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Don't you hate waiting for them to turn off the lights and start the movie? See Family Album on Page 2.



Cindy McGrew offers a second chance to some deserving men and women. See Pulse on Page xx.



The Daytripper pays a trip to a local landmark. Page 5.



The up-and-coming young Falcons worked hard but had fun their at summer preparatory camp. See Youth Sports on Page 23.

Neighbors Extinguish Fire, Save House

By Jack Toomey

It was a typical late July day. Temperatures were in the nineties, the humidity was stifling, and lawns had a bland shade of brown that was caused by a worsening drought. If one had driven around Poolesville on that day, not many people would have been seen outside because they were either at a pool or had taken refuge inside their homes to escape the heat. Fortunately, one heroic woman did step outside, and because of her quick thinking, a house may have been saved.

Shortly after the noon hour on July 26, Clementine Davison had returned to her home on Shannon Way to pick up her daughter and had planned to take her to the pool. While standing in her driveway, she smelled smoke and looked down the street to see smoke and flames billowing from the backyard of a house in the 19000 block of Dowden Circle. Davison got into her car, raced down the street, and pulled into the driveway of the house where she had seen the fire while calling the fire department from her cell phone. While speaking to the fire dispatcher on the phone, she went around to the backyard where she saw the lawn on fire and the deck pilings beginning to smolder. Davison then went next door and began banging on the door of a neighbor and asked for a hose. Beckie Berez went out her back door and passed her garden hose over the back fence, turned on the water, and



Bruce and Clementine Davison use garden hoses to prevent the spread of the fire.

Hilltop Farm Development Proposal Denied

By Kristen Milton

A controversial subdivision, originally defended as a collection of tot lots, was unanimously rejected by the Montgomery County Planning Board. Members of the Charles Faller, Jr. family, incorporated as a partnership, applied for permission to build seven homes on 25 of 232 acres bounded by West Old Baltimore, Slidell, Barnesville, and Peach Tree roads. An existing home would remain on a 207-acre lot in agricultural use. The request concerned many area citizens both for its potential impact on rustic roads and the group's use of the county's tot lot provision to justify the construction.

Owners of Agricultural Reserve land have the right to build homes for their children on lots not bound by the one-lot-per-twenty-five-acres zoning implemented in 1980. These lots, commonly known as tot lots, have been called into question in some cases where the system is used to construct homes that are then sold to non-related parties. Amendments that would add language clarifying and further restricting tot lots is currently under consideration by the county govern-

Clementine began playing water on the fire. By this time, Clementine had been joined by her husband Bruce Davison, and neighbors Dana Galentine and Kim Florczyk.

Dana Galentine had been alerted to the fire by the Davisons, and he and Florczyk started going door to door asking to borrow hoses and eventually had enough to string together to reach the faucet on an adjacent house and began fighting the fire with the Davisons. A *Monocle* reporter happened to be in the neighborhood and heard the fire call being dispatched on

ment.

Opponents to the Hilltop plan frequently referred to a December 2002 letter in which Charles Faller, III wrote that he "should be in a position to sell the lots this summer [2003]." At the close of its July 19 hearing, board chairman Royce Hanson called the Hilltop Farm development a "very troubling" case. Stripped of questions of tot lot law and the provisions of an existing easement, Hanson said he did not believe the development would promote the goals of the Reserve. Approval, he said, would be "a real threat to the character and integrity of the Agricultural Reserve. It produces a level of fragmentation I believe is highly undesirable."

Commissioner Gene Lynch, who made the motion to reject Hilltop's submission, agreed. The development would be "quasi-suburban," he said, and its homes should not be considered as tot lots. "Eroding the trust in how the system works is a serious detriment to the system," Lynch added, in apparent reference to the tot lot question.

The decision to deny the plan was unanimous although vice-chair John Robinson advised the Faller family to dissolve the partnership and resubmit their plan in some other form.

"Go back and try again," Robinson said, before casting his vote.

the fire department radio. Upon arrival, it was apparent that the grass fire had spread in a circle, and that the flames were licking at a storage shed that contained many flammable materials; also, the supports of the deck were becoming singed. The Davisons, Galentine, Florczyk, and another unidentified neighbor were busy spraying water on the fire, shed, and deck, and another neighbor was beating the fire with a shovel to keep it from spreading. The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department soon arrived on the scene and took over the fire suppression, drenching the backyard with heavy-duty hoses.

Hours later, Clementine Davison

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Action from a bike race in Barnesville last month that was organized by Squadra Coppi and officiated and sanctioned by USA Cycling. Photo by Benoit Images.



Almost 300 people attended the first movie night at Whalen Commons to watch "Happy Feet." Photo by Hilary Schwab Photography.



The Odd Fellows' Annual Summer Luncheon for widows and widowers was once again a big hit.



Speed Thro Magic did card tricks for the kids on Whalen Commons.



Piranha Swim Team Moms enjoy coffee and the Monocle at the Corner Café. Kelly Tiever, Ellen McGeehan, Tracy Creamer, Kelly Creamer, Amelia Hall, and Sheri Hall.

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Youth Sports

A Model for Success: The Poolesville Basketball Association

By Curtis A. Osborne

For the serious basketball enthusiast, this is the time of year to hone skills at camps and summer leagues around the region. Summer is the time to refine the basics and fundamentals, working hard in sweltering gymnasiums, with eyes on the prize: becoming better players and making the basketball team in the fall.

America is losing ground to the rest of the world in basketball competition. Along the way, with AAU teams and shoe-company-sponsored camps showcasing individual players with their spectacular dunks and highlight reel crossover dribbles, fundamentals have become a lost art form. The model is broken, and now attempts are being made to fix it. Fundamentals have dissipated so drastically that the elite summer camps and showcases have revamped their models, now promoting a team concept as opposed to individual achievement. Drop by any gym and you hear the squeaking sounds of hundreds of sneakers gliding across hardwood basketball floors. It is a beautiful sound to coaches, a symphony, particularly, to those involved in youth basketball.

Creating better feeder systems is just one way to bring back fundamentals and to produce a better product on the court. Locally, there are quite a few organizations and schools that have always done things the right way and produced outstanding talent with winning attitudes to match their skills. The Poolesville Basketball Association is one true feeder system that is recognized in the area as one of the preeminent programs.

PBA is part of the Poolesville Athletic Association and is headed by eight-year President Jim Brown. Jim is a very passionate guy who loves the game, but more importantly loves the kids. He, along with the coaches and parents, share a grand vision for the organization and have been successful in achieving it. "The PBA's goal is similar to the message we try to send the kids in our camps. We're on a mission to encourage players to enjoy the sport of basketball and that if you work hard, you can accomplish your goals." PBA is made up of about

Humble Chef

The Taste of Summer

By Maureen O'Connell

We are now in the peak time for fresh summer fruits and vegetables. Our local produce stands offer a cornucopia of healthy and delicious choices. The weather is hot and humid, and many of us are in a vacation mood, even if we are not relaxing at the beach. Summer lends itself to casual entertaining. When planning menus for family and friends, we are looking for uncomplicated dishes with minimal last-minute preparations. Here are two recipes that are easy to make and take advantage of the plentiful fruits and vegetables in the markets.

Salad of Peaches and Gorgonzola

Dressing

Juice of 2 limes
Juice of one small orange
¼ cup hazelnut oil
½ teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon white pepper

eighty kids who comprise six teams. They have sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teams for both boys and girls, and they play in the winter in the competitive Mid Maryland Basketball League. During the summer, they compete in the equally competitive Rising Star League—but it is more than that. They also provide training for the younger age group through camps, clinics, and open gym nights.

Since Poolesville is a small community, PBA is a true feeder system as it leads to athletes playing at Poolesville High School. The high school coaches are very active in PBA as well and have a stake in its success. "Poolesville is different from most high school draw areas," says Jim. "We're the smallest school in the county, yet we compete and succeed against the biggest schools in the area in almost all sports, not just basketball. We also want to deliver a minimum of twelve fundamentally sound, enthusiastic basketball players to the high school program each and every year," continues Jim. "Our Poolesville High School varsity coaches, Tom Lang and Randy Berger, as well as our

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Salad

¼ cup sliced or chopped hazelnuts
4 medium peaches (white are particularly good in this recipe)
1 head red leaf lettuce, cleaned and separated into leaves
3 ounces Gorgonzola

1. To make the dressing: In a small bowl, combine the lime and orange juices. Slowly whisk in the hazelnut oil until incorporated. Add the salt and pepper and taste for seasoning.

2. Preheat the oven to 350° F. Toast the hazelnuts until lightly browned, 3 to 5 minutes.

3. In a large saucepan, bring water to a boil. Immerse the peaches for about 20 seconds and remove immediately. Peel and cut into ¼-slices.

4. In a medium mixing bowl, combine the dressing and the peaches and marinate for about 10 minutes.

5. Distribute the lettuce leaves on individual salad plates. Arrange the peach slices in a spoke or flower design on the lettuce leaves. Drizzle the remaining dressing over the peaches. Sprinkle the peaches with crumbled Gorgonzola and then the toasted hazelnuts. Serve immediately

Advance Preparation: This may be prepared eight hours in advance through step 2 and kept at room temperature.

The Taste of Summer, Diane Rossen Worthington

Chunky Zucchini Gratin

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
4 plump garlic cloves, peeled and halved
1 pound zucchini (about 4), trimmed and cut into chunks
¼ cup light cream (I use Land of Lakes Fat Free Half and Half with equally good results)
Sea salt to taste (in a future article, I shall tell you why I think sea salt makes a difference)
Freshly ground black pepper
¼ (1 ounce) freshly ground French Gruyère cheese

1. Preheat the broiler

2. In a large skillet, heat the oil over moderate heat until hot but not smoking. Add the garlic and zucchini, and brown the zucchini for about 5 minutes. Reduce the heat to low, cover, and cook until soft, about 10 minutes more.

3. With a slotted spoon, transfer the zucchini to a 1 quart gratin dish. Drizzle the cream all over. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with the cheese. Place under the broiler until the cheese is melted and golden, two to three minutes.

The Provence Cookbook, Patricia Wells

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Commentary

Virginia

By John Clayton

Living next to the Commonwealth of Virginia means that we all, courtesy of local news outlets, get to know more about their politics and problems than we really want. Over the past few years, many of these problems have involved paying taxes, which Virginians, like the residents of the other forty-nine states (or other forty-six states and three other commonwealths, if you want to be picky) dislike paying.

Virginians have been down the cut-taxes-we-don't-like road before. Several governors ago, a Republican governor found out it was easier to get elected by promising to cut their dreaded personal property car tax than it was to actually do it. One of the problems, of course, was that the state was essentially banning a local tax and leaving local obligations in a lurch. As it turned out, his successor was able to work with the other side of the aisle in the state assembly to restore some revenue without being tarred and feathered—the normal reward for revenue enhancers. At least part of the lesson was, if you are going to eliminate a tax, you either have to reduce spending or live without—not a terribly deep lesson, although one that current-day politicians of all stripes seem to have trouble practicing. In short, Virginians decided not to live without roads, police, firehouses, etc.

More recently, in an attempt to generate road-building revenue, the Commonwealth enacted a bevy of hefty fines (technically “civil remedial fees”) on Virginia motorists who are convicted of serious traffic offenses such as speeding by more than twenty miles per hour over the limit, drunk driving, passing school buses, driving with an obstructed view, and similar dangerous practices. The fees can reach \$3000. It is a reasonably complex scheme, and includes charges for points assessed on your license as well, for the revenue gift that just keeps on giving.

This went into effect July 1, and since then the squawking has been loud and strong. The local Washington-area news radio station is loving it to death, with frequent breathless updates, quotes from irate callers, and bold words from backpedaling politicians.

From what I have learned,

it appears that some fine tuning of this law may be in order. One flaw most often expressed is the regressive nature of the law, in that the poor are socked at the same rate as the non-poor and may not be financially able to retain a license. This would very possibly impact their ability to hold a job, one of a number of factors that contribute to the concept that a driver's license is a right and not a privilege. Another is that clogged courts will result as people discover that a ticket is worth fighting, and not just an affordable cost of bad driving. Additionally, as judges reduce normal traffic fines to offset the more draconian fees (since they do not have the discretion to reduce the new fees) there may be a transfer of revenue from the localities (who would have received the fines) to the state, which gets the fees. Sound familiar?

These reasons are not, in my opinion, why Virginians are squawking. For one thing, while many may argue that this is unfair to the poor, I suspect the loudest squawkers seldom worry about the poor otherwise. Clogged courts, richer lawyers, and depleted local coffers are equally removed from the source of public pain. What is at risk here is our God-given right to drive like a maniac whenever we feel like it, and to get little slaps on the wrist when caught. We kill over forty thousand people every year, with no significant improvement in sight, but driving a car remains a right, not a privilege. Is it so unreasonable to increase sanctions on truly deadly activities? A driver barreling down a thirty mile-per-hour residential street at over fifty miles per hour is putting more than his or her own health at risk. This is not a purely hypothetical occurrence; feel free to come and stand on the corner of Barnesville Road through Barnesville some time. Stand on the sidewalk and feel what a speeding SUV feels like as it goes by, and think of how tightly you would hold a child's hand. I think a \$1500 remedial surcharge would be just what the doctor ordered.



The new logo for Poolesville, Timeless Charm. What do you think? Some people love it, some don't. The Poolesville commissioners are interested in hearing your opinion.

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Letter to the Editor

Last month, a friend from Frederick sent me a copy of the *Monocacy Monocle* dated June 22, 2007. I enjoyed reading the issue as it brought back many memories of my days [from] 1935 to 1952 while working and living in the Poolesville area. I taught school and served as principal from 1947 to 1952 after returning from four years service in the navy on minesweepers.

On page ten, while reading the interesting article regarding the life of my good friend Benoni Allnut, it was noted that he was the last surviving charter member of the Monocacy Lions. Upon reading this statement, I immediately went to my family doctor and requested that he determine if I was still breathing; he assured me that everything appeared to be in good shape—happy news. I was a charter member of the same club—the first Tail Twister and the fourth president. Having not heard from my good friend Ed Dunphy who lives in Sullivan, Illinois, I telephoned him yesterday and determined that he is still breathing fresh air every day. He also was a charter member.

I thought you might be interested in knowing the facts, and I beg that you do not terminate us any earlier than necessary.

Keep up your good work as it is an excellent community newspaper.

Sincerely,

Harry C. Rhodes.

Dear Dr. Rhodes,

As current Monocacy Lions, Rande Davis and John Clayton should have known better. Mr. Allnut was indeed the last remaining charter member of the Monocacy Lions who was still a member of the club, but as you pointed out, he was not the last surviving charter member. We have also been informed that Ernest R. “Tip” Lillard, the brother of the father-in-law of club president Gary Burdette, is also a surviving charter member. Thank you for helping to set us straight.

Daytripper

Sugarloaf Mountain

By Frederic J. Rohner

It may not be Everest, but Sugarloaf Mountain dominates the landscape around it, standing out quite literally like a sore thumb—because of its rounded shape—amidst acres and acres of green pastures. Often overshadowed by the nearby Appalachian, Shenandoah, and Blue Ridge Mountain Ranges, Sugarloaf is a bit of an unsung hero. Only 1282 feet tall, it's on the small side as far as mountains are concerned, but it's a hidden gem for daytrippers in the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore Metropolitan areas.

The geological term for Sugarloaf is a monadnock because it was formed not from the collision of tectonic plates, but from the slow erosion of the surrounding land. In Sugarloaf Mountain's case, that process took fourteen million years to occur leaving us with its rocky quartzite cliffs, scenic overlooks, and shady rambling trails. Sugarloaf Mountain is rare for another reason aside from its unique formation: it is privately owned and managed yet open to the public for free. Stronghold Inc. is the company that owns Sugarloaf Mountain, and they charge no fees for people to enjoy the mountain, but they do not allow camping, hunting, or fishing and ask that visitors conclude their visits by sundown.

It may not seem possible, but Sugarloaf Mountain is home to over five hundred species of plants, including many different kinds of wildflowers, which create breathtaking views splashed with color during their blooming periods throughout the spring and summer months. The dominant tree species on Sugarloaf are oaks, both the red and white varieties, which are currently being threatened by oak decline caused in part by the invasive gypsy moth. Animals which have made Sugarloaf Mountain their preferred habitat include the flying squirrel, the red fox, the horned owl, the pileated woodpecker, the red-shouldered hawk, and of course the white-tailed deer which are abundant throughout this section of the mid-Atlantic. Throughout the spring and fall, many songbirds stop at the mountain during their

long migrations and entertain visitors with their unique sounds.

A short drive north on I-270 for Washingtonians or west on I-70 for Baltimore residents, Sugarloaf Mountain is by far the closest mountain in the area, a fact that draws nearly 250,000 people annually. One such person is Jen Tindale from Damascus, a first time Sugarloaf visitor whom I met on my most recent trip up the mountain. An avid hiker and nature lover, Jen was drawn to the mountain. "It's location is great. I didn't have time to drive a couple hours to get to Skyline Drive, but I wanted to get out and enjoy the weather this weekend, so I got on the internet and found Sugarloaf Mountain."

Asked what she thought about the mountain, Ms. Tindale said, "It's very impressive. The fact that the surrounding landscape is pretty flat adds to its beauty. You can see miles of farmland from the overlooks. Sugarloaf isn't part of a chain of mountains, it's the only mountain."

Aside from its scenic views, the main attraction on Sugarloaf Mountain is its wonderful hiking trails which range from a quarter mile in length to seven-mile-long circuit trails which go all the way around the mountain, and vary from the steep and strenuous to the relaxing, ambling trails perfect for family outings with small children in tow. My personal favorite is the orange-blazed Sunrise Trail, which can be found on the eastern side of the mountain. The Sunrise Trail is one of the more strenuous and steep trails found on Sugarloaf, but it's good exercise and the view from the top is worth the work. For a longer adventure, try the Northern Peaks Trail, which is about five miles long and offers equally magnificent views along less strenuous terrain.

As the sun goes down and your visit to Sugarloaf Mountain draws to a close, make sure to stop at the Comus Inn before heading home. The food is great, and the folks at the inn are a wealth of information about the history of the mountain—and as you get back onto I-270 or I-70 to head home, just remember that Sugarloaf Mountain is close enough to make a daytrip anytime, so the fun never has to end.

Remembrance

Dorothy Cicheskia

Former Poolesville resident Dorothy (Dolly) Cicheskia passed away May 16, 2007 at her home in Pensacola, Florida after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. She was seventy-three.

Dolly and her family were members of St. Mary's (Shrine) Catholic Church in Barnesville. She was employed by the Montgomery County Public School System as aide to kindergarten teacher Mrs. Carol Noyes (now retired). During the summer months, Mrs. Cicheskia was employed by the Montgomery County Recreational Department as playground director at the Germantown Elementary School Recreational Center. After several summers, Mrs. Cicheskia was transferred as director to the newly-

established Recreational Center at the Poolesville Junior-Senior High School, where she worked until the summer of 1972.

Dolly is survived by her husband of fifty-one years, Alex Cicheskia of Pensacola, Florida. The Cicheskias lived in Poolesville from 1956 to 1972. Mr. Cicheskia was a teacher at the Junior-Senior High School from 1954 to 1981, when he retired. He taught biology for the last ten years of his career and was the first Science Resource Teacher.

Dolly Cicheskia is also survived by a son Rick Cicheskia of Pensacola, Florida, a daughter Alexis Dailey of Middletown, Maryland, four grandsons, one great granddaughter, and a sister Jean Shiner of Elysburg, Pennsylvania.

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Local History

Web of Deceit in Clarksburg

By Jack Toomey

The woman was led into the tiny courthouse in Clarksburg. Actually, it was just a tiny room in the back of the general store that served as a courtroom on the few occasions when the justice of the peace needed to set bond or to send a prisoner to jail in Rockville. It contained no more than a desk, two chairs, and a railing. A crowd of farmers, their wives, and the curious crowded into the room. There were so many people that they spilled out into the hallway leading into the store. The woman smirked at the crowd with a superior air, and the spectators murmured to each other about her nerve. Justice Anderson called for silence and called the court to order. The woman, dressed in black and with a shawl over her head, waived her right to the hearing, possibly to escape the hostile crowd, and Anderson ordered her taken to the jail in Rockville.

In the spring of 1909, Elizabeth Young had noticed an advertisement that had been placed in the Baltimore newspaper seeking a farmer's housekeeper at a farm in Montgom-

ery County. She had shown up at the Green farm near Clarksburg and was interviewed by John Wagoner who was the farm manager. She impressed him with her sophistication and claims of prior experience. He put her to work keeping house and cooking in the large farmhouse. It wasn't long before word of her tasty cakes and pies had spread throughout the sparsely-populated areas of Boyds and Clarksburg. By the fall of 1909, she was well known in the area. Farmers, having very little to do in the winter, made excuses to stop by the Green farm and chat with Mr. Wagoner and while there make the acquaintance of Mrs. Young. She was more than happy to bake and cook for the men, and before long, a regular assemblage was being held in the kitchen. Of course, the wives of these men wondered why their husbands needed to go to the Green farm so often, and soon enough, they accompanied their husbands to see the attraction.

Mrs. Young, no fool, began to regale the crowd of farm families with tales of the big city and her society connections. She told them of her friendships with businessmen, ambassadors, and the wealthy. Some of these farm folks had never been outside of Montgomery County before—a trip to Rockville for them was a very special event. These

country people crowded around the stove in the kitchen and listened intently to Young's stories of parties, balls, and life in the big city. She also told them of her connections to the wealthy barons of the time and explained that she decided to take a job in the country to get away from all of the attention that she received while living in high society. Her own wealth was supposedly invested in stocks, bonds, and securities. She hinted that she could help these naïve country people strike it rich like she had.


Slowly, she was winning their trust. The men had dreams of new cash and of using it to buy more property to expand their farms while their wives had images of circulating in the high society of Young's stories, but, unbeknown to the woman folk, Young was spinning a more sinister web. One by one, she had private conversations with the husbands and let it be known that she was attracted to them. As might be expected, Young lured some of the men into adulterous affairs. None of the other men suspected that their neighbors were involved with the woman thinking that they were the only paramour of Elizabeth Young. As the affairs multiplied, so did her deceit. She began talking the men out of their money, promising to place it in investments that could not fail and offering to sell her own stocks

for a quarter of their value. She also borrowed large sums of money from the farmers after producing letters from bankers in Washington attesting to her character. On cold winter nights, men, who had now told their wives about the chances of getting rich, but certainly not the affairs, brought their wives to the Green farmhouse and gathered around as Young explained how she got rich and how they also could enjoy her good fortune. The wives readily joined their husbands in agreeing to contribute life savings in some cases.

Then one December day in 1909, Mrs. Young disappeared. Inquires at the Green farm revealed that she had left early one morning, but the hopeful farmers agreed that she must have gone to the city to take care of business and to invest their money.

Christmas came and Young had not come back. Someone went to Rockville and related the tale to Sheriff Viett who discreetly interviewed the group and came to the conclusion that Elizabeth Young was a criminal and was involved in a confidence plot. In February, Viett located Young at a farm in Prince George's County and brought her back to Clarksburg. In advance of his arrival, the crowd of farmers collected and

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Equestrian

Tracey Morgan Named for World Combined Pony Driving Championships

By Maureen O'Connell

The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF) has named the team for the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI) World Combined Pony Driving Championships, July 18 to 22 in Knabstrup, Denmark. The team will include single drivers, pair drivers, and team drivers. Tracey Morgan of Beallsville, Maryland (with her ponies Singletree Tabitha Twitchet, Farnley Coquette, and Lizwell Gambling Queen) will be one of the pair drivers, along with Miranda Cadwell of Southern Pines, North Carolina. The drivers were selected after a grueling series of North American selection trials held during the competition year.

Horse Driving Trials is the only equestrian sport where competitors of all ages, male and female, can compete on an equal footing with ponies and horses. In the first two days of an event, the drivers complete the Driven Dressage phase. This consists of a sequence of set movements to display the schooling and obedience of the animal. On the third day, the competitors must complete

two timed sections of the cross-country marathon course. The last nine-kilometer stage includes eight obstacles through which they must guide their pony or ponies and carriage through at a posted speed. These obstacles are often built around natural features, such as water, steep banks, and trappy woodlands with tight turns around every bend and twist of the road. This phase demands a great deal of judgment and skill from the driver in order to complete without going off course or incurring time penalties. The last day of the competition is the Obstacle Cone Driving Competition. You could equate this to the show-jumping phase of a ridden event. The objective is to drive, in a set time, through narrowly-spaced pairs of cones without upsetting any. This demands a very well-trained animal. The combined scores of all phases are totaled to determine the winners.

This year's event will host competitors from England, Wales, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Austria, Switzerland, United States, Australia, and Denmark. Denmark will be defending its 2003 silver medal and 2005 bronze medal. It is quite an honor to have reached this level of competition.

Good luck to Tracey and her navigator Kenny Cox as they represent the United States in this prestigious equestrian event.

Local News

Monocacy Bridge Put in Place

By Jack Toomey

When the one-lane bridge over the railroad tracks on Mouth of Monocacy Road was built, steam engines still struggled up the hill towards Barnesville. In fact, the bottom portion of the bridge, built in 1927, is blackened by

coal and diesel exhaust. Two years ago Montgomery County declared that the bridge would need replacing because of deteriorating conditions. A project was then authorized to build a new bridge that would require keeping the road open because of the need for access to the Potomac and Monocacy Rivers which are on the south side of the bridge.

Tim Cupples, who is Montgomery County's Chief of Construction, was

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Big Board

Poolesville Day, Do Not Delay

This issue of the *Monocacy Monocle* will be the last to hit the newsstands until the greatly anticipated Poolesville Day edition of August 31. After starting the year out with the tragic loss of Jake Perkins, the committee and many area residents rallied in his honor to make sure Poolesville Day (September 8) will be all that he would want it to be.

This year promises more vendors, more music, more entertainment, and more food. Plans are being finalized for a surprise musical event in the late afternoon as a grand finale. One of the wonderful additions will be a musical revue put on by the Poolesville Jazz Band.

There is still limited room for more vendors. Please reserve space right away. Just as importantly, paraders need to register their intent to be in the parade within the next few weeks, so for all those who have delayed filing their parade application: the time to act is now. For more information and to get your applications in for vendor space or parade registration go to www.poolesvilleday.com.

Poolesville Day 5K Race Registrations Now Being Accepted

A big part of Poolesville Day is the PACC 5K race. While part of the day, registration for this event is separate from other Poolesville Day events. Runners, joggers, and walkers will get a price break (\$20.00) if they register before August 20. After that, registration will be allowed right up to September 7 and early September 8. The price then will be \$25.00.

The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. All participants get a race T-Shirt for something to wear with pride throughout the year. Top male and female under forty years of age will win \$100.00 for first place, \$75.00 for second, and \$50.00 for third. The Masters award for both male and female between forty and fifty will be \$50.00 and the same amount for the senior (fifty plus) winners.

Online registration is www.signmeup.com/57497. For more information or for applications to mail in, go to www.poolesvillechamber.com or call 301-349-5753.

Summer Music and Movies Are a Big Hit

So far, the movie night and music concerts at Whalen Commons in Poolesville have been a resounding success. The dates, times, and venues are all listed in the Things to Do section of this issue. So far, the weather has been very cooperative, and families and people come early to get the best places. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, and if you don't pack some snacks, remember, there are plenty of places surrounding the park ready to serve your needs.

Vacation Bible Schools for August

We are pleased to present a collage of pictures from area vacation Bible schools in July. VBS programs have been a "rite of passage" for many generations in this area and all of them welcome people that are not members of the sponsoring churches. All share the concept of games, food, music, and good times. Still to come up for August: Poolesville Baptist Church (August 5 to 9); Poolesville Presbyterian Church (August 6 to 10) and St. Mary's Catholic Church (August 6 to 10).

Retrace Captain John Smith's Voyage

On August 4 and 5, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum in St. Leonard (Calvert County), Maryland, visitors can tour a replica of the craft used by Capt. John Smith on his historic voyages of exploration on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries from 1607 to 1609.

A crew of modern-day explorers, historians, naturalists, and educators has spent this summer retracing Capt. John Smith's incredible 1608 expedition on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Traveling in a twenty-eight foot reproduction of Smith's shallop (a small workboat powered by sails and oars), and living much as Smith and his men did four hundred years ago, the shallop and her crew will ultimately have spent 121 days voyaging to the headwaters of almost every tributary of the Chesapeake Bay. For more information, go to www.sultanaprojects.org.

The Phantom Tollbooth

Authentic Community Theatre brings the beloved children's book to life on stage in this live theatrical production at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on August 11 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$8.00 for seniors and students. For more

information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-228-2828.

"Country Fun in the City Sun"

The 50th Annual Montgomery County Fair is August 10 through August 18 at the fairgrounds in Gaithersburg.

Musical entertainment this year includes Victor Litz Musical Showcase, Christian Slay, The Newports, and Bob Plunkett and Annapolis Bluegrass Coalition. They have over forty carnival rides, which include many for the young kids. The entire list of events including the arts, crafts, and 4-H events is too large to put here, but you can go to www.mcagfair.com for the full range of offerings.

HMD Art Show

The Historic Medley District Art Show will open on September 7, 2007, the evening before Poolesville Day, and art will be on display for two weekends. Last year's show was a resounding success. We are looking for a few more Montgomery County artists to submit works for display and sale. Three-D and two-D art forms, including photography, are welcome. Gain exposure for your work while contributing to a great cause! Deadline for submission is August 15, 2007. For further information, please contact HMD at info@historicedmedley.org or 301-972-8588.

Monocacy Lions Golf Tournament Accepting Sponsors and Reservations Now

The Annual Monocacy Lions Golf Tournament is set for Friday, September 21 at the

Poolesville Golf Course. This year's special event is a \$2,500 putting contest. Other special contests include closest to the pin on all par 3s, longest drive (men and women). Only a few years ago, the tournament had a big hole-in-one winner. Lunch is served between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 a.m. with the driving range open during this time. There will be a beverage cart throughout the tournament. At the end of the day there will be a barbecue chicken dinner.

Corporate Sponsors, which includes fees for a foursome, is \$450.00. Teams made up of four players are \$400.00, and an individual player's cost is \$100.00, and for the dinner the fee is \$15.00.

"Neighbors Extinguish Fire"
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remarked, "It is very sad, I feel bad for the family." Her husband Bruce added, "It could have been a lot worse, if it had gotten to the shed with what is stored there," Mary Morgan, the owner of the house where the fire happened, was at work when she was called about the fire. She quickly drove home and saw the fire engines on her street and told the *Monocle*, "Oh no, not again." Four years ago, her house had suffered extensive damage in another fire that had started in the middle of the night.

The Montgomery County Fire Marshall's office is investigating the July 26 fire and at press time had not determined the origin.



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Focus on Business

Peach Tree Road Farm Celebrates One Hundred Years

By Maureen O'Connell

Georgia calls itself the Peach State, but in Monocacy country, the aptly-named Peach Tree Road is home to thousands of peach trees. Turn off route 28 onto Peach Tree Road, and about a mile or two down on your right, you come to the Kingsbury's Orchard, with row after row of carefully-tended and beautifully-shaped peach trees. This year marks this family-run business's one hundredth anniversary. The farm was founded in 1907 by Edwin Horine and was operated as a dairy farm. His son, Phil, began planting peach trees in 1932. At that time, this part of Montgomery County was rural; the narrow country lanes were dirt roads; horses were the means of transportation, and farming was the principle occupation.

For Gene Kingsbury, the great grandson of Phil Horine, the founder of the orchard, Kingsbury's Orchard has been a part of his life since he was a small boy. He fondly remembers helping his grandfather pick peaches when



Gene Kingsbury and his faithful dog Kirby.

he was eight years old.

Today, Gene maintains and manages thirty-five acres of fruit trees on this 132-acre farm. Most of the year, he wears two hats: by day he is a manager in the Federal Aviation Administration's international office, and in the evening and weekends during the growing and harvesting seasons, he wears a farmer's hat.

The orchard grows apples, pears, plums, nectarines, and peaches, but it is probably better known for its peaches. When asked, Gene admits that peaches are his favorite fruit to grow, although

they are more difficult to cultivate than many other fruits. Timing is very important. Once the fruit is firm and in good color, there is only a three-day window for picking and selling. To maintain a viable business, an orchard must grow many varieties of peaches. Each variety is in for only ten days, so you plan for varieties to ripen in sequence. Apples are not that fragile; you have more time between harvesting and selling. Gene grows about fifty varieties of peaches and twenty of apples. In order to entice people to drive to his orchard from Bethesda, Potomac, or other down county areas, Gene says that you have to offer designer fruit—not the usual varieties you can find at Giant or the Safeway. Kingsbury's grows both white and yellow peaches, but white peaches are their specialty. They offer twenty white varieties, with harvest dates from July 4 with Manon to September 20 with Scarlet Snow. While driving around the peach tree fields with Gene, he pointed out a peach that I had never seen before—a white donut peach. It has a relatively flat shape, and it is very sweet, very juicy, and very delicious.

Of all his peaches, Gene is probably most proud of a new variety that he discovered; he calls it "Kingsbury's Pride." As with many discoveries, this was

serendipitous. One day ten years ago, while checking his peach trees, Gene noticed three small, green fruits growing on one small, thin stick coming from the main trunk of a peach tree whose fruit were ready to pick. This mutation from the original graft is called a limb sport. He left the three small fruits to ripen. In about three weeks, he tasted them. Much to his surprise, their taste and size were unique. He believes that they are the best-tasting peach he has ever eaten. Working with a nursery in Biglerville, Pennsylvania, he took this one, small stick and propagated more trees. He now has seventy-nine trees. It takes three years for a peach tree to bear fruit. Gene looks forward to 2009 to produce a good crop of his "new baby."

Planting and caring for peach trees is hard work. Driving down Peach Tree Road in late winter and early spring, you often see Gene and his helpers pruning and thinning the many trees in the endless rows of peach trees. This step is vital for the health and crop yield of the trees. Gene told me that to get the best peaches, you must thin out seventy-five percent of the new fruit. I noticed on the ground beneath most of the trees, hundreds of discarded young peaches. Only the best are left for the harvest.

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A Monocacy Moment

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Vacation Bible School: A Summertime "Right of Passage"



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Remembrance

Gogo Kiplinger

By Maureen O'Connell

Gogo Kiplinger, 88, wife of Austin H. Kiplinger, died July 15 of ovarian cancer at her farm, Montevideo, in Seneca, Maryland. She was born Mary Louise Cobb in Bronxville, New York and grew up in the Chicago suburbs. Her nickname was a reference to her active social life as a teenager. In 1944, she married Austin "Kip" Kiplinger, the co-founder, along with his father W.M. Kiplinger, of *The Kiplinger Magazine*. In 1958, they moved from Chevy Chase, Maryland to the then very rural area of upper River Road in Seneca, Maryland and lovingly restored Montevideo, an historic property that was built in 1828 by descendants of Mary Custis Washington.

Mrs. Kiplinger was the mother of two sons, Knight Kiplinger and Todd Kiplinger. She was very active all through her life, volunteering as a Sunday school teacher, Cub Scout mother, PTA member, and an adult literacy instructor. Gogo and Kip's

farm was the site of many community fundraisers and social events. They generously donated the use of their land for the home of the Seneca Valley Pony Club and the Potomac Hunt Club's May Steeplechase event. The hunt's members looked forward every Thanksgiving to the annual hunt from Montevideo farm. Gogo graciously hosted the stirrup cup, and Kip toasted the riders, their friends, and family, often mounted on his favorite horse. The one thing about Gogo which most of her friends will always remember was her ability to relate in a positive and refreshing manner to people from all walks of life. She was as comfortable in jeans at a barn dance at Montevideo, as she was in a ball gown at the White House.

The Kiplingers were early supporters of the Agricultural Reserve. They permanently preserved their beautiful farm with an agricultural easement. Gogo is survived by her husband Kip of sixty-three years, her two sons, a brother, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

"Monocacy Bridge Put in Place" Continued on Page 7.

selected to design the new bridge while keeping the old bridge open. Before coming to Montgomery County, he designed an important viaduct in Hong Kong and was the chief engineer for the bridge over the railroad on Peachtree Road. He said that original land grants show that present-day Mouth of Monocacy Road was probably in existence as early as the mid-1750s, and when the railroad was built in 1873, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was required to construct the bridge. The new bridge is prefabricated and was built at the United States Bridge Company in Ohio and then brought here by truck.

On July 12, the new bridge was lifted by crane and set into place on a temporary right-of-way. Railroad traffic was halted for a short time to ensure the safety of both railroad and construction personnel. When the old bridge is demolished in the coming weeks, the new bridge will again be lifted by crane and set into its permanent place.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

July 2 Commercial burglary, Roberson Plumbing, 22201 Dickerson Road, Dickerson. Forced entry to a building, tools stolen.

July 5 Vandalism Selby's Grocery, 19610 Fisher Avenue. Graffiti was found on the building including the words, "Once again I strike Ya, Wasted, and Art Crime." A similar incident happened on June 15.

July 11 Commercial burglaries, Summit Hall Turf Farm and Colony Supply Center, 19800 block of River Road. A rock was thrown through a window and cash was taken.

July 15 Residential burglary, 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue, Poolesville. Forced entry to a residence, china taken.

July 20 Theft, English Muffin Way, Lime Kiln. Frederick County Police arrested Jack C. Howard, and charged him with stealing eight hundred dollars of vehicle parts from the outside of a business.

Past

August 3, 1899 John Hawkins, of near Clarksburg, was arrested by Deputy Gibson and charged with trying to kill his son. It was said that Hawkins had argued with his son for failing to obey an order and then picked up a large gate hinge and struck his son in the head. Hawkins had also recently been arrested for breaking the leg of his oldest son after breaking his leg with a large stone.

August 6, 1935 Two Dickerson brothers were injured when their auto turned over after failing to negotiate the curve at Darnestown. Walter Perkins told police that a tire blew out causing him to lose control.

August 6, 1923 William Schell drowned in Tuscarora Creek while trying to save his small son who had stepped in a hole while wading. Schell was a merchant in Frederick.

August 7, 1961 After an all-night search, a three-year-old Silver Spring boy was located by a Washington, D.C. K-9 unit after he wandered away from a picnic on Old Baltimore Road in Boyds. The canine dog, Spook, located the boy in a thicket where he had spent the night.

August 10, 1929 Two Washington men were arrested and an automobile

loaded with two hundred quarts of liquor was seized by Officer Charles Barnes. Officer Barnes had chased the suspects throughout the county and the occupants of the auto had used a smoke screen device in trying to escape.

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legendary athletic director and former hoops coach, Fred Swick, have been the PBA's partners all the way." Just as important, they come to the games, and they also teach the coaches how to employ their systems and get to know the kids on a personal basis. The Poolesville community fully supports the organization. On any game day, there can be just as many in attendance at their games as there are at the high school game. Says Jim, "We stress fundamentals, and then we later make a gradual change from it. We make them fundamentally strong and then work in the high school system in the eighth grade. We keep it simple." They stress man-to-man defense, but, of course, they also practice the various forms of zone defense as well.

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team went undefeated and they were the Antietam division regular season champs and later the tournament champs. It was the only undefeated season in the history of the PBA, and one of the only five undefeated teams in the history of the Mid Maryland League—possibly due to hard work, dedication, and teamwork. The team had not won many games in the previous two seasons, but got better and better—and it paid off in the end. The PBA way has paid dividends.

At their basketball camp that just wrapped up, they had over 160 campers. They had a Falcon camp for fourth to eighth graders, a junior Falcon camp for second and third graders, and the mini-Falcon camp for kindergartners through third graders. Look out Poolesville, the next batch of rising stars are on their way.



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The beloved portable classrooms get set up for the new school year.

New Portables Ready for School Year

By Jack Toomey

Students returning to Poolesville High School on August 27 will find eight portable classrooms in the rear of the school. During July, workmen were busy putting four new portables in place. Principal Deena Levine explained that the student population was growing because of the specialized programs that the school offers. Levine said that enrollment for the 2006-2007 school year is projected to be over eleven hundred students. It is an increase of over three hundred and fifty in the last six years.

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School News

Students for Healthy Air

By Alicia Agnew

Students for Healthy Air is an organization founded by Lisa Trope, Holly Defnet, and Stephanie Kasprzak. Their organization was founded to keep students updated about MCPS actions and to have clean air at Poolesville High School. "Although steps are being taken by Montgomery County Public Schools to replace the heating, ventilation, and cooling (HVAC) system, our student group is not convinced that the proposed

solution is complete and sufficient to eradicate the problem." - students-forhealthyair.org.

The HVAC systems at PHS are about thirty years old and due to their age, cause high humidity and mold growth, and increasingly unhealthy indoor air quality (IAQ). MCPS has outlined a plan to deal with the IAQ issue by 2009. This summer, most unit ventilators will be replaced, the control system will be upgraded, and some branch piping and insulation will be replaced. Next summer, the school will replace most air units, continue to upgrade the control system, and continue to replace piping. In 2009, the last replacements

will be made. The school has installed temperature and humidity data loggers (HOBO) in several classrooms in April, so data can be collected on the IAQ of the school.

Students for Healthy Air feel that the measures that MCPS has set into place are not stringent enough. One issue is that of UV lights. MCPS's stand is that the new HVAC systems will be clean and will have better control capacity so the UV lights would be redundant. Also, the UV light would degrade closed-cell insulation and would increase the energy use of the school. Students for Healthy Air have found studies that show that UV light substantially reduces microbes.

Using UV lights can reduce bacterial colonies and provide healthier air.


Lisa Trope and Stephanie Kasprzak have also presented information compiled by all three girls to Maryland State Senator Rob Garagiola, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, and Delegate Craig Rice. They agreed that there should be laws regarding limits of bad air quality but said that such legislation would take several years. "Every Student and Teacher deserves a healthy environment in which to breathe." More Information on Indoor Air Quality can be found at studentsforhealthyair.org, and at <http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/poolesvillehs/admin/IAQ.html>.



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Pulse Operation Second Chance

By Rande Davis

When Clarksburg's Cindy McGrew recently spoke to the Monocacy Lions Club, she spoke from her heart and in so doing, spoke for all of us.

As the founder and president of Operation Second Chance, Inc. (OSC), she, along with her board, volunteers, and supporters, has been leading from the heart since 2004. The organization was founded to provide material and spiritual support to recovering soldiers and marines wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. A major part of OSC's mission is to extend that support to the troops' families as well.

Their four-point mission is to aid the recovery and rehabilitation of wounded



Monocacy Lions president Gary Burdette thanks Cindy McGrew and James Kiklis for their presentation on Operation Second Chance.

service men and women, to assist in the modification of housing to accommodate their needs as individuals with disabilities, provide material and financial aid to supporting family members, and to facilitate their transition into civilian society. In short, their mission is to help give them a second chance at a new

start.

Growing up in a military family—four brothers with one a West Point graduate—she became determined to find a way to help the troops when a friend, Mike Russo (Montgomery County police officer and vice-president of OSC), who was stationed in Iraq as a civilian International Police Advisor, helped her become aware of the special needs of those who were wounded.

At first, she simply corresponded with the families and visited with the soldiers. As her efforts began to take root, she was joined by Poolesville's Debbie and Alaina Sacramo and a bit later by Sue Harrington. These four women soon found that their mission would become larger than they had ever imagined.

The services provided by OSC run the spectrum from small yet important services to major financial support

to military families caught between desperately wanting to be with their wounded soldier or marine and needing to go back to work. One such soldier, James Kiklis, recently ended his military service to be of voluntary service to OSC. This brave Bostonian was awarded the bronze star and two purple hearts. During extensive recovery procedures, his family was unable to work and subsequently lost their home. Choosing to be with their son or working to pay the mortgage forced them to make the only choice they could—to be with their son.

OSC now can provide some financial grants for such situations. Other needs of family members can be airline and train tickets or vehicle maintenance and payments. They provide care packages to the recovering soldiers and currently send packages also to deployed troops—especially targeting those without family back

"Peach Tree Road Farm" Continued From Page 9.

his helpers pruning and thinning the many trees in the endless rows of peach trees. This step is vital for the health and crop yield of the trees. Gene told me that to get the best peaches, you must thin out seventy-five percent of the new fruit. I noticed on the ground beneath most of the trees, hundreds of discarded young peaches. Only the best are left for the harvest.

The changing nature of the weather contributes to the trials of growing and harvesting peaches. Five

minutes of a low temperature of a late spring frost can kill all the fruit. I noticed many rows of seemingly healthy peach trees with no fruit. Orchards must plant enough trees to withstand a loss from frosts.

I asked Gene if he irrigated his fruit trees. He said no; it wasn't practical. He depends on Mother Nature to do the watering. Surprisingly, peach trees can fare pretty well with a low level of rainfall. There does come a point, though, when a lack of rain turns into a drought. When I was talking to Gene for this article on July 22, there had not been any significant

rainfall for many weeks. He said that they were not yet in a crisis state, but if there was no rain soon, future harvests could be in trouble.

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not come back. Someone went to Rockville and related the tale to Sheriff Viett who discreetly interviewed the group and came to the conclusion that Elizabeth Young was a criminal and was involved in a confidence plot. In February, Viett located Young at a farm in Prince George's County and brought her back to Clarksburg. In advance of his arrival, the crowd of farmers collected and tried to get into the little general store. Justice Anderson read the charge, and Viett hustled Young out the back door and took her to the Rockville jail.

In April 1910, Elizabeth Young stood trial at the Rockville court. At her trial,

testimony was offered that on once occasion she had flirted with an eighty-two-year-old man and had told him to shave off his beard. After she had borrowed money from him and he had complied, she called him the ugliest man she had ever seen. Another witness testified that when Mrs. Young was seen riding in an open wagon with a married man, another man attacked him with a buggy whip.

She was convicted of fraud and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary. Judge Henderson, who was not certain of her true name, noted that he was convinced she was a criminal with a prior record of fraud and said that he would have given her a lengthier sentence had it not been for her age.

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Lauren, a 2004 graduate of Poolesville High School, will receive her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Mount St. Mary's University in the spring. She is currently interning as a research assistant at Fort Detrick in Frederick.

Stuart graduated from Shippensburg University in 2004 and is currently employed as an Account Manager for First Data. A June 2008 wedding at Holly Hills Country Club is planned.



Lauren Michelle and Stuart John Neighbors

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Included in the seventy-two-page guide are clear and concise descriptions of Montgomery County government offices and departments, as well as contact information. Also included is an alphabetical listing of services; county department hotlines and election, schools and courts information.

Know Your County is available online at www.montgomerycountymd.gov and will be updated periodically. Links to English, Spanish, and Chinese

language versions of the guide are provided. A limited supply of printed copies in English may be picked up from the Office of Community Partnerships. Comments or suggestions for changes to the guide can be sent to KnowYourCounty.ResourceGuide@montgomerycountymd.gov.

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Riley's Lockhouse Docents, Superintendent Kevin Brandt Receive Prestigious Awards

Deputy Secretary of the Interior Lynn Scarlett today recognized the 2007 Take Pride in America National Award recipients at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C. The individuals and groups from across the country were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to local, state, and federal public lands. This year, there were eighteen National Award winners representing twelve states and the District of Columbia. Two of these awards were received by C&O Canal National Historical Park.

The Riley's Lockhouse Docents were awarded the Youth/Youth group award. For over thirty years, the volunteer docents have trained Girl Scouts USA troops who then served as volunteer interpreters at Riley's Lockhouse near Seneca on the C&O Canal. The Girl Scouts dress in hand-sewn period clothing and use canal-era props and toys to tell the story of life along the C&O Canal. They lead tours and present demonstrations of activities of the time, such as laundry, butter churning, cross stitching, and quilting. For their service, the scouts earn service hours toward the Silver Trefoil Award, a community service award.

Also, C&O Canal Superintendent Kevin Brandt was awarded the Federal Land Manager award for the National Park Service. Superintendent Brandt has consistently promoted volunteerism as a way for the park to build stewardship and to further the park's mission. Under Brandt's guidance, 2,461 volunteers contributed 53,228 hours in 2006 alone. The value of this time is estimated at \$960,233. Under his leadership, the program has won the 2005 Take Pride Award for the most outstand-

ing volunteer program in the federal government, and numerous awards for individual and group volunteer efforts.

"These are extraordinary individuals and organizations who have tapped into the power of volunteerism to enhance our public lands and improve the experiences of visitors to those lands," Deputy Secretary Scarlett said.

Vendors Sought for Fall Baby Bazaar and Flea Market

Vendor registration is now open for the ever-popular City of Gaithersburg Fall Baby Bazaar and Flea Market, set for Saturday, October 20 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Montgomery County Fairgrounds, located at 16 Chestnut Street, Gaithersburg. Admission to the public is free.

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The *Monocle* received a nice note from Woody and Bea Williams upon renewing their charter subscription. The Williams lived in Dickerson for forty-four years before moving to North Carolina in 2003. They said, "Love the articles about people and places we know are fond of."

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Youth Sports

UMAC Baseball: A Tradition of Excellence.

By Jeff Stuart

Respect: That's what three consecutive second place finishes in the prestigious Cal Ripken Maryland State All-Star tournament has earned the Upper Montgomery Athletic Club baseball program. Hard work on the part of a corps of players and coaches over that three-year period has played a big part in that consistent and remarkable success. From July 14 to July 17, the UMAC Attack 9U All-Star Team Defeated Broadneck, Mt Airy, and Calvert in pool play, losing only to Charles County. UMAC tied Charles County for first place in their pool with a record of 3-1 and advanced to defeat Annapolis in the semi-final before losing to Charles County again in the final in a hard fought contest. It was a one run ball game until the fourth inning when CC pulled away. "We knew we were going to meet Charles County again in the final after losing to them in pool play," said Coach Souder. "We wished them luck."

Manager Rinnie Magaha and

Coaches Mike Souder and Jim Ropelewski have been with the 7U, 8U, and 9U All-Star teams the past three years. The coaching staff has been together for five years in UMAC. Coach Pat Paolini is a more recent addition to the staff. "We encourage the players to give one hundred percent, control the things you can control, cheer on their teammates, especially when they are down—pick them up!—and have fun," said Coach Magaha. "The rest will take care of itself. There is no quit in these guys. They have rallied from as far as five runs down to win."

Tryouts were held in the fall of 2006 for select teams that would play in a travel league in the spring of 2007. These teams would form the core of the 2007 All-Star teams. The boys began winter workouts in January. Every Friday evening from January to March, the boys worked on conditioning, hitting, fielding, throwing, and pitching at a private indoor training facility in Damascus, Maryland. Final tryouts for the all-star teams were held in June 2007. The final roster included Kyle Chieh, Jordon Cissel, Justin Diggs, Nic Fisher, Brandon Hall, Jason Hetrick, Trevor Magaha, David Mervis, Ryan Olsen, Patrick Paolini, Jack Ropelewski, and

Justin Souder. Hetrick, Magaha, Paolini, Ropelewski, and Souder have played on the 7U, 8U, and 9U UMAC Cal Ripken All-Star teams. Souder, Magaha and Hetrick have played together on the same UMAC teams beginning with T-ball at age four.

The UMAC 9U attack team participated in several other tournaments in 2007, placing first in Little Big League Shootout in Bowie last spring, second in the Memorial Day Shootout in Lusby (against teams of ten-year-olds), and third in the Rockville Baseball Fourth of July Tournament.

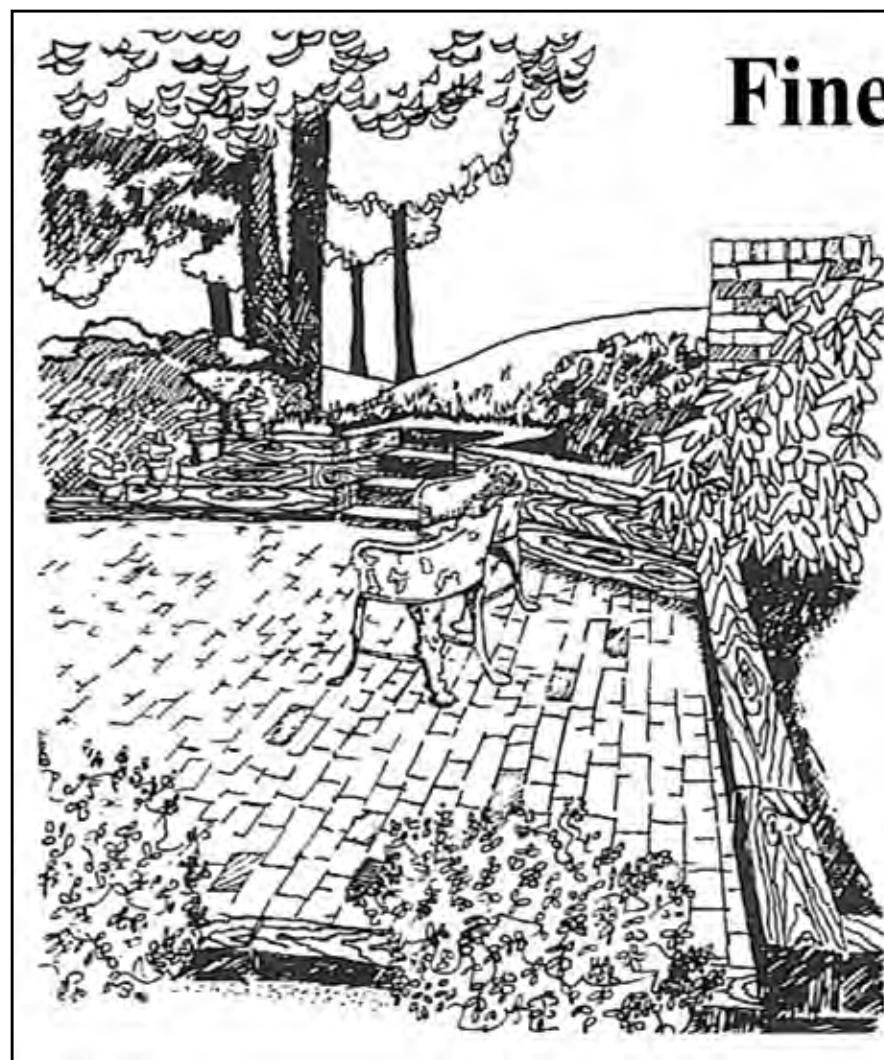
David Mervis, Justin Diggs, Justin Souder, and Jordan Cissel were named to the All-Tournament team in Little Big League Shootout. Mervis was named Tournament MVP.

The UMAC 9U attack team competes in the minor division of Cal Ripken Baseball: for nine- and ten-year-olds. It is at this level that players first experience post-season tournament competition, with district, state, and regional levels of play. Ripken Baseball operates under the umbrella of Babe Ruth Baseball, and focuses on players twelve and under.

There was other exciting news for UMAC this season. The UMAC 8U Black team won the Cal Ripken 8U State

Championship, a first for UMAC. That tournament was also held at Elkridge from June 30 to July 5. To get to the finals, UMAC went 4-0 in pool play, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 73-7. The UMAC Black, guided by head coach, Greg Moore, and assistant coaches, Kevin Krissoff and Gary Edell, advanced to beat Mt. Airy Blue, 11-9, in the semi-finals. The game went down to the last out. In the final, they beat Charles County, 8-7, in seven innings. The UMAC 8U attack team competes in the rookie division of Cal Ripken Baseball for seven-, eight-, and nine-year olds.

In addition to the select teams, UMAC has a full schedule of intramural squad games each spring, including T-ball for four- to six-year-olds, rookie ball for seven-, eight-, and nine-year-olds, minor for nine- and ten-year-olds, and major, for eleven- and twelve-year-olds. All games are played at Taylor Fields 1 and 2 at Taylor Elementary School in Boyds, Maryland. Players must play on spring intramural in order to be eligible for an all-star team. UMAC kicks off its fall baseball schedule in September. Registration is now open at www.leaguelineup.com/umacbaseball.



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**"Kingsbury Orchard" Continued
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The changing nature of the weather contributes to the trials of growing and harvesting peaches. Five minutes of a low temperature of a late spring frost can kill all the fruit. I noticed many rows of seemingly healthy peach trees with no fruit. Orchards must plant enough trees to withstand a loss from frosts.

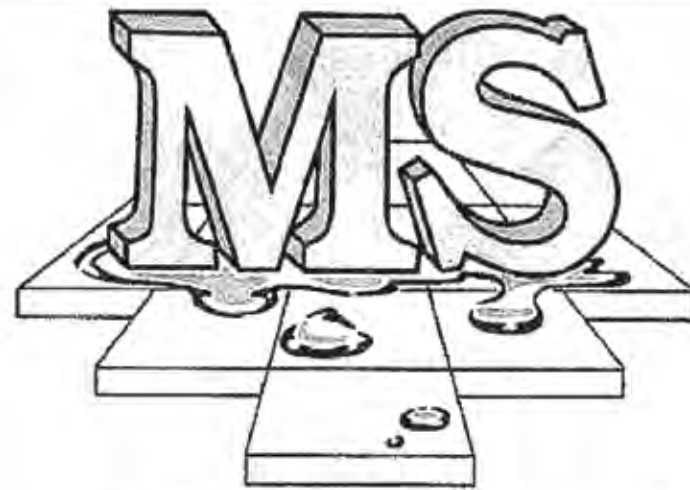
I asked Gene if he irrigated his fruit trees. He said no; it wasn't practical. He depends on Mother Nature to do the watering. Surprisingly, peach trees can fare pretty well with a low level of rainfall. There does come a point, though, when a lack of rain turns into a drought. When I was talking to Gene for this article on July 22, there had not been any significant rainfall for many weeks. He said that they were not yet in a crisis state, but if there was no rain soon, future harvests could be in trouble.

Pest and disease control is important to the health of all fruit trees. Just like in your home gardens, unwanted insects can do a lot of damage quickly. Japanese beetles are the scourge of my roses, so I asked Gene if he had a similar problem. He said no, the beetles are easy to control; red mites and aphids are a bigger problem. Out of concern for the environment, Gene has switched his pest control program to an Integrated

Pest Management (IPM) plan. Rather than indiscriminately spraying for many types of insects, this program's staff comes to your farm and measures and identifies your insect population. From this information, a custom-spray solution is formulated to treat your particular problem.

As I admired the many rows of meticulously-maintained fruit trees, I wondered where the future is for small, family-run farms, such as Kingsbury's. Will young people be willing to put in the long hours as Gene does to keep his farm operating? To use a trite phrase, Gene's orchard is a labor of love. He looks forward to the day when he can work full time on his trees. When I see small farms in our area doing well, it is a tribute to the goals of the Agricultural Reserve. It is possible to live one hour from Washington, D.C., and have small farms such as Kingsbury's Orchard, Lewis Orchard, and Homestead Farm continuing a long tradition in Montgomery County. Gene has put his farm into the Conservation Easement Program, ensuring that his "pride and joy" will remain a working farm for many more years.

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Youth Sports

Hail to the Young Falcons

By Curtis A. Osborne

Many people circled July 27 on their calendars. That is a very important date to the diehard fans in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. It is a not holiday, nor is it a tax-free shopping day. To the enlightened, the informed, to sports fanatics, it is the first day of the rest of the year. To be precise, it is the first day of training camp for the burgundy and gold, the Washington Redskins.

For fans of America's true pas-time, this represents a time for excitement, a time to break out the foam finger, and a time to get ready to live and breathe with the Skins. The whole community psyche of this sports town will rise or fall based on victory or defeat. Soon we will experience the cracking sounds of helmets colliding, the dull thud of a tackle, the smell of steaks wafting through the air as tailgaters revel in the renewed spirit. Through the dog days of July and August, coaches will be prepping for the upcoming season as their crafty veterans and their behemoth-like linemen grunt, sweat, and bleed through two-a-day practices with only one goal in mind, the Super Bowl. These professional football

protagonists are getting a late start compared to some of their smaller brethren. On a nice, pleasant overcast day last week, the Poolesville Athletic Association (PAA) football program went through conditioning drills under the watchful eye of Poolesville High School head varsity football coach Steve Orsini. The players were going through agility and conditioning drills, all in the effort to start getting in shape before the first serious practices of the season begin on July 30. There was a turnout of about twenty kids. One reason for the small attendance was due to families being on vacations; however, the main reason was due to the small-town size of the Poolesville community. That is a challenge that PAA football commissioner Chris Lee has to deal with on an annual basis. "Other organizations will get two hundred kids come out and they split between A and B teams. We don't have that luxury, but the kids have the right attitude."

The PAA is perhaps the smallest athletic organization in the area, with a very limited pool of kids from which to draw. Whereas many communities have exploded in population, Poolesville has remained small, part of its charm. "They haven't built many new houses here in about twelve years," says former football commissioner Mark Gorres. "I am not so sure we can be as successful as the larger

groups, but we can make sure the boys get the fundamentals and techniques that they will need as they get older and go to the high school level."

What PAA lacks in sheer numbers, they make up for in reputation, which is sterling among the athletic associations in the area. Chris Lee has been involved with the organization for seven years, with four years coaching and the last three as commissioner, something to which he is quite dedicated. More importantly though, he and his right-hand-man, Steve Morningstar, are dedicated to the kids and have a vision of what they want for the program. "We don't win a lot of games, but we do it the right way. There are programs that cut corners, as far as the rules. We won't do that. We will do it the right way and teach self respect, confidence...the basic fundamentals of football, good sportsmanship, and how to play fairly." Chris and his coaches also teach the kids how to be competitive and, most importantly, to have fun. This was evident at the conditioning camp. The kids were out there working hard, running various sprints and other drills, and their purpose was evident. They were also having fun and laughing, especially when some drills went awry. Camaraderie was spread all around.

Since they are the only feeder program to Poolesville High School, the coaches at that school are extremely

involved in PAA. The coaches in the organization are allowed to run whatever plays and system they want. "There are five or six basic plays that [the coaches] want us to teach the kids," says Chris. "That way, [the players] will at least know them when they get to the high school level. Everyone is on the same page." This year, the football program has about 105 kids total for the five teams, starting with flag football, mini pony coached by Mike Taylor, pony coached by Dave Fisher, junior varsity coached by Woody Bierly, and varsity coached by Frank Moten. Perhaps the best aspect of the program is the amount of support that the kids get on game days. They get to play in the high school stadium before large crowds, a thrill that any kid will remember for the rest of his life.

The proof is in the pudding. Though the kids are normally a lot smaller than their counterparts, they persevere and are tough. When they get to high school, their steely determination helps the high school program excel. Football is a game of courage, heart, and determination. The kids, the coaches, the supporters, the parents, and the whole Poolesville community all exemplify that.

The program still is looking for good athletes who want to have fun and learn. To join, just go to the PAA website at www.poolesvillesports.org.



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