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Family surrounded their hero with love. He will be honored in the Poolesville Day parade. His story is in Meet Your Vet on page 20.



The Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were “walked” across the Potomac River. We tell you who and why in Tidbits on page 26.



Kingsbury’s Orchard’s Sue Ketron made a beautiful quilt for her former student. Find out why in Tidbits on page 26.



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The Monocle’s Poolesville Day Guide Edition

By Rande Davis

Once again, we are proud that this special edition of the *Monocle* is your guide to Poolesville Day, covering all details of the scheduled fun, crafts, vendors, history, food, and music.

The day is mostly about fun, food, and friends. This year, there will be many first-time food vendors with a wide variety of selections. The *Monocle*’s six-page guide, starting on page 10, gives you all the details you will need to plan your day to not miss anything of importance to you. Descriptions of events, specific locations (including a

QR code map) and time schedules are all here for you to plan your day.

There are many craft, artisan, home décor, and personal care vendors offering great gift ideas. Will you have a need in the coming year for a home improvement, repair, or other home interior/exterior service? You get to meet many of the owners up close and personal.

The committee is thrilled to announce that the Maryland National Guard’s marching band will join us in our parade. The American Legion, which lays our memorial wreaths to honor those who served on nation in uniform, will also give special recognition to World War II vet, Patrick Carpenter.

For those of you on a mission to improve your health, many vendors



offer insight and information to help you reach your health goals. WUMCO will offer a special health fair offering blood pressure and blood glucose checks, giveaways, and more. You will find vendors with services for spiritual growth, most notably those representatives from our local faith/spiritual groups. Don’t forget educational opportunities.

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Grand Marshal: Former Poolesville Day Chairman And Local Volunteer

By Rande Davis

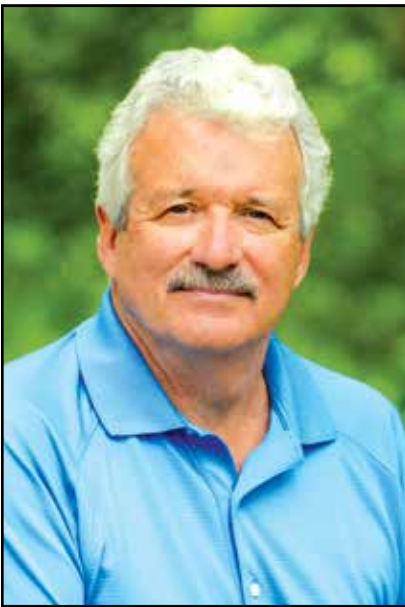
Brice Halbrook, who has been selected by the Poolesville Day Committee as this year’s Poolesville Day Grand Marshal, is one of those people who—without a lot of fanfare—has volunteered to make Poolesville a great place in which to live. In fact, when he was informed that he might be nominated, he deflected to the others with whom he has worked on the various volunteer projects over the years.

Brice joined the Poolesville Day committee when Jake Perkins ran it in 2005, doing what he could to contribute. When Jake suddenly passed away, Ray Hoewing asked Brice to take over the leadership and, despite not having much experience, he took it on. Honestly, it is questionable whether Poolesville Day would have continued without Brice. Bridget Burke contacted

Brice not long after and asked if he needed help. She had a pretty strong background in event planning, having worked for a bit on the road with musical acts and festivals. Brice and Bridget worked as a team to really ramp up the festival the first year, and it was a big hit with music, more vendors, and a larger array of food. They both put a lot of work into organizing Poolesville Day, and it went well for the next five years.

When Link Hoewing moved out of town in his final year as Poolesville Commissioner, Brice was asked to fill in. This one-year stint was a good preview of what was involved at the commissioner level, so Brice decided to run for office in fall of 2012. He served a four-year term through fall of 2016.

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2024 Grand Marshal of Poolesville Day, Brice Halbrook.

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Rande(m) Thoughts Thanks to the Poolesville Day Committee and the Willard Family, Life in Town Keeps Getting Better!

By Rande Davis

We have been publishing the official guide to Poolesville Day for twenty years now, and for the most part, it has gotten better every year. Of course, COVID-19 didn't help to keep up that pattern, and the rain from last year certainly put a downer on the day. Here we are, though, getting ready to celebrate the best Poolesville Day ever!

My time working with the Poolesville Day Committee started under the cast iron direction of Jake Perkins. As a young man who sadly died way too soon, no one loved the town or school sports more, and no one ever exceeded his enthusiasm for the great day. Jake was a robust announcer at high school football games, and his selection to the PHS Sports Hall of Fame, as a supporter not as an athlete, attests to the strength of his personality in generating the promotion of high school sports. The Poolesville Day Committee back then was small, but that eight-member team worked well together, and whenever we got a bit behind, Jake knew how to push to get the job done.

Jake was followed by Brice Halbrook, another strong person who brought keen management skills to the table and knew how to keep the sometimes-meandering committee on track and encouraged others to use their talents to help make the celebration more and more successful. He became a bit famous in town for being the first person to encourage creativity without bogging down the volunteers with trivial ideas. He announced at an early meeting, "We welcome any new ideas to improve the day, but if you propose something new, be prepared to manage it yourself. You own it, do not leave it as a job for someone else." Whimsical proposals were reduced a lot. Since then, I have been relieved to hear the same sentiment by other leaders of civic groups.

Brice's contribution in other areas of civic service is well documented in our front-page story about his selection as the Grand Marshal of Poolesville Day, and I cannot imagine a more deserving selection.

We also have three new additions to the entertainment lineup that are very exciting. This year, the Maryland National Guard marching band will grace our parade. Patrick Carpentier, a WWII vet, will be honored by riding in the parade with our local American Legion Post 247. Read about his life and military experience on page 20.

We are thrilled to have our newly-created Reserve Wind Ensemble performing. Poolesville's attachment to bands, music, festivals, and celebrations goes back for many generations. To now, once again, have our own neighbors sharing their musical talents with us brings us back to our roots.

Beyond our traditional detailed reporting on Poolesville Day, the local news report on the status of the new property development on the thirteen-acre lot next to Poolesville Town Hall is the other major item in this issue.

I was struck by so many uninformed comments on Facebook (as to be expected) following some statements on the page about the project moving forward. The *Monocle* has been covering this project now for nearly seven years. We have reported in detail every step of the way, so my advice to those who seemed surprised about this is: Read the *Monocle*. Our writers spend a great deal of their time attending and reporting on town events, and we expend significant money and effort in producing and printing this information. If you don't have the time to keep yourself informed free of charge, don't waste others' time with your indolence.

As regards the Willard property, our article itemizes in very specific ways just what is currently the plan to happen there. If you want the facts, you get them there. No project in the history of our town has ever been more open and transparent. No project has ever gotten more feedback from the public. No project has been adjusted more based on the public involvement than this one. The town commissioners, the Keep Poolesville Small Committee, the Parks Board, the Planning Committee, and most importantly, the Willard family have really accomplished a most remarkable achievement in crafting an important addition to the town. It was not always easy and, at times, was contentious, but the result is something of which we can be proud.

For those who would prevent any new changes or additions to Poolesville, I speak as an original owner of a Kohlhoss townhouse, noting that every new development since has brought great people to the town. Yes, we are larger than back in 1974, but by any measure, we are still a small town,

and we will remain so. For those in panic over the increase in population because of the new homes in the center of town, consider this: The average household population in Poolesville is 3.25 persons. In a population greater than six thousand people, we will add fewer than two hundred new residents.

One of the most requested ideas for the property from the public was for senior citizen housing. Modern senior citizen housing requires first-floor bedrooms, yet when the potential builder asked to allow them to add 350 square feet to an already-modest footprint so they could make more homes attractive to those wanting to retire, they were turned down. Many of our new homes in the other new subdivisions are more than four thousand square feet. To allow the builder to add 350 square feet is equal to adding just two new homes in town. Still, the

committee has denied the request, not because a fifteen percent increase in size is so radical, they just didn't want to allow the builder to build anything larger than the previously-committed two thousand square feet. The builder was even criticized for simply asking.

The Willards want to bring homes more suitable for downsizers and as starters for the younger people, yet the county's impact fee per home is the same for a 4,500-square-foot home as it is for these 2,000-square-foot homes. Our county leaders would tell you they want more starter homes and senior living homes in the county, but not if it costs a dime in the tax revenue. Why shouldn't the footprint of a structure be a calculus in setting impact fees? To answer your often-asked question, "Why don't they build smaller more affordable housing?" you now know part of the reason why.

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Town Government Commissioners Close Out FY2024 Budget

By Link Hoewing

On August 19, at their only meeting of the month, the commissioners of the Town of Poolesville "closed out" or approved the final report on how the budget for FY2024 was spent. They also appointed two residents who will join Jocelyn Harris, Laura Dunlop, Catherine Hall, William McDonald, Chuck Stump, and Joan Olmstead as supervisors to oversee the upcoming election on the town's Board of Elections.

Tom Kettler (who previously chaired the elections board) and newcomer Barrett Smith were unanimously approved to join the board.

Before moving to review the final budget closeout report, the commissioners discussed the latest planning commission meeting. Since approving the town's Master Plan, the planning commission has been reviewing the town's existing zoning to ensure it complies with the new plan. In recent years, in what has been dubbed the "Historic West End" of town where a large number of historic buildings are located, including the old bank building, the historic Methodist Church, and a large number of historic houses including the 1840s Stevens House where Locals Restaurant is located, efforts have been growing to create a "Cultural Arts District" to help promote and protect this part of town. The planning commission has begun work on this project and will continue to "flesh out" the concept in coming months.

After this discussion, town manager Wade Yost and assistant town manager Niles Anderegg provided an overview of how much revenue the town received and how it spent its funds in

the just-completed fiscal year which ended on June 30. The General Fund, which includes general operations, all capital projects, debt service, and any grants to the Water and Wastewater Fund, came in at just under \$5.3 million in expenditures.

The Water and Wastewater Fund, which funds only operations such as staff salaries, electricity, and chemicals for the sewer and water systems (not the capital spending on equipment and building maintenance), spent just over \$2.1 million. Unlike General Fund operations, sewer and water services are considered "enterprise" programs, meaning they are intended to be funded by those who use them. Even though the town tries to make the program operate this way, things like droughts (which can increase demand and costs for providing water, for example) and the costs of inputs like electricity (which the town cannot totally control) mean that that the town has almost always had to take money from the General Fund to "subsidize" the sewer and water system. This year, a "grant" of \$77,892 was required to cover all costs.

The town brought in nearly \$5.2 million in revenue this year that funded its various programs. About forty-two percent of all revenues came from income taxes while thirty-eight percent came from property taxes. This is quite a change from the past when the largest revenue source for the town came from property taxes. This change is likely due to the high-income levels of many Poolesville residents and the significant slowdown in development in town in recent years. The town's new Master Plan recognizes that development is virtually complete and will require the town to look at new approaches to ensure its fiscal health and to promote a strong, local economy. Work by local charitable services organizations like WUMCO and the Fair Access Committee also point to the

often-hidden needs that exist for many in our area, despite the high-income levels we have in Poolesville. It presents a complex economic and fiscal picture for the town going forward.

Overall, the FY24 budget came in at \$215,000 in the black. The staff has recommended that some of the funds be used to create a "bioswale" at Dr. Dillingham Park and an additional \$75,000 go to complete Wells 4 and 14. Total recent investment in those two wells comes to over \$1 million, most of which has been paid through impact fees from the Westerly Grove subdivision buildout.

The town manager also said the water tower has been completely filled and is fully functional. It has been completely repainted as well.

According to the closeout report, \$7.3 million is "in the bank" and \$1.1 million in total in Unrestricted Reserves is in the town's coffers. This rainy day fund would support town operations in case of emergencies and has been set by the commissioners at a level of seventeen percent of the town's end-of-year budget. It was also noted that the town has only one loan remaining to be paid off and has

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The New Home Development Next To Town Hall: Just the Facts

By Rande Davis

After seven years of planning—and significant expenditures in project development costs—the Willard family home project in mid-town Poolesville on the thirteen-acre lot next to Poolesville Town Hall now sees the light at the end of the tunnel.

The Poolesville Planning Commission has given approval for a new plan that was created over the past few years through public participation and review. With the property owner meeting in more than a half dozen public meetings with the Parks Board and the Planning Commission, and multiple exploratory meetings with the town manager, town engineer, and with many meetings with civic groups like the Historic Medley District, Inc. and MOMs Club of Poolesville, a new plan has the fingerprints of dozens of residents representing their concerns and preferences. This final product originated by using a preference survey sponsored by the Protect Our Poolesville Committee that was formed at the time of the original development proposal.

The fundamentals of the plan are: It will include sixty-one homes currently sized between 1,800 square feet and 2,000 square feet on 4,000-square-foot lots.

Homes will be three bedrooms with some having an option for a master bedroom on the first floor.

All homes located on a main street (Fyffe Road or Fisher Avenue) or encircling a small park within its boundaries called Willard Commons, must have front porches of at least eight feet in depth. Porches will remain optional for all the other homes. This is done to maximize the attractiveness and visual appeal of the homes to the public.

All home façades will be entirely brick, real stone, or cement board.

Box-style homes are out. Unique styles will be offered, such as Cottage, Cape Cod, or Craftsman. The Willard family has been in the Poolesville area for seven generations, has a truly heartfelt love for the community, and seeks a home project of which future generations of Willards will be proud. The edifice-quality restrictions will ensure their beauty for generations to come.

Roads will not be on a grid but in a more attractive looping arrangement.

There will be two main entrances: The main entrance will be on Fisher Avenue directly in line with Norris Road (next to the post office) with a second entrance on Fyffe Road.

Glass Way will provide a rear access but will be gated to prevent use and will be made available as a drive-thru only during specific events like Poolesville Day or emergencies.

There will be an HOA to manage the property.

There will be a tot lot/child's playground fully visible from Whalen Commons.

The site-line from the Whalen Common stage to the John Poole House will be unobstructed.

The space in front of the historic Willard family home (The Tatle House) will be fully visible and will not have any homes directly in front of it.

The three lots/parcels on the west side of the Willard family home will be kept open as a buffer, vest-pocket park called Willard Commons, and the third as a parking lot for the John Poole House (JPH).

The JPH parking lot will hold twelve cars on a grass field, with a pervious surface to support the cars.

A grove of trees in the rear will obstruct the view of the project from Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church and other residents adjacent to the park and will provide a walking trail.

The road names will reflect the contributions of area residents. For example, there will be Evans Way (named after Bobbi Evans, the long-time town clerk), Sneed Road (a previous chairman of the Planning Commission), DeWalt Way (after the Willard family patriarch) and Tatle Way (named after Helen Tatle Pumphrey).

About half the homes will have a rear-load garage which would accommodate a first-floor master bedroom. The planning commission was concerned about the builder's recent request to allow homes with first-floor bedrooms to be up to 2,350 square feet. This would allow more homes to offer a first-floor bedroom. The addition of only 350 square feet would make the homes more attractive to

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We have over forty amazing civic groups serving our community. From the American Legion to Poolesville Green with its electric car show, they all have booths where you can learn how you can also be part of their mission of care. New to the community? Poolesville Day is a perfect time to explore your opportunities locally for community service.

There is no party without great music, and this year's music lineup runs the gamut with a sound bite of something for everyone young to not-so-young, with sounds from the best of the American music scene, past and present. The headliners are on the main stage in Whalen Commons, but there are more at Locals Farm Market and Restaurant and at Falcon Lane.

The main band performances of the day on the Main Stage begin with the **Jumpfunk Band**, a Loudoun County-based Virginia dance band specializing in classic funk, contemporary blues, R&B, and soul music, featuring vocals, guitar, bass, drums, sax, trumpet, trombone, and keyboards (including a vintage Leslie tone cabinet with rotating speakers). This horn-powered ensemble delivers high-energy performances that keep their audiences on their feet.

Their influences include Chicago, Earth Wind & Fire, Tower of Power, Ray Charles, B.B. King, Delbert McClinton, Van Morrison, the Temptations, and many of the great Stax Records artists of the 1960s.

Also, on the main stage in the early afternoon will be a band called **Dirty Soul**. Since 2017, they've been lighting up the Washington, D.C.-metro area with their feel-good-retro-soul, delivered in a style that's uniquely theirs. They connect with those who love great music and those who want to experience its sweaty, funky, liberating sound. They focus on creating original music but also put their distinctive spin on familiar tunes that you might recognize.

Poolesville's own **Touch of Grey** provides an eclectic mix of folk and Americana, and don't be surprised if you catch a popular rock song performed in bluegrass style. With rich harmonies and instrumental breaks, the music is inspired by such legends as Neil Young, Crosby, Stills, and Nash, and the Grateful Dead, among others. Consisting of seven musicians local to the area, Touch of Grey is thrilled to be back playing again at Poolesville Day.

Over at the stage at Locals Restaurant, will be **FunkHaus**, the Ultimate Fusion of Funk, Soul, and R&B! Based in Western MoCo, FunkHaus brings together the best of funk, soul, and R&B. Formed in 2023 by Joe Macker (lead guitar/vocals) and Dave Flood (drums) and joined by Mike Buday on bass and Chris Dominici on keyboards, FunkHaus draws inspiration from legends like the Meters, the Isley Brothers, the Neville Brothers, Steely Dan, and Joe Jackson.

Once again, **No Stop Light** is an upbeat acoustic guitar/sax duo out of Poolesville. For six years, they have played locally with a lively set list made up of covers and originals. Returning for their fifth Poolesville Day performance, Chris Doto and Matt Partain are pumped to anchor the afternoon slot under the big shade trees at the Locals stage, with special guest percussionist Kev Rice on congas. Come on out to complete the perfect kind of day at Locals in style!

This year a new and a very special treat is the **Reserve Wind Ensemble**. They re-establish a grand tradition of our town's community concert band! Join the fun, join the band!

Over at Falcon Lane, on the side of Dollar General, enjoy **DJ Trainer**. He enjoys playing a wide variety of hits ranging from Motown, reggaeton, hip-hop, Top 40, and House. No matter what the event, DJ Trainer comes through. It's a party! Get ready to dance and sing to your favorite grooves.

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Poolesville Day Guide 2024

Poolesville Day 2023 was one we will never forget. For the first time ever, we had to close Poolesville Day early due to hazardous weather conditions. The week leading up to the event was stressful—the weather forecast was calling for Hurricane Ophelia to hit Maryland on Poolesville Day. Later in the week, Ophelia was downgraded to a tropical storm and the exact path was still in question. The Poolesville Day Committee and town staff met on several occasions to decide if we should cancel, postpone, or proceed with Poolesville Day. After thoughtful deliberation, we decided to forge ahead. Any decision made would result in some sort of consequence, there was no right or wrong decision.

In keeping with the spirit of Poolesville, the show went on, rain or shine. Kicking things off was the PACC 5K event which had the most participants ever. Next up, a very successful Poolesville Day Breakfast which was well attended by many county and state leaders. An energetic parade of forty groups marched in the rain and wind. Then the streets opened up to a surprisingly decent number of community members and vendors who braved the weather conditions and made the best of the day.

Unfortunately, in addition to the rain, strong winds started to encroach on Poolesville. Out of an abundance of caution for all attending, we made the decision to close Poolesville Day early. We had vendors shut down at 1:00 p.m. (three hours early), and Fisher Avenue was reopened to vehicular traffic. Many vendors had tough decisions to make regarding whether they should set up for the day or stay home, it was a tough call for all. As a courtesy to our wonderful vendors, we decided to offer all vendors free booth spaces for the 2024 Poolesville Day.

We are excited and looking forward to this year's Poolesville Day 2024 on Saturday, September 21. A true community event, Poolesville Day is successful due to collaborative efforts of dedicated volunteers combined with a strong commitment from Town of Poolesville commissioners and staff members, and all the enthusiastic community members that contribute so much to the special day.

I would like to thank Town of Poolesville employees **Cathy Bupp** and **Preston King**. Together, they have provided excellent guidance and support to Poolesville Day for over sixteen years. We also want to thank **Tara Scholz**, she is the new Events

Coordinator for the town and has been a tremendous asset with planning for this year's festival.

We have an amazing group of volunteers that serve on the Poolesville Day Committee. **Kathy Bassett** is our vice president; she also serves as the local entertainment coordinator. **Melanie Sholes** is continuing her role as secretary; she keeps us on track and organized. **Krish Bala** is back for his third year of serving as treasurer for the committee; he does an excellent job of managing the budget and paying the bills. **Leslie Curran** continues to serve as the ultimate all-star for the committee. This is her third year on the committee; in addition to serving as volunteer coordinator, she has the herculean task of organizing all the vendors and artisans that participate in Poolesville Day. Speaking of the volunteer coordinator, in addition to committee members, Poolesville Day would not be successful without our many "day-of" volunteers, such as **Cindy Gilpin** who for years has worked at the vendor check-in booth. **Amy Baker** is on her third year with the committee, and she continues to bring new energy and ideas, serving as

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The 2024 Poolesville Day Committee: Rear: Krish Bala, Chris Traitor, Matthew Johnson, Link Hoewing, Jeremy Hinds, Carlos Cabrera, and Tom Kettler; front: Joyce Breiner, Melanie Sholes, Maureen Gilli, Bernie Mihm, Tara Scholz, Cathy Bupp, Kathy Bassett, Kevin Schramm, Alex Markoff, and Leslie Curran. Not pictured: Christina Nanof, JD Taylor, Paul Harney, Bobbi Hammer, Patricia Magnoni, and Amy Baker.

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the social media coordinator; she is in charge of keeping the community informed. **Chris Trader** is new to the committee but not new with serving on Poolesville Day. Chris is our lead security and traffic manager; his leadership in this role keeps us all safe and secure. **Carlos Cabrera**, as he has done for many years with the help of his family, runs the parade with perfect precision. **Bernie Mihm** has been on the committee for over a decade. He serves as the sponsor coordinator and the volunteer t-shirt designer extraordinaire. **Link Hoewing** is the grand marshal of all grand marshals, plus committee historian. Nobody can manage portable restrooms like **Tom Kettler** can. **Matt Johnson** has done a masterful job of securing main stage entertainment and is the man behind the sound. **Maureen Gilli** is on her fourth year with the committee and is in charge of managing all the high school groups and committees on Falcon Lane. She gets help from our second-year committee members, **Patricia Magnoni** and **Bobbi Hammer**. **Christina Nanof** and **Alex Markoff**, working together on the Agricultural Display Committee, have outdone themselves again this year and are bringing a bigger-and-better-than-ever Ag Display. **Jeremy Hinds** works his magic and supplies all of the rides so the kids are happy. **Paul Harney** is another long-timer on the Poolesville Day Committee; Paul will focus on upgrading the signage for the day to ensure that everyone can find their way. The amazing tag team of **JD Taylor** and **Joyce Breiner** organizes the ever-growing EV Car Show which is now the largest Electric Vehicle Show on the East Coast.

In addition to our wonderful and dedicated volunteers, I want to thank all the various community groups that spend hours of planning and a whole day participating in Poolesville Day, decorating Fisher Avenue, with fantastic booths.

Of course, good things like Poolesville Day cost money. I would like to give a special thanks to our sponsors who give generously to make this day possible every year.

Gold Sponsors: Town of Poolesville, Gail Lee Homes/Long and Foster Realtors, Poolesville Green, Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Fine Earth Landscape, Calleva, Potomac Valley Surveys, Bretton Woods Recreation Center, *Monocacy Monocle*, and Jim Brown/Turning Point Real Estate.

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Can't wait to see everyone on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 am!

Kevin Schramm
President, Poolesville Day Committee





ONLINE FESTIVAL MAP



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

Find detailed location and information:

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



Poolesville Day Festival Free Shuttle Bus Route Saturday, September 21, 2024

Map Key:

- Existing Ride-on Bus 76 Stops
- Additional Festival Shuttle Stops marked by yard signs
- (#) Timepoint Locations

All Poolesville Day Festival Stops marked by Temporary Festival Shuttle Stop Signs

FOOD

ALONG FISHER AVENUE

House of Poolesville Restaurant:

Outdoor buffet selection

Memorial United Methodist: B

Booths 96-98 Walking tacos, hot dogs

IN WHALEN COMMONS

J&G Concessions: Chicken: *Falafel, Shawarma*

Festival Concessions: *Sausage, Burgers*

Biga Biga Pizza: *Brick Oven Pizza*

Sherri's Crab Cakes: *Crab Cakes, Soup*

Grubbin' Hard BBQ: *BBQ*

The Pita King: *Sandwiches*

Kona Ice: *Shaved Ice*

Cousins Maine Lobster: *Lobster*

El Cumpa: *Chilean Food*

Pop-up Poutine: *Poutine*

Trippy Tacos: *Tacos*

Kuks Tribute Cuisine: *Ghanian Food*

Be There Lemonade and Lattes: *Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade*

Too Sweet Popcorn: *Flavored Popcorn*

Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream: *Ice cream*

IN AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY

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

SPECIAL BAKED GOODS & SWEETS

Our Lady of the Presentation

Catholic Church: Booths 8 & 9

Baked Goods

Nothing Bundt: Booth 21

Cakes

Sweet Rollers: Whalen Commons

Cinnamon Rolls

Golden Rose Cakery: Whalen Commons

Cakes, Desserts

Flint Hill Methodist Church: Booth 47 & 48

Baked goods

Shine on Together: Booth 55

Tea, Coffee, Pie, Cookies

Bruster's Real Ice Cream: Booth 60

Ice cream, Sundaes

"DJ" The Baker: Booth 119

Scones

BEAT THE HEAT!

POOLESVILLE RESTAURANTS

OPEN AS USUAL

K2 Café, Bassett's Restaurant, Healthy Hub, Locals, Mexican Grill, Dunkin' Donuts, Subway, McDonald's, Cugini's, Kristopher's, House of Pville, White's Ferry Grill, Crossvines

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

PACC 5K RUN/WALK RACE:

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church

PARADE: 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

*Starts at Poolesville Elementary,
runs along Fisher Avenue*

GRAND MARSHAL: Brice Halbrook

NATIONAL ANTHEM

and Presentation of Memorial Wreath

American Legion Poolesville Post 247

Maryland National Guard Band

JPMS Music Department Band

CHILDREN'S AND ADULT ACTIVITIES:

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

Field next to Whalen Commons

Ferris Wheel, Kiddie Carousel, Mind Winder,

Mobile Ninja Course, Zip Line, Trackless Train,

Wacky X Large, Pinball Super Slide, Calleva Rock

Climbing Wall, Boy Scout rope ladder, more!

FALCON LANE: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Student and Class Booths

Dollar General / Fisher Avenue

Come and enjoy great DJ music, and more

See you at Falcon Lane!

JOHN POOLE HOUSE: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The oldest building in Poolesville. Log structure

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and U.S. Post Office.

Meet John Poole, Jr. in person!

OLD TOWN HALL BANK MUSEUM

Photo Contest Display

BANDSTAND: Dance Groups

TOWN HALL: WUMCO Health Fair

POOLESVILLE GREEN EV SHOW

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

*Parking lot corner of Elgin Rd. & Fisher Ave.
near Old Town Hall*

Electric Car Test Drives and Rides

FISHER AVENUE (House of Poolesville Restaurant to Milford Mill Road)			FISHER AVENUE - (McDONALD's SIDE) (M&T Bank to Poolesville Beer, Wine & Deli parking lot entrance)		
1	XXX		64	XXX	
2	Sniddy's Gunworks		65	KPC Buddhist Relief	Information
3	Maid Brigade	Information	66	Title Boxing	Information
4	XXX		67	Passanante's Home Food	Information
5	Douglas and Sons	Information	68	Tiki Toes Creative Studios	Birdbaths, Birdhouses
6	McSisters' Foundation	Clothes	69	Mysteries of the Ag. Reserve	Information
7	Emily Bolten / Emily's House of Clay	Polymer Clay	70	Senajewen	Jewelry
8	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	71	Jessica Jackson	Apparel, bags, keychains, magnets, soap, candles, art
9	Our Lady of the Presentation	SWEETS: Baked goods	72	Poolesville Cats	Information
10	White Caterpillar	Candles	73	Poolesville Cats	Information
11	Abraham Vanegas	Hoodies, Hats, Mugs	74	Get Toob	Water Bottles
12	Sugarloaf Citizens' Assoc.	Information	75	LotusTuLab, LLC	Keychains, Phone Holders
13	Poolesville Vet Clinic	Information	76	Christ Embassy	Books
14	Community Farm Share	Information	76A	M&T Bank	Information
15	Great & Small Ther. Riding	Information	77	Chesapeake Climate Action	Information
16	MCPL / Maggie Nightingale Library	Information	78	BeSmart	Child Safety Info
17	Friends of the Library	Books	79	Poolesville Design	Handbags
18	SappSews	Scrunchies, Tote Bags	80	Dist. 15 Democratic Caucus	Political information
19	Gail Brodrick	Doll Clothing	81	MCDOT Pedestrian Safety	Information
20	A. Bowers/T. Gilfrich	Watercolor Paintings	82	The Christopher Companies	Information
21	Nothing Bundt Cakes	SWEETS: Cakes	83	Nawal Tahri-Joutey RE/MAX	Information
21A	District Dance. Co.	Information	84	Shear Elegance	Information
FISHER AVE. (COMMONS SIDE) - Milford Mill Rd to Monument			85	BCC – Isaac Walton League	Information
22	Poolesville Young Life	Gaga Ball	86	Hosanna Community Church	Information
23	Living Word Bible	Balloon Twisting	87	Hosanna Community Church	Information
23A	Living Word Bible	Information	88	MOMs Club of Poolesville	Kids' Activities
24	Bipity Bliss		88A	James Nie	Local kid artist
25	St. Peter's Episcopal Church	Information	89	PHS Global Ecology	Recycling Booth
26	Mont. Co. Board of Elections	Voting Outreach	90	Stylish Strokes	Hats
27	Monocacy Monocle	Newspapers	90A	Falun Dafa	Information
28	PACC	Information	91	Commotion Dance	Games & Crafts
29	PACC	Chamber of Commerce	92	Jonathan Harris of NextHome Envision	Information
30	Drs. Pike & Valega	Information	92A	VisionAiry Art	Art prints
31	WUMCO Help, Inc.	Information	93	UMCVFD Ladies' Auxillary	Raffle Tickets
32	The Garden Patch	Annuals, Flowers	94	UMCVFD	Fire Safety Recruiting
33	Monocacy Lions Club	Raffle, Club Membership	95	UMCVFD	First Aid Tent
34	Foundry Admission Strategies	Information	96	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Drinks
35	Gail Lee Homes	Information	97	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Walking Tacos
36	PHS PTSA	Information	98	Mem. United Methodist	FOOD: Hot Dogs
37	PHS Athletic Booster Club	Spiritwear, Magnets	99	IOOF Lodge #97	Raffle, Recruiting
38	PHS Athletic Booster Club	Spiritwear, Magnets	100	American Legion Post #247	Information
39	Seneca Studio	Cutting Boards, Serving Trays	101	Friends of Ten Mile Creek	Information
40	Nail Momma Katie	Color Street	101A	XXX	
40A	King Barn MOOseum	Information	102	Zero Waste Management	Information
FOOD/SWEETS - WHALEN COMMONS PARK			103	Black Roots	African Prints
A	J&G Concessions	FOOD: Falafel, Shawarma	104	Caroline Designs	Beach Bags, Wine Bags
B	Fest. Concessions	FOOD: Sausage, Burgers	105	Poolesville Baptist Church	Bead bracelets, sodas
C	Fest Concessions 2	SWEETS: Funnel Cakes	106	Poolesville Baptist Church	Rock Painting, Temp.Tattoos
D	Sweet Rollers	SWEETS: Cinnamon Rolls	107	Gracefully Rustic Woodwork	Cutting Boards, Serving Trays, Wine Racks
			108	Gracefully Rustic Woodworks	Cutting Boards, Serving Trays, Wine Racks
			109	Arrow Way Farm	Hand-Forged Knives
			110	Tasty Knots	Dog & Cat Toys

E	Biga Biga Pizza	FOOD: Brick Oven Pizza	111	Pville Community Garden	Information
F	Sherri’s Crab Cakes	FOOD: Crab Cakes, Soup	112	Pville Presbyterian Church	Information, water, games
G	Grubbin Hard BBQ	FOOD: BBQ	113	Pville Presbyterian Church	Information, water, games
H	The Pita King	FOOD: Sandwiches	114	Paula’s Handmade Creations	Wreaths, Totes
I	Kona Ice	SWEETS: Shaved Ice	114A	XXX	
J	Cousins Maine Lobster	FOOD: Lobster	115	DC National Rowing Club	Demonstrations
K	El Cumpa	FOOD: Chilean Food	116	LifeWave	Phototherapy Patches
L	Pop-up Poutine	FOOD: Poutine	117	Poolesville Family Practice	Information
M	Trippy Tacos	FOOD: Tacos	118	Aya Cultural Arts Studio	Gifts, Instruments
N	Kuks Tribute Cuisine	FOOD: Ghanaian Food	119	“DJ” The Baker	Scones
O	Golden Rose Cakery	SWEETS: Cakes, desserts	120	Little Learners	Information
P	Be There Lemonade and Lattes	SWEETS: Fresh-Squeezed Lemonade	121	Furry Friends	Dressed Teddy Bears
Q	Too Sweet Popcorn	SWEETS: Flavored Popcorn	122	Rural Women’s Rep. Club	Information
R	Ben & Jerry’s	SWEETS: Ice Cream			
Fisher Avenue – Monument to Jamison Real Estate			FISHER AVENUE - (McDONALD’s SIDE) (M&T Bank to Poolesville Beer, Wine & Deli parking lot entrance)		
41	Rustic Route, LLC	Whole Bean Bagged Coffee	123	Erica Hansen Creations	Shirts, Stickers
42	MKElizabethCo	Bags/Jewelry	124	Grayworks, LLC	Toys, Handbags
43	Suzie’s Bubbles	Bath Bombs, Lotions	125	PestX	Information
44	Sustainable Poolesville	Information	FISHER AVENUE – (McDONALDS SIDE) Poolesville Beer, Wine & Deli Entrance to Jamison Real Estate		
45	Tammy Frew	Home Décor			
46	Tammy Frew	Home Décor			
47	Flint Hill United Methodist	SWEETS: Baked Goods	125 A	Knights of Columbus	Car Raffle
48	Flint Hill United Methodist	SWEETS: Baked Goods	126	Twin Valley Distilleries	Whiskey
49	The Crossvines	Information,	127	Larry Sprague	Wood Ducks
50	Janette Alexander	Arts/Crafts	128	Reworld Montgomery (Formerly Known as Covanta)	Reusable bags, notebooks, battery recycle box
51	Madison Fields	Goat Milk Soap	129	Durango Dog Co	Dog treats and accessories
52	Poolesville Seniors	Information	130	Frederick Foot & Ankle	Giveaways
53	Essence Studios	Costumes/Coupons	131	Caribbean Batik	Shirts, Bandanas
54	Garnish and Grove	Meal Prep	132	Mont. Co. Republican Party	Political Information
55	Shine on Together	Tea, coffee, cookies, pie, t-shirts, bracelets, cards, pens	133	Mont. Co. Republican Party	Political Information
56	Fair Access Committee	Information	134	Upcounty Prevention Net.	Information
57	CouncilMem. M. Balcombe	Information	135	Mont. Co. Police Dept.	Giveaways
58	Shelley’s Beaded Bracelets	Jewelry	136	Mont. Co. Police Dept.	Recruiting
59	Mont. Co. Farm Bureau	Information	137	CUTCO Cutlery	Cutco
60	Bruster’s Real Ice Cream	SWEETS: Ice Cream	137A	Poolesville Liberty	
FALCON LANE (Dollar General Parking Lot)			138	Wild Lily Clay (Layne)	Jewelry
F-1			139	Sweet Pea Designs	Hats, Scarves
F-2			140	Wisteria Dental Care	Oral Cancer Screenings
F-3			141	Pam’s Fiber Frenzy	Handbags, Wallets
			142	Montgomery County Fire Rescue Service (Recruiting Division	Information
F-4			143	Free State Nam Knights	Coffee Mugs, T-shirts
F-5			144	Pop for a Cause	Popcorn
F-6			145	Kashmir Krafts	Shawls, Paper Mache
F-7			146	Francesca Parente-Klansek	Baked Goods
F-8			147	Citizens Climate Education	Information
F-9			148	Girl Scouts of Poolesville	Information
F-10			149	Grace Kaiser Scentsy	Home Décor
F-11			150	Grace Kaiser Scentsy	Home Décor
F-12			151	H2 Yo Yo	Balloon, YoYos
F-13			152	Farah’s Boutique	Bracelets
			153	Tee Cee’s Boutique	Backpacks, Bows
			154	Colibri Crafts	Ceramics
			155	Colibri Crafts	Jewelry
			156	Mont. Co. Lynching Memorial Project	Information
			157	Hungerford Tavern DAR	Information

			158	Hungerford Resolves CAR	Information
	AG TENT		159	Janet Montgomery Chapter NSDAR	Information
A-1	Deere Valley Farms	Tshirts, merchandise FOOD: hamburgers/hot dogs	160	Chevy Chase Chapter NSDAR	Information, Kids' Activities
A-2			161	Erasmus Perry Chapter DAR	Information, Kids' Activities
A-3			162	XXX	
			163	Calleva	
			164	Poolesville Green	
			165	Poolesville Green	

ADDITIONAL VENDORS, EXHIBITORS, ATTRACTIONS, & INFORMATION:
Historic Medley District Civil War Displays Old Town Hall Bank Museum
Town Hall – WUMCO Health Fair

POOLESVILLE DAY INFORMATION BOOTH: Located in front of flagpoles of Whalen Commons.

FIRST AID: Located at Total Automotive & Diesel

All local restaurants are open: Bassett’s, Crossvines, Cugini’s, Dunkin’ Donuts, K2 Café, House of Poolesville, Kristopher’s, Locals, Mexican Grill, McDonald’s, Subway, The Healthy Hub, White’s Ferry Grill.

POOLESVILLE DAY 2024 ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



WHALEN COMMONS MAIN STAGE

JUMPTOWN BAND – 11:00 a.m.

DIRTY SOUL – 1:15 p.m.

TOUCH OF GREY – 3:00 p.m.

10:05 a.m. Presentation of Memorial Wreath
Poolesville’s American Legion Daniel-Jeffers Post 247

10:10 a.m. National Anthem

JPMS music department

10:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Maryland National Guard Marching Band

Variety

12:30 p.m. Town Commissioners, PHS Poms and Cheerleaders
12:45 p.m. Commotion Dance
2:15 p.m. Essence Studios
2:35 p.m. Poolesville Green
2:45 p.m. Impact Performing Arts

Locals Restaurant Lot

FunkHaus: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ZUMBA: 1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

No Stop Light: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Reserve Wind Ensemble: 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Falcon Lane (Dollar General lot)

E&T: 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Poolesville High School Band: 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

E&T: 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Local News

Sean P. Davis,
1989 Graduate of
PHS, Promoted to
Major General

By Rande Davis

On August 22, 2024, at Fort Liberty, North Carolina, Poolesville's Sean P. Davis was promoted to the rank of major general. In his new capacity, he assumes the position of Deputy Chief of Staff G-4, United States Army Command, which is responsible for logistic support of all army personnel and units within the United States.

Lieutenant Gen. Christopher O. Mohan, Deputy Commanding General and Acting Commander, United States Army Materiel Command, hosted the event and the swearing in of Davis into his new office.

Davis's wife, Camille, joined his parents and daughter Alexandra Davis and nephew Gary Hartz in pinning on an additional star.

His immediate past assignment was as the Commanding General, 13th Armored Corps Sustainment Command, Fort Cavazos (formerly Fort Hood), Texas. In that position this past year, he was deployed to the Middle East, headquartered in Kuwait.

Major General Davis holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Virginia Military Institute, a master's in business administration from Webster

Lt. Gen. Christopher O. Mohan,
Maj. Gen. Sean Paul Davis,
and his wife, Camille, at
Davis's promotion ceremony.



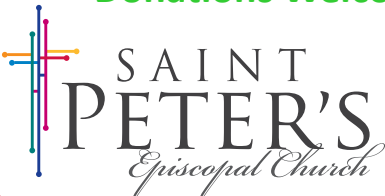
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HEALTH SCREENINGS
AND EDUCATION

Town Hall

11:00AM-4:00PM

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Grand Marshal: Former Poolesville Day Chairman and Local Volunteer

Brice was a part of founding the Upcounty Prevention Network and worked with the team to get that off the ground. This group spearheads many initiatives to assist youth with the challenge of drug and alcohol use.

In 2017, Ray Hoewing asked Brice if he could volunteer again by joining the WUMCO board. After attending a meeting, he decided he could do some good there with possibly managing it into a larger charity. The most consequential decision Brice and the board made was to hire Katie Longbrake as the new executive director. She has turned WUMCO into an amazing organization with her stellar leadership style. She is much loved and admired by all, and she is very talented.

As the board treasurer, Brice, along with Joel Tjornehoj, played a key part in establishing the WUMCO endowment fund with community donations and a sizable gift from Jane Stearns's estate. This fund should help sustain WUMCO during down times into the future. Brice also helped decide on the location of the new WUMCO headquarters and helped negotiate the lease with Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, a long, drawn-out process that ended in success. Brice has been on the WUMCO board for seven years and has continued there even though he has moved to Rockville to be closer to his kids.

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Commissioners Close Out FY2024 Budget

retired virtually all of its debt from past loans.

In his Town Manager's Report, Yost noted that the town is advertising again for a wastewater treatment plant operator. It's an entry-level position but a license or experience means more money for the new hire. As often happens, an employee got his license as an operator and took a job at the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water). In recent years, the town has been working to improve the pay and benefits of town employees so that it can better compete with larger jurisdictions to keep good staff.

Finally, as the new school year approaches, it was announced that the crosswalk at Spurrier Avenue and West Willard Road is now fully operational. All crosswalks in all school zone locations were to have been painted prior to the start of school.



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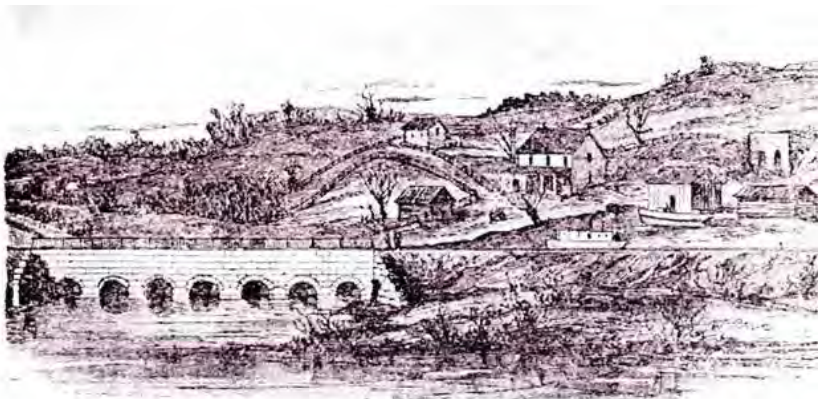
**The Life and Times of Hezekiah W. Trundle:
Part 2**

By Jon Wolz

In the 1860 Slave Census for the Medley District, there were 1,680 enslaved people listed. There are twenty-one pages with eighty slaves on each page. This census may be incomplete. In the 1850 Slave Census, there were 1,330 enslaved people listed for the Medley District. Having the canal nearby undoubtedly contributed to the desire for area farmers to get the most out of their lands by increasing their labor force with more enslaved people. Also, the increased number of enslaved people could have been attributed to families having more children. The canal provided a way for farmers to get their products to the Georgetown port. Farmers needed a large workforce to accomplish this and, unfortunately, this workforce consisted of enslaved labor.

The 1860 Agriculture Census for Hezekiah Trundle showed that he had three hundred acres improved, sixty-three acres unimproved valued at \$30,800, and the value of his farm instruments was \$800. He had fourteen horses, nine milk cows, two working oxen, sixteen other cattle, eighty-five sheep, and sixty-five swine. The value of the livestock was \$2,100. He had on hand: fifteen hundred bushels of wheat, one hundred bushels of rye, twenty-five hundred bushels of corn, two hundred bushels of potatoes, fifteen pounds of clover seed, ten tons of hay, and five hundred pounds of butter. In 1860, the farm economy was strong in the Medley District.

In 1861, the Civil War arrived in Western Montgomery County. Many of the young Southern male sympathizers went across the Potomac River to fight with the Confederates. By the end of the war, the number of Union men from the Medley District outnumbered the men fighting with the Confederates by a ratio of five to one. The Union men were almost all formerly-enslaved men from the farms in the Medley District.



Circa 1863: Mouth of the Monocacy.

On the night of October 20, 1861, William Trundle’s grain warehouse at the Monocacy Basin burned, destroying its contents. William Trundle wrote the commanding Union Officer Brigadier General Stone a letter dated November 7, 1861 that stated, in part, that he suspected Union pickets were on duty near where the “incendiary” occurred. He wrote, “My loss was over eight hundred dollars.” There is no record of Stone responding to this letter. In 1865, another Trundle relative, Otho, would replace the grain warehouse with a granary.

In December 1861, Union troops began to arrive at the Trundle farm. In November 1862, the Tenth Regiment Vermont Volunteers was one of several regiments that arrived in the Poolesville area to guard the Potomac River. The Vermonters took up camp along the Potomac River on farmlands from Conrad’s/White’s Ferry to the Monocacy Aqueduct. One of those farms was that of Hezekiah and Emily Trundle. Two of the Vermont officers wrote letters home to their wives.

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The Life and Times of Hezekiah W. Trundle: Part 2

In a letter from December 28, 1862, it said in part:
I went out Christmas on an invitation from an old fellow by the name of 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.

In a letter dated March 31, 1863, it said in part,
I stayed out of camp Saturday and Sunday night with that Mr. Trundle I told you about who is very sick with the erysipelas in his right arm (a bacterial infection of the skin's outer layers). He had his old doctor to look after him, and he was killing him by inches, and when he learned that I had returned (he was taken sick while I was home), he sent one of his [enslaved men] and begged me to come and see him. I did so and found the old doctor there (our Colonel Henry by the way went over with me). I told the old cuss that he was doing very wrong and if he did not change his course the man would die—and did not know but he would any how now...The change was made, and the patient is still living. Sunday night he was taken so bad that he thought he was dying and made all preparation for death, then [sent] for me. When I got there I found him in greatest agony of mind and body. I looked the matter over and told him to cheer up, he was not going to die at present, and he has such confidence in me that everyone could see that he felt better for my cheerful presence. His greatest suffering was a great and oppressive sense of suffering and pain in his bowels. I gave him a morphine powder and an injection of laudanum [meaning as an enema] to ease his pain and had him bathed all over to relieve his nervous sensations (he had not been bathed since he was sick) and in about half an hour he went to sleep and slept sweetly all night. In the morning when I got ready to go, he took me by the hand and said, "Oh! Holy Jesus (he is a catholic)! Doctor, you have saved my life. I know you have, and you shall be rewarded for it too, and to know that you do it regardless of any selfish motives makes my obligations a thousand times more binding."

A letter from April 10, 1863 said in part,
The residence of this Mr. Trundle is within our picket lines and the limits of our regiment, and some of the pickets are within hailing distance of the house, and if you could see the gratitude expressed at my efforts to help the old man and the tears he sheds when I call to see him you would say, how can you help running some risk in so human a cause.

A letter from April 23, 1863 said in part,
My old friend Trundle that I have had so many good dinners with was buried yesterday, and Captain Frost Dr. Rutherford and myself went to the funeral by invitation of the family, so you see we have a few friends even among the secesh.

A secesh was a common term used at the time instead of secessionist.
Hezekiah died on April 20, 1863 and is buried at St. Mary's Catholic Church cemetery in Barnesville.

In 1867, Maryland officials conducted a census of people who had been emancipated in the state in 1864. The census was created in the hope that former slaveowners would be compensated for the loss of their property. On Emily Trundle's 1867 Slave Statistics, there were thirty-four names. Surnames include: Ambush, Davis, Lee, McGill, Mercer, Nailor, Price, Smith, and Wade. Four men would serve in the Union Army, including Patrick Ambush, Richard Lee, Cephas Nailor, and Thomas Smith. Emily died on November 7, 1878 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Emily Ann Holland, near Dickerson Station. She is buried with her husband, Hezekiah.

Sources for this story include information received from historians, Jim Poole and William Bauman, Federal Census, Find A Grave, Ancestry.com, old newspapers, the book *The Trundle and Allied Families*, Genealogical Abstracts *Montgomery County Sentinel* 1855-1899, *The History of Dickerson, Mouth of Monocacy, Oakland Mills, and Sugarloaf Mountain*, and the University of Vermont Digital Library.

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Meet Your Vet

Patrick Carpentier: World War II Vet, U.S. Navy

By Rande Davis

Patrick Carpentier was recently enrolled into the Poolesville Post 247 American Legion. The legion was proud to accept him into its ranks as the number of living World War II vets is quickly diminishing.

Patrick Louis Carpentier, hailing from the Bronx, served in the United States Navy in World War II. He has been married to his wife Evelyn for seventy-five years.

Even though he was too young, he tried to enlist at seventeen years old. On his own, he took public transportation and went to the New York City recruiting station and recalls being with a group of five other guys his age, all excitedly awaiting their turn to talk to the recruiter.

They listened intently as they learned that the navy's fighter bomber pilot training program was opening, and they were excited to join it; however, before they could sign up, an announcement was made that seventeen-year-olds were not eligible to enlist without their "father's permission. Only one parent was needed to consent to enlistment: not your mother's signature, only your father's!"

He immediately headed home, telling his father he hoped to be a pilot. His father listened to him, but upon hearing of his plans, said, "That's even more reason why I am not signing your consent form."

Not to be deterred, Patrick signed up on the very day he turned eighteen. By that time, the pilot training program had closed, but he and his buddies were told that they would be the very first in line to become pilots as soon as the program opened again.

He then was selected for aircrew and was sent to Opelika Miami Naval Air Station for training as an aviation radioman. He learned all the major forms of communication, including ship to ship, ship to aircraft, and ship and aircraft to land. He was made a section leader, giving commands to other recruits because of his ability to lead and his technical skill in handling flag semaphore, shipboard signal blinkers, and Morse Code. He had three close calls while in training.

Although he was not selected for combat, he did not escape danger. Once, he was assigned to a frustrated fighter pilot relegated to flying Martin B-26 Marauder tow planes as a rider to get flight hours. Patrick and his buddies hopped on his plane which was towing a target mock-pup on a cable about one thousand feet behind. Other aircraft were practicing shooting live ammunition. It was a perilous ride as some of the bullets were coming close to the tow plane, and he and his buddies had to scurry forward inside the B-26. Fortunately, they survived.

The very next week, though, when they had been scheduled to go up with this same pilot, they learned that his B-26 had crashed. The frustrated pilot had decided to put the B-26 into a barrel roll loaded with five other aircrew, and he took them to their death along with his own. Had they boarded that flight, they would have been killed.

Another time, Patrick was on the fifty-caliber gun shooting range, where the weapons were propped on a pole with fifteen men were on a firing line. After he finished shooting, the next man lost control of his gun after becoming frozen. The gun caromed off the pole stand, dropped to the ground, and began firing by itself in a semi-circle headed back in the direction from which it had come. Fortunately, it ran out of rounds right before it reached the firing line. It could have raked their legs off.

Eventually, he traveled south through the Panama Canal headed to the south Pacific. There he was based at Kwajalein Island engaged in logistics work (ensuring fresh water) in support of the atomic bomb preparation. He returned to the states and was put in pre-flight training at Muhlenberg College in Pennsylvania. Shortly after that, the war ended.

After the war, Patrick worked as a field investigator for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. He then joined the Central Intelligence Agency as a security officer and later was selected to serve as a member of the CIA's Legislative Counsel's Office, having acquired a law degree at George Washington University. He then became the Chief Counsel of the Senate Select Committee on Narcotics and Substance Abuse and worked with former Attorney General Bill

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University, a master's in military art and science from the Command and General Staff College, and a Master's of National Security and Strategic Studies from the National War College. His operational experiences include one deployment to Korea, two to Kuwait, two to Afghanistan, and five to Iraq.

He has been married to Camille, a 1989 graduate of PHS, his second-grade classmate, and his senior prom date, for thirty years. They have two children, Alexandra, a graduate of Liberty University, and Joshua, who is in his senior year at Baylor University.

Sean is the son of Poolesville's Rande and Laura Davis, and Camille is the daughter of Poolesville's Gary and Janet Hartz.

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Youth Sports

Girls' Flag Football and Boys' Tackle Football Kick Off Fall Sports Season at Poolesville

By Jeff Stuart

Girls' flag football is the new kid on the block this fall in Montgomery County. It is an exciting new product.

"I have been out of coaching for a while," said the new coach of the team, Mike Neubeiser. "I was the head tackle football coach at Northwest. I coached there for twenty years, as head coach for ten years, before stepping down in December 2020. I have been helping there since. My daughter goes to Poolesville, and the opportunity came about to coach flag football at Poolesville. I thought it would be really fun to teach girls some of the things I have learned in football. This is seven on seven football, not eleven on eleven, and another difference is everyone is eligible to catch a pass, so we have six possible receivers and a quarterback who can run. The other team has seven to defend that. We have twenty-three girls on the roster. About ten are or were playing other sports."



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"I think the effort in practice so far and the attention to detail have been excellent. We are working on the fundamentals of passing, catching, running good routes, and playing good defense. We are continuing to improve every day. We are trying to put a good product out there on the field that people can watch and be entertained. We will have some games at 3:30 and some games at 6:00. We will post on Instagram. We have our schedule posted there and on the Poolesville boosters website as well."

The quarterback for the team will be junior Mehek Patnaik.

"I have never played flag football before," said Mehek, "but I am pretty excited about it. It's a new sport. Everyone is having a lot of fun playing it. I have played basketball in the winter and lacrosse in the spring—and now this in the fall. We have a mix of players coming from other sports. Everyone gets along very well."

The Falcons will play an eight-game schedule. The first home game will be the team's debut under the Friday Night Lights on September 13 at 6:00 p.m. Other home games, all on Tuesday nights at 6:00 p.m., will be against Clarksburg on September 26, Northwest on October 8, and against Damascus on October 22.

Despite a daunting schedule pitting Poolesville against opponents from larger schools, there is optimism and excitement on the boys' football team as well.

"It's a totally different team this year," said coach Brian Tupa, "a totally different season. Last year, we had eight seniors, but only two of them saw significant playing time. We lost four starters from last year. Two of those were first-year players for us. The good news about last year was that we had a lot of sophomores that got experience at the varsity level, so we have fourteen or fifteen seniors this year. We have another dozen juniors, and we have twenty-four sophomores."

"Players to watch include junior wide receiver Dashawn Stanton, juniors, Jerome Wotorson and Kage Tupa, at running back, and sophomore Dylan Hopkins, an all purpose back, running the ball and catching the ball, and blocking; and we have pretty good depth at offensive line."

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Barr. Following that, he worked as a security consultant until his retirement in the year 2000.

Patrick loved his service to the nation, with his only regret not having been able to become a pilot and fight for his country in the air. Nevertheless, he served his country in a dignified and heartfelt manner, as did the hundreds of thousands of other veterans. He regrets losing comrades that he knew, and he pays the highest tribute to those who gave their lives. While he feels his service does not deserve any special recognition—that he was just doing his job as a patriotic citizen—his patriotic fervor and dedicated service to America was another great example of public service by the Greatest Generation.

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New Ownership

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The New Home Development Next to Town Hall: Just the Facts

those in the senior age group. The builder has hopes for approval of the small increase to have more homes suitable for those more elderly persons wanting to downsize.

The building of the homes, marketing and pricing of the homes, and naming of the project will be done by the builder. The Willards’ role is only in selling the property to the builder and setting construction restrictions that meet their and the town’s goals.

Other new 4,500-square-foot homes in the Poolesville area are marketed in the range of \$1.5 million. The Willards’ project of new single-family homes will be marketed at about half that. This is within the price range of townhomes elsewhere in the county.

The difficulty for the Willards has been in finding a builder willing to follow such restrictions in quality and size. The county’s impact fee tax remains the same for a 2,000-square-foot home as it is for a 4,000-square-foot home, so naturally builders prefer to only build the larger homes. The county’s impact taxes of one-size-fits-all method makes building smaller homes that are more suitable for the seniors and starter homes for young families financially undesirable for developers and builders.

It is expected that ground could be broken by the spring of 2025 with homes on the market later that year.

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The 2024 PACC Directory.



Susan Ketron presents military service appreciation quilt to Rande Davis.

Post 247 Annual Riverwalk Crossing



Annual American Legion Post 247 riverwalk event.

On August 3, 2024, American Legion Post 247, Poolesville Seniors, and friends from the British Embassy successfully crossed the Potomac River at White's Ford, landing in Virginia and returning safely to Maryland. The regional park on the Virginia side, previously known as White's Ford, has been renamed in honor of the Native Americans that populated our area, the Piscataways.

A total of fifty-eight participants joined the mission, enjoying historical insights from outing guides, Jon Wolz and Jim Poole. Despite a strong current on the Virginia side, everyone crossed safely and celebrated with a catered lunch from Wawa.

Commander Julien Singh said, "The camaraderie and teamwork were fantastic! We look forward to next year's crossing. Bravo Zulu to all!" This annual event is open to the public under strict adherence to river conditions. Any attempt at the crossing will be very dangerous unless the river depth is determined to be at a specific safe level. This is not for the amateur adventurer.

Retired PHS Teacher Gifts a Very Special Quilt to Former Student in Appreciation for His Military Service

PHS high school graduate (1989) Maj. Gen. Sean P. Davis received a special gift from a special friend, his high school history teacher, Sue Ketron. Sue retired from teaching after twenty-five years in 2000. She now works with her brother Gene at the family farm, Kingsbury's Orchard.

Upon the general's promotion to brigadier general, Sue began to painstakingly sew a beautiful patriotic quilt as a gift in appreciation for his dedicated service to the country. While she finished the quilt just before August 2023, he deployed to Kuwait before she could present the masterpiece to him. His recent return to Fort Liberty, North Carolina gave him his first chance to accept the gift in person. Davis was promoted to major general on his birthday, August 22.

In a complete surprise to his father, Rande Davis, Sue also sewed a similar quilt for him in appreciation of his past military service and his "current service to the community through his work on the *Monocacy Monocle*."

Both recipients were immensely appreciative of her heartfelt labor of love and the talent required in crafting it.

Announcing the Arrival of a New Jamison

Alex and Amanda Jamison, of Poolesville, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Graham Andrew Jamison. He was born on August 15, weighed seven pounds, seven ounces, and was twenty inches long. The newborn's grandparents are Frank and Octavia Jamison of Beallsville, Joe and Jamie Garcia of Yakima, Washington, and Dianna Arrends of Moses Lake, Washington.



Graham Andrew Jamison

Celebrating the Bravery of the Maryland 400

On August 24, 2024, Jon Wolz, president of the General William Smallwood Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) traveled by bus with other Maryland, Virginia, and Delaware SAR chapters along with a few chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) to the Old Stone House in Brooklyn, New York. They observed ceremonies remembering the 248th anniversary of the Battle of Brooklyn. At this location, the Maryland 400 repeatedly charged a numerically-superior British force during the Revolutionary War, allowing Gen. George Washington to successfully evacuate the bulk of his troops to Manhattan. More than one hundred Marylanders were captured and 256 killed, practically wiping out the regiment in the assaults in front of the Old Stone House. General Washington, watching from a distance,

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Celebrating the Bravery of the Maryland 400.

Local Arts

Riverworks Events

Local arts events take place at: Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms, 19215 Beallsville Rd., Beallsville; Locals Farm Market, 19929 Fisher Ave., Poolesville; and Riverworks Outdoor Stage at the Old Methodist Church, 17617 West Willard Rd, Poolesville.

Learn more at www.riverworksart.org.

Classes Multiple Offerings

A variety of classes are offered through Riverworks, and most are held at Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms (unless otherwise noted). Details at RiverworksArt.org/book-online.

Ongoing

Tuesdays and Sundays

Open Studio

Need studio space, a change of scenery, or the company of other artists to nurture your creativity? Work on your project with fellow creatives during open studio time. \$5.00. *Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms*. Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Sundays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

The Reserve Wind Ensemble

If you've ever played a wind instrument at least at a high-school level, join our community band! This program is led by Michelle Palmer of Yunique Music School. *Riverworks Studio at Alden Farms*. 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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Saturdays, September to October 19

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Saturdays, September 14 to October 12

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Learn to describe the arrangement of the visual elements in a painting or other artwork and how the elements of art and design are composed, according to the principles of art and design, to give a painting structure and to convey the intent of the artist. Suitable for ages 15 and up. 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Youth Music and Art

Saturdays, September 14 to December 14

Tiny Tones (ages 4-6): This class has it all! Students learn to count rhythm, explore percussion and other cool instruments, and create art while listening and learning about classical composers. 9:35 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Music Explorers (ages 6-8): Explore playing a wide variety of wind instruments, such as saxophone, didgeridoo, harmonica, and ocarina. Listen to and learn about classical composers, practice counting rhythm, and create some awesome art along the way! 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Thursdays, September 5 to December 19

Youth Band (ages 10-14): These exciting instrumental lessons encourage budding musicians to learn to perform and work and play their instruments as a group. Learn not only music theory and technique but also build teamwork skills by rehearsing and performing with peers. 6:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

Tuesdays, September 1 to December 17

Beginner Reed, Brass, Flute Classes (ages 8-12)

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The 2024 Poolesville municipal election will take place on November 5, 2024. Three commissioner seats will be up for election this year. Below are some of the key dates related to this election.

For more information, please visit our website.
<https://www.poolesvillemd.gov/285/Voting-Elections>

Key Dates 2024

Election Day, November 5, 2024

Polls open: 7:00 AM – 8:00 PM

August 30, 2024: Candidate forms available

October 3, 2024: Close of candidate application

October 15, 2024: Final date of registration

October 22, 2024: Regular absentee applications must be received at Poolesville Town Hall.

October 23, 2024 - November 5, 2024, 8:00 PM:
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Girls' Flag Football and Boys' Tackle Football Kick Off Fall Sports Season at Poolesville

"What I really expect this year is for us to be more competitive in games.

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play a tough schedule. We face some powerhouse programs again.

"One of the things I am most proud of and most excited about is that the first four years I was here we averaged about forty kids per class, freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors—JV

and varsity. Last year, I got it up to fifty-three kids. This year, we have sixty-five kids, JV and varsity, so, hopefully, having more players will help us to be more competitive. Everybody will get some playing time, and we can build on that success."

The Falcons open the Friday night lights home season on September 6, hosting Wootton. Other home games are against Walkersville on September 12, Rockville on October 4, Sherwood on October 18, and Clarksburg on October 24.

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Local Arts

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September 14

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September 21

Reserve Wind Ensemble Plays at Poolesville Day

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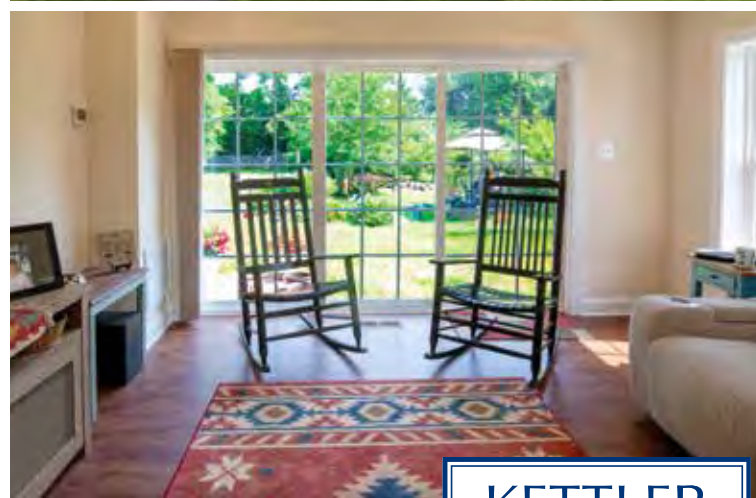
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Scout Update

National Project of the Year Winner



Jim Brown, Jason Woodman, Jeff Eck, Ed Reed, and Councilperson Marilyn Balcombe.

On August 31, local Poolesville resident Jason Woodman was recognized for his outstanding scouting achievements.

Jason earned his Eagle rank in 2023 after creating the half-acre pollinator habitat near the Collier Circle Pond. As a result of Jason’s Eagle project, he was selected for both the Daughters of the American Revolution National Conservation Award and the Glen and Melinda Adams Eagle Scout Project of the Year Award for the National Capital Area Council (NCAC).

He had a second project that was a multi-pronged approach to improve the fish and wildlife in the Poolesville area. He built and installed wood duck boxes, he built and installed nine monofilament fishing line recycle bins around the town’s ponds, and he dropped thirty Christmas trees into the John Poole Middle School pond to create better structure for the fish to thrive and grow. Jason said, “I couldn’t have accomplished my goals without the help of Preston King and Bryce McKenney from the Town of Poolesville Parks and Recreation Department. It was a true partnership between us. I also enjoyed working with Bryce because he is an Eagle Scout.”

Poolesville Commission president Jim Brown said, “We’ve had numerous successful Eagle Scout projects in our town; however, Jason’s pollinator project and his conservation measures stand out, though, as the new standard for planning, cooperation, collaboration, and then execution. For that, we are in your debt, Jason, and your legacy will last into your next era of accomplishments. Thank you for giving us these amazing projects.”

Maryland State Delegates Lily Qi and David Fraser-Hidalgo both spoke and presented Jason with a Maryland General Assembly Official Citation recognizing his Eagle Scout designation and his conservation work in Poolesville.

For his work, Jason was awarded the Distinguished Conservation Service Award. Jason is only the third scout in the NCAC and the first in Maryland to earn this award. Fewer than fifty of these awards have been earned nationwide.

Jason’s Scoutmaster and ice hockey coach Levine then awarded Jason the BSA Lifesaving Meritorious Award. This past spring, Jason noticed a teammate on the bench fall over. He skated across the ice, leapt over the wall, and removed his teammate’s helmet. She was having a full seizure, was completely blacked out, and her airway was clogged. He cleared her airway, checked her breathing, and placed her in recovery position. He then started yelling at people to clear the bench, call 911, and to get an AED just in case. Coach Levine explained that Jason remained calm and in control during an incredibly chaotic emergency until the paramedics arrived. This teammate will now undergo two major brain surgeries this September to correct her issue. Jason’s decision to hold her head probably saved her from having a stroke.

Poolesville Scout Troops Conquer New Mexico Mountains

Both of Poolesville’s BSA Scout Troops went on backpacking treks at scouting’s pinnacle high adventure destination,



Troop 2027 summited Commanche Creek on July 5, 2024.

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October 11 and 12

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September 6

Library Event: The Aging and Disability Resource Unit

Stop at the ADRU table to learn about the variety of resources available to Montgomery County older adults, people with disabilities, and/or caregivers. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football vs. Wootton. 6:30 p.m.

September 7

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer vs. Northwest. 3:00 p.m.

September 9

PHS Varsity Home Game

Boys' soccer vs. Walter Johnson. 3:00 p.m.

Girls' volleyball vs. Quince Orchard. 6:30 p.m.

September 10

Library Event: Read to a Dog

Drop in and read to a certified therapy dog. Ages 5 and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. Clarksburg. 3:00 p.m.

September 11

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer vs. Wootton. 7:15 p.m.

September 12

PHS Varsity Home Game

Football vs. Walkersville. 7:00 p.m.

September 13

Library Event: Storytime

Music, crafts, and more. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 10:30 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' flag football vs. Blake. 6:00 p.m.

PACC Helps Open New Business

PACC is pleased to announce our next business Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting for one our newest members, Sugar Pea Vintage. Light refreshments provided. Chamber members and the public are all welcome to celebrate the latest retail addition to Poolesville. They will feature sales of antiques, unique vintage items, new and refined furniture, and more. They will also offer interior design services. 19960 Fisher Avenue, the Frederick Poole House. 10:00 a.m.

September 14

Library Event: The Working Parents' Assistance Table

Are you a caregiver looking for assistance providing a safe and caring environment for your children while at work or school? Montgomery County's WPA program is committed to helping eligible county residents pay for childcare. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Library Event: Science Saturday: Kitchen Chemistry

Join us for Kitchen Chemistry by Science Connections. Space is limited, registration required. Ages 6-10. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 16

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' soccer vs. Tuscarora. 7:00 p.m.

Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall. 7:00 p.m.

September 17

Library Event: Pajama Storytime

Stories and activities that develop language skills and imagination. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 6:30 p.m. to 7:10 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games

Field hockey vs. Walter Johnson. 7:00 p.m.

Girls' volleyball vs. Clarksburg. 6:30 p.m.

September 20

PHS Varsity Home Game

Field hockey vs. B-CC. 7:00 p.m.

September 21

Annual Poolesville Day Festival

See pages 10-15 for the guide.

September 22

Expressions through the Arts

Please join Shine on Together in partnership with Riverworks for an afternoon in the garden at Locals Farm

Market to enjoy the expressions of local artisans with disabilities. If you would like to participate by sharing your poetry or art, please register online at shineontogogether.org. *Locals Farm Market*, 19929 Fisher Ave, Poolesville. 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 23

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' soccer vs. Rockville. 7:15 p.m.

Girls' volleyball vs. Rockville. 6:30 p.m.

September 24

Library Event: Maggie Nightingale Library Book Club

All are welcome to join a discussion of the book, *Empress of the Nile*, by Lynne Olson. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Game

Girls' flag football vs. Clarksburg. 6:00 p.m.

September 25

PHS Varsity Home Games

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

September 27

Library Event: Magician Mike Rose

Mike Rose presents a magic show like no other. "Magical Adventures" is full

of impossible magic tricks, off-the-wall comedy, and, of course, audience participation! Ages 5 and up. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

September 28

Library Event: Composting Workshop

Learn the dos and don'ts of backyard composting from the Recycling and Resource Management Division of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. Registration required. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

September 30

Library Event: Train Your Brain

Celebrate Active Aging Week with games and puzzles to exercise the parts of the mind that keep it flexible and creative. Free. *Maggie Nightingale Library*. 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PHS Varsity Home Games

Boys' soccer vs. Damascus. 7:15 p.m.

Girls' volleyball vs. Northwood. 6:00 p.m.



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Scout Update

Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Philmont is the world's largest youth camp, consisting of over 140,000 acres of rugged mountain wilderness, 315 miles of trails, and elevation ranges from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. The scouts and adults carried everything they needed for their treks in their backpacks, including food, tents, cooking gear, and bear bags.

The Troop 496 crew took ten boys and two adults backpacking fifty miles over six days. They gained over five thousand feet in elevation, camped at twelve thousand feet, and had programs in tomahawk throwing, muzzleloader and rifle shooting and reloading, blacksmithing, forestry, trapping, and mining. They also visited Garden of the Gods, Pikes Peak, and Great Sand Dunes National Park as part of their adventure west.

The Troop 2027 crew took seven girls and two adults on a fifty-mile backpacking trek over nine days. They also gained over five feet in elevation and camped at twelve thousand feet. The girls summited Mt. Philips, Big Red Mountain, and the Tooth of Time. They completed a trail maintenance project as a part of earning the BSA 50 Miler conservation award and did horseback riding, made adobe bricks, and played baseball at a Civil War encampment.

While both troops were at Philmont at the same time, their paths unfortunately did not meet. They summited the same peak, Comanche Creek, four days apart. Please visit the BSA Scout Booth on Poolesville Day to learn more about scouting adventures and to enjoy the rope bridge.

Eagle Award for Project at Warren Historic Church

Joseph Garrison first began his Eagle project in April of 2023 and ended in March of 2024. Over the course of these eleven months, he worked to help partake in the



Troop 496 at Comanche Creek on July 1, 2024.

revitalization of the Warren Historic Site on White's Ferry Road. After meeting with Rev. Chuck Copeland, he began working on a diagram for two new signs that would mark the church and the cemetery down the road, and four new flowerbeds that were to be placed around the church.

Joseph worked with Fine Earth Landscaping to finalize his flowerbed designs and acquire the flowers, and with Lowe's to acquire the wood and hardware for constructing the signs. Over the course of three days in the fall of 2023, the flowerbeds were sectioned off, the soil was tilled, all the flowers were planted, and mulch was laid over top. The mulch was donated by both the Wexler family and Fine Earth Landscaping.

To create the signs from scratch, Joseph's father, his scoutmaster Jon Kasner, and scouts Garrett Simons and Jack Welsh, accompanied him to the Camp Snyder woodshop in Virginia to rout the letters onto the signboards by hand and to cut the signboards to the correct length. He then painted the signs by hand and pre-drilled them for assembly.

On the last day of the project, the old sign was removed, holes were dug two feet deep into the ground, and the assembled signs were cemented into the holes at both the church and the cemetery. Throughout the project, the scouts of Troop 496 assisted in creating the flowerbeds and erecting the new signs.



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Remembrances

Mildred "Millie" Bell

Mildred "Millie" Bell passed away peacefully on August 2 at the age of 99.

She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother.

She was born on June 28, 1925, in Virginia. Millie spent her entire life in the D.C. area and considered herself a Maryland native.

She was an avid gardener and enjoyed spending hours in her yard tending to a wide variety of flowers and other plants. She and her husband, Gilbert "Gil," enjoyed the Big Band era and often spent evenings dancing and enjoying live music. She was the matriarch of the family and regularly hosted thirty-plus family members for holiday dinners. Her commitment to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren was endless. She was always there with a hug and words of encouragement. She has forever left a mark on her family and will be missed dearly.

Millie was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert Bell, Jr. and daughter Donna Eley.

She is survived by her daughter Sharon Hassett of Silver Spring; son-in-law, Martin Eley of Olney; grandchildren, Stacey Vacca, Todd Hassett, Corey Shorb, Kim Kauppi, Brandy Clark, and Amanda Eley; and fourteen great-grandchildren who will miss their "GiGi."

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the WUMCO food pantry in Poolesville at www.wumcohelp.org.



Mildred "Millie" Bell

Charles Douglas Cooley

Charles Douglas Cooley, age 82, passed away at home after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a New Year's baby born on January 1, 1942 at Frederick Memorial Hospital to the late Nellie McDonough and Harold Cooley.

He graduated from Poolesville High School in the class of 1960. His classmates were always a close-knit group of friends. He married his high school sweetheart, Kathryn Ward. They were a team who shared many blessings and adventures throughout their sixty-two-year marriage. They lived in Barnesville their entire life.

Jack worked for Consumer Affairs at Montgomery County Government until his retirement. He was the owner and operator of Cooley's Trash Service for forty years. He also worked for Harland Shoemaker & Sons during this time.

He was known to many as Jackie Boy, Weave, Charlie, and Nak.

In his younger years, he loved the trumpet and played for years in the Poolesville Community Band. Jack was a faithful volunteer and life member at the Montgomery County Agricultural Center. His greatest pleasure was spending time at their Delaware home with his family. He was a man of many talents.

He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Luke) Fedders; grandchildren, Megan Kathryn (Jack) McAleer, Zachary Michael Fedders, Douglas Ward Cooley, Jr., and Jacob Carson Cooley, and great-grandchildren, Ava Louise Cooley and Tate Douglas McAleer.

He was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Ward Cooley.

He was a lifelong member of Barnesville Baptist Church where he served on many committees.

In lieu of flowers the family asks for donations in his memory to Barnesville Baptist Church, 17917 Barnesville Road, Barnesville, MD 20838.



Charles Douglas Cooley

Sherry Ann Carter

Sherry Ann Carter, 70, of Boyds, passed away on August 13, 2024.

She was the loving wife of George F. Carter. Born on March 21, 1954 in Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Edward H. and Donaline M. (Baker) Wallach.

Sherry is survived by husband, George Carter; her children, Deanna Weand and Justin Carter; five grandchildren, Sebastian, Henry, Oliver, Adelaide, and Claire; her nephew, Matthew Wallach (Cindy), and their children, Allison, Natalie, and Danny.

She was preceded in death by one son, Brandon Carter, and one brother, John Edward Wallach.



Sherry Ann Carter

Patricia Elaine Pearlene Jackson

Patricia Elaine Pearlene Jackson was born December 31, 1942, Darby Farm, Poolesville, to the late James H. and Rachael L. Jackson. Patsy, as she was affectionally known, was the eldest of five children. She was a devoted member of the Seneca Community Church where she was raised in Seneca. She was educated in the Montgomery County Public School System (MCPS) and graduated from Carver High School, Rockville, where she played trumpet in the marching band. She also earned her associate's degree from the University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

Patsy met and married the late Howard E. Johnson, Jr. (Blue) and had two sons, Kevin E. Johnson and Jeffrey H. Johnson. After divorcing, she raised her sons into adulthood as a single parent but always had her family and a "village" who supported her throughout her journey of motherhood and beyond.

Patsy worked with MCPS as a cafeteria worker before entering the federal government workforce. Upon retirement from her federal service, Patsy worked for MCPS as a classroom aide at Cedar Grove Elementary School in Damascus and also worked with the Montgomery County Department of Recreations.

Patsy had many gifts and talents to share and was an avid lover of music and singing, she also enjoyed interior design and was especially gifted at creating beautiful floral ar-rangements as a hobby (her favorite flowers were lilies). She was an all-around home-maker and a very good cook and one of the main go-to people for certain entrée dishes and desserts (especially banana pudding) for church dinners, and she was a member of "God's Blessing" Ministry (started by the late Mrs. Evelyn Genies) that provided meals for a local homeless men's shelter located on Gude Drive in Rockville.

Patsy was called by many names, including big sister, Momma, Aunt Patti/Patsy, cousin, and friend, but to her grands and great-grands, she was Nanny, Grandmother, Rhonda, and many other endearing names; however, her main title became Matriarch. She commanded respect but was also very caring and loving!



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was alleged to have said, "Good God, what brave fellows I must this day lose!" This action is commemorated in Maryland's nickname, the "Old Line State." After the ceremonies at the Old Stone House, the group traveled by bus to Prospect Park where a police escort led them to the Maryland 400 monument. New York City Recreation and Parks, Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Martin Maher, bestowed on those SAR and DAR members in attendance the designation as "honorary Brooklynites for the day."

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Until then, here are some things to think about:

You may be wondering about the title of this article. It is designed to have you think about whether or not you want to bring your furry child to the big day. There is always a desire to show off your friends—and we totally get that—but there are so many humans from out of town who will decide to bring their hairy companions, and personality conflicts may occur.

It is also possible that we are going to have a very warm day. The temperatures have been up to 15 degrees above normal for this September so far. This makes it harder for your fur coat-wearing friends to cool themselves. Remember that they only cool themselves through transpiration from the tongue. The warmer the air, the harder it is to cool off.

The asphalt is black and absorbs a lot of the sun's energy. This translates into heat, and that heat transfers directly into your bare-footed friend's feet. Pad burns and blisters are very common.

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

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

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



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