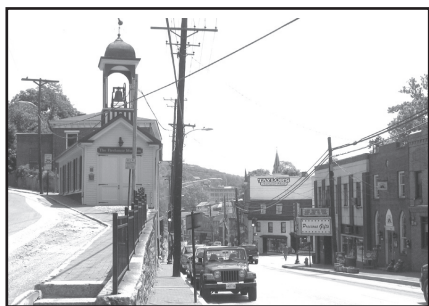


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Montgomery County Police Nab Outsiders in Burglaries

Three Poolesville homes were burglarized on May 26, 2004, and two days later the Montgomery County police arrested and brought charges against three suspects.

The three residences, on Soper Street, Walters Avenue, and Hughes Road, were broken into during the day while their owners were away. The thieves were able to break in and escape without raising any alarm in the neighborhood, only to be caught with some of the goods on May 28.

The suspects were arrested following a county police investigation. According to Montgomery County Police Officer Joyce Utter, the arrests were the result of a joint effort by the Special Assignments Team and the Fifth District (Germantown) Investigative Section. The three suspects are from Silver Spring and

Olney, and were brought into custody, charged with various counts of First Degree Burglary, Conspiracy to Commit Burglary, Theft, and Destruction of Property, and incarcerated at the county jail awaiting a bail hearing on Tuesday, May 29. As a result of that hearing, Gregory Pierre was released on bond; Michael Boyd and Dante Taylor remained in custody as of the Monocle's publishing deadline.

The three suspects, facing felony charges, will likely face a grand jury proceeding and possibly formal indictments within the next 30 days. Two women were with the suspects at the time of the arrest. No charges have been brought against them at this time, although "possible charges are pending."

Officer Utter attributed the speedy arrests to good teamwork by

the police units involved, and observed that it was fortunate that some of the victims' property was recovered, which "unfortunately does not happen a lot." Officer Utter further observed that this type of crime is extremely rare for Poolesville, which is a "quiet and close knit community" where alert neighbors are likely to speak up if someone in the neighborhood is behaving in a suspicious manner. In similar cases in the past, Poolesville residents have been willing to come forward with information which has helped develop leads for police investigators. Officer Utter remarked the support of the community is essential to preventing crimes and to solving crimes that do occur. Police need people to get involved; citizens can provide information anonymously in many cases.

Just Think, It All Began at the Frederick School of Classical Ballet

Many *Monocle* readers will remember Sarah Wroth from the year 2000 when she had just been chosen Miss Maryland in the national Junior Miss competition. It seemed like the whole town was glued to their TV the Sunday night of the National competition, and even though she didn't take first place, everyone was thrilled with her performance, and that she placed high enough to win a \$15,000 scholarship.

Sarah is now a member of the Boston Ballet Company, and a member of its Corps de Ballet. She just completed her "rookie" season and is thrilled that they have renewed her contract.

The Monocle went to the Wroth home in Poolesville to interview ballerina Sarah Wroth, and left knowing we will be going back a few more times just to cover everyone in the house who has exceptional artistic talent. Sarah's talented sister Mary Kate is also a ballerina, and her Mom is well-known local artist Dean Wroth.

Sarah started her ballet career at age seven at the Frederick School of

Classical Ballet. Her mother signed her up at the school so she could benefit from the good exercise, good posture, and discipline of ballet. Somewhere along the line something very profound happened to Sarah as her personal talent flourished. Fast forward ten years, and after countless daily hours of commitment, and numerous performances of the Nutcracker, Sarah knew that ballet was more than a hobby; it was to become her vocation.

As a senior at PHS, Sarah struggled with the task of sorting out her options after high school. "I owe a lot of my life to the PHS Guidance department's Mrs. Toomey and Mrs. Lubinetsky," sighs Sarah. "I spent many a day there contemplating whether or not to pursue ballet as a hobby route or one where I would be a small fish in a big pond." After taking a hard look at Goucher College, Sarah settled on the "ballet-as-a-career" route and went to Indiana University in Bloomington.

With her ten years of extremely long hours as part of her normal,

daily routine, Sarah didn't hesitate to take 19 credit hours each semester just to save money. Even though it was not her intent, three years later her college advisor informed her she had enough credits to graduate in three years.

She looks at a professional career that, if she is lucky, might make a full ten years and hopes to make soloist or even principal dancer some day. Just to hedge her bets on making it as a career ballerina, Sarah decided to have a double major in education. She is one of only two company members

— See *Ballerina* on page 2



Poolesville's ballerina Sarah Wroth.

Poetry Corner

The Cicada and the Ant

Spring has sprung, and the cicadas are singing. For some, singing wouldn't be the right term, making noise would be more like it, but for others, the song of the cicada is inspiration – for poets, musicians, and other artists.

In this area, cicadas are certainly something special – they only come out like this once every seventeen years. What if they didn't? What if there were cicadas every year? Would they still inspire artists? Maybe yearly cicadas would only inspire fabulists, people who write fables.

Jean de la Fontaine, the fabulous French fabulist of the seventeenth century, must have found just this kind of inspiration. Like most fables, the main characters of his tales were insects and animals; and like all fables, there was a moral to each story.

What do you think is the moral of his classic fable, *The Cicada and the Ant*? Many Anglophones recognize this tale as *The Grasshopper and the Ant*.

Here it is in the original French (you have studied French in school, right?) and in English.

La Cigale, ayant chanté
Mrs. Cicada, having sung
Tout l'été
The whole of the summer sun
Se trouva fort dépourvue
Found herself lacking
Quand la bise fut venue:
When the summer heat went packing
Pas un seul petit morceau
There was not left a single bite
De mouche ou de vermisseau.
Neither flea nor little mite.
Elle alla crier famine
So she complained of her hunger
Chez la Fourmi sa voisine,
To Mrs. Ant, her neighbor;
La priant de lui prêter
She pleaded with Mrs. Ant to lend her
Quelque grain pour subsister
Some seeds to tide her over
Jusqu'à la saison nouvelle.
Until the new season.
"Je vous paierai, lui dit-elle,
"I will pay you," she reasoned,
Avant l'Août, foi d'animal,
"I assure you, before the month of August,
Intérêt et principal."
Principal plus interest."
La Fourmi n'est pas prêteuse:
But Mrs. Ant did not like to lend
C'est là son moindre défaut.
Among her faults, this is the least.
Que faisiez-vous au temps chaud?
"What were you doing during the heat?"
Dit-elle à cette emprunteuse.
She asked Mrs. Cicada, without amend.

- Nuit et jour à tout venant
"Do not become displeased, I was singing
Je chantais, ne vous déplaie.
To all visitors, all day and all night."
- Vous chantiez? J'en suis fort aise
"Singing? Is that right?
Eh bien! dansez maintenant.
Well, then! Now, go dancing."

—Original Translation from the French by Dominique Agnew

It has been noticed by scholars that there are little problems with the cicada in this story. Cicadas don't eat other insects, they argued, they suck the nectar from the trees. La Fontaine may have used literary license for a number of reasons. First of all, *la cigale* just rolls off the tongue much more nicely than *la sauterelle* (grasshopper). Also, cicadas, in the era of Antiquity, symbolized the poet in all his insouciance. "I am the beloved insect of the poet and of the gods," wrote Jean Aicard in his *Poèmes de la Provence*.

The other little problem that astute readers may have noticed is that by the time it starts getting cold, cicadas have long been in the ground – details, details. Who has time to be bothered with these petty nuances? If only someone had noticed that these insects are *talking* to each other – in French, no less.

Father, Pappy, Pop, or Dad

If you're the sort who says rawther,
Then I suppose you'd call him Father.
If you like your talk a little more snappy,
You might be casual and just say 'Pappy'.
If you like it short and efficient,
A simple 'Pop' is sufficient
To me it doesn't sound bad
If you call me plain old 'Dad'.

Whatever you call him, one name or another,
He's the guy who loves your mother,
And endured with her your childhood ills,
And mowed the lawn and paid the bills.
And though maybe it didn't always show,
Prayed for you more than you know.
Men don't talk much about love and devotion,
And think it's not manly to show much emotion.
If he did not often hug you.
Sons, I say, don't let it bug you.
Daughters too, do not cry
He loves you; he's just being a guy.

The guy who was there when times were tough
And your troubles were more than enough.
Who helped you through life's bereavements
And helped you celebrate your achievements.
So this day let everyone be glad
Who has a Father, Pappy, Pop or Dad
The Mudge

– Ballet Continued

who have a college degree. "It takes a lot of the pressure off of me, it's more of a fun outlet than a "I have to make this work" kind of thing," she says.

It was a great decision, but as it turned out she was able make dance her professional occupation.

True to herself and her very natural positive attitude toward life, Sarah headed to Boston to "try-out" for the Boston Ballet. It was an open audition—a real cattle call—with 200 auditioners hoping to make the dance company. After all was said and done only one of the 200 was selected. At center stage ... was Sarah! She had made it!

The dance season began in August and went through May. The company performs 12 to 13 ballets, more than 100 performances per year that includes 45 performances of the Nutcracker. (Nutcracker fans please take note: her part was Marzipan.)

Her season runs 40 weeks which gives her two months to "rest up a bit." Sarah, however, will be heading back to Boston a month early to teach 20 girls from the surrounding Boston area ballet at the Boston Ballet Academy Dance Lab.

In asking her about any humorous stories she could share about her

first season she is quick to point out that "there are always lessons in great humility in dance." She smiles as she proudly claims the title of the Boston Ballet Faller. Competition is always stiff for that role in any dance company. She thinks one particularly dramatic "belly whopper, flat on the floor" gained her the title. "I really ate Marley, that time, she says" (Marley is a reference to the material on the stage floor.)

We asked her about her sister, Mary Kate, who will be a senior at PHS and has followed her footsteps at Frederick School of Classical Ballet.

"She is an amazing spirit ... she is a beautiful, beautiful dancer ... she is



Boston Ballet's Sarah Wroth resting at her Poolesville home.

technically better than I was at her age. She has a wider view of ballet than I had," enthuses Sarah. Mary Kate will return again to Miami City Ballet in a few weeks for the summer season and we are taking Sarah's advice and marking our calendars to come back to profile her dancing career.

Sarah's sparkling eyes and warm smile sums everything up when she says, "I am so grateful...I have a beautiful family, beautiful friends and I am very fortunate to have found myself to be dancing professionally ... I am very blessed."

Sarah, we just want you to know, your family and friends are very blessed, too.

— By Rande Davis

This inaugurates a new department for *The Monocle*—Center Stage—that will focus on those persons in the region of outstanding artistic and cultural talent. Writers, artists, musicians, and others will be our focus and if you should know of someone we should profile, please let us know.

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June 19

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival in Adamstown
“The Shades”
Fireworks at 10 p.m.

7th Annual Jefferson
Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show
Jefferson Ruritan Center
10:00 a.m – 3:00 p.m.

June 19 through June 26

Urbana Fire Department
Annual Carnival
Midway opens: 6:45 p.m.

June 20

Taste of Frederick
20 Frederick Restaurants
Harry Grove Stadium
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Frederick City Summer
Concert Series
Baker Park – 7:00 p.m.
Oldies Band – “The Cruisers”

June 20– June 27

Historic Medley Annual Art Show
“Historic Places... Opens Spaces”
19923 Fisher Ave, Poolesville

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival in Adamstown
Basket Bingo at 4 p.m.

June 21

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival in Adamstown
“Nashville’s Jasmine Morgan”

June 22

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival in Adamstown
“No Alibi”

Frederick City Summer
Concert Series
Baker Park – 7:00 p.m.
U.S. Army Band

June 22

Cabin John Regional Park
Commodores and US Navy Band
Concert – 7:00 p.m.

June 23

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival
“Hat Creek Country”
Annual Firemen’s Parade –7 p.m.

June 24

Poolesville Library Preschool Films
2:00 p.m. (approximately 45 min.)
*Ferdinand the Bull, The Little Red Hen,
The Three Little Pigs*

June 25

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival
“Fastest Grass Alive” –(bluegrass)

June 25

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival
“ Brandy Stiff’s Band”

June 26

Carroll Manor Fire Department
Carnival
“Pikesville Rye”

Profile



Ducklings enjoying their new environment.

Poolesville Elementary School was honored yet again when its Outdoor Classroom was certified by the National Wildlife Federation as a Schoolyard Habitat. On a brisk twelve degree February morning four years ago, parent volunteers hauled over 40,000 pounds of rock through the cafeteria and halls into the interior courtyard. Shortly afterward, local artisans donated time and materials in order to construct a beautiful pond, waterfall and benches. Later that same year, teachers and staff installed natural plantings. Girl Scouts, The

Science Club, Cub Scouts and student classes have contributed this site and the wildlife garden which is situated on the corner in the front of the school. Students and teachers enjoy studying near the peaceful sound of tumbling water. The PTA provided funds to buy materials, and all of the labor was donated. The garden was also honored by receiving the highest possible award from the Montgomery County Beautification Program.

You can see pictures of the garden at the National Wildlife Federation website www.nwf.org (look under Educators Section-Sites in your area) or at www.fineearth.com (Garden Showcase-Water features)



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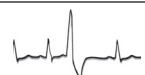
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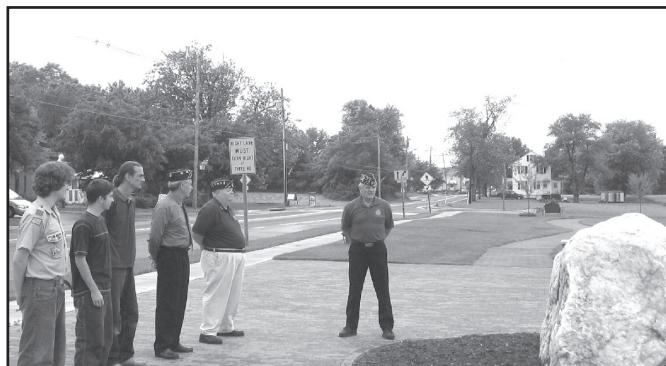
Local American Legion Honors Vets on Memorial Day

A brief ceremony took place at Whalen Commons in Poolesville on Memorial Day by members of American Legion #247. Legion members presented the colors in honor of those who have died serving our nation. The Legionnaires placed the flags of all our armed forces plus a POW/MIA flag around the memorial at the park just behind the Stars and Stripes. After the group recited the Pledge of Allegiance, attendees maintained a moment of silence in memory of those who have died for our nation. The moment of silence occurred precisely at 3:00 p.m. as requested by the President.

Legionnaire Steve Robillard provided remarks that encouraged all to maintain a sense of gratefulness for the contribution of those who gave their lives so that we could have the

freedoms that are so important to us all. At the close of the ceremony Alex Eames, an Eagle Scout, played taps on his bugle. Attending from the Legion were Steve Robillard, Joseph Hardwick, William Poole, and Lowell Jackson. Scouts Justin Robillard and Jon Torrey, and Jon's dad, Mark, participated in the event.

Scouts Jon Torrey and Justin Robillard have been selected to attend Maryland's American Legion Boy State program from June 13 to 19, 2004 at McDaniel College, Westminster, Maryland. Only boys with outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their schools and



community are considered for this high honor.



The Arena

If you think there are more Police around than Cicadas, You're right!

There have been many opinions expressed both pro and con about the recent increase in traffic patrols around the up-county region. Some people have expressed outrage over the number of "traps," and that beyond targeting speeders, they seem to be going after drivers for not using their seatbelts.

We wanted to find out from the police if they really are increasing the patrols, or if it is just our imagination, or hyperbole from a few people who have already been ticketed.

We brought the officers up to speed, so to speak, on talk about their "excessive" activity. Some people think it is far too diligent; the topic even came up at a recent Town Commissioners' meeting.

The first thing they confirmed is that there really has been a deliberate increase in radar patrols to pull over speeders and ticket drivers for not using their seatbelts. They wanted us to know that this "crack down" is not just for our area but is part of a nationwide campaign to crack down on speeders and those not using seat belts. The campaign even has billboards and TV ads promoting the "Click it or Ticket" theme.

The officers realize that area residents would prefer that only Virginia drivers get tickets, but they pointed out that this program is designed to save lives. "A lot of people are dying on Route 28...speeding is a factor, alcohol is a factor," said Officer Galloza. "We just want to let the community know we are out there...slow down, buckle up, enjoy driving safely, enjoy the weather, don't drink and drive...we are going to be out there when they least expect it, in places you normally don't expect to see us," he stated.

Officer Galloza reminded us "seats belts are so important...it affects officers as well, after all we are the ones having to notify next of kin...when we respond to a scene where someone has been ejected from the car whose life could have been saved by using a seatbelt. It traumatizes us, too. We are just trying to avoid the heartache of responding to a scene where someone has passed away because they failed to wear a seatbelt. Quite often it is a young

person or college age driver and it is traumatizing every time you have to tell their parents."

Officer Mengershoet pointed out "Not only are you driving, but your wife is driving the roads, my wife is driving the roads, if you hit my family while speeding then I will never forgive myself for not doing everything I could. When you respond to a death scene where someone could have lived, thoughts don't leave your mind easily."

Both Officers have seen an immediate reduction in speeding and in not using seat belts within just a few days of their efforts. From their viewpoint the program is working and area drivers would be doing themselves a favor by slowing down and buckling up.



Montgomery Co. Police Officers Galloza and Mengershoet.

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Annual Art Show

The Historic Medley is holding their annual Art Show from June 20 through June 27. Area artists wishing to participate in the show are encouraged to call 201-972-8588. This year's theme is "Historic Places ... Open Spaces" as seen through the eyes of the artist. Participating artists should know there is no entrance fee and there will be cash prizes awarded.

Area residents should plan to stop in to view some of the very best in regional art and artists and to tour the John Poole General Store and Museum.

Canoe Trip

The C&O Canal Association has a canoe trip planned from Violettes Lock to Great Falls. This is an ideal introduction to canoeing and for those experienced alike. For more information call: Carl Linden 301-229-2398

Duathlon

A benefit for Rebuilding Together *MC (formerly Christmas in April) is scheduled for June 20. It is the "Flannery Duathlon at Sugarloaf" which is a 5K Run - 30K Bike Ride - 5K Run. This event is named for Judy Flannery, a world-class tri-athlete. The run/race will begin at 7:30 at Poolesville High School. For more information call: 301-933-2700.

Montgomery County Heritage Days

June 26 and June 27. Area events scheduled for John Poole General Store and Museum Gift Shop, the Seneca Schoolhouse, and the Monocacy Chapel.

Cabin John Regional Park will have a concert on June 22 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the Commodores and the Navy Band.

Taste of Frederick

2004 Taste of Frederick is an annual event to be held at Harry Grove Stadium on June 20 from 12:00 p.m. through 3:00 p.m. Come and bring Dad to sample from twenty of Frederick's best restaurants.

Carroll Manor Fire Company Carnival

The Carroll Manor Fire Company Carnival begins on Saturday, June 19 and will run through Saturday June 26. Rides, games and great food available throughout the event. Chicken, seafood, and pit beef platters, other sandwiches and food available every night. Opening night fireworks at 10:30 p.m. Special events include Basket Bingo on Sunday at 4pm and Annual Fireman's Parade at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

Nightly entertainment includes "The Shades" (6/19), Nashville's Jasmine Morgan (6/21), "No Alibi" (6/22), "Hat Creek Country" (6/23), "Fastest Grass Alive" [bluegrass] (6/24), "Brandy's Stiff's Band" (6/25), and "Pikesville Rye" (6/26).

Urbana Fire Department Annual Carnival

Carnival runs from June 19 through June 26. Midway opens at 6:45pm and they have entertainment nightly. Buffet dinner served from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Oddfellows Dinner

Local International Order of Oddfellows #97 will be sponsoring their semi-annual dinner in honor of widows and widowers at Owens Park on June 26. Local residents who are either widows or widowers are invited to be their guests at this special dinner event. Reservations are not required and Poolesville area residents needing transportation or others with questions may call William Poole at 301-972-8007.

Summer Concert Series

Frederick City Summer Concert Series is held at Bakers Park starting at 7:00 p.m.. Feature events coming up are: 6/13 - Blues Artist Mary Ann Redmond, 6/20 - Oldies Band "The Cruisers", and 6/22- The U.S. Army Band.

The 7th Annual Jefferson Car/Truck/Motorcycle Show is on June 19 at the Jefferson Ruritan Center from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Food, fun, and games for the whole family.

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Editorial

Editors Notes

In this edition of *The Monocle* it seems the police are all around us, and that would be for the better. The basic issue of traffic safety never really goes away. Both Poolesville and Barnesville wrestle with this problem in a very public way. Poolesville discusses the problem, requests changes to intersections, and has speed traps (see page 4 for the latest) set up by the County as part of a nationwide program. Barnesville has voted to pay county police officers to set up radar traps and ticket speeders to preserve safety and the quality of life in their small town, which just happens to sit on a main route for Montgomery and Frederick county commuters. Buckeystown has a similar issue, and the site of a Frederick County police car with radar is not an unknown sight as one drives through town on Route 85. I'm sure all of us make the same observations as we drive throughout the Monocacy area, that anyone driving slower than

us is probably senile, and anyone driving faster is a homicidal maniac. Who are these speeders that cause such concern? It must be those other people—the ones that don't wear their seatbelts.

While speaking of the Montgomery County police, kudos are in order for their swift apprehension of suspects in three recent burglaries in Poolesville. Hopefully that will be the end of this sort of thing for a while. Thieves take note.

As you read this edition we hope you will be pleased to see the return of the Day Tripper. Many people from all corners of the globe (Adamstown to Comus) have told *The Monocle* that this is their favorite feature, so we're sure they noticed that it was missing in our last two issues. Our intrepid traveler and prolific writer Rande Davis has been chained to the Local Desk, but he busted out and made it all the way to Ellicott City, and the Day Tripper returns once again.

Correction: In the May 13 *Family Album* we misidentified the husband of Patty Bennet. His name is still Gene.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Sir:

This is to say I am charmed by the writings in *The Monocle* for May 13: *My Best Friend* poem in the Poetry Corner (and picture) by Shelby Dahlen, and in *Equestrian News, Horses, A Curious Association*, by Debby Lynn. A stack of your newspapers is appearing on the reception desk at Buckingham's Choice, Adamstown. I liked other entries, but I am running out of space.

Sincerely, Marian Tisdale

We at WUMCO wish to thank *The Monocacy Monocle* for including details of WUMCO's 2004 Annual Meeting in The Pulse section of the May 28, 2004 edition. We have, however, noted an oversight, not only in your article, but also in our annual report.

The contributions of WUMCO's Executive Assistant, Renée Brooks, have surpassed the standard Executive Assistant duties. Although your article states that we are aided by Renée Brooks, our personal view is that she is now aided by us. Her contributions — both on the clock and off — are a vital part of WUMCO's operations, and her presence in the organization is invaluable.

Sincerely,
Jane B. Stearns
Executive Director

Thank you for the article on Briarley Hall Military Academy. I recall Dad saying that he saw an ad about the Academy and decided to come here (from Georgia) for 30 days to look it over. While in Poolesville he attended the Methodist Church, saw Clarine Fletchall and decided to stay longer and marry her—which he did on August 25, 1917—making Maryland his new home. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Charlie

Editor's note: this is from Charlie Woodward, son of Judge Charles W. Woodward, who taught at the school, as described in *Mystery History, Gate Posts to a Mysterious Past, The Monocle*, April 29, 2004.

The Monocle is saddened to report that Rodney Williams from Poolesville passed away at Shady Grove Hospital on June 3, 2004. Mr. Williams had recently taken disability leave after a long career in building maintenance in the Montgomery County Public School system. Mr. Williams spent most of his career at Quince Orchard High School.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Shirley, sons Jerome, George, and Andrew and daughter, Ashley, daughter-in-law Nancy and grandchildren Shaleeah and Turrell.

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In the Garden

Perennials — Backbone of the Garden

By Maureen O'Connell
Contributing Writer

Go out and look at your garden. What plants do you have growing? All interesting and variegated gardens should rely on perennials for their core strength. My gardens are 50% roses, 40% perennials and 10% annuals. I feel that is a good proportion. Roses are the stars of my garden, but the perennials are the solid background of the picture with colorful annuals as fillers. As with roses, you must be selective in choosing perennials. Some thrive; some struggle.

I walked through my gardens the other night and selected some plants that have performed very well and I think that they could be stars in your garden. Choosing the best was difficult. Some of these plants might seem like the old "stand-bys", but you change the equation through the variety of types.

Hostas — "Splendor in the Shade". I'm sure that everyone's grandmother had a stand of the "green edged with white" variety. They were the pillars of the shade garden. Today there are so many more varieties available. Hostas are very maintenance free. Occasionally slugs will have an appetite for them, in that case give them a Bud. In my garden the only pests that attack them are my two Labs, Max and Sam, who love to roll in their leaves. Hostas are prized for the richness of their foliage and their colorful and fragrant flowers. What is often overlooked is the value of their leaves in floral arrangements. This genus of shade lovers has 70 species, so let us branch out from the usual varieties. Here is a list of four that flourish in my shade garden. They are heavy feeders, so fertilize with 10-10-10 about every three weeks.

"Blue Angel" — This is a magnificent architectural specimen. It has huge, heavily textured leaves 12" across and 16" long, which form a graceful 4' by 4' mound. It is topped by tall spikes of mid-summer flowers. Its biggest attraction is the color — a wonderful blue-gray.

"Little Aurora" — This is the smallest of the hostas, only 6" high. It

is a great choice for edging or small garden niches. Its leaves are an intense gold.

"Night Before Christmas" (great name!) — This is one of the larger, more vigorous and more sun tolerant of the hostas. Its leaves are dazzlingly white bordered in dark blue green. It is a real eye catcher.

Plant four or five different varieties for a sensational shade garden. For added architectural interest, interplant with ferns and edge the border with white impatiens.

Another maintenance free perennial is the Daylily. They are among the easiest plants to grow, and even withstand neglect. They will grow in the sun or part-shade. Many people think of the Daylily as the wild orange variety that grows by the side of the road. As with hostas, there are many varieties in every shade except blue. Select ones with varying bloom times and you will have a profusion of color in your garden from June to September.

Another perennial that should be in your garden is the Lily, another maintenance free and pest proof species. The bulbs are excellent multipliers, so space them generously. There are three types of lilies: Asiatic, Trumpet, and Oriental. We are all familiar with the powerful, sweet fragrance of the Easter Lily. She is a Trumpet Lily.

Several years ago I planted one that was forced into bloom for the holiday. I didn't have much hope for its' survival, for usually forced bulbs will not re-bloom and will not survive our winters. Well, it bloomed the first year, and it has bloomed and multiplied every year since.

My favorite lily is the "Flamboyant Oriental". Their huge flowers, intense fragrance, and rich colors make them quite a personality. There



My "upper garden", with David Austin roses, peonies, irises and Oriental lilies.

are two that are real knock-outs.

"Casa Blanca" is by far the best white in the Oriental group. They have large white flowers and a very sweet perfume. My other favorite is "Stargazer". This is the classic lily you see in the flower shop for \$8.00 a stem. They are wonderful cut flowers; one stem will perfume a room. This is a "must-have" lily.

Last year I planted a new garden, my "upper garden", with David Austin roses, peonies, irises and Oriental lilies. It is by far my favorite garden. My Labs and I tour the gardens early in the morning and about sunset time. The Labs, too, love the upper garden best.

Another easy to grow perennial is Lavender. They are often overlooked by gardeners, but they should be used more for their beauty and resistance to heat and drought. They are tolerant of our winters, except the variety "Spanish Lavender." I have edged my rose gardens with Lavender; it is a wonderful combination.

There are about six varieties of Lavender. Lavender "Augusti Folia" is the true English Lavender. Its flowers are dusky blue-violet. They grow about 3' high and make an elegant presence at mid-border or along a walk. Lavender "Hidcote" — This has very deep violet-blue flowers and is very compact' growing to about 20". Lavender "Grosso" — Despite its poor name, this is the most fragrant of all Lavenders; it is used for scenting perfumes and sachets. It is quite tall at 24". Lavender "Provence" — This is named for the province in South France where lavender is grown by the acres to support the perfume industry. It is my favorite, for at 36" tall, it makes quite a statement.

I could ramble on with more descriptions of more of my favorite perennials, but I shall end with just

one more. Phlox — This is a very valuable plant for your garden. My memories of summer in my grandfather's garden were of the spicy vanilla-clove perfume of Phlox. Its scent captures "summer".

Phlox has fallen out of favor recently. I believe this is related to its problem with powdery mildew. This is especially true with our wet and humid climate. The answer to this is the Phlox "David". It is the best mildew resistant of all the Phlox. It has huge free-flowering, white blooms from June to September. This is a real backbone perennial for any garden.

By the time this issue is out, it might be too late in the season to plant these perennials, but plan ahead for the Fall. I prefer to plant perennials in the Fall, with the cooler weather.

N.B. — Correction — David Austin roses came into prominence in the 1970s, not the 1940s. If it was 1940 Vita could have planted them at Sissinghurst.

Next issue — Herbs in the Kitchen.



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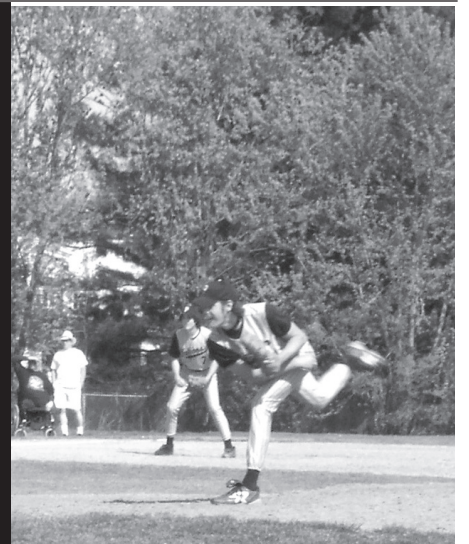
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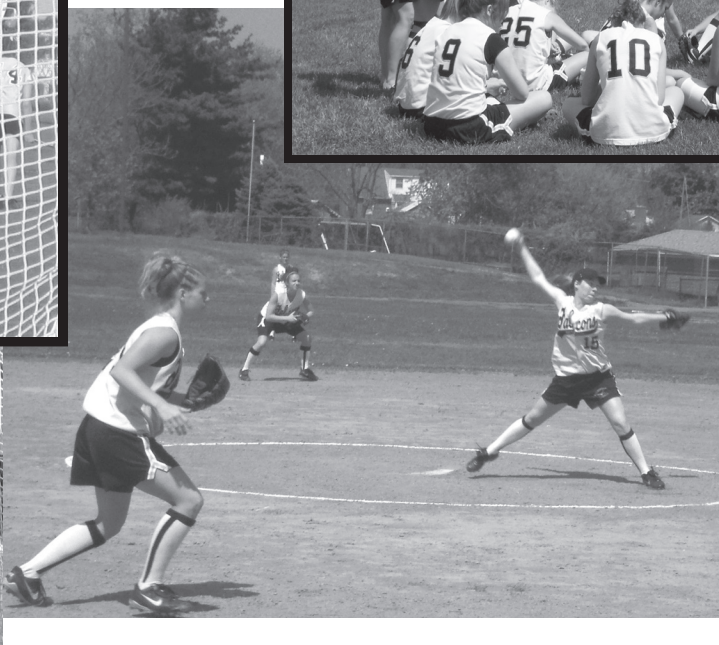
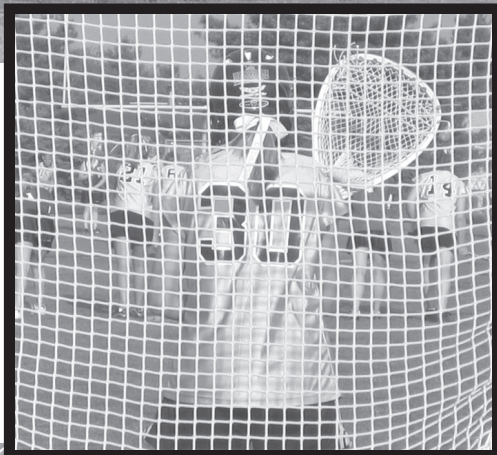
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the humble chef

By Maureen O'Connell
Contributing Writer

**Scandinavian Iced Berries
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Serves 6

2 lbs. mixed berries: strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and loganberries (if you can find them)

2 C good quality white chocolate

1 - 2 C heavy cream

Note: You have to experiment with the amount of cream. I start with a small amount and keep adding until it has a nice, rich, semi-thick consistency.

Now that we are into the berry season, here is a recipe using four luscious berries. This is a very simple dessert that will become a dinner party classic. I sampled this yummy concoction in February, at the Ivy Restaurant in London, and I persuaded the chef to give me the recipe.

This was invented on the recommendation of a customer, who had eaten something similar in Sweden. The kitchen (and I) experimented for ages with the sauce until they came

up with the melted white chocolate buttons. I have used both the buttons (available at Whole Foods — Kentlands) and solid pieces of white chocolate (also available at Whole Foods - the aisle across from the cheeses).

Place the chocolate and cream in a mixing bowl over a saucepan of simmering water for 10-15 minutes, stirring occasionally. When the sauce is hot, you are ready to go.

The berries— Place them in the freezer until they have some frost crystals. Five minutes before serving, put the berries onto the dessert plates and leave at room temperature to lose a little of their chill.

Transfer the chocolate sauce into a serving jug. Place the berries in front of your guests and pour the hot chocolate sauce at the table. Insist that you cover the berries generously for the best results. During the off-berry season, I have used frozen berries with equally good results.

Send us your favorite recipe (samples are always welcome). We'll test, taste and share it with our readers if we find it delectable.

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Focus on Business

The Catoctin Inn in Buckeystown

By Dominique Agnew
Contributing Writer

Driving through Buckeystown, one can't help but notice the Catoctin Inn. It rises above the town on a commanding slope and is surrounded by majestic oaks. In a reversal of the typical history of inns where former inns have been turned into private residences, the Catoctin Inn didn't come into being until 1990, it started its life as a home – the home of two of the most illustrious and industrious families of the town.

Buckeystown, originally known as Buckey's Town, was named after brothers, John and George Buckey

who came to the area in the mid-1770s from Tuscarora Creek. John Buckey was a blacksmith who built a tavern in town. George Buckey built a tannery across the street from the tavern and a one-and-a-half story brick home (later to be the inn) in 1780.

In 1823, George Buckey died, and in 1832, his son sold the house and tannery to Daniel Baker who saw it for sale while riding through town on his horse (the way we all find our homes – on horseback). This began a family legacy that would last 123 years, until 1955, when the house was sold to Ella King Prime, after which the property changed hands a few more times (those horseback riders, probably).

While the Buckey brothers may have established the town, the Bakers created and were very influential in

the development of Buckeystown. They were "involved with a quarry, a cannery, general stores, a brickyard, a school for boys, the public school, churches, a gas lighting system and many of the homes, buildings and farms," wrote Nancy Willmann Bodmer, author of *Buckeystown: An Amble about Town*.

By the 1850s, the house, as originally built, was too small for the Bakers. The house was completely renovated and enlarged substantially. Daniel and his wife, Kitty, moved to the other end of town to allow their son, William, and his wife to move into the home.

Notably, many of the house's original outbuildings survived the test of time. There were a carriage house, uniquely it was two stories, a summer kitchen, a smokehouse, and a caretaker's cottage, among others.

All of these buildings were transformed completely when the property was purchased by Terry and Sarah MacGillivray and Sarah's mother, Avadna Coghill in 1990. They took the 3.77 acre property and, after much renovation, established the Catoctin Inn and Catering. Many of the outbuildings have been converted into delightful cottages for overnight stays. The main house provides

lodging with ten unique rooms that bring back yesteryear (except they do have running water and air conditioning). What were once the parlor, dining room, and library are now elegant dining rooms in which one can enjoy a full breakfast after a restful night, and on Friday and Saturday evenings, a four-course traditional American dinner is served to the public. Reservations are highly requested as the rooms are frequently reserved for large parties. In all, there is lodging for forty guests.

The former carriage house is well-prepared to receive business gatherings and especially weddings. Up to 250 guests can be accommodated for indoor and outdoor events.

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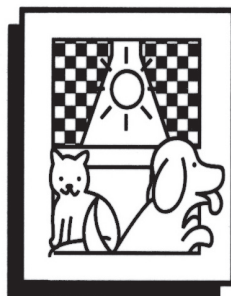
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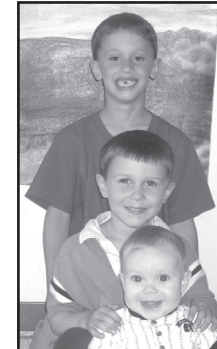


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Day Tripper

By Rande Davis

Get ready for a day that the whole family will enjoy since there is something for everyone of all ages. No need to get up very early since our destination is Ellicott City, Maryland. Things in the town don't seem to get started too early and it is only about an hour away just off Route 70 using the exits for Route 40 or Route 29.

The only "caution" note for this trip is that the town is situated on a hillside and for those less inclined toward inclines or simply less mobile generally, prepare yourself to do a little hiking up hill. For those in wheel chairs or using canes, you may want to tour the town down hill only and have your friends pick you up at the bottom.

Ellicott City is one of our area's more authentic "living history" experiences since so much of the town's buildings and structures of the past remain intact and are so prominent. As you enter the town, you first come across the Thomas Isaac Log

Cabin, a small wood and mortar structure that was built in 1780. It used to be downhill from its current location back in 1780 but due to flooding it was moved to its current location.

As you travel down the curving Main Street you seem to travel through time as the buildings become larger and more representative of the historic mill town that developed along the embankments of the Patapsco and the Tiber Rivers. At the end you come to the B&O Railroad Station Museum and what was once the Patapsco Hotel. In passing through the town, it is as if you witness the development of this mill town as it progressed.

The Ellicott brothers, Quakers from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, founded Ellicott City in 1772. The town rose in prominence to become the largest flour-milling center of the colonies. To facilitate the mills supply of wheat, the Ellicott Brothers financed or built many of the roads in the area including the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike, which eventually became known as the National Pike (Old Route 40).

Ellicott City: A City on a Hill

In 1830, the B&O Railroad built the "Old Main Line," which extended from Baltimore City to the mill town, and consequently built the first railroad station in the nation, which today is part of the town's railroad museum. The famous steam locomotive, the Tom Thumb, made its debut on the 13 mile run from Baltimore to Ellicott City. It is with Tom Thumb that the famous race between horse and locomotive took place.

Scattered among the streets and hills of the town are riveting reminders of life in those old mill towns—from the impressive George Ellicott home just across the river from the railroad station to the mill workers' row houses located about a half mile from the center of town up the winding hillside on Oella Street.

Competition from western mills, flooding, and fires finally had their toll on this industrial town.

For the Day Tripper your choice of the agenda will be selected from your level of interest in history, regular shopping, antique shops, museums, dining and for the youngsters—Ghosts Stories!

Situated among the granite cliffs

and steep hillsides, today's visitor will be able to explore over twenty-five antique and flea market stores, which includes two collectible malls that hold many booths.

Our favorite antique shop was the Creekside Antiques and Gifts that, as it turned out is owned by Randy Davis. On that basis alone we think it must be loaded with great deals.

For those who enjoy history, the town features the living history Thomas Isaac Log Cabin that has re-enactments from the eighteenth century, (For more information: 410-750-7881). It also has the Ellicott City B&O Railroad Station Museum, which is America's first such station. Many additional exhibits can be found there including a completely restored caboose, HO scale model of the first 13 miles of America's railroad, and special exhibits. (More information: 410-461-1944)

Of special intrigue is the stabilized ruin of the Patapsco Female Institute, which sits atop the town's highest elevation, with a panoramic view of the Patapsco River Valley.

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This structure housed an academy for females from 1837 to 1891. This Park, an active archaeological site, is creating a new attraction in putting together a 19th century garden. The institute is available for public and private touring programs. During the summer, they will also feature Shakespearean plays on its grounds. (For more information: 410-465-8500).

Other sites are the Heritage Orientation Center for photographs, exhibits and diorama. (For more information call 410-461-1944) and Howard County Historical Society Museum exhibits and programs (more information 410-461-1050).

This summer's feature is "Ye Haunted History of Olde Ellicott City." The town claims bragging rights "as the most actively haunted town in America." We can't prove it but who can argue with a ghost? As

one shopkeeper says, "the [ghost] just sort of pops up in his matching shirt and pants, very three dimensional but slightly out of focus ... he seems friendly [though]."

The Ghost Tour is a nighttime tour only so plan accordingly. (For more information: 800-288-TRIP, ext. 8747).

Ellicott City has many intriguing eating places at all levels on the price list. Two places seemed to stand out for their uniqueness and quality. The first is Jordan's Restaurant, which comes with strong recommendations from the Washington Post, Style, and Baltimore magazine. This bistro features top quality-cut steaks and has a variety of stylized rooms from a less formal Wine Cellar Room to the large Great Room that features overstuffed cushioned chairs in a more formal setting. The upstairs lounge, called the Monkey Room (for its light



Artist Laura Shomes paints a street scene of Ellicott City.

fixtures not customer antics) is intimate and fun and they have a meeting room on the third floor that can service 25 people comfortably. Nene Bosch and Lindsey McQueeney showed us around, and we were especially intrigued that the restaurant actually straddles the Tiber River. Amazingly in the Wine Cellar dining room, the outer wall of the wine is the

actual trestle framework of the bridge that once crossed the river at this point. (If you plan to go here for dinner you may want to plan to make reservations at 410-461-9776).

For those traveling in a "ladies only" crowd, we think "The Tea On the Tiber," a Victorian Tea Room and Gift shop, would be especially delightful for mothers and daughters. While there is a "Teas and Scones" menu on the back patio that accommodates "drop-ins" if you head out to Ellicott City with this tearoom in mind, you really should make reservations (410-480-8000).

The Trolley Stop, bakeries, and pizza shops are also fun stops for refreshments and libations. Before leaving this little city, be sure to take a quick "auto-tour" up and down the hillside roads just so you can get a chance to see all its intriguing sites.

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Mystery History

By Rande Davis

In the last issue of *The Monocle*, the Mystery History article featured the Brewer Farm on Route 28, which is now part of the Woodstock Equestrian Park. The history focus in this issue is another Brewer family property that is situated about 1.5 miles south of the Brewer Farm at Woodstock Equestrian Park. The property historically was known as Aix La Chapelle (Place of the Cathedral) but today it is sometimes referred to as the Randles Farm after B. W. Randles who purchased the property in 1940. The last private owner was the Heitmuller family who purchased the estate in 1963. The current owner is the Calvary Lutheran Church of Silver Spring.

Traveling up Route 28, the magnificent estate (on the left about a half mile north of Lewis' Orchard on Route 28) is only slightly visible past an orchard and among the trees that surround it. It sits at the end of a long drive way with the main entrance facing north and only the east side of the house clearly visible from the road.

The estate was originally built by Dr. William Brewer, a man of such high intelligence that he graduated from medical school at the age of 20. Dr. Brewer had the esteemed honor of having as one of his professors at the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of both the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution.

For those who read the last mystery history (*The Monocle*, May 28) you might recall that Dr. Brewer married Mary H. Chiswell in 1800 and they had 15 children. They started to build Aix La Chapelle in 1812 using bricks that were made right on the farm itself. (Due to the War of 1812, many things were in short supply and this delayed its completion.) Dr. Brewer's medical practice was in a small outbuilding located in the front of the home. This estate stayed in the Brewer family for nearly 120 years. The landmass itself originally was about 310 acres.

Dr. William Brewer died in 1861 and his wife Mary passed on in 1867. One of Dr. Brewer's sons, Nicholas, followed in his father's footsteps as a medical doctor and took up his practice and carried it on for many years. Nicholas became a very prominent Maryland political figure having been a member of the Maryland State Constitutional Convention of 1867 and serving in the State Senate.

Another son of Dr. Brewer and Mary was George Brewer, Sr., who was born in 1822 and inherited Aix La Chapelle in 1861 (although his mother maintained the use of the estate until her death in 1867). From 1868 to 1875 George Brewer, Sr. rented the farm to a tenant. In 1875, however, he took over the estate and operated the plantation until his death in 1908. (It was his son, William G. Brewer, born in 1850, who was the main focus of the previous article.)

In inheriting the property from his father, the will of Dr. William Brewer stipulated that "all slaves unable to labor are to be



The site of Dr. Brewer's medical practice.

Aix La Chapelle

jointly supported by the heirs" of the property.

The house as seen on our cover was remodeled in 1937 into its existing grand presentation of today. A kitchen wing on the western side of the house, which included slave quarters, was removed and a new wing was added. Eventually a duplicate of this wing was added to the eastern side, which resulted in the mansion expanding to 100 feet long.

The owners who remodeled the estate—the Shobers of Washington, D.C.—only lived in the house for three years as they sold the property in 1940 to B. W. Randles, who then renamed the property, Randles Farm.

For those wanting to get a close up view and tour of the house, the current owner—the Calvary Lutheran Church of Silver Spring—holds tours on

special occasions and will hold a fundraising tour on June 13. The event is an Afternoon Tea and Tour from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. The cost for adults will be \$20.00 and for children under 11 it will be \$10.00. The tea will include scones, desserts, and finger sandwiches along with tea and lemonade. Inquires on this event can be made to Robin Milner at 301-362-1264.



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Youth Sports

John Poole Middle School Boys Finish Undefeated Soccer Season

Coach Doug Miller, who is retiring after 32 years of teaching, much of it in Poolesville, coached his last soccer game on May 20, 2004. It proved to be an exciting finish to a wonderful season as his boys went undefeated in Middle School play.

The team started on a roll, winning each of its first four games by at least three goals. Early season highlights included Mark Fales' goals by headers, and a stifling defense led by Tim Spear, Dan Camillo, and Zach Hannon.

Their fourth victory, a decisive 4 to 1 win over previously unbeaten Kingsview, was started by a goal set up with a beautiful pass from Trey McHale. Two goals and an assist from center midfielder Karl Mihm were also key factors in the win. Coach Miller said after the game that the difference was a great goalkeeping effort by Matt Robillard. Kingsview had not lost a single game in seven years until that day.

In another battle of unbeaten teams, Neelsville proved to be a skilled and tough opponent as they held an early lead. However, Coach Miller's gutsy insertion of star goalkeeper Matt Robillard at forward tied the game after the half. The "Robo train," as Matt is affectionately nicknamed, was clearly headed for another strong shot on goal when the game was called because of thunder and lightning. Observers thought that Poolesville had clearly gained the momentum in the second half and agreed that lightning might have been the only thing that was able to prevent a Poolesville win.

The finale was played on a very small field at Martin Luther King Middle School. Coach Miller stated after the game that Poolesville had maybe four or five players with more skill than all of the MLK players, but the scoreboard did not show it after regulation ended in a scoreless tie. Poolesville had the added burden of finishing the game with only ten players. Mark Fales, Team Captain and bedrock of the defensive midfield, had received two yellow cards, both of them the result of controversial calls. However, in the second Sudden Death overtime, in a wild scramble in front of the net,

Poolesville's Garrett Carpenter snuck a nice shot by the goalkeeper and became the hero of the day.

The very stingy John Poole defense was anchored by Tim Spear, Dan Camillo, and Zach Hannon. Many times a skilled opponent would try to dribble through this tough trio, only to see the ball stripped and headed the other way.

Outside middies Joseph Mackey, Brian Karn, Kyle Corfman, and Marshal Betts played strongly throughout the season. They supported the forwards and helped out on defense as well. Joseph's goal against Kingsview was the icing on the cake for that game.

Defensive midfielders Mark Fales and Trey McHale were joined by attacking midfielder Karl Mihm to control the center. They all contributed with numerous goals and assists and played in every minute of every game.

Pat Moore, whose strong left foot resulted in many goals and crosses, was paired at forward by Garret Carpenter, the hero of the finale.

The seventh graders were represented well by Dane Hanscom, Chris Soper, Tim Dalton, Cody Brewer, and Andre Martinez. These seventh grade players will be the backbone of the team next season.

Many of Poolesville's youth have had the opportunity to be coached by Coach Miller over the past 16 years. He has coached both Middle School and High School teams, and at one time, both boys and girls. Coach Miller is retiring to his home in Maine this summer.

If Gant Can't Do It, No One Can

Coach Gant's varsity baseball team at PHS finished the season in a flurry of victories that portend the coming year. After struggling earlier in the year, the Falcons went all the way to the 1A South Region finals and almost closed the deal.

With an eye to the future, opponents must be wary of a very young group of talented and dedicated players. The Falcons started two freshman and three sophomores for most of the season with only two seniors on the team. Designated Hitter Phillips, who will graduate, provided leadership on the field all year. Senior Aaron Gilbert was a hot hurler when it mattered most by winning one playoff game and recording a save in the other.

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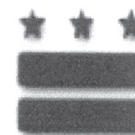
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Two of their most experienced pitchers—Andrew Ramey and Ryan Lawrence—will be the top returning pitchers for the Falcons.

Four of the returning players batted over .300 this year, with Kevin Campbell (.368) and Matt Williquette (.359) leading the team. Sluggers Chris Kramek (CF) and Kevin White (SS) both had strong bats (Kramek batted .340 and White led the team in doubles) and will be seniors next year.

Head Coach Gant and assistant coach Mat Derrick both teach Physical Education at Roberto Clemente Middle School and plan to bring that Hall of Famer's success to the PHS team. Gant has been coaching for five years. He is a graduate of Shepherd College and he and his wife and three children live in Frederick, Maryland. Coach Gant is very pleased to have the assistance of Coach Mat Derrick, especially since Mat was not only a four-year starting centerfielder at St. Boneventure University, but he is also a local athlete from Richard Montgomery HS where he was All-Met in 1992.

PHS Girls Lacrosse Team:

The PHS girls lacrosse team is guided by the coaching team of Ken Fitzwater and J. D. Slagle who have teamed up for the past five years. This year has been another outstanding year for the PHS girls' team, ending the season at nine wins and only three losses with post-season play at 2-1. The Lacrosse Girls Falcons team lost only to Century High School in the 2A-1A west regional semi-finals.

The team captains, Samme Menke, Emily Rose, and Anna Treado, were the only seniors on this up and coming group of athletes. The team's leading scorer, senior Emily Rose, pounded in 100 goals and assists. Menke came in a very strong second in scoring with 82 goals of her own. Leading the defense this year was Treado, who, according to Coach Fitzwater was "key in leading our defense, holding many of our opponents to single digit scores."

Every Fitzwater/Slagle team always starts the season with one primary goal and that is to "do better than the year before." As this season comes to an end and the team looks to next year, the girls have much to look forward to and they anticipate the

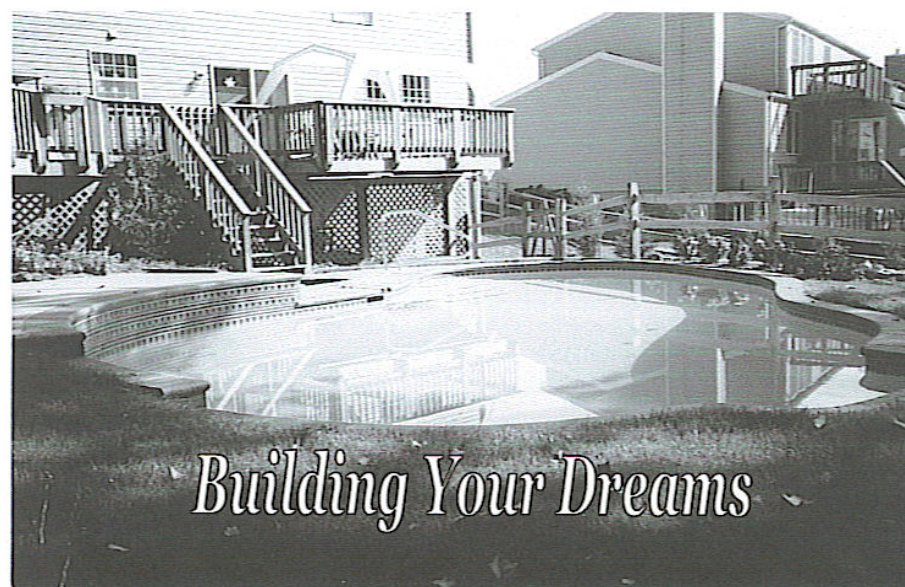


The Falcons looks to be strong offensively in the coming years since their next two highest scorers are freshman. Freshman Jacqueline Orona had forty-five goals for the year with another freshman; Meghan Rose came through with 26

goals of her own. Coach Fitzwater says the team, "has many fine athletes who are improving every day." He knows this team will step up to their challenges and the expectation for the coming years is very high.

exciting times to continue. This team of 24 players only had three seniors and four juniors in 2004. The balance of the team is dominated by ten freshman and seven sophomores. Junior Megan MacGregor who scored 33 goals this year will be coming back.

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