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Voters Will Decide Contentious Maryland Primary Races June 23

By MARK ROHNER

Voters in Frederick County and the Brunswick area have had a front-row seat on one of the most contentious primary contests in the nation as campaigning enters its final weeks before the June 23 Maryland primary election.

Early voting

Early voting will run from June 11 through June 18.

In Frederick County, voters have been bombarded for months with direct mail and television advertising in a bitter contest pitting incumbent Democratic U.S. Rep. April McClain Delaney against her predecessor, David Trone.

Trone, who served three terms representing the Sixth District in 2019–2025, is trying to reclaim his old seat after running unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate in 2024. McClain Delaney is in her first run for re-election after succeeding Trone.

Both candidates are millionaires who reside in Potomac, outside the Sixth District. Candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives need only to be residents of the state, not the congressional district, they are seeking to represent. The Sixth District takes in a portion of Democratic-voting Montgomery County, as well as all of Frederick, Washington, Allega-

ny, and Garrett counties.

Six other Democrats are also seeking the nomination. They are George Gluck, Alexis Goldstein, Daniel Krakower, Ethan Wechtaluk, Kiambo “Bo” White and Altimont Mark Wilks. On the Republican side there are three candidates, Chris Burnett, Robin Ficker and Mariela Roca.

An expensive race

The contest between Trone and McClain Delaney is notable for the amount of money the two are spending as well as for the heated rhetoric. Their campaigns have focused largely on who would be more effective in resisting the policies of President Donald Trump.

As of March 31, Trone had raised \$11 million in campaign funds, including a \$400,000 contribution and a \$10 million loan out of his own pocket, according to Federal Election Commission data. While McClain Delaney has accused Trone of trying to buy back his old seat, she has also brought significant funds of her own to her re-election bid. As of March 31, McClain Delaney had raised \$3.1 million, including a \$2.2 million loan to her own campaign.

Other county races

While the Sixth District race has accounted for most of the spending and campaign rhetoric, local voters also face choic-

es for the District 4 seat in the Maryland General Assembly, the District 1 County Council seat, the Frederick County Board of Education, and offices including county executive and sheriff.

County Executive Jessica Fitzwater, a Democrat, has no primary opposition and will advance to the general election ballot, where she will face the winner of a Republican primary contest between Diane Fouché and William (Jeff) Holtzinger. Incumbent Republican Sheriff Chuck Jenkins has a primary opponent, Gary Morton. On the Democratic side, three candidates, Karl Bickel, Jason Ciemielewski and Tony Lawson, are vying for the nomination.

Previous candidate profiles

In previous issues, the Brunswick News-Journal profiled candidates in the contests for District 1 County Council representative and District 4 representative in the House of Delegates. Those articles can be found here:

- www.brunsnnews.com/2026-issues (May 2026 issue)
- www.brunsnnews.com/2026-issues (April 2026 issue)

For statements from sheriff and county executive candidates, please see pages 8 and 9.

Lovettsville Mayfest Fun!



Margaret Kraus of Purcellville tries the rope bridge, which was one of many activities for visitors to the May 16 Mayfest in Lovettsville.

JOAN WATHEN

Brunswick Springfest



Brothers Noah (right) and Jacob Tornabene (left) participate in a community collage sponsored by Lockhouse Gallery and Messy Bee Studio. The completed collage can be viewed in Messy Bee Studio, located at 23 W. Potomac St.

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Lovettsville Museum Comes of Age

By ABBIE RICKETTS

Planning is underway for an addition to the Lovettsville Museum at 4 E. Pennsylvania Avenue. The new addition will contain expanded exhibit space and handicap bathrooms. The building is owned by the Town of Lovettsville which is partnering with the Lovettsville Historical Society & Museum to construct the addition and upgrade the existing building. Approximately \$180,000 has been raised to date by the museum.

Preliminary architectural drawings have been completed. A site plan will be developed and bid packages sent out when plans are complete. The museum will have a long-term lease with the Town of Lovettsville. One of the caveats will be to open more hours.



Lovettsville Museum

When plans are ready, the museum will begin an additional fundraising effort seeking large donors and events to further support the project,

says museum president Fred Lee George III. Groundbreaking is expected to occur in spring 2027.

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Brunswick Springfest Photos

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The owner of Wildcrafted Woodworking, Christopher Wilder, organizes his products at SpringFest. He started woodworking around 10 years ago in middle school, but only recently started his business in February. Wilder said his birdhouses sold especially well at SpringFest.



Beekeeper Scott Edie stands by his honey at SpringFest. He has around 500,000 bees distributed among 12 hives at his residence near Burkittsville. Along with vending at events like SpringFest, Edie said he also sells his honey to local mead makers.

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Museum started by Lovettsville Historical Society

Fifty years ago, citizens of Lovettsville founded the Lovettsville Historical Society. The group was motivated by events they had been planning in 1976 for the bicentennial celebrations of the American Revolution. Lovettsville's heritage predates this time, and many of the founding generations had participated in the revolution. The community, known as the "German Settlement" well before it became Lovettsville, was a remarkable example of the American experience, and this group was eager to preserve its history. The Bicentennial Committee, led by resident Jean Mohler, with the support of the Mayor and Town Council, began to collect, preserve, educate and promote community heritage.

The museum originally opened in September 1976, with an exhibition in a partially-restored room of an historic meat store. Then Mayor Richard Hickman and the Lovettsville Town Council had supported the Lovettsville Restoration Committee's request to restore and maintain the derelict Thomas Potterfield "meat store" as the future Lovettsville Museum. The building and property site had been purchased for a town office building constructed in 1975.

By September 1979, after additional fundraising and volunteer involvement, the former Thomas Potterfield Meat Store building opened officially as the Lovettsville Museum and Library.

It wasn't long before the library space needed expansion. An article by the historical society stated, "By July 1985, the County Public Library system took over the expanding library operation, which in fact grew to an extent there was no longer sufficient space for the museum items in the small building."

As a result, the museum's collection was packed up and stored in April 1987 until the construction of a new library would permit the re-establishment of the museum. With the



Lovettsville Museum architectural renderings

completion of the Lovettsville Library on Light Street, and another renovation, the museum reopened with a Christmas exhibit and reception on December 8, 1990.

Over the years, fundraising efforts ensued to maintain the museum and look ahead to the future. The efforts have been successful.

A window to the past

Long-time museum volunteer Ed Spannaus said the Lovettsville Historical Society and Museum provides a window to the past for new resi-

dents. The events it holds serve as a medium for "community building and cohesiveness" among the population.

Exhibits continue to accumulate and consist of objects pertaining to a past way of life in the Lovettsville area, including tools, clothing, utensils, personal items, photographs and historic documents. Information is available on genealogy, families, homes, schools, churches, businesses, buildings and organizations.

School classes and other groups are welcome to visit the museum by special appointment. ■

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Mayor and Council
May Update

Back Row L-R: Eric Smothers, Andy St. John, John Caves, Daniel Yochelson
Front Row L-R: Brian Sandusky, Nathan Brown, Jerry Bonanno

By JULIE GOURLEY

“There’s a LOT going on in Brunswick. Just look around!” said City Administrator Julie Martorana at a recent Mayor and Council meeting. With the North Maple Avenue sidewalk project happening, work beginning on the Springdale Summit housing development, the Vista Pointe housing development not far behind, new businesses coming to town, infrastructure repairs and replacements ongoing, the new B&O Railroad Park nearing completion, the Sports Complex overhaul underway, and more, City Hall and the City Council are busier than ever.

The City Budget

The FY 2027 city budget comes in at \$11,791,300, a \$1,382,600 increase over the FY 2026 budget.

The budget increase is supported by revenue increases from property taxes, income taxes, new houses in Brunswick Crossing (developer fees), highway user revenues (from the gasoline tax), tax equity (reimbursement from the county for “duplicate” taxation for services provided by the city and county), rental income (city-owned properties, cell tower fees, etc.), fees and service charges (pool passes, event fees, etc.), and interest income.

Martorana noted that there are currently 68 city employees with no new employee positions for FY 2027.

Multi-Modal Study

The city hired a consultant to prepare a multi-modal safety plan that examines the most dangerous roads in our area based on the number and types of accidents, streets without sidewalks that pose a danger to pedestrians, lighting needs, and traffic calming needs, among other things. The plan also includes the long-wished-for pedestrian bridge over the train tracks at South Maple Avenue. This study is in response to the county’s “Toward Zero Deaths” goal and the city’s future planning.

The study calls for building a network of pedestrian and bicycle facilities as part of the non-motorized infrastructure

goals envisioned in the Brunswick Forward comprehensive plan. The longest pedestrian walkway would be a new east-west path from U.S. 340 along Routes 17 and 464 to the Sports Complex. New sidewalks and delineators with flex posts where concrete sidewalk is not feasible are recommended, as is making some narrow streets one-way to accommodate new sidewalks.

Council member John Caves recommended adding to the plan a pedestrian pathway connecting Fourth Avenue to Alley 35, recognizing it would be quite steep so that it may not be heavily used. Others agreed and it was added to the plan.

Martorana explained that the plan is not binding, but will help in applying for grants and other funding to show that the city is not doing things ad hoc, but has actual plans with priorities.

Sports Complex Additions

Assistant City Administrator Jeremy Mose explained that the Sports Complex overhaul began nearly a decade ago on a shoestring budget and not all desired features could be included at that time. Now that the city has sufficient funding, additional improvements are being made.

There will be a comprehensive score board (can be used by all sports); a two-story pre-fabricated press box with storage on the ground level (city use only), coaches and announcers on the upper level, and photographers on the roof; and bike racks.

Councilmember Brian Sandusky asked how the multi-use field will be accessed by sports teams. Mose explained that a reservation system will be used. Mayor Brown clarified that there will be no MOUs (memoranda of understanding) with sports teams to get regular priority access.

Virginia Springs

Unbeknownst to all but the longest residents, Brunswick owns three springs in Virginia near Lovettsville (Georges Mill Road) that serve seven paying customers. Long ago, the three springs provided water to Brunswick via a pipe on the bottom of the Potomac River. The

FROM THE MAYOR’S DESK

Investing in Place: How Brunswick is Turning Opportunity into Lasting Success

For years, one of the most persistent challenges facing Brunswick’s downtown was not a lack of ideas or ambition — it was vacant buildings held by absentee property owners.

These underutilized spaces sat at the heart of our community, creating gaps in what should have been a vibrant and connected downtown.

We knew that if Brunswick was going to move forward, we had to address not just the businesses we hoped to attract, but the buildings themselves. That shift began with a simple but important step: partnership.

When we invited the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to tour our downtown, we were looking for guidance. During that visit, Carol Gilbert, Director of the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization, and her team offered a clear and candid assessment — if we wanted to truly move the needle, we needed to take a more active role in the buildings themselves.

At the time, purchasing properties outright felt out of reach. But through that same conversation, DHCD introduced us to an opportunity: the Strategic Demolition Grant. That conversation became the foundation of what is now the Brunswick City Acquisition Program.

Through this program, the City secured funding to acquire a key downtown property at



market value — removing a long-standing barrier to reinvestment. We then made a deliberate decision to resell the building at a reduced price that realistically reflected its condition and significant rehabilitation needs, to a committed local investor, with the understanding that the true return would come through reinvestment, occupancy and long-term vitality.

That decision changed everything

One of the most compelling examples is the transformation of The Newberry building on West Potomac Street. When Mabelle and Eric stepped forward, they brought vision, commitment and a willingness to work in partnership with the city throughout the rehabilitation process. Together, we were able to bring new life to a historic structure that might otherwise have remained stagnant for years.

Today, The Newberry stands as a testament to what is possible when we invest in structures. And it is not alone. This same approach has helped catalyze success at Smoketown Brewing,

Beans in the Belfry, and other revitalized properties in. In some cases, original operators/owners have moved on — but the buildings remain active, and businesses continue to thrive. That is by design.

By focusing on strengthening our physical infrastructure rather than tying investment to a single business concept, we are creating opportunities that endure. Businesses may change, but well-invested buildings continue to serve the community for generations.

We are not done

The next major step in this effort is the Kaplon Building, a cornerstone property with the potential to further anchor Brunswick’s growth. The city is working with Monocacy Hospitality (owners of Brewer’s Alley), who are looking to transform this property into a 90+ restaurant, with private dining space on the 2nd floor, as well as apartments, a speakeasy and more!

At the same time, initiatives like our Building Blocks program and the vacant property tax are helping ensure that key properties do not remain underutilized, and that investment moves forward.

The result is more than revitalization — it is resilience. Brunswick’s progress is not accidental. It is the result of intentional decisions, strong partnerships, and a commitment to long-term investment in our community. When we invest in our buildings, we invest in our future.

And that future is moving Brunswick forward. ■

Nathan Brown

pipe connected to the Yourtee Spring line. Some citizens have urged the city to re-establish the water supply, but the underwater pipe is very old and damaged. A new pipe would be prohibitively expensive and difficult to install, given current regulations and other requirements.

The pipes from the springs are so old they are not included in Virginia’s Miss Utility system and were recently damaged by crews installing fiber optic cabling. Brunswick had to pay for the repairs.

The city wants to return the

springs and related infrastructure to Virginia. To do that, the city has to know where all the water lines are along with the property boundaries. Some old water line maps were found, and long-serving public works employees still know where the water lines are, but an official map is needed.

The council approved a \$58,750 contract with engineering firm KCI to conduct a water line location and boundary survey. A larger, more expensive effort to demarcate the area will come later when there is sufficient funding.

In Other News...

- Mayor Brown announced that the city will put together a time capsule in honor of the country’s 250th Anniversary. It will be launched at Railroad Days.

- Mayor Brown swore in a number of volunteers for various commissions, committees and working groups, most of which are now fully staffed for the first time in several years.

- The council approved a new records retention and disposal policy. Older paper records will be stored in City Hall, while more recent records in electronic form will be stored in the cloud. ■

Brunswick Council Member Election Tuesday, August 4

The City of Brunswick will hold an election for three council member seats on Tuesday, August 4, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the City Park Building, 655 East Potomac Street. Absentee ballots will also be available from City Hall.

IMPORTANT DATES

- July 6 – 4:30 p.m.** Candidate Interest Packets due at City Hall
- July 14** Voter registration closes — register through Frederick County at frederickcountymd.gov/1648/Voter-Registration
- July 15** Absentee ballots available
- August 3** Deadline for drop-off of absentee ballots at City Hall
- August 4 – 12 noon** Mail-in absentee ballots must be received by City Hall
- August 4 – 8 p.m.** Preliminary election results released after tabulation
- August 5** Certified election results available

For election information and to download the Candidate Interest Packet, go to brunswickmd.gov/newsandannouncements.

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Celeste Restaurant Opens in the Heart of Downtown

By DIANE ELLIS

Stepping into Brunswick's newest restaurant at the corner of Potomac and Maple is like a breath of fresh air. The bright, modern and airy space is a tribute to the nature-inspired theme of the new downtown. Even the name — Celeste — means heavenly, divine and celestial.

And that is an apt description of the Belgian waffle with blueberry compote that is featured on the breakfast menu. From its sunny east windows on Maple Avenue to the rooms looking out onto West Potomac, seating is plentiful and the walls are filled with themed artwork including bicycle posters and original watercolors of birds by Maryland artist David Scheirer. A hydroponic garden sits near the kitchen, ready to supply fresh herbs for daily meals.

There is covered seating on an outdoor porch where diners can view Square Corner Park and all that is happening on Brunswick's main corner where east and west Potomac meet.

The restaurant opens early for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. Sunday, closing at 3:00 p.m. each day.

Officially known as Celeste Tavern & Vine, the tavern aspect is still evolving, but owner Brett Novick said he expects eventually to offer specialty pizza, wine, beer and cocktails on certain days of the week. For now, he is offering an "inviting and tranquil" place where service is taken seriously and food is exceptional.

Novick started and continues to own the successful Boxcar Burgers restaurants in Brunswick and Middletown. He said he started cooking when he was 14 and has held some noteworthy culinary positions, among them as a chef for the American Orient Express, cooking while traveling by rail around the country, so running a restaurant in a train town seems like a natural progression.

Novick recalled that his first visit to Brunswick in 2013 coincided with a visit to Mommer's Diner on the last day it was open. A friend remarked that Brett should consider opening



Faith and Anna work behind the counter at Celeste Restaurant and are ready to take your order.

a restaurant in that space. Coincidence? Soon after, Brett and his family moved to Brunswick.

Celeste Restaurant is at 1 S. Maple Avenue in the former Mommer's Diner, and longer ago, My Sister's Place. Few

remnants of the old restaurants remain, except for the east windows and two painted "Tavern" signs on transom windows that were uncovered during renovations, perhaps a lingering message about the

glory days of this old building now brought back to life. ■

Art Murals Add Pizzazz to Parking Lot



"Eeltown Emerging" by Megan Hunter.



"Fall Harvest" by Raya Yeary

By DIANE ELLIS

What was once an ordinary gray parking lot with drab concrete walls has been transformed by creative ideas, dedicated volunteers and lots of paint. Twelve artists from the Brunswick Arts Council painted 12 art murals (each 4 x 5 feet). The murals were unveiled on May 14 in Martin's Creek parking lot on East Potomac Street. The colorful murals have

a nature-inspired theme, reflecting Brunswick's environment.

An eel, a fox, blue heron, squirrels, the river, moonlight, daisies, and lots of birds in their natural habitat can all be found in the art. Raya Yeary's painting of a squirrel eating nuts, titled "Fall Harvest," drew applause from the crowd that gathered for the event. Megan Hunter's eel painting is titled "Eeltown Emerging." She said she learned from the Brunswick

History Commission website that eels once populated the Potomac River, and they are fascinating creatures.

The mural project was started by the Brunswick Main Street design committee two years ago. At first, the walls of the parking lot were painted a deep blue, then salvaged pieces of plywood were painted with recreational scenes. When the designs faded this year, the group asked the newly-formed

Brunswick Arts Council to take on the project and redo the art-

"Thank you to those who put your heart into this."

CITY COUNCILMAN JOHN CAVES

work. The Arts Council put out a call to their member artists and many responded.

At the May 14 event, artists were introduced by Arts Council president, Tara Zabriskie, and the art murals were unveiled, followed by receptions at Lockhouse Gallery and Messy Bee Studio, both located on West Potomac Street.

Representing the Brunswick City Council, John Caves expressed his pleasure at the project. "I can't do art, but I appreciate it when I see it. Thank you to those who put your heart into this." ■

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KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR
The Kloetzli Family

By JEAN DOYLE

Julie, Bob and daughter Thea — the Kloetzli family — moved to Brunswick in February 2014. They were looking for a home in Frederick City or in eastern Frederick County. But Julie’s mother, who lived in Florida, called and said she had found the ideal home for them in Brunswick. She insisted that they see the Brunswick house.

Their realtor put together a group of houses to view in Brunswick, but they fell in love with the very first house — the one Julie’s mother wanted them to visit. After the house tours, they went to King’s Pizza to talk over their decision. Julie remembers that Adele greeted them, and she was the very first person to welcome them to Brunswick. They have never regretted following Julie’s mother’s advice.

Julie said she “loves that Brunswick is, for the most part, a small town where a handshake means something, and you get to know the people around you.”

The Kloetzlis have gotten to know many of their neighbors and made themselves very much a part of community life. Julie is president of the Brunswick Heritage Museum board of directors. She first visited the Museum when her daughter



Julie, Bob and Thea Kloetzli

was three years old and was so impressed that she began volunteering there. She managed the gift shop for many years before becoming an officer.

Through her business, Uniquely Julie, Julie designs calligraphy name certificates with the origin and meaning of names. Julie also leads Girl Scout troop 37034 in Brunswick, and she has developed a junior girl scout badge, “Playing the Past,” at the Museum. She home schools Thea and started a home school co-op, the Monocacy Home Education Co-op. In a new role, Julie was recently sworn in as a Board of Elections Supervisor for the City of Brunswick.

Both Julie and Thea are ani-

mal lovers. Julie is a 4H volunteer, and Thea participates in 4H activities, winning many 4H awards. They both love horses, and Julie volunteers as a helper at the North Fork School of Equitation in Jefferson.

Bob is a cyber security expert. He used to commute to D.C., but he usually works remotely from home now. He is also the drummer in the “Truly Unruly” band. They play throughout the region, from Winchester to the Springfield Manor winery in Thurmont.

Bob, Julie and Thea love their neighborhood and have made friends all over town. As Julie has said, “One of my greatest pleasures is being mistaken for a real Brunswickian.” ■

? **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT...** ?
St. Francis Church



JULIE GOURLEY

By JULIE GOURLEY

A few years ago, the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church at 113 First Avenue was sold, and the congregation joined with two other congregations in Middletown to form the Pastorate of St. Francis St. Mary Holy Family.

Kathleen and Frederick Campos bought the church building in 2018, seeking to turn it into a community center that would host events such as weddings, family reunions, and similar gatherings as well as activities like yoga classes, scout meetings, club meetings, etc.

In 2024, the Board of Zoning Appeals approved a special zoning exception for adaptive reuse of a non-residential property.

Planning Director Bruce Dell said recently that the empty lot next to the church building will require a lot of work before it can be converted into a parking lot, particularly to address run-off.

“We’ve done some work inside the building on plumbing, heating and air conditioning, but the larger renovations are in a holding pattern right now as plans are finished,” said Ms. Campos.

Maple Avenue Sidewalk Project Nearing Completion



Workers preparing to add new sidewalk to a segment that had none. The retaining wall was also replaced.

By JULIE GOURLEY

North Maple Avenue is getting new sidewalks, and the project will be completed on time or maybe even a little early.

When Mayor Brown took office, he and city staff discussed the difficulties many homeowners face in maintaining sidewalks—not the required snow shoveling, though shoveling is difficult for some, but their overall condition. Many segments have fallen into disrepair over the years, and other segments never had sidewalks at all, leaving pedestrians to walk either in the street or on lumpy patches of grass.

Despite the long-standing requirement that sidewalks in old Brunswick must be maintained in full by homeowners, includ-

ing ripping up and installing new sidewalk when necessary, which can be expensive, Mayor Brown decided to explore options for how the city could replace worn-out sidewalks.

North Maple Avenue is the only street in town that qualifies for federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding, based on its low-moderate income status. CDBG funds generally are distributed to the states—the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) in Maryland’s case—who then disburse them to municipalities on a competitive basis. A few years ago, Frederick County was re-designated by the U.S. Department of House and Urban Development (HUD) from a rural to an urban county,

which means that for the next three federal fiscal years HUD will send CDBG funds directly to the county. Frederick County received \$720,000 for FY 2026.

Municipalities in the county were given the choice of staying with the DHCD competitive process, where funding amounts vary, or joining the county program where CDBG funds are guaranteed and are similar amounts from year to year, assuming no cuts by Congress.

Brunswick chose to join the county program and received \$190,000 for FY 2026, all of which has been spent on the North Maple Avenue sidewalk project, phase I from East B Street to East F Street. Phase II, from East H Street to Souder Road, will be done with FY 2027 funds. ■

BRUNSWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT
APRIL 2026

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TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Maryland State Citations	56	138	64	127
Maryland State SEROS	8	14	7	22
Warning Citations	141	403	85	307
Parking Citations	8	117	67*	78

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Calls for Service	1,573	6,437	1,757	6,808
Homicide	0	0	0	0
Rape	0	0	1	1
Robbery	0	0	0	1
Assault	7	28	8	20
Breaking & Entering	2	3	0	1
Theft	4	13	2	13
Auto Theft	0	0	0	0
Adult Arrests	9	27	13	29
Juvenile Arrests	0	0	3	3

OTHER INCIDENTS				
	Month	YTD	PY Month	PY YTD
Motor Vehicle Accidents	9	36	10	28
Emergency Evaluations Mentally Ill/Suicidal Persons	5	52	8	28
Overdoses	0	6	1	4

YTD = year to date PY = previous year N/D = no data *warnings
 SEROS = safety equipment repair orders (a law enforcement officer can issue a SERO to the operator of a vehicle with defective or non-functioning equipment, such as a taillight)

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IN MEMORY

William (Bill) Leon Ferrell Jr.

William (Bill) Leon Ferrell Jr., 80, of Brunswick, Maryland passed from this life on Saturday, May 2, 2026 surrounded by his loving family.

He was the beloved husband of the late Cynthia Diane Ferrell.

Born on October 8, 1945 in Brunswick, MD, he was the only son of the late W. Leon Ferrell, Sr. and D. Lorraine Ferrell. The family resided on 3rd Avenue.

A 1964 graduate of Brunswick High School, Bill served in the United States Army Reserves from 1968 until 1971.

Bill devoted his life to the craft of carpentry, taking great pride in his work as a skilled and dedicated craftsman. Throughout the years, he contributed to the building and care of many homes in his hometown of Brunswick, and he generously shared his talents by completing projects for family and friends, always willing to lend a hand. He later served as a master carpenter at the National Institutes of Health for 26 years, where his exemplary workmanship and professionalism earned him numerous service awards and commendations. Among his many accomplishments, he was especially proud of his contributions to The Children's Inn at NIH, where his work helped support children and families in need.

Bill was known for his warm and friendly nature, forming lifelong friendships and making new friends wherever he went. He had a quick wit and a great sense of humor, bringing laughter and ease to those around him. Over the years, he faced many challenges, including defying the odds against lung cancer, but he met every trial with courage, resilience, and an unwavering positive attitude.

He is survived by his loving children, Daniel William



Ferrell and his wife, Missy; Crystal Mae Eastham and her husband, Sheldon; and Billy Joe Ferrell and his wife, Stephanie. He leaves behind his cherished grandchildren who each brought him great joy, Novalee Deimler, Julia Ferrell, William Ferrell, Bethany Payne, Elizabeth Ferrell, Rebecca Ferrell, Carly Eastham, Bryant Payne, and Danielle Ferrell, as well as a step-grandchild, Noel Eastham, and her daughters, Rylee and Lorelai. Bill is also survived by his dear sisters, Patricia Williams, Sue Minnick and husband, Ted, Nancy Piper and partner, Ray Lucas, and Debra Ferrell; along with many nieces and nephews whom he loved very much.

The family received friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at Stauffer Funeral Homes, P.A., 1100 North Maple Avenue in Brunswick, MD.

A celebration of Bill's life journey took place at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026 at Stauffer Funeral Homes, P.A., North Maple Avenue in Brunswick, MD. The Reverend Tim May officiated. Interment followed at the Jefferson Reformed Cemetery in Jefferson, MD.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages that gifts be made in Bill's memory to The Children's Inn at NIH — 7 West Drive Bethesda, MD 20814 or at <https://childrensinn.org/>.

Happenings at the 50+ Community Centers

By JEAN DOYLE

The Summer Session begins the week of July 6. Registration will open in mid-June.

To register for activities, visit the eStore at: frederickcountymd-gov.3dcart-stores.com.

To pay by check, made out to Frederick County Treasurer, drop off at Brunswick 50+ Community Center, 12 East A Street. Or mail your check and form to Frederick County Division of Aging and Independence, Attn: 50+ Programs, 1440 Taney Avenue, Frederick, MD 21702. For free and virtual programs, register at VirtualSeniorCenter@FrederickCountyMD.gov.

Trips in June

Wednesday, June 10—Movie at Warehouse Cinema. Enjoy watching on a movie on the big screen while relaxing in a recliner. 10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. Cost is \$20 plus money for extra concessions. The movie is TBD. Leave from the Brunswick Senior Center. Register by Wednesday, June 3 online or in person at the Frederick or Brunswick Senior Centers. Call 301-834-8115 for information.

Wednesday, June 17—Marketstreet USA: Waynesboro, Pa. Visit historic downtown Waynesboro with many historic buildings, specialty shops and restaurants. 10:30 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. Leaves from Emmitsburg Senior Center. Cost is \$5 plus money for lunch and shopping. Register by Wednesday, June 3 online or in person at Emmitsburg, Frederick or Brunswick Senior Centers.

Tuesday, June 23—Baltimore Museum of Industry. Industrial history comes alive as museum educators lead us through the museum galleries and demonstrate working museum artifacts. 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., leaves from the Frederick Senior Center. Cost is \$35 per person plus money for lunch. Register by Friday, June 12 online or in person at the Frederick or Brunswick Senior Centers.

Special Events at the Brunswick 50+ Community Center

Tuesday, June 2—Blood Pressure and Safety Presentation. 11 a.m., free, drop in. Topic is Heat/Hot Weather Safety.

Friday, June 5—eStore Basic Computer Workshop for Upcoming Quarterly Registration. Bring your laptop, tablet, or iphone to use for this class. Time is 10 a.m. Free, pre-register at 301-834-8115.

Thursday, June 11—Monthly Dinner Dance at the Brunswick Eagle Club, hosted by the Brunswick 50+ Community Center, 2–5 p.m. Dancing at 2:00, dinner at 4:00. Paid reservation of \$17 per person due one week in advance. Call 301-834-8115 for more information.

Monday, June 15—World Elder Abuse Day. Learn about resources to protect yourself from elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. Presented by Mia Martino, Frederick Division of Aging and Independence Ombudsman Program. Free, pre-register at 301-834-8115. Time: 2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 16—Weis Nutritional Talk. By Christina Fritz, Regional Dietician for Weis Markets. The topic is Mindful Eating on a Budget. Starts at 1 p.m., free, pre-register at 301-834-8115.

Thursday, June 25—Bingo Fun at the Brunswick Eagle Club, hosted by the Brunswick Senior Center. Time: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. \$10 including lunch or \$3 without lunch. Register by June 18 at 301-834-8115.

Monday, June 29—Coffee Hour. Stop by and visit friends. Enjoy a warm beverage and light refreshments. Free, drop in at 10 a.m.

Don't forget to check out all the programs and activities regularly offered by the Senior Center, as well as the many exercise programs offered. ■

Eagle Scouts Honored



Left to right: Adam Parde, Grant Hough, Simon McGillivray

By ANNE ZUMBACH

Adam Parde, Simon McGillivray and Grant Hough are Troop 277's newest Eagle Scouts. A ceremony in their

honor was held at the American Legion, the troop's charter organization, on April 12.

Troop committee chair Aaron Parde was Master of Ceremony. The invocation was offered

by Father Luke Koski of Holy Family Catholic Church. An honor guard escorted the three scouts to the stage where their parents presented each boy with their Eagle medal. Troop leaders presented the Eagle Scout neckerchief, slide and certificate.

To achieve the rank of Eagle, 21 merit badges are required, and these boys each earned 31. In recognition of these additional badges, each was presented with the bronze and gold palms, which are worn on their Eagle medal.

The ceremony continued with speakers and presentations. Speaking for Adam was his dad, Aaron Parde; for Simon, Sam Watkins; and for Grant, Vaughn Ripley. Nathan Brown brought citations from the city and Sen. Bill Folden brought citations from the state.

Before earning the rank of

Eagle, each boy had to progress through the ranks, learning outdoor skills in the lower ranks and earning merit badges and demonstrating leadership in the higher ranks. The high point of the process is the Eagle project. Each scout finds a project for a non-profit organization, then plans and executes the work to the satisfaction of the beneficiary, who serves as project leader.

Adam's project was improving the BHS cross country course, including replacing the bridge between the middle and high schools. The original bridge was built by Joey Intolubbe about ten years ago. Adam was able to incorporate Joey's bridge into the new bridge.

Simon's project was building a trail at the Reed Center near Burkittsville. This was not improving a trail, it was building it, uphill, to connect two exist-

ing trails. It entailed tree and rock removal as the trail had to be wide enough for a gator to travel it.

Grant built and painted six picnic tables for Holy Family Catholic Church and then placed them around a fire pit in a garden. Each boy encountered unexpected problems in their project and had to make adjustments.

Before the ceremony ended, the boys spoke and made presentations. They talked about their scout journey and gave thanks to people who had helped them, and each presented a mentor pin to a parent.

Troop 277 is open to boys aged 11–18 years of age. The troop meets at Merryland Park on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. The troop does many outdoor activities and helps develop leadership skills. Find a troop at BeAScout.org. ■

Learning by Having Fun at Brunswick Middle School

By SEBASTIAAN BURKE

When you hear laughter and music coming from a classroom at Brunswick Middle School, you can be sure it's a social studies class taught by teacher Lee McCloskey. His class always starts with either a humorous story or joke. His diverse teaching style helps students learn and stay engaged.

"I love teaching and making history come to life through fun activities, songs, drawings and humor," McCloskey said. Students are excited to enter his classroom and almost always come out with a smile. "I just try to make class fun," he added.

He uses songs and creative ways to teach history and then provides engaging activities students can use to review for an upcoming test or quiz. Students prefer this method more than typical note taking where the teacher lectures using textbooks or online slideshows. It's easier for students to understand and remember the subject when it is taught in an interesting way.

Students take notes in a

simpler way, and McCloskey always thoroughly explains them. He also writes the notes with the class so everyone can follow along and not feel lost.

"I want to give all students regardless of ability the drive and confidence to know that if you work hard then you too can be successful," said McCloskey. Most students say they enjoy his teaching style.

YouTube hits

McCloskey and his friend Andrew Parker rewrite the lyrics of popular songs and change them to explain the history lesson being taught. For example, they rewrote the song "Someone you Loved" by Lewis Capaldi to explain the weaknesses of the Articles of Confederation.

They post the songs on their YouTube channel "The Singing History Teachers" and currently have close to 100 episodes, over 40,000 followers, and thousands of views. Many viewers leave positive feedback on the videos. McCloskey plays these songs to the class to educate

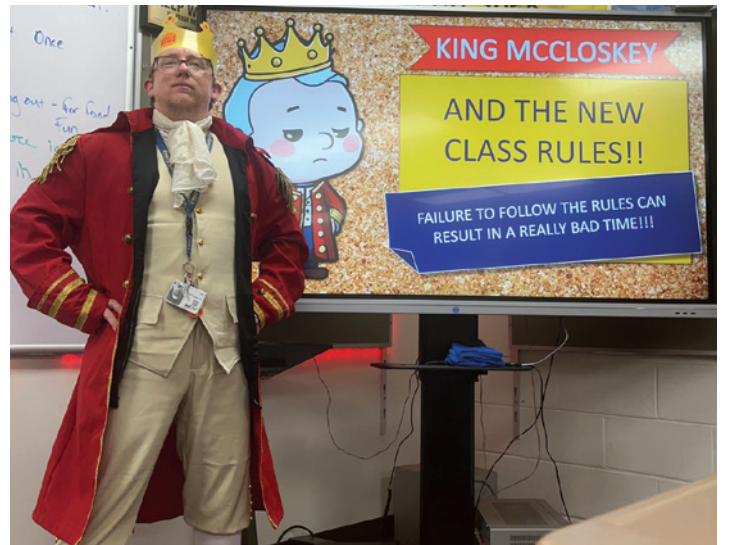
them on the curriculum topics. Students enjoy the humor and music while also learning important lessons.

A love for teaching

McCloskey was born in Ireland and moved to the United States when he was a kid. In middle school his dream was to become a lawyer. After high school he attended Frostburg State University and began taking the needed classes to fulfill his dream.

While in college, as part of a child psychology class, he was sent to assist an elementary school in Allegany County, specifically 4th and 5th grade. After that experience, he figured he enjoyed working with students, which convinced him to become a teacher. Later he returned to Frostburg to earn a master's in teaching and went on to build a career in education.

He began his teaching career in 2009 and found himself loving the job. McCloskey teaches in Frederick County Public Schools, and this is now his 16th year teaching and 4th year



Mr. McCloskey transforms into "King McCloskey," imposing classroom taxes to help students experience the frustrations colonists felt under British Rule.

at Brunswick Middle School, currently teaching 6th grade.

Overall, McCloskey's unique teaching style helps students be more interested in history. He achieves this by using songs, humor, clear explanations and simple notes to make his class both easy and engaging. He encourages students to give maximum effort and helps them in stressful situations, such as

when someone loses all their papers on an important essay.

McCloskey said, "I want my students to know that no matter what anyone tells you, you can do anything that you put your mind to." He truly is a remarkable teacher. ■

Sebastian Burke is 11 years old and a sixth-grade student at Brunswick Middle School.

Burkittsville Ruritan & Ladies Auxiliary Award Seven \$1500 Scholarships



Graduating seniors from high schools in Brunswick, Middletown, Walkersville and Linganore received \$1500 awards. Recipients of the 2026 Burkittsville Ruritan Scholarships: Front Row (L to R) — Allie Shafer, Katie Crummitt, Atley Shafer; Back Row (L to R) — Benjamin Guyton, Jackson Renn, Brady Renn, Quintin Byrd.

Smoketown Rotary Fundraiser



Smoketown Rotary Club recently held a Cinco de Mayo event at Smoketown Brewery. The celebration raised \$500 for the after-school Boys and Girls Club program at Brunswick Middle School and \$1,000 for summer pool passes and reduced cost swimming lessons for community youth in need. Jennifer Lolli-Hall is President of Smoketown Rotary. For more information about the club, email smoketownrotary@gmail.com.



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LOCAL NEWS

Primary Races for Sheriff and County Executive

By MARK ROHNER

For this issue, the Brunswick News-Journal invited candidates for sheriff and county executive to submit statements on their views. Here are their responses.

SHERIFF

Karl Bickel (Democrat)

I've called Frederick County home for more than 45 years, and I'm proud to have raised my family here. My two sons reflect the values of our community—one served as a United States Marine and is now a successful businessman, and the other is a teacher in Frederick County Public Schools. My career in law enforcement has spanned patrol, special operations and detective in a major city police department, second in command in Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and over 16 years with the U.S. Department of Justice working on community policing initiatives nationwide.



KARL BICKEL

Those experiences have prepared me to lead a large, complex law enforcement agency. I understand how to manage personnel, oversee budgets, implement modern policing strategies, and ensure accountability at every level. Just as important, I believe leadership means being visible, accessible, and responsive to the people we serve. A Sheriff must set clear expectations, support deputies with training and resources, and build a culture rooted in professionalism and respect.

I am running because I believe Frederick County—and communities like Brunswick and Jefferson—deserve strong, collaborative public safety leadership. Residents care deeply about quality-of-life issues: traffic safety, property crime,

drug activity, and ensuring that growth does not outpace public safety resources. Addressing these concerns requires close coordination between the Sheriff's Office and local partners.

I am committed to strengthening our working relationship with the Brunswick Police Department. Public safety works best when we share information, coordinate responses, and present a unified approach to community concerns. Whether it's supporting local officers, addressing regional crime trends, or engaging directly with residents, my focus will be on partnership and problem-solving.

I'm running to ensure our Sheriff's Office is professional, accountable, and fully connected to every community it serves. To compare me with other candidates, see <https://Bickel4Sheriff.com>

Jason Ciemielewski (Democrat)

I am a scientist, a Frederick resident, and a believer in the power of objective truth. For over a decade, I have worked in the biotechnology sector, where transparency and peer review are the "gold standards." I am running for sheriff because I believe that same rigor should drive public safety.

Frederick County deserves a sheriff who acts as a shield for our residents. I will require judicial warrants for all ICE coordination to ensure that no neighbor's due process is sacrificed to federal overreach. I will proactively protect our community from any agency that acts unreasonably or illegally in the line of duty.

I am committed to forensic justice. We must fix the systemic failure of delayed sexual assault evidence kits. I will mandate the timely submission of every kit for analysis to ensure survivors receive answers and violent offenders are held accountable.

To improve outcomes, I will transition the office toward an evidence-based public health model. This includes expanding the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and increasing coordination with the Health Department and community resources in response to mental health crises. I will also ensure the Lethality Assessment Program is



JASON CIEMIELEWSKI

fully integrated and utilized at every scene to protect victims of domestic violence.

True security requires accountability and transparency. I will bridge the disconnect with our diverse communities by establishing a multicultural advisory board and proactively publishing use-of-force reports and findings from the Administrative Charging Committee.

Finally, I stand with organized labor. I will prioritize fair compensation and binding arbitration for our deputies to build a stable, professional department equipped to serve with excellence.

I offer Frederick County a fresh perspective that replaces institutional bias with scientific precision and an unwavering commitment to the rule of law.

Chuck Jenkins (Republican)

I'm currently completing my 5th term as sheriff for Frederick County, with a total of 36 years in law enforcement. I'm a lifelong native of Frederick County, involved in many civic and community service organizations, including more than 40 years in the volunteer fire and rescue service. Professionally, I am a graduate of the National Sheriff's Institute and serve on three major committees of the



CHUCK JENKINS

National Sheriff's Association.

My current 20 years in the management of law enforcement and corrections as sheriff speaks for itself. I have demonstrated effective leadership qualities of this full-service Sheriff's Office, managing the agency through "the great recession of 2008," the challenging years of Covid19, police reform, and the 13 years of the heroin/fentanyl overdose crisis. I have stood for law and order with strong proactive criminal enforcement policies that have resulted in keeping Frederick County the safest county in the region. From 2008 through April of 2026, we effectively partnered with DHS/ICE in the 287g Program, removing 1,884 criminals from Frederick County. The Maryland Legislature passed a law this year killing the program statewide.

During my tenure as sheriff, we have maintained a strong and very supportive relationship with the Brunswick Police Department (BPD) and the Town of Brunswick. We have and will continue to support BPD with investigative assistance, other equipment and resources when requested, and IT support when necessary. BPD was included in the new records management system. The Sheriff's Office also included BPD in a grant to initially acquire Axon Body Cameras, resulting in initial savings to Brunswick.

I have many established long-time relationships, both personal and professional, with Brunswick residents. Serving you as "the People's Sheriff" I'm proud that I have been very accessible to the citizens of Brunswick over my 20 years as sheriff and will remain accessible.

Tony Lawson (Democrat)

Since the age of 18 I have worn a uniform of service. As a United States Marine, I proudly served our country, with honor, courage and commitment. After serving our country, I decided to make my home in the Brunswick area.

Soon after leaving The Marines, I continued to serve the community as a deputy sheriff with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. While with the FCSD, I did work in the patrol division, drugs, warrants and as a school resource

officer assigned to Brunswick High School, Brunswick Middle School and Heather Ridge School.

While in the position as an SRO for 18 years, I began to coach and mentor youths in high school football, track and field, and youth basketball. Through coaching and mentoring, I have established lifelong relationships with our youths and their families.

I believe law enforcement in the 21st century is about establishing relationships with our communities. Public safety works best when it's accountable and trusted by the whole community. As sheriff, our first partnership is with the communities we serve – every race, every religion, no matter what language we speak.



TONY LAWSON

As sheriff, I would represent a new voice for fairness and safety. I would work closely with our local law enforcement partners and community leaders, focusing on vision, innovation, change and equality. Under my leadership the FCSD will be recognized as the gold standard for how law enforcement is conducted and works with our community.

Gary Morton (Republican)

For more than 35 years, I served the citizens of Frederick County through the Frederick County Sheriff's Office, rising to the rank of commander and leading multiple divisions including operations commander and overseeing Patrol Operations, Criminal Investigations, and Special Operations. I also served as the administrative services commander overseeing a multimillion dollar budget, personnel, recruitment and School Resource Deputy Program.

I was born and raised here, raised my family here, and understand the unique character

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Primary Races for Sheriff and County Executive

of our rural communities, small towns, and growing neighborhoods. That experience has shaped my belief that effective law enforcement begins with trust, visibility, and partnership.

Leading a large law enforcement agency requires more



GARY MORTON

than managing personnel and budgets. It requires steady leadership, clear communication, accountability, and a commitment to servant leadership. Throughout my career, I focused on building strong teams, developing young deputies into leaders, and ensuring that our agency worked hand-in-hand with the communities we serve.

I am running for sheriff because I believe the Sheriff's Office must return to a community-first approach where professionalism, integrity, and transparency are the standard. I have been honored to work with close-knit communities that value safety, cooperation, and respect between residents and law enforcement.

Strong collaboration between the Sheriff's Office, Brunswick Police Department, Maryland State Police, Frederick Police Department, Thurmont Police Department and Department of Fire and Rescue is essential. Public safety is strongest when agencies share information, coordinate resources, and present a unified commitment to protecting our citizens. Whether responding to calls for service, supporting schools, or addressing quality-of-life concerns, our approach must be coordinated and community-focused.

My goal is to ensure that every resident sees the Sheriff's Office as a trusted partner, serving with integrity and committed to the citizens they serve.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Jessica Fitzwater (Democrat)

I came to public service as a teacher. I spent 16 years teaching elementary school music, and I carried the lessons I learned in the classroom with me to the County Council and County Executive's Office.

As county executive, I focus on the issues that matter most to our families. Education is my top priority, and we increased funding for our public schools by 40% over the past four years. We focused on school

construction, including moving forward on the much-needed new Brunswick High School.

We are investing in older residents. We prioritized the construction of a new senior center in Brunswick, and we expanded the county's senior property tax credit to help older residents stay in their homes.

We are managing growth responsibly and protecting our incredible quality of life. We set a goal of preserving 160,000 acres of farmland by 2051, protected 99% of the county's land from data center development, and expanded investments in parks, trails, and agricultural programs. We prioritized senior and workforce housing, using county-owned land to build affordable housing.

We are also focused on projects and programs to strengthen our economy. We worked across party lines to secure funding for the US-15 safety and expansion project. We are



JESSICA FITZWATER

making new investments in career and technical education to prepare students for the workforce, and we expanded childcare scholarships to help families struggling to make ends meet.

I truly believe local government is here to make life better for people, and I am proud of the progress we have made together. It is an honor to serve as your county executive, and I remain committed to people-centered leadership that ensures Frederick County is a place where everyone can thrive and feel a strong sense of belonging.

Diane Fouché (Republican)

Frederick County is at a turning point. Decisions being made now will forever change our future. I'm running for the office of county executive because Frederick is sorely in need of a leader who protects Frederick, plans growth responsibly, and can restore the trust of residents through honest governance.

I'm proud of my 25 years in government procurement ensuring ethics, transparency, and integrity in contracting. Through 13 years leading Frederick's procurement, I executed contracts, negotiated settlements, and closed out innumerable projects for construction, equipment, social programs, etc. All while serv-

ing elected officials apolitically, with a bipartisan spirit. I'm a seasoned leader who understands government and will hit the ground running.

As county executive, I will provide a strong Frederick. I'll protect our legacy by placing



DIANE FOUCHÉ

a moratorium on data center growth until we understand energy, water, and land-use impacts, by joining residents fighting the abuse of eminent domain for transmission lines, by preserving farmland into the future, and ensuring the right growth in the right location at the right time. I will institute community-led growth that occurs when residents are ready, infrastructure is in place, schools can meet demand, and community services already exist.

Above all, I will restore trust in government. My career has been spent enforcing openness, equity, and accountability that protected taxpayers. I will support zero-based budgeting because a strong Frederick lives within its means and doesn't

plan future deficit. I'll provide transparent government that listens to residents and acts in their favor. I will use the cameras of FCG-TV to allow our citizens to watch their government in action. I will make public the dealings that have been made in secret.

I am the leader that Frederick County needs to successfully navigate into a future where residents are respected and supported, and we are a strong Frederick.

Jeff Holtzinger (Republican)

I am a lifelong resident of Frederick County. I graduated from Thomas Johnson, earned a BS in civil engineering from Maryland and earned a law degree from Catholic University. I married my high school girlfriend, Pamela, and we have four children and two granddaughters.

I am a registered professional engineer and admitted to practice law in Maryland and Pennsylvania. The majority of my 30-year career as an engineer and attorney has been in private practice. However, I have government experience as well. I served as the city engineer for Frederick from 1999-2002, as a contract city engineer for Brunswick, and water and sewer engineer for Frederick County. I was the mayor of Frederick from 2006-2010. Most of my private experience involves working on local government issues.

I am running for county executive because county government has been going in the

wrong direction for over a decade. County government needs to be re-focused on core local government responsibilities such as roads, parks, public water and sewer, responsible land use planning and public safety. Too much of our tax money is being spent on programs which do not benefit county residents in any meaningful way and/or which local government is ill suited to handle.



JEFF HOLTZINGER

Growth and how it is managed continues to be a major issue. Frederick County is losing its agricultural heritage and rural character to poorly planned growth. Adequate public facilities continue to lag behind growth. Another major issue is the substantial increase in property taxes we are subjected to every year for nothing more in return.

I have the experience to address these issues and have done it before as Mayor. I cut the tax rate twice without cutting services. I was also able to get a number of stalled capital projects moving to completion. ■

Voting Options and Deadlines for the Primary Election on June 23

Three Ways to Cast Your Ballot

Choose one of three voting methods:

1. Early Voting In-Person

Dates: Thursday, June 11 to Thursday, June 18

Hours: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day

Early voting locations in Frederick County are Trinity Recreation Center in Frederick, Thurmont Regional Library, Urbana Regional Library, Middletown Volunteer Fire Dept., and Libertytown Volunteer Fire Dept.

2. Election Day In-Person — Vote in person at your local polling place on Primary Election Day, Tuesday, June 23. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

3. Mail-In Voting — Any registered voter may vote by mail-in ballot, without giving a reason. A mail-in ballot can be requested from the Frederick County Board of Elections. Take note of the deadlines. Requests can be made:

- Online at vote.md.gov/NeedBallot before 11:59 p.m. on June 16.
- By returning a paper form before 8:00 p.m. on June 19.

Submitting Your Ballot

Completed ballots must be postmarked by Tuesday, June 23. If returning by hand, bal-

lots must be deposited into an official ballot drop box or delivered to your local board of elections or to an early voting center by 8 p.m. on Primary Election Day, June 23. There are 12 ballot drop boxes in Frederick County. The closest one to Brunswick is at Brunswick Middle School, 301 Cummings Drive. Find other ballot drop box locations at vote.md.gov/vote2026.

Voter Registration

The preliminary deadline to register to vote or update registration is Tuesday, June 2. Verify your status early to ensure a seamless experience at the polls. Residents not registered to vote can use the online registration system. Those who prefer not to register online may print the registration form and submit it to the local board of elections. If you miss this deadline, you can register the same day you vote. Make sure to bring a document that proves where you live when you attempt to vote at your local polling place or early voting center.

Additional information is online at:

vote.md.gov/vote2026

FrederickCountyMD.gov/Vote

Or call the Frederick County Board of Elections: 301-600-8683

OPINION

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It's Important!!

June 23 — that's a very important date to keep in mind. It's the day of Maryland's primary elections.

Has state or local government made decisions with which you do not agree? Do you question the ethics of an elected official? Then you should vote for someone who better represents you. Voting is no guarantee that your candidate will win or that your point of view will be in the majority, but not voting is, in effect, accepting the outcome of an election.

Do you think that our elections are rigged? Well, you can volunteer to help at the polls. The Board of Elections always needs people to work at the polls. While you're there, you can keep an eye on how the process works. Nationwide, despite many accusations, there has been NO proof of any significant attempts to distort the outcomes of elections. None, zero, zilch. But, as a volunteer actually in the polling place, you can keep an eye on the process and help voters vote.

The June 23 primaries in Maryland are the opportunity for voters to choose which candidate will represent their party in the main elections in November. We'll be choosing candidates for our representatives in the state legislature and the U.S. Congress. Also, we will select candidates for Frederick County offices including council, executive, sheriff, and the non-partisan board of education, among others.

Which candidates do you think will best represent your interests in the November elections? Check them out. Recent issues of the Brunswick News-Journal (including this one) have printed candidates' information. The Frederick News-Post recently published an excellent summary of local candidates and what they believe. Read them....find out. Then VOTE!

It's IMPORTANT! ■

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LETTERS

Wreaths Across America program canceled in Brunswick

I would like to clarify the May article [Girl Scouts Assist in Park Heights Cemetery Cleanup] that mentioned the Wreaths Across America ceremony traditionally held in December at Park Heights Cemetery and Old Berlin Cemetery in Brunswick.

The original article had already been submitted when I was notified by Becky Wood from the Park Heights Cemetery board that they had voted not to continue the Wreaths Across America ceremony at Park Heights Cemetery and not to have flag recognition of veterans for Veterans Day.

This was not a decision made by the Wreaths Across America volunteer coordinators or the local volunteers. We were saddened and disappointed to receive this news, especially because many of us care deeply about honoring the veterans who rest in our community. As the daughter of a veteran laid to rest there, I personally found this decision very disappointing.

We understand there may have been disappointment that sponsorships were not secured for every veteran's wreath last year. This is a challenge faced across the U.S. All wreaths are sponsored through donations, and some years donations are more difficult to obtain due to the economy and other factors. The Brunswick Wreaths Across America program has taken place for only two years. As support grows, we were committed to helping our community honor all the veterans year after year.

On behalf of Wreaths Across America, I sincerely apologize to those disappointed that the ceremony will not take place this year. We remain grateful to everyone who has supported the effort in the past, especially the Park Heights board. We hope that in the future the board will reconsider and again provide an opportunity in Brunswick to honor our veterans through Wreaths Across America.

— Michele Payton

Wreaths Across America Volunteer Coordinator

Lovettsville's "Traffic Interruptus"

By JOHN P. FLANNERY, II

Traffic, by definition, is an efficient and safe flow of moving vehicles and pedestrians that rely on roads and signs to drive, park and walk from place to place.

A related and critical concern is that the town's shops and businesses not lose patrons because of unwise and inconvenient traffic patterns created by the Town Council that are not very efficient, safe or sensible.

The Lovettsville Town Council didn't care to read the room, meaning the voters' preferences, and chose instead to confound, delay and cause discomfort with traffic patterns that make little sense. Let's call it "Traffic Interruptus."

When the flow slows, even stops, we have traffic atherosclerosis. It's time we got the town back to sensibly navigable. We have the data points to prove the case that we have traffic plaque.

Missteps by the Council

The most obvious first misstep that the Council preferred was to change our two-way streets into one-way streets.

The second killer was to push all this one-lane traffic not out of the town, but forcing it toward our already congested "squirrel." We know how roundabouts and circles work, but that's not how our squirrel "works."

Consider how a roundabout involves a driver yielding to cars in the center, and there is a small island at the center. Traffic mavens insist they thus increase the capacity for traffic.

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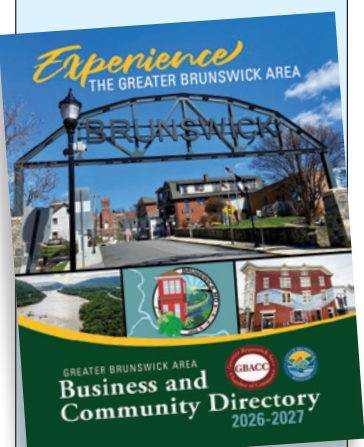
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FREDERICK COUNTY NEWS

FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June marks the beginning of an exciting summer season in Frederick County. We recognize Pride Month, a special time dedicated to celebrating and supporting our LGBTQ+ community. This observance highlights accomplishments and affirms our commitment to fostering an inclusive and welcoming atmosphere for all. June is also National Immigrant Heritage Month. Frederick County is honored to host immigrants from around the world to share their personal journeys to Frederick County. All are welcome to attend to hear powerful stories of courage, community and new beginnings at an event on Monday, June 15, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the C. Burr Artz Library in Frederick.



County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

Frederick County is fortunate to have so many nonprofits working to address community needs, and we are proud to partner with these organizations.

Update on the FY27 budget

Thank you to everyone who participated in the FY27 budget process. Your input was critical and helped ensure that our budget for the coming fiscal year, which starts on July 1, reflects the needs and desires of our community.

I am grateful to the County Council for their dedication and collaboration in passing the budget. This year's budget prioritizes education, working families, and our most vulnerable residents. Tax rates remain unchanged, even as we invest in our community's future. To learn more about the budget, visit FrederickCountyMD.gov/Budget.

Governor Moore visits Frederick County

Last month, Governor Wes Moore visited Frederick County as part of his "Delivering for Maryland" tour, highlighting vital investments in education, affordable housing and seniors. We proudly hosted Governor

Moore to celebrate investments in our community, including \$3 million to build affordable senior units on county-owned land. Together, we are delivering real results that make our communities stronger, more connected, and more affordable.

Community Partnership Grants

I recently announced \$1.2 million in awards to 42 local nonprofit organizations through the Community Partnership Grant program. This program awards competitive grants to nonprofits across Frederick County, from Emmitsburg to Brunswick. We set four priorities for funding this year's grants. They are Homelessness and Housing Solutions, Quality of Life, Public Health, and Supporting the Arts.

Grants will be used to provide homeless individuals and

families emergency services, offer mentorship opportunities and life skills programs for youth and adults, deliver medical and dental care to those in need, provide support for low-income seniors, veterans and people with disabilities, connect the community with local arts, and more services that make a difference for people in Frederick County.

Frederick County is fortunate to have so many nonprofits working to address community needs, and we are proud to partner with these organizations. Together, we move toward our vision of a Frederick County where everyone can live, work and thrive while feeling a strong sense of place and belonging.

For a full list of the FY27 Community Partnership Grant awards, visit FrederickCountyMD.gov/CPGFY27.

New composting initiative

Frederick County has purchased land that will allow for expanded composting. This investment will allow the Division of Solid Waste and Recycling to expand, explore and encourage growth of the Nicholas Hartman Farmstead, off Reichs Ford Road. Through this new site, the County will:

- Expand offering of composting operations, potentially into organic and food waste composting.
- Explore new technologies and partnerships to become a leader in integrated solid waste management.
- Encourage best use of space, while also respecting the history and purpose of the Nicholas Hartman Farmstead.

Development of the site has not yet begun, but people traveling along Reichs Ford Road may begin seeing more County vehicles and partners in the area. Stay tuned for updates on this exciting project!

Frederick County signature bird

The American Kestrel has been selected as Frederick County's Signature Bird following a month-long public voting process that drew more than 920 online votes.

The American Kestrel is a small, colorful raptor known for its striking coloration and agile hunting behavior. In some areas, kestrel populations have declined, and efforts such as installing nest boxes can help support their recovery.

Frederick County was designated Maryland's first "Bird County" in spring 2025 by Bird City Maryland. This designation recognized the County's efforts in ecosystem restoration, environmental education, and habitat protection, and marked a milestone in statewide efforts to connect communities through bird-friendly practices. ■

Summer Cruise-Ins



ABBIE RICKETTS

Summer Cruise-Ins presented by The Leechel Reynolds Charitable Fund are held the second Saturday of each month through October from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Roy Rogers on Souder Road in Brunswick. The next event is June 13.

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FREDERICK COUNTY NEWS

Finding a New Career for Guinness, the Gypsy Vanner Horse

By **BAMBI PRIGEL**

What do you do when you realize your 27-year-old horse no longer has the energy or desire to gallop across fields and fox hunt? You look for a new career for your beloved boy!

Guinness, my Gypsy Vanner, was imported from Ireland as my “souvenir” from a horse riding vacation when he was age 13. He was used for fox hunting in Claire County, Ireland, and he picked up where he left off once he landed at my farm in Knoxville, Maryland. He quickly adapted to the rolling terrain and big coops at the Blue Ridge Hunt in Virginia. He dabbled in

other disciplines over the years – low level eventing and then dressage. He was the ultimate trail horse, never spooking and being careful in any terrain.

Gypsy Vanner horses are known as family horses mainly in England and Ireland. They have lots of hair with their long manes, tails and feathers on their feet. They are of various sizes with the Vanner being of medium height. The word Vanner comes from their use to pull vans, which gypsies used for selling their wares in the countryside. Their calm steady demeanor makes them an ideal family horse for children to climb over and feel safe, which is what led to Guinness’

new career as a therapy horse.

Working with Bridle Paths

I met Katie Fallon, founder and executive director of Bridle Paths, a nonprofit equine-assisted services program in Leesburg, Virginia, and was impressed with her expertise in the field. She is a PATH (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) Certified Advanced Level Therapeutic Riding Instructor and is certified as an Equine Specialist through the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association.

Bridle Paths offers strength, support and healing to individuals and families through safe, effective and high-quality equine-assisted services. The program serves children and adults, both civilian and military, with invisible challenges – attention deficit disorder, autism spectrum disorders, anxiety and depression, self-harm, suicidal ideation, brain injuries, post-traumatic stress, and trauma. In each of their programs (adaptive riding, equine assisted learning and equine-assisted psychotherapy), Bridle Paths provides emotionally-attuned and trauma-informed services that focus on the cultivation of relationship, communication, connection and trust.

Retiring with purpose

Guinness’ kind demeanor, unflappable presence, and versatility made him a fast favorite among Bridle Paths’ partici-



Guinness the fox hunter.

pants and volunteers alike. He’s friendly, curious and calm, and he brings a wealth of experience to his work at Bridle Paths. He has helped young children with attention challenges and sensory seeking behavior to build focus and empathy, and to move in purposeful and comfortable ways.

He has taught riders the finer points of steering and balance, sometimes even in the middle of a thunderstorm. He has shown wounded veterans how to build a life of purpose in the face of obstacles and limitations. For youth with self-harming behaviors, he has normalized difficult feelings and helped to build clear communication and enhance authentic connection with family members. He has held space with trauma survi-

vors who are working to regain confidence, clarity and sense of self in a world that can be violent, demeaning and overwhelming.

In every capacity of his work, whether a riding lesson for a child with autism and ADHD, an equine-assisted learning session about boundaries for young adults with obsessive-compulsive disorder, or an equine-assisted psychotherapy session with area veterans, he offers participants the gifts of acceptance, peace and presence.

Guinness brings wisdom and purpose to his work with the program, and is an invaluable member of the team. I can’t think of a better retirement for him where he enjoys the gifts he gives to others. ■

The following photos are by **Erin Gilmore Photography** (with permission)



Keeping Kids Safe through Gun Safety

The Brownsville Church of the Brethren will host a Be SMART Workshop about keeping kids safe. This interactive session will focus on simple, effective steps adults can take to prevent gun-related accidents involving children.

Together, participants will learn how to:

- Talk with kids about gun safety
- Store firearms securely at home and in vehicles
- Have respectful conversations with other parents about safe storage
- Share tools and resources to help keep all children safe

The workshop takes place on Saturday, June 20, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the church at 1911 Rohrersville Road, Knoxville.

In the U.S., millions of children live in homes with unsecured firearms, and hundreds are unintentionally injured each year. This workshop will help empower the community with knowledge and strategies to make a difference.

The workshop is sponsored by On Earth Peace, a national partner of Be SMART. Learn more about the Be SMART program at besmartforkids.org/.

For more information, visit www.brownsvillecob.org, call 301-432-8354, or email bcoboutreach@gmail.com. ■

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Lovettsville Historical Society Lecture Series

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Sunday August 9 — "First to Fight: Culpeper Minutemen and the Liberation of Virginia 1775-76" with Jim Bish

Sunday October 11 — "The Monocacy Aqueduct" with John Wolz

All lectures are being held in person at 2 p.m. at the St. James United Church of Christ, 10 East Broad Way, Lovettsville. We are no longer live-streaming via Zoom.

Questions: events@LovettsvilleHistoricalSociety.org. ■

Lovettsville's "Traffic Interruptus" CONTINUED

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Traffic circles are similar. They have larger center islands appealing to the aesthetics of the traffic circle.

Why don't we have the benefit of these traffic approaches? It's because our four squared "squirrel" has four stop signs, one at each corner; also there are pedestrian walkways to get to and from the public green where community activities abound.

Traffic is slowed north south and east west. You can hear the squirrel moan if you are a traffic whisperer. It defies logic or understanding why the Town Council shrunk our streets from two-way streets to one-way and then toward the squirrel.

A few poignant examples

Consider a few examples of how this approach has proven itself to be a wrong turn:

First, say you want to go to Andy's Restaurant and you are driving from Back Street (going west). It was the case, before the "reforms," when you got to S.

Church Street, you might turn right (going north) to pull into the parking lot only a few feet away.

The Town changed the flow so that, instead of right for a few feet on S. Church Street, you must turn left instead (on S. Church Street going south), then take a right (west), then a right on S. Berlin Pike (north), then right at the stop sign on E. Broadway (east), then right on S. Church Street (south of East Broadway) to arrive at that same parking lot. Take a detour, try it yourself.

You may appreciate that on the Berlin Pike segment of this clumsy re-routing you are adding to one of the four sides of the busy squirrel.

Second, here's another example for those who smell the coffee, and the tasty treats to be had, at Lovettsville's Back Street Brews. Remember there were four ways to get to this java guzzling, sweet-eating gathering destination before the "improvements."

The Town Council preferred to mess with the traffic and

thus its patrons' access and, unavoidably, the success of this coffee shop.

Before the Council mixed into the question, you could approach this local favorite shop either by N. Light Street (north or south), or by Back Street (east or west) in conjunction with N. Light Street (to turn north as well as south on N. Light Street).

Our foundering town "fathers," however, thought they had a better idea, and didn't think access to a popular business was so important to the shop's owner, the staff or patrons. The Town preferred instead that access to this boutique coffee shop be limited, accessible only by N. Light Street (going south); as no other turn to a parking spot is allowed under the new order (some job Town Council!).

Next time you drive through Lovettsville, if you see any Town Council members, encourage them to re-think this traffic mishigas, so they may learn from their mistakes. ■

Lovettsville Town News

By **ABBIE RICKETTS**

From the town manager's report:

Conservation of Water — The Town of Lovettsville continues to be under a drought warning, and further voluntary water conservation is needed to avoid further restrictions or interventions by Utility staff. Town staff calculated the amount of water that is wasted due to daily leaks at nearly 800,000 gallons of water a year. In addition to conservation, monitoring water use and identifying leaks will go a long way to help keep the town's system resilient. Town staff are also coordinating with Fire-Rescue at Station 12 to increase conservation where able.

Wayfinding and Entry Signs

— The wayfinding signs are under production and will be installed when the Town is granted the necessary Land-Use Permit from VDOT. Installation is expected this summer. The location of the welcome sign has been finalized with Loudoun County Park, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) Department. PRCS has

approved the location and the associated 20x30 foot maintenance access area. The town is awaiting the execution of the associated property license from Loudoun County to proceed.

Oktoberfest — The Town of Lovettsville is hosting its 30th Oktoberfest on Saturday, Sept. 26, with Vendor Village scheduled for Saturday. Vendor applications will be available soon.

The 19th Annual Western Loudoun Art & Studio Tour

— planned for June 5, 6 & 7, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The tour includes 28 studio stops featuring paintings in various media, ceramics, jewelry, pastels, wood-working, collage, sculpture and more. Ten of the stops are in the Lovettsville area with others in Waterford, Purcellville, Hillsboro and Round Hill. The tour is free and self guided. Maps of the tour can be downloaded at wlast.org/. The Western Loudoun Art & Studio Tour is presented by the Franklin Park Arts Center, Round Hill Arts Center, and the Friends of Franklin Park Arts Center. ■

More Lovettsville Events

Lovettsville's Summer on the Green Movie and Concert Series

The series kicks off **Friday, June 12, at the Walker Pavilion** for America's pastime night!

Bring your lawn chairs, picnic blankets, friends and family for a Lovettsville evening under the stars with the United States Navy Band followed by the movie, **A League of Their Own**.

Carnival

The Lovettsville Game Club's annual Carnival is June 2-6 from 6-10 p.m. at 16 Berlin Pike. There will be carnival rides for all ages, games and an arcade, food and beverages.

Fishing Derby

June 6 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Lovettsville Game Club Farm, 38630 Stevens Road

107th Lovettsville Alumni Association Banquet

Saturday, June 13 at 5 p.m. Lovettsville Game Protective Association, Inc.

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IN THE KITCHEN

Daily Dairy

By CHRISTINA FRITZ

June is National Dairy Month. Celebrate by incorporating the recommended three servings of dairy each day into meals and snacks. Dairy is an excellent source of calcium, iodine, and some B vitamins which are needed for bone and brain health in addition to being essential during pregnancy. Dairy is a good source of potassium, vitamin D and vitamin A which support heart, muscle and immune health. Dairy is also a good source of protein to help support muscle health and provide satiety. Here are some ways to incorporate more dairy into your daily routine.

- 1. Yogurt** provides probiotics which support gut health. Mix together a yogurt-based cinnamon dip, peanut butter dip, or avocado-ranch dip to make summer produce even tastier.
- 2. Meal prep** by making a cottage cheese flatbread by combining a blended cottage cheese mixture with eggs then baking it to boost your protein intake.
- 3. Blend plain, unsweetened kefir** with your favorite fruit to make a hydrating smoothie or freeze the mixture to create a refreshing popsicle.
- 4. Use milk instead of water** when preparing oatmeal to add protein and creaminess.



Try lactose free milk for the same great benefits that milk has to offer without the lactose, a component of milk that may cause gastrointestinal upset for some people.

- 5. Scoop a dollop of sour cream** into a one-pot beef stroganoff for an easy weeknight dinner. If there is leftover sour cream, combine it with herbs and spices for a tasty broiled sour cream and dill salmon with asparagus.
- 6. Add burrata cheese** to a tomato bruschetta for a fun twist on a classic dish or enjoy string cheese as a snack with a handful of almonds.
- 7. Mix ricotta and other cheeses together** in a spinach stuffed shells recipe or use as a topping in an orange ricotta toast with almonds recipe.

Find more dairy-inspired recipes at weismarkets.com/recipes. ■

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Garden Building with Fresh Perspective

BY MARIANNE WILLBURN

Over time, humans become blind to the clutter that surrounds us — particularly clutter that masks a difficult space. It's the reason that right now, on an awkward corner of your countertop, there is possibly a pile of shopping flyers, old vitamin bottles and a houseplant on the critical list. If you were walking through your house for the first time, you'd see it. But years in, it's likely there to stay.

I'm not throwing stones — I've got my own pile. But the same awkwardness can be ignored in the garden, and it probably happens far more often, because people are more concerned with the inside of their houses than the outside.

But for those who want a beautiful garden, but have thrown up their hands at the impossibility of solving a certain landscape issue, I sympathize. It's not that we want it to remain unsolved, we just don't know where to start, and detaching oneself from that semi-comfortable blindness is hard.

After all, it is far easier to blame difficult terrain and greedy shade trees for the haphazard placement of struggling containers than to finally clear them away and realize the space is still ugly. And now it's boring too.

Phone a friend

One of the best ways I know to break out of this cycle is harnessing the power of someone else's point of view. A friend who gardens can be an angel sent from heaven when you are contemplating asphalt over ambiance and the budget doesn't include a top landscape designer.

That fresh perspective is incredibly valuable — even if it's painful. Though it's hard to hear a friend admit that, yes, your landscape band-aids aren't looking fabulous, hearing what they might do in your place can prod you to think differently about it.

Surprising envy

When I moved into my last home, I despaired at three levels of honeysuckle vines, poison ivy, and groundhog holes with a few shovelfuls of broken glass thrown in for giggles. The woods were reclaiming the yard, privacy was non-existent, and I had no idea where to start.

A gardening friend had just taken a relatively level lot in her own small town and turned it into a space where traditional formality paired with gentle wilding and created... magic. I invited her over, desperate for ideas, but our properties were so different I didn't hold much hope. Faced with my hilly topography, carnivorous vines and greedy trees, I was certain



MARIANNE WILLBURN

she'd smile and tell me to buy some iris and a swing set.

Surprisingly, my friend did not shudder. Instead, she said something that has stuck with me ever since. "I envy you your levels," she said. "You can create so many different rooms in your garden."

I probably laughed out loud. I was frustrated by my multi-leveled lot, bisected by an ugly cinderblock wall. But after she'd gone home to her garden, I pulled out a folding chair and sat for a while with the idea of separate spaces running through my head.

From wreck into rooms

Rooms. I hadn't thought about that. Instead, I'd focused on the truncated spaces, the lack of traditional flat lawns and general obstacles to a standard garden. My friend was challenging me to look beyond the obvious use of the space and create something different.

And by the time we left that beloved garden, that's exactly what I did.

The levels let me create 'rooms' for the vegetables and the compost pile, a 'room' for the bees and soft fruit, winding

paths and secret steps— even a 'room' with playhouse and lawn for the children. A slender stretch of grass in the front became a sunny perennial border, and a large maple provided enough cover to play with a different plant palette in a shady 'room.'

All because someone else's point of view helped me see it differently.

Imagine it naked

These days I try to keep my perspective fresh by playing a game when I visit someone else's garden — especially when it's really good. I squint my eyes and try to imagine the space as it probably once was. It's a little exercise in reclaiming perspective — it's always wise to keep these skills fresh for the next time I come across a rocky outcrop or inconvenient tree and need to brainstorm possibilities.

Human beings are skilled at being critical of one another, but we can also harness this power for good. Invite a friend over and give them carte blanche to talk about your garden till they're blue in the face... then go get your hands dirty. All you need is some fresh perspective. ■

Marianne Willburn is a contributing editor at GardenRant.com and co-hosts The Garden Mixer Podcast. She gardens from her home in Lovettsville, Va.

Compost

Tips from Frederick County Solid Waste and Recycling

So you want some of our sweet, sweet Revive compost, do ya? Before you come to our Reichs Ford Road facility, here are some things you need to know:

1. Amounts can change FAST this time of year. Yes, other people want compost too, plus commercial and agricultural communities love it, so it can go quickly.
2. Availability is first-come, first-served.
3. Weather permitting, we do our best to keep up with demand, and sometimes we are able to screen compost during the day. So even if we sell out in the morning, by the last hour of operations, we may have some available. So, call our scale house for more info.
4. Compost is subject to our facility \$10 Minimum Rate.
5. 1 Ton is equivalent to about 2 to 3 cubic yards of material, roughly the amount in a standard 8-foot pick-up bed. So, plan what you get based on how much you may need.
6. Sorry, we don't deliver, however, if you need large quantities, we can give you a list of haulers in our area who will!

And that's pretty much it. May the odds be in your favor, and we appreciate you giving the yard waste of Frederick County new life in your soil! ■

Native Garden Planted in Downtown Pocket Park



ELIUS BURRUS

By ABBIE RICKETTS

The small pocket park on West Potomac Street, next to the bridge abutment, is the recipient of native plants donated by the Smoketown Rotary Club and Wild Potomac, a local non-profit whose work is "dedicated to restoring the Potomac River and its watershed to health and abundance," according to its website. "We work to bring people into relationship with wild ecosystems."

Volunteers from both organizations, along with volunteers from Bird City Brunswick, planted the garden on April 16

after working with city staff to plan the layout and types of plants. The garden is designed to provide blooms from a variety of plants throughout the warm months.

The National Audubon Society reports native plants require low maintenance and offer beautiful showy flowers, fruits and seeds that provide nectar for pollinators such as butterflies, bees, insects and birds. Because native plants are adapted to local environmental conditions, they require far less water, saving time, money, and perhaps the most valuable natural resource, water. ■

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Time for Blueberries

By JEAN TOLEMAN

June is a good time to head over to Frog Eye Blueberry Farm to stock up on berries. This beautiful you-pick farm is not far from Brunswick. Grab your sun hat, bug spray, sunscreen and water and head up Rt. 67 toward Boonsboro to the patch on Frog Eye Road. This is a great place to bring family and friends and to make new friends. The bushes are the perfect height so there's no kneeling like you do to pick strawberries or having to climb a ladder to get apples — and you are encouraged to eat as you go since no chemicals are used on the bushes.

Frog Eye Blueberry Farm was started by Hank Dubin, a Washington D.C. engineer and entrepreneur, who planted the first bushes in 2007. By 2010, Dubin, due to health issues, was looking to sell the farm, but not just to anyone. He wanted to keep the essence of the locally owned, family friendly farm going.

At the same time, Dan Mills and family had just bought a house in Frederick. Mills worked for the federal government, had been in the military and had no farming in his background. His parents, Howard and Shirley Mills, lived in Harpers Ferry so they knew the area. Unbeknownst to him, his wife, Jennifer, and kids had been to Frog Eye and picked berries in the past. Shortly after the purchase of their house, Mill's wife called him at work one day saying he had to come and see this property. "She was so insistent," Mills said, "but we had just bought a house!"

When Mills saw the farm, he fell in love. He called his folks to come see it. "We talked to the re-



Dan Mills, Whitney Ingram, Steve Wolford and Violet Wolford with their berry harvest.

altor for over two hours, so long that Hank came home and we talked to him another hour. As we drove away, two SUVs with New York plates drove past and I thought, "That is who has the money to buy this place," and it was disheartening."

But Dubin was more interested in the vision of the new owners than selling for the most money.

Like a big family

The Mills family bought the farm in 2011. With no farming experience, they had a lot to learn. Dubin was a great teacher and, with his and others' help, they opened for their first season in 2012.

There are 2,200 bushes with 20 varieties of berries for visitors to pick from. The varieties are interspersed to enhance pol-

ination and extend the picking season to around six weeks with early-, middle- and late-season fruit. No sprays of any kind are used, "We are not certified organic because it is an expensive process, but no pesticides are used," Mills said. "And yes, the birds get their fair share of berries, too."

All care is done manually by everyone from volunteers to high school kids to their steady righthand man, Craig Blum. "We do a lot of weed-whipping and trimming," Mills added.

The farm in picturesque Pleasant Valley makes a wonderful outing. From Brunswick, head west on US 340 then take MD 67 toward Boonsboro. Frog Eye Road is up 67 on the left about 3 miles. Frog Eye is really a lane. You will drive over a small creek,

wind through fields and then see the sign for the farm. Parking is on a rise in the field. The view is spectacular as you emerge from your car, and so quiet, with only bird song and the muted sound of people chatting as they pick.



HOWARD MILLS

"We are like a big family," Mills said. "People come back year after year, and we have watched kids grow up and now they are bringing their children."

Mills expects the season will start around the second week of June. Earlier in the season there is a wider range of varieties to pick. You are encouraged to sample the berries as you go, finding the fruits that are just right for you.

Berries and community

"We see ourselves as caretakers of the berries," Mills said. While his children are grown now and not as involved with the farm, his dad can still be seen under the tent handing out pails and weighing berries.

The future? "We keep putting along," Mills said. "This is a beautiful place with our house right here, the pond, and the wonderful community. Yes, we are blueberries, but we are also a community. People meet each other here, talk over the bushes as they pick. Interactions are easy when folks are having fun. It's always a bit sad at the end of the season to close the gate knowing we won't see our 'family' again until next year."

Blueberries are easy to freeze and hold up well. Zoe T.'s favorite way to eat them is to put frozen berries in a small bowl and add milk (1% works best) which freezes around the berries and makes frozen blueberry milk. Eat with a spoon for a fun treat on a hot afternoon.

Frog Eye Blueberry Farm is at 19600 Frog Eye Road in Knoxville. Check Facebook, Instagram or call 301-733-8645 to find out when the farm will be open. Payment in cash or check is preferred. ■

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Tour tickets will be sold 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 13 at Carroll Manor Elementary School, 5624 Adamstown Road, Adamstown. Tour hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the self-guided tour begins at the school. Tickets are \$20. Children under age 12 are free.

Food: From noon to 5 p.m., food trucks from In10se BBQ, Antietam Dairy, and Traditional Authentic Mexican Food will be at Carroll Manor Elementary.

From 3 to 5 p.m., tour goes are invited to the host site (identified in the ticket booklet) for a judged art show and art sale and old-time music performed by The Gravy Soppers. The show and sale will start at 3:30. Proceeds benefit the foundation.

More information: frederick-landmarks.org/barnstormers

By **ABBIE RICKETTS**

The annual Barnstormers Tour and Plein Air Paint Out is back this year on Saturday, June 13. The tour is sponsored by the Frederick County Landmarks Foundation, a private nonprofit organization that promotes the preservation of historic sites, structures, natural landmarks and communities of Frederick County.

Last year's tour featured Jefferson area historic barns. This year, "The Barns of Carrollton Manor," will spotlight historic barns in the Adamstown area. Ticket holders will visit barns on farms around Adamstown with demonstrators and plein air artists at work.

About the tour

The self-guided tour raises public awareness of Frederick County's agricultural heritage and how barns were constructed to last. Docents will greet ticket holders at each barn to share information and answer

questions.

According to the foundation's website, plein air art (from the French for "in the open air") is the practice of creating artwork outside, allowing artists "to capture natural lighting, weather, and atmosphere more realistically than working from photos or inside a studio."

Mary Mannis is president of the foundation, which she said is "the only organization who has the responsibility to advocate for preservation throughout the County," and the Barnstormers Tour and Plein Air Paint Out is one of their most important yearly events.

"Through the barn tour and the work of the plein air artists, (the foundation) strives to both document and increase the visibility of Frederick's agricultural landscape and vernacular architectural heritage," Mannis said. "This is especially important today when the county's landscape is changing rapidly."

"Barnstormers' encourages individuals to tour parts of Frederick that they might not be familiar with and for people who are not part of the agricultural community to become a little more familiar with farm life," Mannis said. "It is difficult for people to understand what is lost when the landscape and structures are destroyed if they aren't familiar with what was there and why it existed."

About the foundation

The Frederick County Landmarks Foundation strives to increase knowledge and appreciation of the area's rich history through sharing knowledge of historical places in Frederick according to the website. It owns and maintains several properties.

Schifferstadt, in Frederick, is the most prominent of these. The foundation purchased the historic 18th-century house in 1974, saved it from demolition, and operates it as the Schifferstadt Architectural Museum, offering tours and educational programs. In 2017, the property was designated a National Historic Landmark.

The foundation also owns the Beatty-Cramer House in the Mt. Pleasant area, one of the oldest standing buildings in Frederick County, and the restored Zion Church and Cemetery in Urbana.

Next year will mark the 20th Barnstormers tour. "In the year between this tour and next we are planning a series of special exhibits at Artspiration Frederick," Mannis said. "In 2027-28, we will also be publishing a book about the event and the history of Frederick County's agricultural buildings as seen through the barns of Barnstormers."

"We hope that our tours contribute to attendees valuing Frederick's historic built environment and natural, and man-made, landscapes," Mannis said. "We are one of the most successful barn tours in the country." ■

BAM!

Brunswick Art Market is Back



JEAN TOLEMAN

Megan Hunter is offering art classes at her Messy Bee Studio, 23 W. Potomac Street.

The Brunswick Arts Council's popular art market is back for a summer solstice edition on June 20. The group is joining forces with Smoketown Shakedown to showcase almost 60 art vendors. BAM! will be Upstairs@Smoketown, 223 W. Potomac St., while the Smoketown Shakedown will be across the street in the Smoketown parking lot.

BAM! features entirely handmade art and crafts from a variety of local artists. Visitors will be treated to acoustic music throughout the day with drinks available from Smoketown Brewery's Upstairs bar. The art market is from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with an after party downstairs at Smoketown from 7-9 p.m.

Summer classes now available

The Brunswick Arts Council is offering classes in a variety of art forms for kids, teens and adults. The classes include painting, theater, sewing, embroidery, photography, print-making, sculpture and more. Beginner and intermediate guitar classes for adults are also offered.

Most of the classes are at Messy Bee Studio in downtown Brunswick and at the Brunswick City Park Building. Moderate fees are charged for most of the classes. They also offer some free classes at the Brunswick library. See the full list and sign up on their website: brunswickmdartevents.org/classes. ■

BNJ Travels

Christina May catches up on Brunswick area news while viewing the Church of the Seven Martyrs in Sifnos, Greece.



Brunswick Crossing resident Terry James catches up on hometown news while visiting Peggy's Cove in Nova Scotia.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, PART 3

Using AI

Now that you have some idea of how AI gets its information, you may want to explore what AI can do. Your entry to the world of AI is going to be a conversational “chatbot.” This is an agent between you and the AI Large Language Model (LLM).

Search “wiki chatbot listing” where you will find a list and the official URL for them. Some of these, such as Alexa, CoPilot, Gemini, and Siri, are created by well-known companies and offer both an audible and written interface. Others like ChatGTP, DeepSeek, and Claude come from companies you may have never heard of. Keep in mind the following basic guardrails to keep yourself safe.

Be sure if you type a URL that you are using the official site. There are fake sites with similar names that are waiting to steal your account information. A red flag is any site that asks for account or password information. There is never ever a reason to enter any account information or passwords.

The LLM is recording everything you enter and saving it as “learning” for the LLM. If you decide to enter personal data,



keep in mind that everything is being retained. Privacy and confidentiality may be nonexistent.

It may be free to start using, but most chatbots are going to want your money via a subscription. If you are a Windows user, then sticking with CoPilot will be free for some features as would Alexa if you are an Amazon Prime customer. But this landscape is constantly changing.

If you are installing an app, then be sure to get it from a reputable source such as the Google Play, Apple, or Microsoft stores. If you go outside of the vendor stores, you are opening yourself to installing a virus or worse software! Unlike other chatbots mentioned, Claude runs on your computer! I strongly discourage use of this software. If you want to use this chatbot, I suggest you search for Claude security and privacy before you proceed with the install.

Keep it simple. While you should try to be “conversational” with AI and not just type in search words, it is best to keep your sentences short and direct. Make it easy for the chatbot to break apart your sentence by making the sentence easy to parse. Begin a conversation at a general level and then dive down to more specifics.

You could try out the sample: “How can I get from Washington, D.C. to Chicago?”

Use the right AI for the right purpose. There are hundreds of AI LLMs built now. Some of these are purpose-built to handle specific types of conversations, whether it be creating images or videos or coding a website for your use.

Be cautious. This is new for everyone and the technology is changing fast. There is no oversight from any regulatory body, so you must be your own guardian of what you do and what you disclose.

Enjoy and keep safe. ■

John the Computer Guy works in the IT industry. He has provided tech support to corporations and governments with large databases and individuals with Windows, Macs and iDevices.

If you have a computer question for him, email editor@BrunswickNews.com.

Mosquito Control:
What Works, What Doesn't

By DR. KATHY HEINSOHN

Mosquitoes are the number one vectors of harmful diseases and viruses headlining the news: Malaria, Zika, West Nile Virus, Canine Heartworm, and encephalitis diseases such as Equine Encephalitis. Climate changes are allowing various mosquito species to move north into new areas. Here are some ways to prevent large numbers of mosquitoes around your home this summer.

The main thing you need to know is that any standing water is your enemy. Toss collected water every 7 to 10 days. Mosquitoes lay eggs in stagnating water then go through complete metamorphosis (larva, pupa, adult), so to break a mosquito's lifecycle (typically 7 to 10 days egg to adult at 75F, and faster at warmer temperatures), tip out that water! Any eggs, larvae and pupae will die if water isn't present.

Areas that tend to collect stagnant water: bird baths, pet water dishes, trash can lids or the cans themselves if not covered, recycled cans and bottles, kiddie pools, guttering clogged with leaf debris, rain barrels without screen covers to keep mosquitoes from laying eggs in them, potted plant bases that hold water, old tires, and ponds that have no or insufficient aerators to ripple the water, soil grading that does not move water away from your home and lets it puddle and stand.

Mowing grass low and often and keeping shrubs trimmed will help. Night-biting mosquitoes often rest on the underside of thick shrubs during the day. Removing shady resting places (piles of debris or wood stacked against homes) also helps.

Decorative ponds should have fish like Gambusia or Koi that eat mosquitoes in all life stages. Ponds should have strong bubblers/aeration to keep the edges of the water rippling, as mosquitoes cannot land and lay eggs unless the water is still. The larvae and pupae climb up and down the water column to breathe air at the water surface, and if the water is rippling it will drown them.

Installing a bat house in your yard or attracting purple martins and swallows will also help. Bats and birds eat a lot of mosquitoes. Encouraging dragonflies at all life stages (adults in air or nymphs in water) is also good. Dragonflies are voracious mosquito eaters.

Remove old tires used as swings or gardening structures or drill holes in them so water drains out.

Hiring a pest control company to check for conducive conditions and to spray/mist products designed to kill adult mosquitoes, adult ticks, and their eggs, larvae, and nymphs is a good approach as well. During the season, treatment

should occur every three to four weeks. A freeze-dried, safe bacterial product, Bt (*Bacillus thuringiensis* sp.), can be used in moist and stagnant water areas to kill mosquito larvae.

The main thing you need to know is that any standing water is your enemy. Toss collected water every 7 to 10 days.

To protect yourself from mosquito-borne disease, consider wearing an insect repellent with at least 25 to 30% DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide) or an insect repellent with 20% Picaridin or a permethrin product sprayed on or incorporated into your outdoor clothing. Most big-name outdoor outfitters have clothing with incorporated permethrin that is good for hundreds of washes; it will not harm you or your skin but will repel mosquitoes.

If you do use a spray product with DEET or Picaridin in it, always read and follow all label instructions, especially when applying to small children. Do not use these products on broken or irritated skin areas.

DIY that does not work:

Bug zappers work indiscriminately and do not reduce biting.

Garlic ingested or applied topically has no proven repellent effect.

Citronella provides short-term relief but is affected by wind. Further, the amount of citronella in a candle is too small to have any effect. Some studies suggest that a plain, unscented candle works just as well to reduce mosquito landing.

“Mosquito plants” sold at garden centers (geraniums) are similarly ineffective—the plant only releases oils when the leaves are crushed.

Electric mosquito repellants that emit high frequency sound have been debunked by several reviews. There is zero evidence they reduce mosquito landings.

Carbon dioxide-based mosquito attractors will draw mosquitoes but are no more effective than a person standing there who is also emitting the lures of CO₂ and lactic acid.

Best DIY option:

A strong oscillating fan. Mosquitoes are lightweight, do not like to fly, and have trouble landing when there are sufficient wind currents. ■

Dr. Kathy Heinsohn has a PhD in Structural and Urban Pest Management from Purdue University and is a Board Certified Entomologist (B.C.E.) and local beekeeper. She lives in Brunswick.

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LOCAL HISTORY

Shadows on the Potomac

Remembering A Lost Way of Life in Brunswick

By PETER WENNER

The fight ended quietly with a date on a notice: September 10, 1983. That was the deadline the National Park Service (NPS) gave Newton “Catfish” Burkhart, the last man still refusing to give up his riverbank cabin near Brunswick, according to a Washington Post story that summer. When Burkhart finally ran out of appeals and allies, a way of life along the Potomac slipped quietly into memory.

The C&O Canal National Historical Park, created in 1971, set the clock ticking. One by one, the family camps, fishing shacks, and weekend cabins that dotted the riverbank were bought out and demolished. The government offered up to \$15,000 for each parcel. At first, most owners resisted, then relented. By the mid-1980s, nearly all were gone.

Burkhart, a B&O and Chessie System brakeman, refused to be next. He wouldn’t cash the government checks for the cabin he’d bought in 1959, a mile below today’s Brunswick Family Camp-



Fishing on the river may be as much a Brunswick community pastime as baseball.

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ground. He leaned on friendships, including his Congressman Goodloe Byron, who fished with him and coached him on how to

stall the NPS. For more than a decade, the strategy worked. But by 1983, the man folks knew as “the Mayor of Potomac Flats” was out of time. U.S. Marshals stood ready to remove him if he didn’t go willingly.

“The Mayor of Potomac Flats”

The Post article described Catfish Burkhart as someone who “knew every inlet...every twist and turn along the water—a true river local.”

Brunswick community leader Abbie Ricketts, whose family owned a neighboring camp, recalls the hand-painted wooden sign that marked Burkhart’s place and nearby cabins — “Potomac Flats” — hanging from a tree. “I can still remember him going by in his boat and he always had a cigar in his mouth,” she said. My dad always said he couldn’t swim, but he would get out on

the river when it was really high.”

The Brunswick stretch of the Potomac was home to vibrant river communities along the C&O Canal. These communities consisted of multi-generational, semi-permanent settlements, many lacking formal utilities. They were tucked between the river and towpath, from just above Lander to Weverton.

Voices from the river: three family stories

Abbie Strawsburg Ricketts’ family retreat was the second cabin down from the campground near the towpath, a place her maternal grandparents bought in the early 1960s and made into a shared escape. “It was passed down for family to use whenever we wanted to,” Abbie said. “My father (Leroy Strawsburg, who owned Brunswick Hardware for 46 years) was such an avid outdoorsman and fisherman, that’s where we spent our vaca-



Pam and Abbie Strawsburg in the cove below the family cabin. Abbie was learning to pole a boat. Their father had tied a long rope to the boat to make sure they didn’t get carried down the river.

ABBIE RICKETTS

tion every summer. We were up on a hill, so we had to go down a long flight of steps to get to the river. We had a little landing deck where we got into the boats. We had electricity, but didn’t have running water, so we’d have to haul our water down there. We had an outhouse.”

The community, she said, was colorful. Their neighbor Floby Hahn’s cabin “was all decorated. He had his railings painted with designs on them. A lot of people did that.”

two bedrooms, with a kitchen/great room/dining/living area.” The larger cabin, which had electricity and running water, was more than a vacation home, according to Ray Jr., “Ray and Tannie stayed throughout the summer, and even into the fall if the weather was warm.”

As Lucas summarized, “Daily life along the river was relaxing, and included horseshoes, water watching, listening to ball on the radio, fishing, grilling, and porch swinging. Good company, and slow river life.”

Ray Lucas Sr. and his wife, Tannie, owned two properties less than 100 yards downstream from the Family Campground: an older cabin built by Ray’s Thompson in-laws and a much larger cabin he constructed in the late 1960s with family and friends.

Ray Lucas Jr. explained that “The existing Thompson cabin was flat on the ground. Ray and Tannie’s was raised up on stilts like a Carolina coastal house. Under their cabin was a large concrete pad to hold picnics, patio furniture, and cars. It included

Richard Pearell remembers his family cabin was the last one down the towpath toward Lander. It was built by his father, Russell, and Richard’s brothers in the mid-1960s “three miles down the towpath from under the bridge.”

Describing his early river life, Pearell said, “We had boats and would take them out on the river. We had a small island in front of our cabin that (his brother) David and I would pole the boat to. Being the last cabin, we would wander the woods. We also did a lot of

BRUNSWICK CITIZEN



Catfish Burkhart proudly displays a string of smallmouth bass, each weighing more than three pounds. Known for his generosity, he often shared his catch with needy local families.

ground. He leaned on friendships, including his Congressman Goodloe Byron, who fished with him and coached him on how to

RAY E. LUCAS, SR.



The Lucas river house inundated by the flood waters of Hurricane Agnes in June, 1972.

Potomac CONTINUED

fishing. We would go almost every weekend and sometime stay for a week."

Life along the river in the 1960s

Imagine a typical morning. A light fog hangs over the Potomac as the first boats launch from the Brunswick bank. Coffee brews over an open flame or propane stove. Someone checks the overnight fishing lines. The river is quiet, except for water flowing over rocks and the distant rumble of a freight train. Experienced anglers know where the fish are jumping— catfish near Brunswick and carp on the deeper Virginia side.

Abbie Ricketts described "a big screened-in porch on the front" of the family cabin. "We had tables and chairs out there where we could eat and look out over the river. I think that's one of my fondest memories. Getting up in the morning and going out on that big porch. Eating breakfast and watching the river go by. It was always very peaceful."

Abbie's father went out on the river all day and sometimes his children would go out with him. "For us (kids), if we weren't out on the boat with him, we were playing in the river and swimming out front," she explained. "There was always something to do. We fished off the boat dock. We took our bicycles down there and rode on the towpath a lot."

Cooking and washing dishes without running water was a working week for her mother, Peggy, but she enjoyed the relaxing pace, too.

"Dad knew where all the Indian fish pots were. There was one right below our camp. They're V-shaped, and they go across the river with the point of the 'V' downstream. They look like rock ledges where rocks had been piled up. A lot of fish gather right below them, especially in the little pockets of quiet water. We fished

at night in the dark for catfish.

"Dad took a spotlight and would hang 'bush bobs' where you hang a white cord from a tree limb...out over the river and it's got a hook...so you could see it and leave them like that and check later to see if you've caught any fish." She added that the lines were usually baited with chicken livers or shrimp when shrimp weren't that expensive.

Sadly, those glorious summer days were numbered.

The aftermath of Hurricane Agnes

The June 1972 hurricane sent the Potomac roaring over its banks, smashing cabins and knocking many off their foundations. With the NPS already pushing for their removal, the end of many river camps came quickly following the devastation of Agnes.

Ray Lucas Jr. recalled that Agnes swept Ray's cabin off its stilts and wedged it between some trees on the riverbank. He "had someone with a large tractor drag it back and they set it on the cement pad, flat, and no longer on stilts."

Richard Pearrell said the floodwaters "picked our house up off the piers and turned it backwards. We had the Army (Corps of) Engineers come in with a crane and reset it."

Neither property lasted much longer before the families sold to the NPS.

Epilogue

Newton V. "Catfish" Burkhardt died on September 16, 1987.

In a Brunswick Citizen tribute, publisher Peter Maynard called him "an individual in the best American tradition," suggesting that his death at 62 might have come "perhaps in part because of injuries suffered in a tremendous fight...when he battled the National Park Service to a standstill a few years ago." ■

The LATEST from the LAST C•E•N•T•U•R•Y

100 Years Ago
from The
Valley Register

Compiled by
Julie Maynard

June 4, 1926.

Urges Aid to Buy Bridge.

Unless Frederick county raises \$10,000 toward the \$50,000 to be raised by Loudoun county, Va., toward the purchase of the Brunswick bridge, the effort to make the Point of Rocks and Brunswick bridges free will fall through, according to William J. Grove, of Lime Kiln, near Frederick, who urges that some one take the initiative in this matter. Mr. Grove states that his information comes from a source of the highest authority.

Valley Men Convicted of Violating Game Laws.

Notice of an appeal has been filed by Holden Felton and Arthur Willard, attorneys for John Remsburg, of near Middletown, Rodney Huffer and Marshall Ahalt, of near Middletown, who were found guilty in Frederick Police Court last week by Justice Brust, on charges of violating the fish and game laws of Frederick county. Fines amounting to \$700 were imposed on the men, who were found guilty on three charges: fishing out of season, using a seine, and for catching fish other than with rod, hook and line.

A charge of assault and battery against Remsburg, filed by Alonzo W. Corum, of Jefferson, a deputy game warden, was dismissed. Rodney Huffer, charged with carrying a revolver openly with intent to do bodily harm, was found not guilty, and another charge of assault and battery placed against Huffer by the officer, was dismissed. Only the three specific charges were filed against the men as a result of a systematic crusade against the violation of fish and game laws.

Deputy Game Warden Corum testified that he arrested the four men along the Potomac river, near Catocin, Md., on May 19, and that Huffer drew a gun and threatened to shoot him. The men, when apprehended, had 140 pounds of fish in three sacks, which were confiscated by the officer. The fish were sold in Frederick for \$19, the proceeds being turned over to the State Conservation Commission. The case required several hours for trial.

"Everybody Go to Church Sunday"

Sunday, June 13: has been designated as "Everybody Go to Church Sunday" by all of the congregations in the Burkittsville district, according to literature that is being sent out. The idea is to have everyone attend at least one service on that day, at whichever church they prefer.

The churches taking part in the observance are: Locust Valley Church of God, Rev. Wastler, pastor; Pleasant Valley Church of the Brethren, Rev. Bowlus, pastor; Burkittsville Reformed Church, Rev. Werner, pastor; African M. E. Church, Rev. Elias L. Plumer, pastor, and the Burkittsville Lutheran Church, Rev. Erdman, pastor.

Runs From Snake, Sprains Ankle

Postmaster Leslie W. Gaver, this place, while taking in the sights at Gapland, Washington county, on Monday, with his brother, Joseph O. Gaver, and his son, Roland M. Gaver, sprained his ankle very badly, and as a consequence is making his rounds on crutches. Mr. Gaver's attention was called to a large black snake by others of the party, and in his effort to make a

hurried exit from the vicinity, the sprained ankle resulted.

Charged with Assault.

Charles Fisher, of near Knoxville, was arrested on Sunday last by Deputy Sheriff Morgan Runkles, on a charge of assault, preferred by his wife, Alice Fisher. Fisher is now in the Frederick county jail, awaiting a hearing.

June 11, 1926.

Mother Accidentally Shot by Son

Mrs. Arch Toms, residing on the Dr. Noah E. Kefauver farm, is suffering painful injuries as a result of having been accidentally shot through the legs by a shot gun charge on Tuesday evening, at the hands of her 15-year-old son, Luther Toms.

Young Toms was in one room handling the shot gun and Mrs. Toms was in another room, the door being closed between the two rooms. In some manner the gun was discharged, the load of shot passing through the door and striking Mrs. Toms. Without a doubt, had not the load of shot passed through a door before striking Mrs. Toms, she would have been much more seriously injured.

Completes Course.

Miss Grace Bowlus, of near Burkittsville, has completed a nine months' course at Strayer's Business College, Washington, D. C., and is at her home for a few days before accepting a position. A number of her friends gave her a complete surprise on last Friday evening.

New Ice Cream Cabinet.

Charles K. Rhoderick, former junior editor of "The Valley Register," and now proprietor of the Yellow Tea Room, this place, has had installed by H. L. Ebert, Frederick ice cream manufacturer, a Frigidaire electric six-hole ice cream cabinet, which does away with all ice for ice cream packing. The cabinet is the latest improvement of its kind and makes a very attractive appearance.

Beautiful Roses.

Joseph E. Alexander, of near Burkittsville, has two rose trees growing on his place which are causing much comment. One has 133 red buds and the other has 130 yellow buds. The trees are about three feet tall and have attracted the attn of everyone who passes that way.

June 18, 1926.

Not Guilty.

Grayson Kepler, for whom a warrant had been issued, charging him with reckless driving, as reported last week, was on Saturday last found "not guilty" of the charge, when brought before Justice Kefauver. The case grew out of an accident which happened on the Burkittsville State road, near the Reformed church, at the edge of Middletown, over a month ago.

Strawberry Festival.

The young ladies' Sunday School Class of the Lutheran church, Burkittsville, will hold a strawberry festival on the lawn at Parish Hall, Saturday, June 19.

Bids Asked For.

Bids for refreshment privileges at the Zittlestown Picnic, to be held in Hilderbrand's Grove, along the State road, one mile east of Dahlen, Saturday, Aug. 14, will be received until July 10. Music by the Rohrersville Band. Address bids to

S. L. HUTZELL.

6-18-2t-101 Boonsboro, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowers, of

near Broad Run, are rejoicing over the birth of a ten-pound boy.

June 25, 1926.

Harvest Soon To Be In Full Swing.

Wheat harvesting was begun in some sections of Frederick county last week, and this week has seen quite an increase in the cutting of grain. By the latter part of next week it is expected that the entire wheat crop will be in the shock, and it is said that the yield will be about the average.

Corn is still short throughout the county, much more rain being needed, and the cutworms, thriving in cool weather, have made much corn replanting necessary.

Longest Day Has Passed.

Monday last was the longest day of the year, the period of darkness being shorter than at any other time of the year. On Monday the sun crossed the Tropic of Capricorn, bound on its northern journey. From that time the daylight period becomes one minute shorter each day, until December 21, when Old Sol will reverse.

Surprise Handkerchief Shower.

A surprise handkerchief shower was given Mrs. Charles W. Beachley, Broad Run, this valley, by her daughter, on June 7th, it being Mrs. Beachley's 62nd birthday. She received 56 very beautiful handkerchiefs and many pretty birthday cards.

For County Commissioner.

I hereby announce my candidacy for County Commissioner, subject to the Republican primaries. I will appreciate your influence and support.

G. E. STINE,
(Better known as "Cap")
Ballenger District.

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Mountain-Top Services To Be Held at Gapland.

The annual mountain-top services will be held at Crampton's Gap, on Sunday evening next, June 27, at 6 o'clock sharp. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. H. C. Erdman, pastor of the Lutheran Church, Burkittsville, and special music will be furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo J. Sheets, Mrs. William Sheats and Mr. Harry Correll, all of Baltimore. Rev. Erdman will take as his text, "The Great I Am."

For nine years past these services have been held on the mountain-top, and an effort is being made to make this, the tenth year, the best of all. The services are being held at 6 o'clock, so that no other services in that vicinity will be interfered with.

After New Road.

A delegation of about 50 taxpayers, including half a dozen women, merchants, and business men of Brunswick and Knoxville, appeared in a body before John N. Mackall, chairman of the State Roads Commission, in Baltimore, on Thursday, and strongly urged an improved road over the old bed of the county road between Brunswick and Knoxville. Mr. Mackall said he would hold the matter under advisement, but the delegation feels that their claim has been recognized.

May Wear Short Skirts

Teachers in the Washington county schools may wear their skirts short, refresh their complexion with little dabs of rouge and even apply a wee bit of lipstick without fear of molestation. Superintendent of Schools B. J. Grimes declared in an interview that he wants his teachers to look modern.



An example of a river house near Brunswick. This was Helen and Earl Spurrier, Jr.'s cabin in 1955.

BRUNSWICK HISTORY COMMISSION

SPORTS

BHS Baseball Wrap-up Season ends in disappointing loss to Leopards

By **BILL CAULEY**

For the second straight season, Smithsburg showed Brunswick High School's baseball team an early exit from the Class 1A West, Section II playoffs. The difference this time around was the Leopards took the lead early and held it.

Smithsburg rallied last year to defeat the Railroaders in the playoffs. The Leopards opened up an early lead on Brunswick on Saturday, May 9, at Brunswick, then withstood a Railroaders' rally in the late innings for a 9-6 win.

The loss ends Brunswick's season at 11-8.

A season of promise

"We got down early in this game," Brunswick coach Roger Dawson said. "We've had to come from behind in a few games this year. That's what the game is all about."

The loss to Smithsburg reflected the kind of season the Railroaders had this year. What started out as a season of promise was turning into one that had its share of bumps in the road.

Brunswick started out 1-5 in the early part of the season before putting together four straight wins from April 7 through April 11 to right the ship. The team appeared to be getting stronger again before an embarrassing, 14-4 loss at Boonsboro on April 30.

The Railroaders closed out the regular season with a 12-2 win at home against Hancock on May 4. Brunswick ended up being the No. 2 seed in the section, earning

the home field advantage for the first playoff game against Smithsburg.

The Railroaders won the regular-season game with the Leopards, 9-6, at home on April 20. A Smithsburg win over Francis Scott Key in the first round set up the rematch between the two schools.

The final game

It only took one swing of Gavin Ramarge's bat in the top of the first inning with the bases loaded to set the tone of the game. His shot off Brunswick starter Zack Via on an 0-1 count easily cleared the fence in left field for a grand slam.

Smithsburg was up, 4-0. The Leopards had the momentum, something it wasn't going to give up the rest of the way.

"That big swing of the bat changed everything," Dawson said. "We had to try and play catch-up the rest of the game."

Dillon Murphy broke the shutout with an RBI single to left-center in the bottom of the first. Brunswick was down, 4-1, at this juncture and looked as if it might be poised for a comeback.

Instead, Smithsburg tacked on five runs in the fifth. That would be enough to keep Brunswick at bay the remainder of the game.

The Railroaders got a single run in the fifth on a one-out solo homer by Hunter Reed. He followed that up with a two-run single in the sixth as part of a three-run inning.

Then came the seventh, where Brunswick had a chance for one last comeback effort. With one out, Murphy drew a walk. Owen

Nugent flew to right field.

LJ Tobery singled to left center, scoring Murphy. Carter Vinar doubled to right-center. Smithsburg decided to intentionally walk Reed, knowing his potential for hitting the long ball in clutch situations.

Justin Ricketts waited out a 3-2 count, hoping for a deep shot himself, but he grounded out to shortstop Chase Sarber, ending the game and Brunswick's season.

"We just couldn't seem to get the big hit in the first couple of innings," Dawson said. "We started getting some good hits in the fifth and sixth but it was a little too late."

Tobery and Murphy each had three hits for the Railroaders. Reed, Judah Purks and Logan Lowery each had two. Reed had three RBIs. Via had a double for Brunswick.

Jaxon Teson had two hits for the Leopards. Mason Oates had a double for Smithsburg.

Brunswick left 14 runners on base. "That's been a problem at times for us this year," Dawson said. We left too many runners on base early and we made a couple of base running mistakes that cost us, but I've got to give our guys credit. They scraped and clawed their way back. We had our opportunities.

There's always next year

The Railroaders graduate nine from this year's squad, but Dawson said the team has some good players coming through the system and looks forward to next year.

"We'll be good, that's Brunswick baseball," Dawson said. ■

BHS Girls Softball Win Round 1, Ousted in 2nd Round Playoff Game

By **ABBIE RICKETTS**

In the MPSSAA Class 1A Playoffs Round 1 held on May 7 at Brunswick, the Lady Railroaders dominated Clear Spring 14-0 in a one-hit shutout. Team bats were hot with 13 hits including two hits apiece by Siena Russo, Maya Lowery and Alexis Loy. Good for two baggers each were Lowery, Ava Higgins, Bailee Bednar, and Juliette Bel. Kassidy Barnhouse pitched for the Lady Railroaders.

In Round 2 on May 11, which was the Region Semifinal, Brunswick was eliminated by a

strong pitching and hitting Cactoin High School team with a final score of 8-2.

The Railroaders compiled a 13-9 record overall. Earlier in April they lost a tough game to Williamsport 8-7 and lost to perennial powerhouse Linganore by 5-2. The Linganore High School girls softball team reached the MPSSAA Class 3A State Semifinals, but was eliminated after falling to Chesapeake High School of Pasadena by a score of 3-1 on May 19. On April 27, the Lady Railroaders beat Tuscarora High School 14-0. ■

Steadman-Keenan Post 96 American Legion Baseball Schedule

June 9	..... West Virginia Diamond Dawgs	.....7 p.m.
June 11	..... Berkeley Post 14	.....7 p.m.
June 16	.....at Boonsboro Post 10	.....5:30 p.m.
June 17	..... Boonsboro Post 10	.....7 p.m.
June 18	.....at Boonsboro Post 10	.....5:30 p.m.
June 23	.....at Leesburg Post 34	.....5:30 p.m.
June 24	..... Mount Airy Post 191 (B Team)	.....7 p.m.
June 25	..... Leesburg Post 34	.....7 p.m.
June 29	.....at Mount Airy Post 191 (B Team)	.....5:30 p.m.
June 30	.....at FSK Post 11	.....5:30 p.m.
July 1	..... FSK Post 11	.....7 p.m.
July 2	.....at FSK Post 11	.....5:30 p.m.
July 3	..... Damascus Post 171 Jr. Team	.....6 p.m.
July 6	.....at Funkstown Post 211	.....6 p.m.
July 7	..... Funkstown Post 211	.....7 p.m.
July 8	.....at Funkstown Post 211	.....6 p.m.
July 9	..... Mount Airy Post 191 (B Team)	.....7 p.m.
July 14	.....at Mount Airy Post 191	.....5 p.m.
July 15	..... Mount Airy Post 191*	.....5 p.m.

*-Doubleheader

All home games at Brunswick High School

Lena Butler Wins West Tennis Region

By **LEE ZUMBACH**

The 2026 boys and girls Brunswick High School Tennis teams had very successful seasons. Along with an outstanding team record, Junior Lena Butler became the first Brunswick singles female player to qualify for the Maryland State Tournament since Gretchen Unger qualified in 1999, 27 years ago. Lena won 3 matches at the regional including a big upset win over the #1 seeded player from Mountain Ridge. Results of state play on May 25-26 were not available at press time.

The boys and girls team chant before every match is "How Long?" and then we cheer, "As Long As It Takes." That slogan symbolizes the attitude of the Brunswick tennis program, in that there is no clock in tennis; players never give up until the last point is played.

This year both the boys and the girls had many come-from-behind wins. That effort netted Brunswick a 2nd place finish in the league Central Maryland



Lena Butler after she won the West 1A Regional Championship. Lena became the first women's singles player from Brunswick to qualify to the state tennis tournament since Gretchen Unger accomplished this in 1999. Lena completed a 17-3 season record to date.

Conference small school division for both teams, a 4th place finish for the girls in the county with only larger schools ahead of them. The boys placed 5th in

the county, and in the regional Brunswick placed 4th as a combined boys and girls team score. The girls had a regular season record of 12-3 while the boys were 10-5. Combined Brunswick finished the regular season with 22 match wins against just 8 total losses.

Lena led the girls team with a record of 13-2. Addison Ligie, Janelle Razunguzwa, Kaitlyn Heck, Addison Willis, Hope Lehto and exchange student Tomine Jorgensen made up the various doubles positions. Freshman Evangelina Hoffman did a great job in singles and doubles. Isabella Smith and Akshaine Pollokonda played the alternate role for the varsity team.

Aiden McDonald, a sophomore, led the men's team with an amazing 14-1 regular season record. He placed 3rd in the county, 3rd in the region and tied for first in the league. The doubles roles were led by Chris Price & Wyatt Guyton who placed 3rd in the region. Luke Prosnick, Pourity Sok, Colin Trendell, Harshard Sivapuram, and Michael Cunanan



Senior members of the 2026 boys and girls tennis teams: Back row, Purity Sok, Chris Price, Michael Cunanan, Colin Trendell. Front row, Addison Willis, Kaitlyn Heck, Tomine Jergenson.

made up the varsity doubles positions.

The team thanks all the parents for their great team support. With a strong freshman class and a number of returning

JV players, and hopefully new players in 2027, there is a bright future for BHS tennis. Tennis is a "no cut" spring program with space for up to 30 players of all levels of skill. ■

BHS Track Season Nears End

Girls win small school's meet in Central Maryland Conference

By ANNE ZUMBACH

Brunswick High School track teams are concluding their season at the state meet at Morgan State University. The teams qualified 10 girls and 11 boys for the state meet.

The teams competed in the small school Central Maryland Conference meet in April at Smithsburg. The girls won the meet while the boys finished in the middle of the pack. The girls were led by Faith Doue who won the 100- and 400-meter races, Morgan Bilbrey who won the 200, and Sergia Nyambi who won the high jump and took 2nd in the 300 hurdles.

Third place finishes went to Kate Virgilio in the 800, Shelby Kenawell in the 1600, and Leah Smallwood in the 300 hurdles. The 4X400 relay of Sergia, Kate, Faith and Morgan took first while the 4X100 relay of Sergia, Morgan, Leah and Faith finished 2nd as did the 4X200 relay of Sergia, Morgan, Leah, and Katie.

In the boys meet, the 4X800 relay off Kassey Tetteh, Simon McGillivray, Asher Adelman, and Jonah Miller took first while Thomas O'Leary was 2nd in the pole vault. The 4X200 relay of Cameron Hayes, Brenton Johnson, Josiah Nunez, and Tyler Mashburn also finished in 2nd place.



BHS Girls Track Team showing their CMC plaque.

County meet

The county meet was tough as BHS teams competed against all schools in the county. The girls got 2nd place finishes from Sergia in the 300 hurdles, Faith in the 400, and the 4X100 relay of Sergia, Morgan, Leah, and Faith. A 3rd place finish went to Morgan in the 200 while 4th place went to Faith in the 200 and Morgan in the 400.

Regional meet

At the regionals, the girls team placed 2nd and the boys team placed 3rd. First place finishes for the girls went to

Morgan Bilbrey in the 200 and 400. Sergia, Morgan, Leah, Faith, and Kate Virgilio joined in various combinations to win the 4X100, 4X200, and 4X400. Second place finishes went to Faith in the 100, 200, and 400 and Sergia in the 300 hurdles while Abigail Ashley took 3rd in triple jump.

In the boys meet, 1st place finishes went to Thomas O'Leary in pole vault as he cleared 13' and the 4X100 relay off Eden Briggs, Brenton Johnson, Cameron Hayes, and Tyler Mashburn. Second place finishes went to Tyler Mash-

burn in the 200, the 4X800 relay of Asher Adelman, Simon McGillivray, Jonah Miller, and Adam Parde and the 4X200 relay of Cameron Hayes, Brenton Johnson, Josiah Nunez, and Tyler Mashburn. In the 1600, Simon and Asher took 3rd and 4th, in the 3200 Asher and Simon went 5th and 6th, and in the 800 Kassey and Adam went 3-7, with Kassey recording a time of 2:00.17.

Other qualifiers included Kierstyn Uppercue, Shelby Kenawell and Hailey Tyler in the pole vault, and Madison George in the discus. ■

Brunswick Middle School Tennis Camp

By LEE ZUMBACH

The Brunswick Middle School Tennis Camp will take place June 8-11. The camp will be held on the Brunswick High School tennis courts starting at 6 p.m. and ending at 7:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday, weather permitting.

Grades 6 through 9

The tennis camp is open to all area boys and girls entering grades 6 through 9 this fall. Instruction will be given by Brunswick High School experienced coaches, with assistance from several high school tennis team members. There is no charge for the camp; however, pre-registration is required. Register by calling coach Zumbach at 301-834-8045 or email zum50@hotmail.com.

The strokes, strategies and rules of the sport will be taught so that players will be able to play tennis with friends or family this summer. A tennis racket will be provided if the player is in need. Tennis is a high school offered sport and a lifelong physical activity. ■

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I'm Against:

Data Center Expansion. I voted against the expansion of data centers and the overlay map in Adamstown.

New Power Lines. We should upgrade the lines we have as much as possible before building new lines through green fields.

Raising Taxes. I voted against both the 5-cent property tax and the income tax increase.

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SPORTS

Sports Medicine: Night Pain is Not Just in Your Head

By ISABELLA MAXEY,
FREDERICK HEALTH

After a long day, you expect settling down for bed to be the most relaxing part of your evening. But for millions of Americans, it's the opposite.

Feeling pain worse at night is an extremely common experience that includes conditions like back pain, nerve pain, joint pain and chronic inflammation. A 2022 Sleep Foundation survey found that 95.1% of adults lose at least an hour of sleep to pain each week. Understanding the cause can help determine the best treatment and get you back to a more relaxing routine.

Why does my body hurt more at night?

There are a number of different reasons you can feel more pain at night, and it's closely tied to where you are feeling the pain.

"Pain in your joints, back, and spine might signal a poor sleep posture or inflammation from stillness," said Dr. Lawrence Enweze, an orthopedic and sports medicine surgeon at Frederick Health. "Pain in other areas such as muscles, hips or knees might point to an injury or underlying condition. Without daytime distractions, the silence of night can also heighten your perception of



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pain in these areas."

Sleep position and stillness — It's normal for your joints to feel somewhat stiff in the morning, as you have been lying still for several hours, but prolonged stillness and sleep positioning can affect some people.

Joints rely on movement to stay lubricated. During rest, lubrication slows, and inflammatory fluid can build up at the joints, causing pain. In addition, lying down for hours can put direct, prolonged pressure on specific joints (hips, shoulders, knees), causing pain in those areas, especially if they're consistently strained or injured.

Hormones — Hormones fluctuate throughout the day based on factors like diet, activity and sleep quality. "Your body naturally releases cortisol, the stress

hormone, to provide more energy and reduce inflammation in the morning," said Dr. Enweze. "Cortisol naturally drops to its lowest levels around midnight, which makes pain and inflammation most likely to flare around that time."

Dehydration — Something as simple as not drinking enough water can lead to a variety of problems in the body, and joint pain is no exception. Not only can dehydration reduce your body's natural lubrication of the joints, it can also lead to muscle spasms, muscle cramps, and decreased blood flow, leading to increased aches and pains.

Medications for other conditions can sometimes indirectly lead to dehydration, so even if you are drinking a normal

amount of water, it may not be enough if your medication dehydrates you quickly and often.

Chronic pain — Chronic pain is when symptoms persist for more than three months. It may stem from injuries, ongoing diseases like arthritis, or occur without a known cause. It can feel worse at night, but can also be tied to diseases and conditions, such as fibromyalgia, arthritis, sciatica, or nerve damage that should be addressed by a healthcare professional.

Recovery tips

Understanding where your pain comes from is the first step towards getting healthier. Exploring options for your care is as much a part of healing as the care itself.

Enhance your sleep environment — The quality of your sleep directly correlates with your general health and wellness, and one of the biggest contributors to poor sleep is temperature. Too-cold environments can stiffen the joints. Explore a balance until you find one that works best for your comfort and sleep quality.

Using pillows to support joints and maintain proper posture during sleep may help to reduce the pain you experience throughout the night and when you wake up. You may

also want to assess the quality of your pillows and mattress and see if there's any excessive softness or hardness causing discomfort. A sports medicine physician can also help determine if an orthopedic pillow may be necessary.

Change up your evening and morning routine — Using hot or cold compresses before bed can help to calm tissue and improve sleep. For stiffness and muscle tension, use heat to improve blood flow. For sharp and irritated pain, ice can be used to help reduce inflammation. Light stretching or mobility work in the evening also helps prevent overnight stiffness.

Sports Medicine: Not just for athletes

A sports medicine physician can diagnose and treat the root cause of nighttime pain. Whether or not you are an athlete, they create custom exercises to strengthen muscles and improve mobility, reducing strain on joints that cause pain while resting. They can help create a personalized plan that considers your general activity, health history and goals.

Whether you're dealing with joint pain, a sports injury, or limited mobility, an orthopedic and sports medicine specialist can help you take the next step forward. ■

Paul Gilligan Candidate for District 4 State Delegate



As State Delegate, my focus will be on land-use planning and preservation to address necessary development such as roads, schools, utilities, housing, etc. while balancing those decisions with the goal of respecting our county's scenic landscape which makes it such a special place to live for us all.

My driving motivation to run for District 4 State Delegate is in my campaign slogan:

**Frederick County:
A beautiful place to live —
Let's keep it that way!**



Gather Flowers and Feel Joy

By JEAN TOLEMAN

Why does a bouquet of flowers make us feel happy? Studies have shown flowers stimulate chemicals in our brain -- dopamine from the surprise at their beauty, oxytocin due to the feelings of trust and love associated with flowers, and serotonin due to flowers making us feel cared for. Their impact on happiness is immediate and lasting. They make us smile, feel delight and loved.

Perhaps this is why flower farms are becoming more common in our community. Many of these farms started during Covid, a time when people were rethinking what they wanted to do and where they wanted to be. Whether growing flowers or having flowers in one's home, being around flowers is joyful.

There are three farms in the area that provide floral bouquets for special occasions or to simply brighten one's home.

Hope Valley Farms

Hope Valley Farms flowers can be found at the Brunswick Farmers Market, along with the women who grow them, Cindy Smith and Beth Williams. They purchased a 29-acre farm in 2021 with the intention of offering outdoor education to youth. They work closely with Girl Scouts and have a Wildsprouts outdoor school for 2 to 8 year



Beth Williams & Cindy Smith of Hope Valley Farms selling their flowers at Brunswick Farmers Market

olds. They soon realized 28 acres was a lot of land, so they planted flowers. Williams is the one with the green thumb and the love of flowers, according to Smith, and due to demand, they have been able to expand each year, now having three hoop houses and a green house.

"Flowers are so great for our mental health, one can't help but be happy when you look at them," Smith said. Williams added "They are so significant to our histories, the happy times, the sad times. Specific flowers can spark memories of a grandparent, a special mo-

ment, they bring back so many memories."

Hope Valley sells their flowers in several ways in addition to the farmers' market. A CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program is offered with members picking up flowers at the farm. They will deliver if within 10 miles of the farm. They have a farm stand at the end of their driveway. You can pick your own flowers from August to October, the time when the most variety is available. The farm is located at 1069 Valley Road in Knoxville. More information is at hopevalleyfarmmd.com.

Winding Root Farm

Winding Root Farm in Rohrsersville grows over 50 varieties of specialty cut flowers. Farmer Caroline Selle started farming vegetables and flowers over ten years ago, but moved more into flowers in 2019. She found people wanted flowers and since her background was entomology, the flower/insect relationship really sparked her interest. Selle had worked on farms in Montgomery County so knew her craft before she started here.

Selle said she loves giving plants their best chance, using organic and sustainable practices, "I love growing them; it gives me a feeling of peacefulness." Selle added locally

grown flowers are very different from imported ones. "They have more scent and there is much more variety now. The public has also changed, with more of a commitment to supporting local farms and those that use sustainable processes that support local ecosystems."

Her flowers can be found at Maple and Rye Bakery in Brunswick and at the Lovettsville Co-op as part of the Rock and River Flower Collective. She also does weddings and event designs. She can be reached at windingrootfarm@gmail.com.

Whispering Flower Farm

Whispering Flower Farm in Pleasant Valley, owned by Yeon and Dan Kim, is a small specialty cut flower farm that offers flower subscriptions. They deliver the flowers weekly to Potomac River Interiors where members can pick them up. For more information contact yeon@whisperingflowerfarm.com.

Sometimes flowers seem like a bit of an extravagance when money is tight and times are hard. You can't eat them (most of them anyway) and you can't use them for transportation, but for our mental health there is nothing better. So, go ahead and splurge at least once this summer and take home a bundle of JOY. ■



Bouquets of flowers for sale at Lovettsville Co-op. All flowers are locally grown.

Upcoming Events & Concerts

Los Pleneros de la 21

May 29th

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June 13th

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FREDERICK COUNTY NEWS

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

CITY OF BRUNSWICK | Public Water System ID: MD0100005

We are pleased to present to you the Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) for the year, for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. (Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien).

For more information regarding this report, contact: Name: Matt Campbell Phone: 301-834-7500

Sources of Drinking Water

CITY OF BRUNSWICK is Surface water and Ground Water Under Direct Influence.

Our water source(s) and source water assessment information are listed below:

Source Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location	
POTOMAC RIVER	01-POTOMAC RIVER FILTER PLANT	Surface water	OK	Brunswick, MD
VIRGINIA SPRINGS GU	02-WTP - YOURTEE SPRING	Ground water under direct influence of surface water	Off Line	George's Mill, VA
YOURTEE SPRING GU	02-WTP - YOURTEE SPRING	Ground water under direct influence of surface water	OK	Knoxville, MD

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial Contaminants — such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.

Inorganic Contaminants — such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and Herbicides — which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.

Organic Chemical Contaminants — including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive Contaminants — which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Contaminants may be found in drinking water that may cause taste, color, or odor problems. These types of problems are not necessarily causes for health concerns. For more information on taste, odor, or color of drinking water, please contact the system's business office.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

An initial Service Line Inventory was submitted to the Maryland Department of the Environment on 10/16/2024. As a result, the Service Line Inventory requirement was fulfilled. The report is available upon request.

Source water assessment has been performed by the Maryland Department of the Environment and is accessible on their website at: https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Source_Water_Assessment_Program/Pages/by_county.aspx

In the tables below, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms, we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Variations and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Av_g: Average - Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

ND: Non-detect - Constituent was not present or was present at levels below the detection limit of the testing method.

LRAA: Locational Running Annual Average

mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)

ppt: One part per trillion is equivalent to one nanogram (ng/L) per liter. A single drop of food coloring in 18 million gallons of water.

ppb: micrograms per liter (ug/L) or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.

ppm: milligrams per liter (mg/L) or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water

pCi/L: picocuries per liter (pCi/L): picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

na: not applicable.

Our water system tested a minimum of 8 sample(s) per month in accordance with the Total Coliform Rule for microbiological contaminants. With the microbiological samples collected, the water system collects disinfectant residuals to ensure control of microbial growth.

Disinfectant	Date	Highest RAA	Unit	Range	MRDL	MRDLG	Typical Source
CHLORINE	2025	1.9	ppm	0.76 - 3.01	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes

Regulated Contaminants

In the tables below, we have shown the regulated contaminants that were detected. Chemical Sampling of our drinking water may not be required on an annual basis; therefore, information provided in this table refers back to the latest year of chemical sampling results.

Lead and Copper	Period	90th percentile: 90% of your water utility levels were less than	Range of Sampled Results (low-high)	Unit	AL	ALG	Sites Over AL	Typical Source
Lead	2025	2	<0.04-2	ppb	15	0	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2025	0.084	0.002-0.340	ppm	1.3	1.3	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. CITY OF BRUNSWICK is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact CITY OF BRUNSWICK at 301-834-7671 or mcampbell@brunswickmd.gov. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Disinfection Byproducts	Sample Point	Period	Highest LRAA	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
Total haloacetic acids (HAA5)	MEDICAL CENTER	2025	35	8.9-53.8	ppb	60	0	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM	ROY ROGERS	2025	55	18.2-78.6	ppb	80	0	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Regulated Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
BARIUM	3/18/2025	0.039	0-0.039	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE	6/24/2025	1.06	0.3-1.06	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
NITRATE-NITRITE	4/3/2025	0.5	0.5	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
SELENIUM	3/18/2025	0.6	0-0.6	ppb	50	50	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines

Radiological Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	MCL	MCLG	Typical Source
COMBINED RADIUM (-226 & -228)	6/15/2021	1.8	0 - 1.8	pCi/L	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration.

% of samples in compliance with Standard	Standard (TT Limit)	Months Occurred	Violation	Highest Single Measurement	Month Occurred	Sources	Level Indicator
100.00	1.0 ntu	12	NO	0.25 ntu	December	POTOMAC RIVER FILTER PLANT	Yes
100.00	5.0 ntu	12	NO	2.1 ntu	March	WTP-YOURTEE SPRING	Yes

Total Organic Carbon

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set, unless a TOC violation is noted in the violations section.

TOC	Collection Date	Highest Value	Range	Unit	TT	Typical Source
CARBON, TOTAL	8/5/2025	2.9	1.1-2.9	mg/L	0	Naturally present in the environment

PFAS — short for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances — refers to a large group of more than 4,000 human-made chemicals that have been used since the 1940s in a range of products, including stain- and water-resistant fabrics and carpeting, cleaning products, paints, cookware, food packaging and fire-fighting foams. These uses of PFAS have led to PFAS entering our environment, where they have been measured by several states in soil, surface water, groundwater and seafood. Some PFAS can last a long time in the environment and in the human body and can accumulate in the food chain.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced regulations for 6 PFAS compounds in drinking water in April 2024. The MCLs for PFOA and PFOS are 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The MCLs for HFPO-DA (GenX), PFNA and PFHxS are 10 ppt. PFAS mixtures containing at least two or more of PFHxS, PFNA, HFPO-DA, and PFBS use a Hazard Index of 1.0 (unitless) to determine if the combined and co-occurring levels of these PFAS pose a risk and require action. Public water systems have three years (by 2029) to implement solutions that reduce these PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed these MCLs.

The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conducted a PFAS monitoring program for Community Water Systems from 2020 to 2022. The results are available on MDE's website at:

https://marylanddepartmentoftheenvironment.shinyapps.io/MDE_PFAS_PublicWaterSystemStudyMap/

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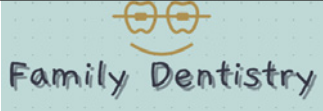


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JUNE COMMUNITY GUIDE FOR ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, EVENTS, ETC.

To have your event listed in next month's newspaper, email events by the 15th of this month to info@BrunNews.com.

Burkittsville Walking Tour
June 6, 10–11 am
Tour begins at 3 E Main St
Free will donations benefit the South Mountain Heritage Society

Brunswick Food Forest Tour and Clean Up
June 6, 10 am–noon
601 E Potomac St

Third Annual Boogie by the Barn
June 6, 2–6:30 pm
Shafer Farm
in Burkittsville, MD
1606 Gapland Rd

Lovettsville's Summer on the Green Movie & Concert Series
June 12 at 6 pm
11 Spring Farm Drive
US Navy Band & Movie: A League of Their Own

Brunswick Pride
June 12, 5–8 pm
Square Corner Park
Potomac St & Maple Ave

Brunswick Pride Ride
June 13, 8:30 am–noon
Group bike ride
\$10 for adults, free for kids
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y4am6y8s>

Free Open House at Fox Haven Farm
June 13, 12–3 pm
3630 Poffenberge Rd
www.foxhavenfarm.org

Cool Spring Distillery Summer Blues Fest
June 13, 1–8 pm
Cool Spring Distillery
37871 Nicewarner Lane,
Lovettsville

Popsicles in the Park
June 16 at 5:30 pm
Othello Regional Park
1901A Jefferson Pike
Celebrate the end of the school year with the BES PTA

Pulling for Veterans — Veterans Family Fun Day
June 21, 3–9 pm
Burkittsville Ruritan Club
500 E Main St

Vacation Bible School
June 22–25, 6–8 pm
Jefferson United Church of Christ
3837 Jefferson Pike

Potomac Pickin' Party — Bluegrass!
June 28, 2–6 pm
Smoketown Brewing
223 W. Potomac St.

RECURRING

Connect & Create
SECOND SATURDAYS,
1–3 pm
Smoketown Brewing

Games Club of Maryland
THIRD SATURDAYS,
12:30–7 pm
Smoketown Brewing

Worship Service
SUNDAYS, 9 am
Jefferson United Methodist Church
3882 Jefferson Pike

Worship Service
SUNDAYS, 9:30 am
New Hope United Methodist Church
7 S. Maryland Ave,
brunswickumc.com

Manly Movie Night
MONDAYS, 7–9 pm
BYO drink
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St

Shuffleboard & Cornhole
\$2 TUESDAYS, 4:30–6 pm
Parks & Recreation Building
Brunswick Elementary School

Table Top Tuesdays
TUESDAYS, 6–8 pm
(3rd Tues. Calling all Dungeons and Dragons neophytes or pros)
BYO drinks
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St

Valley Quilters all ages/levels
FIRST WEDNESDAYS
6:30 pm
St. Paul Lutheran Church,
Jefferson
Peggy at valleyquiltersTLC@gmail.com

Ladies' Movie Night
WEDNESDAYS, 7–9 pm
BYO drinks
Traveling Bros. Cigars
302 W. Potomac St

Trivia Night
THURSDAYS, 6–8 PM
Smoketown Brewing
223 W. Potomac St

Brunswick Farmers Market
2nd & last FRIDAYS, 4–7 pm
Martins Creek parking lot

Food Truck Friday
FRIDAYS, 4–8 pm
Brunswick Crossing Pool
1000 Potomac View Pkwy

SAVE THE DATE

Quartermania
August 8, 2–6 pm,
Brunswick City Park
Building
655 East Potomac St
Benefits Brunswick Ambulance & Rescue Auxiliary

CHECK THIS OUT! May events at local libraries

Brunswick Library
915 N. Maple Avenue

ALL AGES

Summer Challenge Kick-off
June 2, 4:30–5:30 pm

Circus Fun with Theatricks!
June 6, 1 pm–2 pm

ADULTS (18+)

Building Brain Health
June 5, 1–2 pm

Disagreeing Better
June 7, 2–3:30 pm

Adult Adaptive Program: My Plate Bingo
June 12, 11 am–noon

Brunswick Arts Council Program: Intro to Hand Sewing
June 14, 2–4 pm

Adult Adaptive Program: Let's Get Moving
June 16, 2–3 pm

Great Comets in History
June 21, 2–3 pm

Dive Into Herbal Teas
June 28, 2–3 pm

TEENS (grades 6–12)

Teen Time: Window Decorating
June 4, 6–7 pm

Teen Time: Create Your Button
June 11, 6–7 pm

Roundtable Fencing
June 13, 1 pm–2:30 pm

Teen Time: Um, Actually Cartoon Trivia
June 18, 6–7 pm

Teen Time: Cryptid Hunt
June 25, 6–7 pm

TWEENS (grades 3–8)

Tween Time: Frankentoys
June 4, 6–7 pm
See what you can make from broken toys!

CHILDREN (grades K–5)

Summer Explorers: LEGO Building Challenge
June 9, 4:30–5:30 pm

Summer Explorers: Learn about Karate with Kicks Karate of Urbana
June 16, 4:30–5:30 pm

STEM Drop In
June 20, 2–4 pm

Story Explorers
June 22, 1–2 pm

Summer Explorers: Farnyard Friends
June 23, 4:30–5:30 pm

Read to a Dog
June 27, 10:30–11:30 am

Summer Explorers: International Asteroid Day
June 30, 4:30–5:30 pm

RECURRING

Baby Storytime
MONDAYS, 10:30 am, ages 0–24 months with caregiver

Toddler Storytime
TUESDAYS, 10:30 am, 2-year-olds with caregiver

Preschool Storytime
WEDNESDAYS, 10:30 am, 3–5 year olds with caregiver

Musical Storytime
THURSDAYS, 10:30 am, ages 0–5 with caregiver

Conversation Class for English Language Learners
SATURDAYS, 10:30 am–noon

Brunswick Arts Council Meeting
SECOND SATURDAYS
10 am–noon

Summer Lunch Program
(ages 0–18)
12:15–1 pm
Free lunch for children and teens every weekday from June 22 to August 13.

Edward F. Fry Memorial Library
1635 Ballenger Creek Pike,
Point of Rocks

Drop in Saturdays: Kindness Bookmarks (all ages)
June 6, 11 am–12:30 pm

Summer Challenge Kick-Off (all ages)
June 10, 5–6:30 pm

Weather science with Eric Energy (elementary)
June 17, 5:30–6:30 pm

Veggie Ventures with Weis Dietitian Christine Fritz! (teens and adults)
June 24, 6–7 pm

No-Sew Gnome Club (twens and teens)
June 27, 11 am–12:30 pm

Summer Events for Monocacy/BHS Youth Mountain Biking

GRIT Give-it-a-Go #1 — Brunswick Barbie

For girls and women — bring your friends
Sun, May 31, 2026 2:00–4:00 PM
Riverside Park 1801 Monocacy Blvd, Frederick

Pre-season Event #4

Information/Skills/Ride
Tue, Jun 09, 2026 6:00–7:30 PM
River's Edge Trails 301 Cummings Dr, Brunswick

GRIT Give-it-a-Go #2 — Frozen Bears

For girls and women — bring your friends
Sun, Jun 14, 2026 2:00–4:00 PM
Riverside Park 1801 Monocacy Blvd, Frederick

Pre-season Event #5

Information/Skills/Ride
Tue, Jun 23, 2026 6:00–7:30 PM
Little Bennett Regional Park 25900 Prescott Rd Clarksburg
Once you are on Prescott Road, pass the golf course and park in the horse trailer parking lot.

GRIT Give-it-a-Go #3 — Monocacy Trolls

For girls and women — bring your friends
Sun, Jun 28, 2026 2:00–4:00 PM
Riverside Park 1801 Monocacy Blvd Frederick

The QR code links to a sign-up form and more info about the team.



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