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY YOU LEAVE.
3. Have a vaccine certificate from your veterinary clinic of all your pet's current protection.
4. Be sure to have all the medications your pets are taking. Be sure you have enough for the trip and up to 14 days, should there be trip delays.
5. Bring your own furry pal's food with you if possible. Foods come in a variety of sizes, so get a smaller bag to have along. If your pet is sensitive to travel, be sure to consult your veterinarian before you go. Preventative medications can be given if needed.
6. If your four-legged friend does not travel well, consider an anti-anxiety medication. Once again, do not try to get this the day you leave. Think ahead and discuss with your veterinarian what to give. It is always best to give a "trial run" of the medication before you go to be sure it works as expected.
7. If your pet is injured or gets sick when you are on a trip with him/her, find the closest veterinary clinic or emergency clinic. Your veterinarian can provide your pet's records if needed. Consider also getting a copy of your pet's current blood work and health visit from your veterinarian before you go.
8. International travel can be complicated. Be sure you contact your veterinarian at least 45 days before taking your pet with you. Every country has different requirements and official paperwork.

Leaving your furry kids at home, with friends, or in a kennel.

1. Whatever your plan, be sure all vaccinations are current. If kenneling, be sure you follow the requirements of the boarding facility. They vary, and getting their vaccinations there does not protect them fast enough. It is also usually much more expensive.
2. Give your pets any monthly or seasonal medications before you go. Do not rely on your friends or pet/house sitters.
3. For friends or home pet sitters, have a written outline of what you expect from them for your pets. Be sure any medications are appropriately marked and counted, and all foods they can have are present.
4. Make sure your friend or sitter has your veterinarian's phone number. Be sure you have called your veterinarian to let them know you will be traveling, and your veterinarian has a number at which they can reach you in case medical or surgical decisions need to be made.
5. A microchip can save your pet's life if he/she accidentally gets away or gets lost. You may consider asking your friend or pet sitter not to go on walks with your furry pals while you are away.
6. Friends and pet sitters may want to check with Dr. Google if they think your pet is not acting normally. Make sure they know you want them to contact your veterinarian for advice and not Dr. G (unless that is your veterinarian's nickname).

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