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The usual suspects showed up at the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association annual meeting: county councilman Mike Knapp, state delegate Craig Rice, and SCA President Jim Brown. More on Page 3.



Erica and John Dickerson, with Antonio, loved the Artisans' Tour. More in Family Album.



On the Artisans' Tour, Tina Brown, from Morning Star Studio. More in Family Album on Page 2.



You can't beat having a celebrity on hand to make an event work. See how we're talking about in Local News on Page 10.

Brown Wins Big Poolesville's Special Election

By Rande Davis

Jim Brown handily won the Poolesville election for town commissioner held on April 26. This was a special election to fill a vacancy created when former commissioner Roy Johnson unexpectedly resigned two months ago. Mr. Brown obtained 370 votes to Charles Stump's 96. With nearly 3,200 registered town voters, the turnout was just under fifteen percent. In the general election last November, the turnout for the town commissioner election was thirty percent. Usually held at Poolesville High School, this election was the first to actually take place in the current town hall.

In a post-election conversation with commissioner-elect Brown, he expressed his feelings about the campaign in saying, "The best part of the day was the campaigning. I had a lot of fun doing it, and I can't tell you how many people drove by and waved, gave me thumbs up, gave me a lot of support and asked a lot of questions, and it helped me more to find out what was on people's minds. I want to represent the people as best as I can, and I think today was a great start to that."

This being his first campaign, we were anxious to get his take on the experience. He told the Monocle,

"The experience of the campaign impressed me in various ways. I was impressed throughout the campaign that while there are a lot of people who are concerned about the town, there are many who haven't really come up with a way of voicing their concerns to the existing commissioners. What I am hoping for is that through the campaign, they found that I will be a commissioner who is approachable, and that I am a commissioner who they can talk to and address their issues."

We asked him what were the issues he heard about during the campaign and what issues will be



Jim Brown

his priorities. "The people had a lot of questions about water and a lot of questions about waste water. I think the commissioners have a pretty good grip on that right now, but I look forward to digging deeper into those issues. We have a new town hall being built in the next year, and that is something we have to make sure we do a good job with. I also think people are looking for leadership on issues of youth activities as well as seniors' activities."

In what amounted to a brief victory statement, Brown said election night: "I really want to thank everybody for their support. I want to congratulate my opponent. Chuck is a great guy who demonstrated a lot of concern for the town and ran a clean campaign, and I had a good time standing across from him on the street all day today."

While we were unable to get Mr. Stump's reaction election night, he had already expressed some thoughts with the Monocle earlier in the day. He said that he was glad to have made the decision to run, and that he was surprised and pleased how helpful the current commissioners were in brief-

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PHS Establishes Award-Winning Music Department

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville High School marching band, the orchestra, and ensemble are to be congratulated for their great performance in competition at Busch Gardens in Virginia the weekend of April 21 and 22. In competition against thirty-five other schools, many of which were much larger and more established, they came home an award-winning music department. The marching band came in third place in its competition, the orchestra placed second, and the concert choir bested everyone by taking first place overall. Music director, Jim Laster, said, "In spite of all hardships, the PHS music department conquered their fears, stood firm, and displayed true talent."

In addition to the awards for their talent, they were recognized as inspiring role models. Officials of Busch Gardens contacted Mr. Laster to congratulate him on the leadership shown by the students outside of competition. Apparently, without being asked, students stepped up to help clean picnic tables after lunch, something not usually done by visiting teenagers. The officials were highly impressed and wanted Mr. Laster to understand their appreciation for this demonstration of maturity.

Members of the music department have been invited to Greensboro and Hickory, North Carolina to hold a summer/fall camp for two middle schools. In addition, the concert choir has now been invited to perform at the First Baptist Church of Newport News for a youth outreach program. Mr. Laster said, "The fact that we have received such notable attention is due to the awesome talent, discipline, and dedication held by our students."

He also expressed gratitude for the support of the chaperones that joined him and the students on the trip. "Mr. Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Staples, Mr. and Mrs. Freeman, and Mrs. Jones were not only brave, but a true joy to be with."

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The Sponsors Committee for the Sandy Cameron benefit. Bottom row: Sannmeei Cameron, Debbie Kettler. Next row up: Pam Steffen, Suzanne Tallia. Next row: Roger Hayden, Dominique Agnew. Next row: Joyce Breiner Yaner. Top: Pam Green.



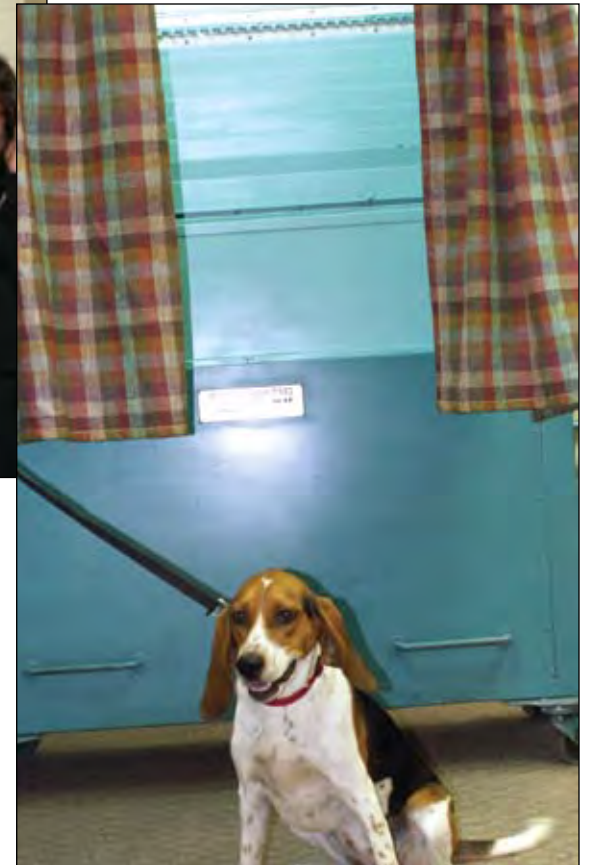
Sandy Cameron at rehearsal before her benefit concert.



Kathy Odonoghue, Carol McGarry, Mike McGarry of Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard.



John Poole Middle School students discussed tolerance for differences among people during "Respect Week." Jeffery Moberly, Brittney Price, Krystal Powers, and Hooper also observed Wacky Hair Day.



Is it possible not every voter was properly registered?

Former commissioner Tom Dillingham voted to make sure his voice is still heard.



Local History

Always Look in the Attic

By Jack Toomey



The convent, now part of NIH campus, where the police searched for Sister Mary.

On the campus of the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda stands a building that seems out of place among all of the hospitals, research laboratories, and other medical buildings. This brownstone building, built in 1923, once stood all alone facing Old Georgetown Road. Once owned by the Catholic Sisters of the Visitation, it served as their cloistered community far out in the Maryland countryside. The building had a high stone wall around it, and the nuns who lived there were not allowed to leave the premises except for medical emergencies when they were taken to the hospital in Washington. Visitors were not allowed, and deliveries were received at the gate.

In 1938, Bethesda was surely a different place than the sprawling city that it is today. Old Georgetown Road was a two-lane macadam road, and Walter Johnson's boyhood home was right up the street at the intersection with Cedar Lane. Between the convent and the Rockville Pike stood hundreds of acres of woods. To the north and west were estates owned by the wealthy, but no subdivisions had been built yet. The Sisters of the Visitation were almost all alone.

Sister Mary Bernadette came to live at the convent in 1931. Among the community of thirty nuns, she was unremarkable and apparently caused no problems until the summer of 1938 when some of the other sisters noticed that Sister Mary Bernadette had started acting strangely. She thought that she was going blind, and a doctor was called in and examined her but found nothing wrong with her eyesight. Then she told the mother superior that someone was talking to her during the night. On the morning of August 29, 1938 Sister Mary was

found to be missing. A search of the grounds revealed a stack of chicken crates propped up against the stone wall of the convent. The Montgomery County Police were called and, because of Sister Mary's possible medical ailments, a widespread search was begun. Civilians, the Boy Scouts, and Civilian Conservation Corps workers from their camp at Garrett Park were pressed into service. Sgt. James McAuliffe, who later went on to become the chief of police, took over the investigation and conferred with the mother superior. He asked permission to search the grounds and convent building. The mother superior told him that it was not possible, and that the building had already been searched by the other nuns. Sergeant McAuliffe knew that one of the basic steps in a missing person's case was to search the home first. Daunted, he led the widening search of the Bethesda area as far as Friendship Heights to the south, Kensington to the east, and lower Rockville to the north. The Chief of Police arrived and ordered that officers on motorcycles and civilians on horses be used to search for Sister Mary. The search lasted until 3:00 a.m. when everyone went home with instructions to return the next morning.

Throughout the next day, the search continued, and an officer was sent to Kensington and another to Washington to determine if Sister Mary may have boarded a train. Streetcar conductors on the Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown lines were interviewed; however, none reported seeing anyone dressed like a nun. On the afternoon of August 31, Sergeant McAuliffe, acting on instinct and apparently without permission, entered the convent and climbed to the top floor. He found a small door that led to the attic. He entered the dark and dusky attic and found Sister Mary Bernadette cowering in a corner. Her clothing was covered with dust, and it was evident that she had been there the entire time. Sister Mary was taken to a mental hospital for treatment.

Today this tale is repeated, with some variation, to rookie police officers with the admonishment, "Always look in the attic."

Local News

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual

By Maureen O'Connell

The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association (SCA) held its 2007 Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 28 at their Linden Farm Headquarters on Martinsburg Road in Dickerson. The first order of business was the election—or re-election—of the 2007-2008 officers. The approved slate is: President, Jim Brown; Vice President, Ellen Gordon; Secretary, Claire Gunster-Kirby; Treasurer, Jane Hunter. Founded in 1973, and operating with an all-volunteer staff, the SCA works to resist further development and industrialization of farmland and open space. It is influential in tracking zoning and other legislative issues that could impact the Agricultural Reserve (Ag Reserve) at county, state, and federal levels.

Newly-elected Maryland Delegate for the Fifteenth District, Craig Rice, was the guest speaker. In his opening remarks, he said that it was fitting to hold this meeting on such a beautiful day, and indeed after a week of gray, rainy days, the sun and blue sky put

a beautiful glow on the acres of open space protected by the efforts of the SCA and the Ag Reserve. In his freshman year in Annapolis, Delegate Rice was involved in the passage of several laws to help protect the environment and the Chesapeake Bay. He said he was sorry to see the non-enactment of the Green Fund Bill, which would have taxed developers for the harmful effects of run-off from construction sites. The money raised would have been earmarked for environmental issues. He said he strongly believes in this critical legislation, and vowed to reintroduce this bill in the next House session.

Delegate Rice raised the question of traffic congestion, saying he believes the solution is mass transit. Using the rapidly-developing area of Clarksburg as an example, he said that it is vitally important to educate people about alternative transportation options, and that now is the time to expand the MARC train system, not reduce it. He said that the much-about ICC will not reduce traffic on Route 270; it will increase it, and that opening up 270 to more businesses will bring more outside visitors, employees, and their cars to the roadway.

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Relay for Life

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Adamstown
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Information: 301-874-5380

May 5

Used Book Sale

Quince Orchard Library
Darnestown

May 10

Cuddleups

Poolesville Public Library
Stories, finger plays, and music
10:30 a.m.

May 12

Help Thank Our Soldiers Day

Motorcycle Escort for Soldiers
Leaving PES at 9:30 a.m.
Picnic and Day of Fishing, Music, BBQ
White's Ferry Pavilion
11:00 a.m. - Public invited

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Food vendors, and craft vendors.

Flea Market

Carroll Manor VFD Carnival Ground
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Frederick Celtic Festival

Games/Athletics/Entertainment/Bags
& Drums
Urbana VFD
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Evening concert
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

May 13

Mother's Day Dinner

Fried Chicken and Ham
Carroll Manor Fire Hall
Adamstown

Relay for Life Bake Sale

Selby's Market
9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

PHS Post Prom Party

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And residents

May 17

Twosomes

Poolesville Public Library
Stories, finger plays, music
10:30 a.m.

May 20

Afternoon Luncheon

Relay for Life Fundraiser

St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville
2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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May 25

Jake Perkins Falcon Golf Classic

PHS Boosters Fundraiser
Bretton Woods Golf Course
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Clarification

In "Responding to the Tragedy" (*Monocacy Monocle*, April 20), a recommendation was made to readers who wished to help Mrs. Danforth by making a donation to the Danforth Family Memorial Fund in this her time of great suffering and loss following the murder of her two young children. It was in error that the statement was made that there was a need for help with funeral expenses. While the fund will help the family during this crisis, the funeral expenses were covered by the county and through the generosity of Hilton Funeral Home. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

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Center Stage

Where Wild Things Live

By Dominique Agnew

"It was here [Rockville Pike], through the car's closed windows, that I heard a persistent and loud racket I'd never heard before. Opening the window, I looked out to what was suddenly a darkening sky. The noise melted over the car. Flying above me was a river of crows—thousands of crows—flowing toward tall and densely packed deciduous trees in one of the few older wooded areas left in Rockville at the time... The crows continued, flying above Rockville Pike before dropping, by the hundreds, like handfuls of pepper, into the bare branches of trees along Montrose Road. Their winter chorus grew. This was their roost, in 1995."—from "A Banishment of Crows"

These crows are some of the numerous urban animals that have enthralled writer, Lisa Couturier, for decades. Upon the publication of her first book, *The Hopes of Snakes & Other Tales from the Urban Landscape*, a collection of creative non-fiction essays, Lisa was surprised while on her book tour by people who came up to her to tell of how they, too, had seen and marveled at the crows, and had loved the "magic of having them in Rockville."

The field in which the crows congregate every fall and winter lies near Congressional Plaza in Rockville. This meeting place has been in the mindset of the crows since at least the 1930s as one witness to their yearly visits recalls seeing them as far back as that decade. Many people see crows as pests when, in fact, they are highly intelligent, family-oriented animals. They mate for life and frequently live as extended families. Where are the crows of 1995 now? Naturally, their roosting area has diminished, being replaced by exclusive luxury townhouse communities. Exclusive meaning, in this case, no crows allowed. From "A Banishment of Crows": "Before I began my drive along Rockville Pike searching for the crows' most current roosting site, I asked an Audubon Society official if any environmental impact statements were conducted before construction destroyed the Montrose roost I'd seen in 1995. 'People knew it was there,' the official said, 'but crows aren't an endangered species,



Lisa Couturier

you know.' She snickered. Why is it we take for granted all but what we are about to lose?"

With a lyricism reminiscent of some of the great writers of the nineteenth century, Lisa paints a picture of the wildlife around us that urges us to seek these friends—whether in the city or in the country. "The Earth is not just a place you live on," she says, "but [you] also live with the landscape and the creatures inhabiting it."

Lisa grew up in northern Montgomery County, running through the woods, playing in the fields—a tomboy of sorts. After earning a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Maryland, she became a magazine editor in New York City. She would stay in the city for nearly fourteen years. Stints as an articles editor at *Redbook* and a features editor at *New Woman*, led Lisa to become a freelance writer, traveling to such far flung places as San Borneo, Tierra del Fuego, and the Galapagos Islands. Much of her freelancing was either travel articles or environmental pieces. When she decided to make the change to creative writing with animals, Lisa pursued a master's in biology at New York University. Her thesis for her master's is actually, in some respects, a skeletal version of some of her essays, and the writing of her thesis led her to pursue the idea of a collection of essays in book form.

The pieces in her book are organized in a generally chronological way as to when they were written, but they don't have to be read in order. Certainly, the essays themselves move back and forth in time and place depending upon the story being told. She writes of foxes, coyotes, vultures, fish, hawks, gorillas, egrets, snakes (of course), and the crows—and people. She writes of the people who understand living with animals and the

land, and people who don't or won't or can't—or who need to be shown how.

At one point on her book tour, Lisa spoke to writing students at NYU. Of the forty intelligent, educated students, none of them knew what a peregrine falcon was or that there were over fifteen nests in New York City. "I was fairly astounded," she says, "[that] for their level of education, that they were unaware."

Then there is the essay entitled "For All the Girls Who Couldn't Walk into the Woods." How many times have bodies been found in the woods? How many times has a woman/girl been walking/running/riding on a path and been dragged into the woods? For many women, and Lisa has experienced some of these fears either directly or indirectly, the woods are not a safe haven, but perhaps an area to avoid. This is not as it should be.

After a childhood spent roaming the woods of Laytonsville and Rockville, then part of an adulthood in the urban jungles of New York City and Washington, D.C., Lisa Couturier has come home to roost in Dickerson. "In returning to Maryland, I have returned to a landscape that sustained

not only a roost of hundreds of thousand of crows, but a girl who long ago fell captive to them," she writes in "A Banishment of Crows."

The Hopes of Snakes & Other Tales from the Urban Landscape (Beacon Press, Boston, 2005) can be found at all major bookstores. Read the book. Read the book for the thoughtfulness with which Lisa draws the lives of wild animals and our relationships with them, whether we choose the relationship or not. Read the book for the beauty of her phrasings and the choreographed dances of her words across the pages. Maybe we will all take a closer look at the landscape surrounding us—if we're lucky, maybe we will begin to think in stunning metaphors, as well.

"I returned to Maryland because I believed my daughter should see the purple light of unbroken land in the morning; believed she should see hayfields swallowing deer and fox; believed she should have a community of not only people but of land and animals."—from "Take the Long Way Home"

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Daytripper



Noah Briggs, an impressionist, who strolls the town of Harper's Ferry playing the part of a resident from the 1860s.

Harper's Ferry

By Jack Toomey

A traveler who takes a turn off of Route 340 immediately after arriving in West Virginia and only thirty-five miles from the Poolesville area will suddenly be taken back in time to a period when soldiers roamed the streets, merchants sold their wares to townsfolk, and steam locomotives pulled their trains across the Potomac River.

Harper's Ferry, West Virginia was founded in 1733 and later named after Robert Harper who established a ferry business at this location. Located at the confluence of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, the town has had an impressive list of visitors over the years. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Stonewall Jackson, and Meriwether Lewis are just a few of the notables who have visited this place. The National Park Service owns much of the town and has restored most of the buildings so they give the appearance of the town in the 1860s. A visitor can expect to see restored buildings, exhibits, ranger-conducted talks and tours, strolling impressionists, and programs of all kinds. A recent visitor to Harper's Ferry encountered a gentleman strolling through town—Noah Briggs, who by day is a government contractor, and by weekend is an impressionist playing the part of citizen of Harper's Ferry in the Civil War era. Briggs said that he is assigned to various points in town to answer questions from tourists, to give directions, and he insists that his character is forever trapped in the 1860s, and he denies knowing anything about modern conveniences. He said, "I do this in part for me because I like to interpret this particular era because it was not just the military that built this nation, it was also the citizens."

The lower part of town contains the site of the Federal Arsenal that George

Washington insisted be built at that location. It was here that John Brown led his infamous raid just before the Civil War in an attempt to obtain arms to free slaves in the southern states. There are also retail shops, booksellers, museums, restaurants, and snack shops. A short walk up a trail of steps leads to Jefferson Rock where Thomas Jefferson, who visited in the town in 1783 and while standing at the rock that bares his name, gazed out over the roaring rivers and imposing mountains, and exclaimed, "This scene is worth a trip across the Atlantic." Further up these steps is the Harper family graveyard where many of the original residents of the town are buried. There is also an overlook behind the Arsenal where a visitor can look out at the mighty Potomac River where it meets the Shenandoah. A footbridge crosses the Potomac to the Maryland side of the river and the sound of diesel horns will delight children and train lovers as CSX railroad trains pass on an adjacent bridge. For the adventurous, a trail on the Maryland side of the footbridge will take a hiker to the top of Maryland Heights, a mountain that towers over Harper's Ferry where spectacular views of the town can be experienced. At this place on the mountain the ruins of old forts and military roads can be found. Warning! This hike is only for those who are in good physical condition and willing to spend several hours accomplishing the climb to the top. The C&O Canal bed can also be viewed on the Maryland side of the river. Back on the West Virginia side of the river is the town of Bolivar where the Union Army skirmish line is maintained. Bolivar also has many souvenir shops and antique stores. Directions can be obtained at the visitor's center or from any ranger. If you haven't visited the Joyline Railroad, a small scale railroad for children that was featured in a Monocle article last summer ("The Joyline Railroad," August 11, 2006), you can easily fit that into your day since it is located on Bakerton Road, just a mile west on Route 340.

National Park Ranger Tiffany Moreland explained that parking is very limited in the town and that visitors are asked to park at the visitor's center, only a mile away, and then take a shuttle bus to the town. Moreland said that the most frequently asked question she gets from visitors besides inquires about the bathrooms is: "What is this place?" To find out all about "this place," to take a pleasant ride in the country, and to visit a very interesting town that adults and children will enjoy, make sure that you make the short trip there this spring or summer.

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Garden

Yes, You Can Grow Beautiful Roses

By Maureen O'Connell

Many people tell me that they would love to grow roses, but they have had poor luck in the past, and roses demand too much care and maintenance. I am not going to tell you that roses are maintenance free, except for one exception I shall mention later on in this article. Beautiful roses do demand a little work on your part. The key to success is to select roses that are well known for their hardiness and disease resistance. There are varying levels within these considerations. I have been growing roses for the past thirty years, so I have experimented with many varieties. Over those years, I have thrown out of my garden some roses that were not suited to our climate, and others that were too susceptible to black spot, powdery mildew, and rust. Some are more attractive to Japanese beetles, the worst flower pest there is.

Let us now look at some requirements for growing roses. The site for your rose garden is very important. Generally, roses need five to six hours of direct sun each day. From my experience with our climate, morning sun is best, with light afternoon shade. The delicate and needy hybrid teas seem to appreciate a little shade from the strong noonday sun, while the hardier David Austin roses do well in full sun and some sun/shade situations. Make sure that there is good air movement around the bushes; this will discourage many fungal diseases. Don't crowd them. Wet roots, especially in the winter, can be fatal, so ensure that the site has good drainage. Check by digging a hole eighteen inches deep and filling it with water. It should empty within several hours. The soil in our Monocacy area is less than perfect loamy soil; it is more of a red clay consistency. You can improve it by adding organic compost, peat moss, shredded bark, or ground leaf mulch. I have found that the leaf mulch is the best for our soil. Roses are big eaters, so don't plant near large trees or shrubs. They compete for light, water, and nutrients.

In designing your rose garden, first decide on overall strategies. Are your roses to be intermingled within an existing flower garden, or will they be in a separate rose garden? Consider

color scheme, height of plants, and repeat flowering or not. Roses are at home in many types of gardens, not just formal ones. I have roses in formal hybrid tea beds, long borders of David Austin roses with under-plantings of spring bulbs, lavender, lady's mantle, irises, lilies, and white impatiens. My old—twenty years—faithful rugosa roses are now so tall that they form a dense hedge. They are amazing plants. Every year there is significant winter dieback, but for every old, knotty, diseased limb I cut off to the ground, another new, spring-green, small branch emerges from the soil, and quickly grows into a new, hardy branch covered in fat, fragrant buds. Climbing roses scamper and climb around an old split rail fence near a small grove of lilac shrubs. Molly's Garden is anchored with three small grandifloras in shades of pink. Growing happily around them are three white 'David' phlox, three chartreuse Lady's Mantle, four delicate, pale yellow coreopsis 'Moonbeam,' and the intense violet-blue, heat- and drought-tolerant salvia 'East Friesland.' Roses are a wonderfully variable and versatile group of plants that can fit into

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Business Briefs

Dominos under New Ownership

April Moody celebrated her birthday on April 16 and found that becoming the new owner of Poolesville's Domino's Pizza was the perfect birthday present. This young entrepreneur studied business administration at Strayer University while working sixty hours a week. Starting in the pizza business as a teenager, she already has ten years of experience in tossing and making pizzas. April can toss up to five pizzas at a time, but she needs some catchers when she does it, and we plan to come by and take a picture for our readers in the not-too-distant future.

For the past few years, she has been working with a Domino's franchise in Dahlgren, Virginia and now is ready to go out on her own. Originally from the St. Mary's area of Maryland, she now lives in Germantown but has already fallen in love with Poolesville, "I am so excited about how everyone is so very friendly." She has some plans for changes starting with reintroducing luncheon hours and will soon restart delivery service during lunchtime.

New Ownership and Management at the Corner Café

The Corner Café in Poolesville is under new ownership and management by Ramesh Risal. Ramesh originally hails from Nepal and he has a degree in hotel management where he studied in the United Kingdom. He managed a three-star hotel in Nepal for five years before moving to the United States in 1991. He and his wife, Guari, reside in Rockville with their three children, daughter Rhitu (age 13), sons Rahul (age 12), and Rohan (age 6).

Ramesh is joined by the new store

manager, Talik Pandey, and they plan to make some significant changes in the coming weeks. "I want this to be a family coffee café. One of the things I want to do is offer a twenty-five percent discount on coffee to seniors." Ultimately, he plans to expand his menu based on popular requests from area customers. The Corner Café offers a full breakfast and lunch menu, and Ramesh is counting on the coming warmer weather to benefit his ice cream business.

Has Cugini's Gone Price Crazy?

We know Lyn Stillman is working extra hard these days by donating the pizzas for the prom party and will be opening her doors early to instruct on the restaurant business to a high school business class, but we think she has come up with the craziest prices in town. If you don't believe us, check her ad in this issue and try to figure out the secret reason for those weird prices. She told us, and we have to admit it's a pretty good idea. A hint is that it may just speed up service as well.

Bob's Bikes Instructs in Bike Safety at MES

Monocacy Elementary School sponsors an annual weekend bike ride on the canal for its students, and for the past four years, they have asked Bob Mallasch of Bob's Bike to instruct them in canal bike safety. "Canal path biking isn't like riding on a sidewalk. There is a canal biking etiquette that needs to be followed to make sure riding is safe for the kids."

One of the major differences he talks about in class has to do with sharing the pathway with equestrians. Startling an equestrian or the horse can have very unhappy results. A steady stream of joggers also is another difference that many of the kids may not be ready to handle safely. Of course, with safety tips on these things, he also spends time going over many of the basics such as using a helmet, fitting a helmet properly, having proper signal bells, and checking to make sure their brakes work properly.

Wearing a helmet is a most important safety practice and you "don't have to buy expensive to be safe" says Bob. "While there is a wide range in helmet pricing, all helmets sold in the U.S. are safe." Whatever he says, it must be effective because after so many years instructing in the class, there has yet to be a serious accident involving one of the kids.




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Local News

IWLA Holds Earth Day Celebration for Youth

By John Clayton

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA) (located just outside Poolesville) held its first "Earth Day Celebration for Youth" on a sunny Saturday in April. By early afternoon, over three hundred people had attended, with more cars still winding slowly up the long driveway through the woods.

According to co-coordinator, Glenice Rhodas, the aim of the Earth Day celebration is to get kids outside into nature and away from their computers and televisions. The chapter has held similar events in previous years as "Conservation Day," but decided to use Earth Day to support its focus on getting youth acquainted with nature and the great outdoors. Ms. Rhodas said that the IWLA and her chapter have been inspired by a book by Richard Louv, *The Last Child in the Woods—Saving our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*. (Algonquin Books, 2005.)

A distinct hit of the day, judging from the crowds of kids around him, was Woodsy the Owl, who was accompanied by several other representatives of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There were a number of other exhibits around the expansive chapter grounds, generally with IWLA members demonstrating outdoor skills and crafts for the kids and their parents. These included beehives and a discussion of beekeeping from Bob MacKleer, an exhibit of fishing gear and campfire cooking of fresh trout by Jeff George, discussions of an early nineteenth century caretaker's cabin, known as the Willard Log House, that the chapter is restoring, with informative discussions by John Lamb and Doug Garbini. There was also a bear exhibit featuring a hide that once covered a Maryland black bear, chaired by Marilyn Mause of the DNR. Al Moffat was alongside discussing an impressive three-hundred-year-old black oak tree on the property.

There were several other exhibits that the Monocle was unable to get to that day, but the day was obviously a great success and certain to be one of many more in the future, striking a goodly blow against nature-deficit disorder for all ages.



Jeff Georgia explains different types of fishing gear at the Izaak Walton Earth Day celebration.



Woodsie and some of his many fans at the IWLA Earth Day celebration.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

April 26. Montgomery County Police Officer Luke T. Hoffman died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident a few days earlier. Officer Hoffman had chased a suspected drunken driver on foot from a parking lot near Bel Pre Road onto a rural section of Old Georgia Avenue when he was accidentally hit by a police car driven by another officer who was responding to help. Officer Hoffman had graduated from the police academy in July, 2006 and had won awards for excellence in academics and traffic investigation. He was a graduate of McDaniel College and was also a trained firefighter and EMT. Officer Hoffman was twenty four years old at the time of his death. Ruel F. Dempster, of Silver Spring, was charged with reckless endangerment, three counts of fleeing the police and four counts of hit and run driving.

Past

May 5, 1930. The largest forest fire in the history of Frederick County was burning over Catocin and South Mountain. Over five thousand acres of timber land was burned causing damage that could not be estimated.

May 9, 1939. A severe thunderstorm swept through Frederick and Montgomery County killing livestock, felling electrical poles, trees, and flooding creeks and streams. Five valuable cows on the farm of C. J. Stump near Frederick were killed when they were struck by lightning.

May 12, 1939. The Montgomery County Commissioners instructed Police Chief Orme to take steps against delinquent dog owners. It was reported that one third of dog owners in the county had failed to purchase dog tags for their animals and that the delinquents faced arrest and a fine of twenty five dollars.

May 13, 1933. Henry King, of Clarksburg, was critically injured after the gasoline tanker that he was driving crashed into a car on the Rockville

Pike. His passenger was also injured and taken to the Casualty Hospital in Washington.

May 13, 1942. Dr. Allen Cowles, age 73 and a retired dentist, was fatally injured in a traffic accident on New Hampshire Avenue near Silver Spring. Dr. Cowles was crossing the street when he was struck by a car driven by a Washington fireman who was participating in a World War II

blackout drill.

May 16, 1932. Diamond's Mill at Gaithersburg was consumed by fire of mysterious origin. A large crowd was attracted by the towering blaze that was fought by a depleted force of the Gaithersburg fire company.

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Big Board

PHS Post Prom Party Needs Your Help

Poolesville High School's Post Prom Party, themed Under the Sea 2007, is scheduled for May 18 to May 19 and the Post Prom Committee is asking the community and businesses to once again make this event designed to have a safe prom successful.

Their goal is for an alcohol-free, terrific, and memorable evening for juniors and seniors. For its success, contributions—everything from cash, prizes, and an ad in their program, merchandise, food, or sponsors for an activity—is needed. Popular items are things like movie passes, retail store and gift certificates, restaurant gift certificates, Ipods, digital cameras, DVD players, etc. Interested persons should contact Tim Brown at 301-972-8733 or Timbrown450@yahoo.com.

Country Kitchen Tour

The Historic Medley is presenting its first Up-County Kitchen Tour May 12. It will feature nine intriguing and unique kitchens in Barnesville, Seneca, and Poolesville. Visit kitchens in private homes where the past and the present mingle in charming styles. There will be eighteenth century farmhouses as well as twenty-first century homes. This benefits the Historic Medley and supports their restoration projects such as the renovation of the old town hall in Poolesville. The tour will run from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$35.00 and tickets may be purchased online at www.Historic-Medley.org or at [Hearthside Antiques and Garden Center](http://HearthsideAntiquesandGardenCenter.com) in Poolesville.

Sugarloaf Mountain Celebrates 1st Anniversary

Join the owner and staff of Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards in celebrating their first anniversary. They will have food and craft vendors along with

band music. Of course, they will have a full wine tasting are giving a free wine glass to all who come and share their celebration. There is not admission fee.

Jake Perkins Falcon Golf Classic Coming Up

The annual Poolesville Booster Club's golf tournament will be held on May 25 and has been renamed this year in honor of past Booster Club president, the late Jake Perkins. The PHS Boosters help the athletic department at the high school by raising funds for uniforms, transportation, field upkeep, along with filling in on many other needs that come up. The entry fee is \$125.00 per golfer (\$500.00 for a foursome). There are hole-in-one sponsorships available for \$100.00, lunch sponsorships for \$250.00, and dinner sponsorships for \$500.00. You can obtain more information by calling 301-916-3196 or emailing fajme@msn.com.

Plan for the Annual Fishing Tournament

The 17th Annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament will be held on May 12. The tournament will be held at Collier Circle Pond located off of Wootton Avenue and will start at 9:00 a.m. Youth between the ages of six and sixteen are invited to participate. The entry fee is just \$1.00. Registration and rules are available at the Poolesville Town Hall. Town staff will be stocking the pond with catfish, crappie, and bluegill, and they suggest using chicken livers and night crawlers as the best bait. This is a rain or shine event that will be loads of fun.

Lilypons Water Gardens Children's Day 2007

On Saturday, May 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the St. Thomas More Academy and Lilypons Water Gardens will be hosting Children's Day 2007 at the Lilypons facility in Adamstown. This event is open to the public and will feature kid-friendly activities such as: Second Annual Fishing Derby, scaven-

ger hunt, moon bounce, face painting, clown, craft table, wooden boat rides, carnival games, entertainment, bird observation, and educational sessions. Food and craft vendors will also be available including Usbourne Books, Discovery and Do-Re-Me Toys, Custom Embroidered Clothing, Sand Art Vendor, and photographer Joe Bruce offering photos of the kids. Visit www.lilypons.com or www.stmamd.org for more information.

TrueGrass Bluegrass Music

The Lions Club of Frederick presents wholesome family entertainment in the form of TrueGrass, the top bluegrass band of 2005. TrueGrass will be performing at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on May 12. Proceeds will go to support our troops through Adopt a Platoon or other similar programs. Tickets are \$14.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-228-2828.

Skateboarding Lessons Offered

Learn to skate, improve your skills, or perfect your tricks with one-hour skateboarding lessons taught by the professionals at America In-line. Classes will be held at the Gaithersburg Skate Park, located at 506 S. Frederick Avenue. Sessions will be offered on Wednesday, May 23, May 30, and June 6, 2007 and are open to everyone ages five and older. The fee per class is \$40.00 for city residents and \$45.00 for non-residents.

America In-line conveniently offers two types of skateboarding lessons designed to meet various skill levels. Intermediate and advanced skaters are more than welcome to join. Both classes include protective gear rentals but require participants to bring their own boards. For more information and to register, please call the Gaithersburg Skate Park at 301-258-6350 or visit online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Good Times Can Help Good Causes

Relay for Life, a community-led group of residents raising money to benefit cancer research, wants you to know that when you decide to dine out, there are also good causes you can help. The following is a list of restaurants donating a percentage of their proceeds for the day to Relay for Life. Now if you overeat, you can always say it was for a good cause. If you have questions, email Chrissie.Harney@verizon.net.

May 10: California Tortilla in Germantown – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

May 12: Bake and Craft Sale at Selby's

May 16: California Tortilla in Germantown – 5:30 p.m. to 8:30

p.m.

May 18: Tower Oaks in Rockville – Crab Feast & Pork Roast (\$35.00 advance/\$40.00 at door)

On May 18 The Frederick Keys game is Relay for Life Night and there will be a Popcorn and Movies night at Poolesville Elementary School from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (\$5.00)

On Sunday, May 20, a John Poole Middle School team will be offering an afternoon luncheon to benefit Relay for Life at St. Mary's in Barnesville from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Enjoy a delicious international light meal, tea, and live classical music for a relaxing afternoon. Cost is \$20.00 per person. For more information, contact Chantal Agnew at 301-407-0001.

Frederick Celtic Festival

Enjoy Celtic music and dance at the Urbana Volunteer Fire department on May 12. The day's events, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., will include Scottish Heavy Athletics, Celtic vendors, children's tent, bagpipes and drums, food, and more. There is an evening concert by the international entertaining group, Glengarry Bhoys, and Iona from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. For more information you can call 301-846-0406 or email Skirby6119@aol.com.

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a wide range of situations. Consider the size of your yard and what kind of "room" you want to create.

Now that you have selected the site for your roses, should you buy bare root plants from a catalog, or container plants at the local garden center? If you are new to rose gardening, I would recommend a potted plant. First of all, they are usually in leaf and bud, so you can see the color of the flower. Secondly, planting is easier. Dig a hole the same depth as the container and eighteen inches wide. Gently loosen the soil around the root ball to expose the roots. Center the bush in the hole and fill in with soil. Firm the soil around the plant and water well. Do not fertilize at this time; wait until the rose is established. If you order a bare root plant from a catalog, plant as soon as possible after its arrival. If you have to wait to plant it, unwrap the plant, soak the roots well, and rewrap it. Keep the roots moist until ready to plant. I have lost several plants, when I did not plant them in time. When planting the rose bush, dig a hole eighteen inches wide and eighteen inches deep. Add peat moss and mix well with the soil. Form a mound of the mixture at the bottom of the hole. Position the rose on the

soil mound with the bud union—the base of the canes—two inches below ground level. Carefully arrange the roots of the plant around the soil mound. Fill the hole with water and let it soak in, and then refill with soil.

There are several types of roses with differing heights and widths, flower sizes, petal counts, growth habits, and fragrances. I find that some are easier to grow than others. Traditionally, roses were described as Old Roses, Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, climbing and rambler roses, rugosas, and tree roses. Over the last fifty years, rose breeders have developed new roses with a cross between Old Roses, Hybrid Teas, and Floribundas. Their goal was to combine the best of all these roses—flower form, attractive foliage, disease resistance, repeat flowering, and delicious fragrances—into one type of rose. The result is what we now call 'English Roses.' Every year the race to perfect the rose grows. We now have the Knock Out Rose series, the French House of Meiland Landscape Roses, Romantica Roses, the Canadian-bred Explorer Series Roses, and the much-acclaimed David Austin English Roses. Throughout my gardens, I have many rose varieties, but I must admit that I am very partial to David Austin's roses. I have twenty-

six of them.

Visiting a rose catalog or garden center can be overwhelming. How do you choose one out of the many, all-beautiful roses? I recently walked around my garden of ninety rose bushes, and made a selection of my most gorgeous, hardy, and disease-resistant roses that I believe could do well in your garden.

I have found that of all of the Old Roses, Comte de Chambord, Jacques Cartier, and Queen of Denmark ('Koenigin von Danemarck') have the best flower shape, disease resistance, repeat flowering, and fragrance. My rugosa roses, Hansa and Blanc Double De Coubert, are the most resilient and vigorous shrubs that I have ever seen. They are twenty years old, and every spring they surprise me with their wonderful blooms and scent. Nothing in the flower world can match their intense fragrance.

Hybrid Tea roses can be quite temperamental, fussy, and demanding of your time. You pay a price for their exquisitely-formed pointed buds. Over the years, I have found that these seven seem the most reliable and trouble free: Mr. Lincoln (the best red rose ever!), Just Joey, Peace, Chicago Peace, Pascal, Lasting Love, and the McCartney Rose.

What can I say about the Knock Out Rose, other than it is perfect, and it is truly maintenance free. The original Knock Out was followed by Pink Knock Out, Double Knock Out, and new this year, Rainbow Knock Out. These bloom-happy shrubs resist black spot, powdery mildew, drought, and even the nasty Japanese beetles. If you plant one rose bush this year, make it a Knock Out.

I have saved for last my favorite roses, David Austin's. They are all wonderful, but the following ones have performed the best over the years: Glamis Castle, Tamora, Winchester Cathedral, Heritage, Mary Rose, The Mayflower, Charlotte, and Sharifa Asma. They are not totally maintenance free. I still have to water, feed, mulch, and spray them. The Japanese beetles do have a taste for them. You will find though, that they are well worth the work.

Make roses part of your garden this year. They are flowers for all people, from the grandest garden to the smallest suburban plot. What other flower can combine so many qualities? It is small wonder that the rose is known as the "Queen of Flowers."



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Pulse

Paying Tribute to Our Wounded Heroes on May 12

By Rande Davis

“Pulse” as defined here at the Monocle, refers to covering those non-profit organizations that are in many ways the lifeblood of the community. When a group of men got together wanting to do something for recuperating soldiers at Walter Reed, they didn’t waste time creating an organization, they simply went about getting the job done.

Roger Stripperry and Paul Kelly brainstormed an idea to provide a relaxing day of fishing, fresh air, and great food for soldiers wanting to come out to White’s Ferry to get away from it all. Carl Hobbs and Richard McKnight immediately joined them. Joining the organizational team this year is Mrs. Hoffacker. The group quickly experienced the overwhelming support and help that comes so often from the businesses and people here. (By the way, the wounded soldiers from Walter Reed coming

to White’s Ferry are still soldiers not veterans. While some may leave the service after recovery, they are still very much in the army, and their veteran days are still ahead of them.)

As it developed, a new opportunity arose. With so much help and donations, the men realized that they would have funds left over and knew precisely where to donate them. The cause they chose is very near and dear to the soldiers’ hearts. They wanted to help support the Fisher House program.

Fisher Houses are homes for visiting family near military medical facilities where the soldiers are treated and cared for. They are something like Ronald McDonald homes in that they provide a temporary place to stay for the family and friends. Many military families find it a financial hardship to pay for flight, food, and hotel costs when visiting their loved ones, and Fisher House takes them in free of charge as a home away from home.

There are a lot of ways to help someone recovering with a medical need but helping to bring those they love to their side is one of the most cherished things that can be done.

On May 12, a motorcycle club will meet their bus at Poolesville Elementary School and escort them to White’s

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The event organizers say that the number of those who help out in this project is very large, but they are es-

pecially grateful to Edmond and Neil Brown for their donations and use of the pavilion. They are also very grateful to Jamison’s, Selby’s, Bassett’s, Jon’s Video, Hoffacker’s, J.D. Beer and Wine, BUT, M&T Bank, Poolesville Online, Dr. Eeg and Dr. Pike, Total Automotive, the Getty Station, the Town of Poolesville throughout the route, and the Monocacy Monocle. Sports Authority and Dick’s Sporting Goods provides some of the fishing rods and gear as well.

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"Brown Wins" Continues From Page 1.

ing him on town matters and answering his many questions in preparing for the campaign. He also stated that he found the input from town manager, Wade Yost, to be particularly helpful.

This was Mr. Stump's first venture into politics, and although his level of support had to be disappointing, many people expressed to us their appre-

ciation for his making the decision to throw his hat into the ring.

Tom Kettler, chairman of the Board of Elections with four town elections under his belt, stated that the election went very smoothly with 460 voters casting ballots plus six persons voting by absentee ballots. "We expected the lower turnout because it is a special election. One thing I believe was nice was that in having it here, many people who have not ever been in the town hall before got a chance to see it."

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as Edmond Brown and Charles Tipton. "When Tip came by, we took a B-17 on slow-time engine check over the English countryside. When we returned, I took a picture of him in the pilot seat, which he made into a poster and displayed for many years."

His career in Montgomery County's zoning and regulation department was so suited for him that he rose from being an inspector to the position as chief of the division. He spent twenty years with the county and seven years in consulting before finally retiring in 1996.

Bill married his departed wife, Barbara, in 1947 and together they raised their daughter Mary Pat Wilson and his stepson, Russell "Bo" Shetterly.

Working for the county is working for the people, but it was the contributions made during long, voluntary hours through the decades that the residents of the Up-county would appreciate the most. Before this area had the Upper Montgomery County Fire and Rescue service, residents were largely left on their own if a fire broke out or a medical emergency came up. In those days, fire departments came from far away and the only ambulance service was using the hearse from Hilton's Funeral home. Bill Hilton would drive the hearse/ambulance to Frederick Hospital. It must have caught more than one person by surprise when a hearse pulled up to the emergency entrance.

Bill's interest in fire fighting came from ten years as a volunteer with the Silver Spring fire department. After the war and as a member of the Monocacy Lions Club, he was joined by other Lions in determining the need for a more local fire department. The need was there, but the cost of land was a big hurdle. Once the families of Howard Griffith, T. Lloyd Grubb, and Carlton Van Emon offered to donate land in Beallsville, the biggest hurdle was overcome.



Bill Griffith

A committee was formed, and they got the State of Maryland to authorize a bond issue funded through a new property tax of ten cents on \$100 assessment. With a \$30,000 loan secured and the land donated, the building of the fire hall began and was completed in just two years. Astoundingly quick by today's standards but not surprising for firefighters—they were used to working in a hurry.

Since Bill had such extensive experience in volunteer firefighting, he was made its first fire chief, a position he held just for one year since he wasn't one to prefer such mundane tasks "as checking pumps and hoses." With the building erected and sirens placed in Poolesville, Dawsonville, Beallsville, Dickerson, and Barnesville, fire fighting services came to the area. There remained one last glaring shortcoming. Hearses have their place but not so much for the living, and a rescue ambulance remained a major need.

In the early 1950s, when Bill was building his current home, just down from the corner of Routes 107 and 28, a worker fell off the scaffold into the exposed basement of the home. It was at that point he determined that they must have their ambulance service. Bill and Bill Roberts converted an old hearse by painting it red, putting a beacon on the roof, and putting in a shortwave radio that connected them to the police and Frederick Hospital.

Bill, a life member of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department continued as an active volunteer until 1999 when his 55 years of active participation came to an end. His fire/rescue volunteer work wasn't his only contribution. His work with the Monocacy Lions Club (serving as King Lion one term) and work with his church are among many other things with which he has been involved. As a Sunday school teacher, he worked with young people whom he cares for so greatly and with affection that is so mutual.

In his retirement, we asked what he does to keep busy, and he just smiled and pointed to the floor telling us that he vacuums, cooks dinner, and piddles around. We wanted to ask him his advice to the young people of today, but the chance passed us by. We're not exactly sure what it would be, but we think that this community servant would just smile and tell them that life is for giving back, that it is important to have a work ethic, and most of all, when life comes at them too fast to "just get a grip."

Tributes

Bill Griffith: The Man with a Good Grip on Life

The runaway boy had joined the carnival for excitement. What he got instead was working the pony rides and merry-go-round, scrounging around for cantaloupes in a farmer's field for food, sleeping in an exhibitor's display of a burial vault, and ending up sharing a tent with the carnival's strongman. When the strongman challenged him to shake his hand to see who had the better grip, tears came to the boy's eyes before he finally let go. That was okay, though, since the strongman smiled and told him, "You got a good grip, boy."

Having a good grip might be the right motto for Beallsville's William "Bill" Griffith. Through his lifetime of public service and community volunteering, he clearly is a man holding strong family and community priorities. You might say he has "a good grip on life."

Bill was born in Beallsville in 1918 and lived there for two years before moving with his family to Silver Spring

where his dad had a coal and feed service and eventually became the Silver Spring postmaster. Bill was the fourth born into the five-sibling family. His dad owned three farms in the area: one in Beallsville where Bill resides today, the Oak Ridge farm in Dickerson, and another on Peach Tree Road. The two older sisters were Margaret Livingston, Mabel Littlepage, and an older brother, Perry. His younger sister is Mary Ann Kephart.

The lessons he learned early in life helped solidify his personal passion for community service. As a young boy growing up in Silver Spring, he rose early to milk the cow and deliver the local newspaper. He structured his route so he would end at school. On days when the paper was unduly heavy, his customers might catch him delivering on horseback with the papers tucked into a saddlebag.

He attended Maryland University studying, as he says, "What else? Agriculture." While there, he joined the ROTC and when enlisting, was selected to join the air force. His hope of becoming a pilot was scuttled due to insufficient eyesight, which moved him into their technical school. He was stationed in England and fondly recalls visiting other Poolesville residents there such

Youth Sports

CHS Baseball: Season One Sets the Stage for Big Things to Come

By Jeff Stuart

As a year full of firsts draws near a close for new Clarksburg High School, the Coyote varsity baseball team wasted no time looking for their first win, winning the first two games it ever played, both at home. With a sense of occasion, they inaugurated new Wims Field with a 15-7 win over Richard Montgomery on Wednesday, March 21. Sophomore Brendan Milligan, the winning pitcher, hurled three scoreless innings in relief and doubled twice, driving in four runs. Sophomore Josh Creighton also had a four-RBI day. Junior shortstop and pitcher Zack Skellchock doubled twice, and junior centerfielder and pitcher Matt Civetti also had two hits. Sophomore Cody and first baseman Martin had three hits and three RBIs. Performing not at

all like a first year team with no seniors, the Clarksburg squad won again at home on Friday, March 23. Skellchock, a lefthander, pitched a complete game two-hit shutout.

In their first road game, the Coyotes fell to Poolesville, 5-4, in eight innings with Civetti belting a three-run home run in the top of the seventh. The Coyotes then lost their first home game to Rockville, 10-2, which evened their record to 2-2. The next day, the Coyotes picked up their first road win at Watkins Mill, beating the Wolverines 12-2. Freshman Pitcher Jeff Gatling earned his first career varsity win, allowing the Wolverines just five hits. Going into spring break, the Coyotes lost at Gaithersburg, 15-0.

Upon returning from the break, at a home game on another chilly spring day, the resilient Coyotes overcame four runs by Einstein in the top of the first inning and eventually pulled away for a 14-9 win. After huddling with head coach Will Gant by the sideline, the Coyotes held the Titans scoreless in the top of the fourth inning, and then scored five times in the bottom of the inning. A towering three-run homer to left by Martin was the key

hit in that rally, following doubles by junior leftfielder CJ Metz doubled and sophomore catcher Josh Creighton.

Two experienced starters from last year's Watkins Mill squad have been key to Clarksburg's strong start. "We have really looked for leadership from Skellchock and Civetti. They are experienced players that have done a great job helping out with the younger kids," said Coach Gant. Skellchock was batting .450 through the first six games. Civetti had a .368 average and six RBIs. First baseman and pitcher, Milligan and Martin, respectively, were JV players at Seneca Valley last season, along with Creighton. Martin, who leads the team with thirteen RBIs, had a .429 average. Creighton was batting .389. Junior left fielder CJ Metz was on the Poolesville JV team last year. He had a .333 average.

Youth Sports

JPMS Athletes Finds Success at Regional Track Meet

Twenty athletes from the John Poole Middle School competed with other MCPS middle schools in the northern county regional track meet at Watkins Mill High School. The competition was categorized by grade and gender. Those finishing in the top four positions will go on to compete in the region finals on May 6 at Churchill High School.

Qualifying for JPMS for the region finals are: Nicolay Henze (second place/100 meters/sixth grade boys), Kirby Carmack (second place/long jump/sixth grade boys), Emily Murphy (fourth place/800 meters/sixth grade girls), Amy Defnet (fourth place/overhand throw/seventh grade girls), Jennifer Price (third place/long jump/seventh grade girls), and Beth Hanrahan (second place/overhand throw/eighth grade girls).

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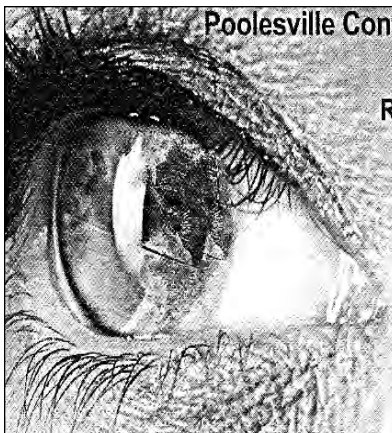
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Remembrance

Hubert W. Matthews

By Rande Davis



Hubert W. Matthews

Dickerson’s Hubert W. Matthews, 87, passed away on April 13, 2007 due to heart failure. He and his beloved wife, Evelyn D. Matthews, had moved to a rest home in Virginia. Hubert Matthews and his four siblings grew up on the family dairy farm in Dickerson

where he came to learn reverence for the values of family, hard work, and community.

Hubert inherited the enterprising spirit from his father, Walter K. Matthews, a man who had to leave school early to help support his

widowed mother by working on a nearby farm. From that humble beginning, Walter Matthews huckstered produce and other products driving to and from Washington by horse and wagon. Through that hard work ethic, he eventually came to own three farms.

As a young man, Hubert Matthews worked on the family farm loading and unloading ninety-pound milk cans, which he delivered to a bottling plant in Washington, D.C. Rather than return home with an empty truck, he decided to make a deal with a local grocery to bring back the bottled milk from Washington. This inspired him to approach other stores on the way home. As more stores were added, the delivery business grew into the very successful Matthews Distributing Company. His beloved son, Hubert “Bunky” Matthew, who preceded him in death in 2005, joined his dad in the business, ultimately taking the reins and expanding it even more.

Hubert’s congenial personality, quick laugh, and caring ways were well appreciated by his friends and family. His love of music was

joyfully shared with the community, as he was the tuba player in the renowned Poolesville Community Band that entertained folks in the community for a number of years.

Mr. Matthews leaves behind his wife Evelyn, daughter Nancy Cawley, daughter-in-law Lorraine Matthews, and grandchildren Dale and Dean

Matthews, Max and Kara Cawley, and Rick Bass. He is survived by his sister Doris Lewis of Beallsville, brother-in-law Herbert Dixon of Leesburg, and his six great-grandchildren he so dearly loved.



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Youth Sports

Carroll Manor Athletic Association Making Changes to Its Golf Program

By Curtis A. Osborne

On a recent April morning, members of the Carroll Manor Athletic Association sat down for a meeting with the head pro at Glade Valley Golf Course. It was a raw, windy day, and golf was probably the last thing on anyone's mind. Nevertheless, several golfers were on the course that day—in golf carts and on the driving range, oblivious to the elements. They bundled up with oversized jackets, knit hats, and winter gloves. Like those out on the course, the members of CMAA were golf "addicts" and their love of the game was the inspiration for the meeting. They were there to finalize details of CMAA's summer junior instructional golf clinic and league.

After an exhaustive search, Glade Valley became the host of the program. Last summer's golf clinic, while quite successful and having more participants than anticipated, the whole fall and winter program was spent trying to tweak and improve it. The switch to

Glade Valley with certified golf teaching professionals is expected to be a big improvement. This change will provide golf instruction on techniques of a good golf swing, league play, and through a competitive league, will give the junior golfers a taste for the excitement of competitive golf.

Annette and Doug Tinder, with the help of David Lee, spearheaded the effort this spring to make the CMAA junior golf program topnotch. In conjunction with George Stem, who is the master teaching professional at the course, the instructional clinic is structured to encompass all aspects of golf while making it fun and educational for the kids. Jason Rauth, General Manager at Glade Valley GC, also expressed interest and excitement at having the CMAA Golf Program at his club. "The partnership with Glade Valley Golf Course will give the participants a nice mix of league play and golf instructions," stated Annette.

George was also excited about the possibilities. "We have been teaching the rules of golf, golf etiquette, and the fundamentals of the golf swing," says George. "I am proud to have been a part of the developmental Junior Golf Program at Glade Valley, and all of us at Glade Valley are very proud when we see the young male and female junior golfers go on to play competitively and

successfully at many local Frederick County High Schools."

If the kids can harness the passion for golf that some kids have for baseball, then it is a win-win situation for Glade Valley, for CMAA, for the parents, and for amateur golf in general. George is a very enthusiastic and energetic gentleman who is dedicated to making it a first-rate junior program, as well as in growing interest in golf for both the juniors and for the adults.

CMAA has big plans for the future of the program, though it will take some time. "Our goal at CMAA is to have a home golf course where we can grow our program into more than a sum-

mer league," says Annette. "We would eventually like a fall or spring junior golf program where CMAA can compete with other local athletic associations." David Lee, a lifelong golfer who grew up participating in junior golf programs, brought a lot of knowledge, passion, and great ideas to the table that will be incorporated into the program. Who knows? The next Tiger Woods or Annika Sorenstam may come from this crop of junior players. The CMAA Junior Golf League will be conducted on Wednesdays June 27 through August 25, 2007. Registration is now through June 6. For more information, go to <http://eteamz.active.com/cmaa>.

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Equestrian

Interschool Riding Club Suits Middle and High School Equestrians

By Debby Lynn

Under the able leadership of Parent Sponsor April Leese, John Poole Middle School and Poolesville High School students are enjoying riding as a school sport. The riding club is run under the auspices of Interschool Horse Show, a national organization which oversees hunter/jumper riding as a school sport.

Schools may elect to have their rid-

ing team function as a regular varsity sport or as a club. Currently, Poolesville's riding club has opted to function as a club. According to Mrs. Leese, this allows the club more flexibility. While Interschool Horse Shows are focused on competing in the hunter/jumper ring, with club status, members are free to expand into other areas of riding. Poolesville students are interested in Quadrille, which is drill team riding, akin to synchronized swimming, where symmetrical patterns are ridden. There is also some interest in eventing, which is similar to a triathlon. Horses and riders complete three tests: a dressage test, a cross country course, and a stadium jumping phase.

Most riders own or lease their own

horse, but it is not a requirement to participate. The middle school currently has ten members, eight of whom have horses. There are six high school riders, all of whom have horses. The middle school students meet after school every week during the school year. High school members meet during lunch.

There is something for everyone in the group, and the clubs demonstrate great team spirit and community mindedness. Middle school students made homemade horse treats and clever Christmas stockings shaped like a horse's foot. They sold the stockings, and donated half the money to Day's End Horse Rescue.

The club sent a three-rider team

to two of the Interschool horse shows. One took place at Oatlands in September. This year's team accounted well for themselves, with the middle school racking up sixty-six points towards their overall standings, and the high school accruing nine points.

Mrs. Leese is very enthusiastic about future activities for the club. Possible future outings include trail rides, horse shows, and attending un-mounted educational seminars.

If you or your middle school or high school student is interested in the riding club, inquire at your school, or go to: www.interschoolhorseshow.org.

-Sugarloaf Citizens' Continued From Page 3.

In speaking about the Ag Reserve, one of the most successful land preservation programs in the nation, he recognized the need to educate the residents of all parts of Montgomery County about the importance of open spaces and farmland, and the need for a balance between urban, suburban, and rural areas. Delegate Rice said he was

eager to keep in touch and work with the community. He can be contacted at 240-476-5067 or at CraigRice@MD.StateHouse.US.

President Jim Brown (not to be confused with the newly-elected Poolesville Commissioner of the same name) recognized and thanked George Kephart for his influence in casting the deciding vote in the creation of the Ag Reserve when he was on the Montgomery County Council

with Royce Hanson.

Misty Allen, a representative from Mirant (formerly Pepco), owner and operator of the Dickerson Generating Station, spoke about Mirant's plans to comply with the state of Maryland's Healthy Air Act of 2006. Mirant will be installing new pollution controls that will "scrub" some ninety-five to ninety-eight percent of the facility's sulfur dioxide emissions by 2010. The new pollution controls will also reduce mercury emissions since Mirant will use a "wet" scrubbing process that yields gypsum for wall board as a by-product containing the mercury. To handle this operation, a new 400-foot high flue stack will be installed, and a 150-foot tall absorber stack will also be built, while existing stacks will remain. Construction is scheduled to start in August 2007 with completion by November 2009. Terms of this construction project generated a lively debate among some of the meeting's attendants. Their concerns focused on mercury levels, and increased traffic from construction vehicles. SCA has been working with Mirant in developing solutions for this problem. While it recognizes the need for this new construction, it vigorously demands conditions on several issues, such as traffic control.

The goal of Mirant's construction project will lead to a ninety percent reduction of harmful air emissions. While applauding Mirant's efforts to comply with the Maryland Clean Air Act, SCA will carefully monitor ensuing traffic congestion problems on both the roadways and railways in our area. The meeting highlighted that this issue is a huge sticking point with many area residents.

President Brown encouraged

residents to become involved in their community. SCA can provide the framework, but you must add your own efforts to effectively attack the many issues and interests that seek to destroy our wonderful open spaces and farmland. Once they are gone, they are gone forever.

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Remembrance



Truman Thomas

Truman Thomas

By Jack Toomey

Truman H. Thomas died on April 19, 2007 at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital. He was eighty-nine years old. A lifelong resident of Maryland, he was born in St. Mary's County in 1917, and was one of twenty-one brothers and sisters. Thomas served in the United States Army during World War II and moved to Poolesville in the early 1950s. He built a house in the Jerusalem community which remained as his residence until the time of his death. Mr. Thomas was an employee of the Montgomery County Public Schools for over forty years and drove a school bus during that time. He was proud of

the fact that he never was involved in a traffic accident and received several awards for his safe driving record. After his retirement in 1987, he drove school buses part-time taking children on field trips, and athletic teams to away games. Thomas also worked in the home improvement field and enjoyed gardening during his retirement years.

Mr. Thomas seemed to know everyone in the Poolesville area and had a cheery greeting for all. His friends knew him as "Curly" Thomas and he once explained that he earned that nickname as a young man when girls complimented him on his well-groomed hair. He had great respect for the police officers and firefighters of Montgomery County and would often regale friends with stories of how he assisted public service employees while he drove on the roads of the county. A church-going man and consummate gentleman, Mr. Thomas greatly valued the respect that he earned in the community.

Truman Thomas is survived by his devoted wife of sixty years, Gladys, a daughter Bonnie Thomas of Ellicott City, son Johnny Thomas of Prince Georges County. His two other sons who preceded him in death were Ricky Thomas, Sr. and Truman Thomas, Jr. Additionally, he is survived by daughters-in-law Cynthia Thomas and Lenora

Remembrance

Sonia 'Christine' Cantler Borden

Sonia 'Christine' Cantler Borden, 46, died Monday, April 23, 2007, at the Jennie Edmundson Hospital in Council Bluffs, Iowa. She was born August 31, 1960, in Boyds, Maryland and was the daughter of the late William Scott Cantler, Sr. and Ruth Elizabeth Burdette Cantler.

Christine graduated from Poolesville High School in Poolesville, Maryland where she was an active member of the National Honor Society. For many years, she was a member and secretary of the Gaithersburg-Washington Grove Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary. During that time, she was instrumental in the success of their weekly bingo fundraiser and supported the canteen activities.

Thomas and nine grandchildren. Mr. Thomas played an integral role in raising grandsons Ricky Thomas, Jr. and Tony Thomas. Funeral services were held at the Jerusalem Baptist Church on April 27 with burial at the Jerusalem Community Cemetery.

Christine is survived by her husband Jon and stepsons, Brett, Caleb, and Garrett, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; one sister, Ruth Marie Huff Allnutt and husband Benjie of Poolesville, Maryland; two brothers, Kenneth Edward Huff and wife Pam of Hampstead, Maryland, and William Scott Cantler Jr. of Boonsboro, Maryland; five nephews, Frank S. Allnutt of Martinsburg, West Virginia, John B. Allnutt, III of Frederick, Maryland, Brian W. Romero of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Aaron E. and Reed A. Cantler of Boonsboro, Maryland; one great-nephew, Brandon A. Romero of Albuquerque, New Mexico; mother and father-in-law, Milo and Sharon Borden of Iowa; brother-in-law, Jeffrey Borden and wife Debra of Iowa; and a sister-in-law, Connie Payne and husband Rick of Iowa.

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Humble Chef

Cooking with Mimi

By Maureen O'Connell

In past articles, I have written about chefs and their recipes. Some were of international reputation and others were of local interest. Talented chefs do not reside only in restaurants, for there are many avenues to follow in the culinary arts world. Mimi Schultze of Dickerson has managed to combine her love of cooking with her full time job as wife and mother of three boys.

Mimi, daughter of Maggie and the late Clark Poole, grew up in a house of good cooks. Her charming mother Maggie was born in Marseille, France. She met her husband Clark in France, when he was stationed on a Navy ship in the Mediterranean during the Korean War years. When she moved to Maryland, she brought with her the recipes and customs of French Provençal cooking. Mimi decided to make cooking a career, so she attended L'Académie de Cuisine in Bethesda, Maryland. In 1984; she graduated with a diploma in the French Culinary Course. Over the past years, she has been involved in a catering service and cooking classes. In her classes, most of her students are neighbors, friends, and friends of friends. I recently attended one of her Friday night cooking classes, held at her mother's beautifully appointed professional kitchen. The menu theme was a light spring evening dinner.

Menu – Purée of Artichokes – A delicious spread for toasts or served as a side to meats and vegetables

Asparagus Salad – Served with a classic shallot vinaigrette with minced hard boiled eggs

Peas and Prosciutto Fettuccine – A delicate dish finished with white wine to make a light sauce

Puff Pastry Fold-up Fruit Tart

Peas and Prosciutto Fettuccine

2 pounds fresh young green peas, shelled, about 2 cups. May use frozen

4 cups water

1 teaspoon salt

10 ounces fresh or dried fettuccine

3 tablespoons unsalted butter

6 thin slices prosciutto, about 2 ounces, cut into small pieces

1 teaspoon freshly-ground black pepper

¼ cup dry white wine

¼ cup grated parmesan cheese

Put peas, water, and salt in saucepan over medium heat. Bring to a boil, and then reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer until just tender. Drain them and return to saucepan.

Bring large pot of salted water to boil. Add the fettuccine, stir well, and cook until just tender, about 12 minutes. Drain and place in a warmed serving bowl.

Just before pasta is ready, add the butter to the peas and warm over low heat to melt, stirring with a wooden spoon. Add the prosciutto, pepper, and wine. Raise the heat to high and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, just enough to reduce the liquid a little. Pour over the fettuccine and fold in the sauce. Fold in half of the cheese. Transfer to a warmed platter, garnish with remaining cheese, and serve immediately. Bon appétit.



Mimi on the right and her mother Maggie Poole.

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School News

Blue Ribbon Week at JPMS Promotes Respect

John Poole Middle School devoted an entire week to educating its students in the value of respecting each other. Through the leadership of the administration and school counselor Peg Arnold, the theme of Blue Ribbon week was "Respect Equally So People Exercise Caring and Trust." To symbolize the program, students were encouraged to wear a blue ribbon on their wrists as a reminder that respect starts with each student. With respect comes caring and trust.

Each day had a special message. Tuesday was "hero" day, a time to focus on those in history or even today who exemplify the courage to stand alone for their principles and in some cases, causes. Friday featured "favorite character" day, similar to the heroes theme but focusing on the superhuman cartoon characters who strive for justice and a better world.

The highlight surely was wacky hair day. Wacky hair day was time for the students to do outrageous

things with their hair so as to demonstrate in a light and humorous way the tolerance needed in sharing our differences. On Wednesday, a special assembly for the students was presented with the theme, "Stop Bullying Now," which opened a discussion on the negative and sometimes devastating result of students bullying each other. Student government president, Julia Barnes, and vice-president, Zak Zapata, had participated in a similar assembly during a convention of student government representatives from Maryland schools. They came back to



SGA President Julia Barnes and Vice-President Zak Zapata opened an assembly on bullying at JPMS.

the administration to encourage them to bring the program to JPMS. "It's not that we have any serious problems here, but they do exist, and we felt that this is something our school should do to make sure we don't have a bigger problem," stated Julia Barnes. The SGA leaders introduced the program to their fellow students and shared their opinions on the importance of the student body taking the matter seriously.

Matthew Kamins, supervisor of psychological services of Montgomery County Public Schools, hosted the discussion using digital graphics and mini-cartoons to raise questions and answers regarding the many ways students intimidate others. He opened the discussion acknowledging that his interest was more than just professional as his own son had been subjected to bullying. This private acknowledgment set the stage for the students to feel more comfortable opening up during the dialogue that followed.

The participation of the students in such a large group can be challenging to say the least. Yet the students listened, laughed, asked questions, and gave answers showing that they too understood, maybe even more than the adults, that the issue is very

serious.

The assembly followed the heinous incident at Virginia Tech, which drove home maybe even more pointedly than usual the consequences of bullying when left unchecked and allowed to go to its fullest extremes.

The students were taken through the process of defining bullying and how to respond to it when it occurs. There were a few surprises that the students may not have known previously. Some of those things were: bullying is not just boys being boys; girls bully as much as boys; boys may be more physical, but girls use exclusion and put-downs; and allowing others to bully unchecked is itself contributing to the problem.

The discussion pointedly came to the conclusion that the mitigation of bullying starts with respect for each other so that self-respect is realized by all. Eleanor Roosevelt may have said it best: "Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home—so close and so small that they cannot be seen on any maps of the world. Yet they are the world of the individual person; the neighborhood he lives in; the school or college she attends; the factory, farm, or office where he works."



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Tidbits

Billy Jamison

Bill Jamison (Jamison Real Estate) was recently given a very special honor during the Lions Club District 22-C Annual Banquet. He received the Club Excellence Award for his dedication and contribution to Lionism and community work. District 22-C in Maryland has 59 Lions Clubs, and he was nominated by the Monocacy Lions Club to receive the award.

A member since 1999, Jamison has held many leadership roles in the Lions Club including president, secretary, chairman of many committees, and has also taken up leadership roles at the regional and district level. One of his major contributions has been chairman in the Lions preschool vision screening program. This program, designed to spot potential vision problems in young children, has prevented more serious issues from developing in future years. In obtaining the honor, the Lions "require" him to wear a star on his lapel whenever he is out in the public. If you spot him without the star, you are authorized to demand that he put it on immediately.

Brothers in Arms

Bob and Joe Ouellette of Poolesville have taken the notion of bands of brothers in the army seriously. Both will be off to basic training this June. Joe is graduating from Poolesville High School and going off to Ft. Benning as part of the 58th Brigade Combat Team, Maryland National Guard. Brother Bob is going to Ft. Jackson as part of the 218th Signal Brigade, South Carolina National Guard. Many in the area may recall that he has a passion for blacksmithing and has put on demonstrations at various events including past Poolesville Day celebrations. We have not determined if they plan to join the American Legion, but if not, we think father Bob may just recruit them to join his American Legion Post #295.

'Tis the Season for Scholarships

Seniors at Poolesville High School and Clarksburg High School are now learning about scholarships awarded to assist them with their college plans. The first to come to the attention of the Monocle was one awarded to Zachary Russ, a senior

at Poolesville. He was one of nine in the county given the National Corporate Merit Scholarship. His scholarship sponsor is the Lockheed Corporation.

M & T Bank's Sydney King Gives Birth

M & T Bank added a new member to its corporate family when teller Sydney King gave birth to a baby girl on March 27. Sydney has been at the bank for four years and resides in Frederick. Payton, the sweetheart with big blue eyes, weighed seven and a half pounds on the big day and is reported to be growing fast and keeping her mom real busy.

Thanks for Donating Blood
The Lions Club want to thank the people in the community that gave blood this year. The community has generously given a total of 115 units, and donors might interested to know that each unit helps three people so 345 people were helped by them this year. The next Lion Blood drive is July 10, 2007.

Hayward and Boschen Engaged

Amelia Hayward and James Boschen have announced their engagement with a June, 2008 wedding planned. James Boschen works at The Martin Agency in Richmond. Amelia Hayward will graduate with a Masters in Environmental Science from Virginia Commonwealth University in December, 2007.

Amelia is the youngest daughter of the Rev. Stephen and Kathleen Hayward. Reverend Hayward was the priest at St. Peter's Episcopal Parish in Poolesville for twenty-three years.

Got a tidbit you want to share? Email editor@monocacymonocle.com

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There are twenty-eight days of school left until summer vacation.



Basic Training bound, brothers Joe and Bob Ouellette.



James Boschen and Amelia Hayward



Bill Jamison receives Lions Club Excellence Award for his service from Lions International Director (left) and District Governor Sonny Parker.

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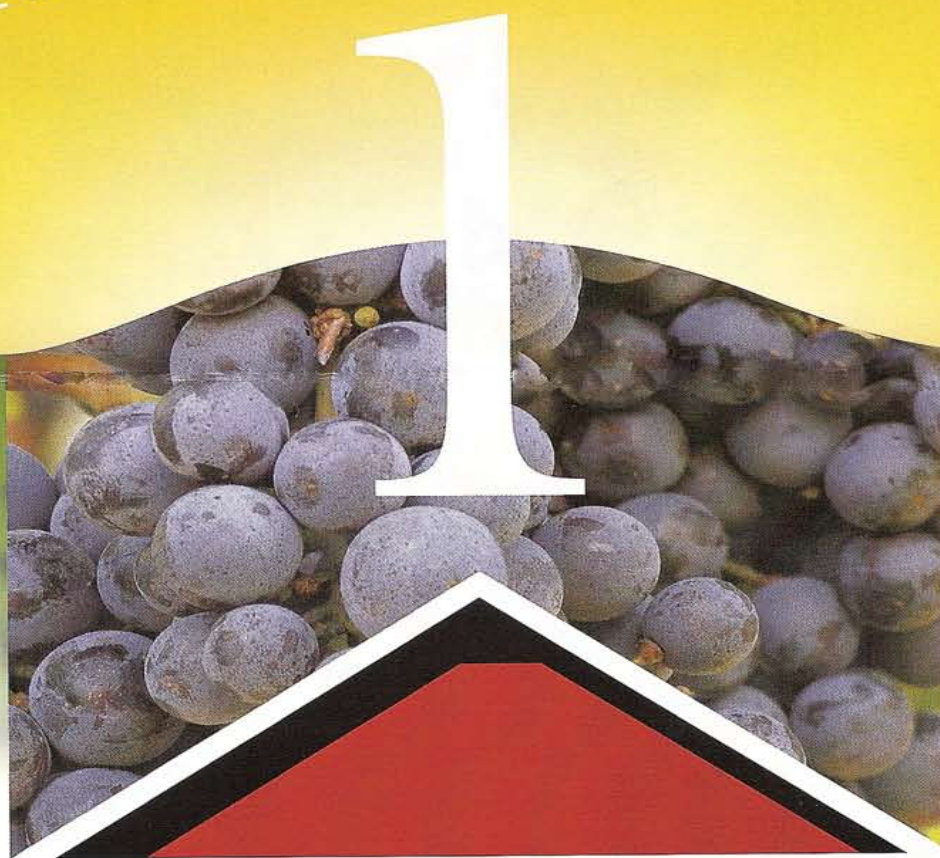
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