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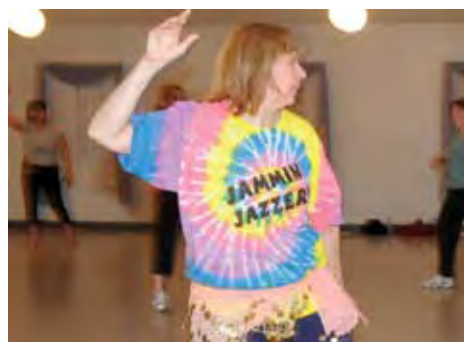
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Nick Balogh playing lacrosse. Before you start that Letter to the Editor, read Youth Sports on Page 21.



Jennifer Sambataro, leads the Jammin' Jazzers. See Family Album on Page 2.



In the frozen rinks of Frederick, a young hockey player awaits. See Youth Sports on Page 7.



"Memorial"--a view of Memorial Bridge taken from the Lincoln Memorial through a pinhole. Learn more in Center Stage on Page 8.

Small Tornado Affects Dickerson Area

By Jack Toomey

On March 7, Upper County residents welcomed a brief period of sunshine after a rainy Saturday morning. The short respite was followed by a violent line of storms that blew through the far northwestern part of Montgomery County and southwestern Frederick County at about 3:30 p.m. Downed trees and power lines were reported to authorities in the Dickerson, Tuscarora, Adamstown, and Barnesville areas. At the height of the emergency, Allegheny Power reported that almost eight thousand customers were without power in both Montgomery and Frederick counties.

Ken Pryor, a meteorologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told the *Monocle* that after analyzing radar imagery, he believed that a short-lived tornado affected a small area near the Monocacy River bridge on Route 28 just north of Dickerson. Pryor said that at about 3:25 p.m., radar showed images that indicated storm rotation and data that is typical with tornado activity. He added that the line of storms extended from Loudoun County to near Hagerstown and that conditions at that time favored the development of weak, short-lived tornados and downbursts.

A *Monocle* reporter happened to be driving in that area at about 3:45 p.m. just after the storm abated and found at least three large trees that had been uprooted and were strewn across Route 28. A couple from Washington had been driving in their car when two of the trees fell, one behind them and another in front of their car. They were trapped in that position for several hours until state highway workers and Allegheny Power employees could remove the trees and downed wires. The couple was not injured. Captain Adam Pegler of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department said that personnel from the station were kept busy responding to numerous calls for utility wires and trees down across

roadways. In one incident, a tree fell onto a car on Martinsburg Road crushing the trunk of the car, but the driver was not injured.

Julie Dove, who lives on a farm in the 20500 block of Darnestown Road, witnessed the storm. She was standing in her yard when she saw the storm approaching. She said, "The clouds didn't look right." A friend had just arrived, and Dove, the



A barn in the Dickerson area with its roof blown off.

friend, and three children ran inside the house while debris was blowing by them. Dove said, "It sounded like a

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PBC's Rev. Jace Broadhurst: From Kenya to Poolesville

By Rande Davis

The journey to Poolesville's Baptist Church by the Rev. Jace Broadhurst was anything but a direct route.

In fact, some might say his travel rivals Paul's third missionary journey from Antioch to Jerusalem for complexity. For Paul, that somewhat simple three-hundred-mile trip turned into more than a 2000-mile excursion to the cities surrounding the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas. For Rev. Jace, a simple twenty-mile trip up Route 28 took a detour of about fifteen years through Florida, Philadelphia, the Netherlands, and Kenya.

Having a terrible sense of direction isn't the only thing he shares with St. Paul, however. He also shares Paul's method for teaching about Christ through the perspective of the Old Testament. In fact, like Paul, Rev. Broadhurst's specialty is hermeneutics (biblical interpretation) emphasizing the Christotelic (pointing to Christ) in-



Rev. Jace Broadhurst of Poolesville Baptist Church took the long way from Bethesda to Poolesville.

terpretation of the Old Testament—or as Rev. Jace puts it, "You can't understand the New Testament without knowing the Old Testament."

Jace was born in Bethesda where his grandfather's hardware store was

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Relay for Life gathered families and neighbors for movie night at Poolesville Elementary School.



The Jammin' Jazzers held a fundraiser for Relay for Life. Nadine Alameh (in black in front of class) taught the class.



Ice accumulation damaged this tree on Hempstone Avenue. Is it spring yet?

“Average Joe” Makes BIG Money Investing In Real Estate

By Rob Minton, Broker
Author & Consultant

Thirty-five-year-old Joe Mercadante from Willoughby Hills stumbled across a Free Real Estate Investing Report that has helped him create enough monthly income in 12 months to quit his high-paying corporate job.

According to Joe, “I started investing in properties using the strategy outlined in this free report in April of 2004. I have accumulated 20 homes that combined are paying me \$4,363 of cash flow each and every month. Plus I have locked in \$580,442 of profit. I recently quit my job and am able to live off of the income from my properties!”

Alex Curney of Brecksville came across the same report and began using the system in

January. Already, he has purchased four money-making houses, averaging \$23,325 per property in cash flow and locked-in sales profits.

“The numbers blow away any other investment I have ever made,” said Alex, who has left his corporate sales job to devote his energy to real estate.

Neither Joe nor Alex wanted to spend their evenings and weekends fixing toilets, painting walls or laying tile. And they don’t.

The majority of homes they invested in were in move-in condition. In some cases, their homes were so nice that they rented their properties before even getting keys at the closing. The approach described in the

free report doesn’t require the financial risk of having to pay the mortgage, taxes and insurance costs for a property during a rehab project.

Joe and Alex said that this approach eliminated the majority of the risk and, best of all; they could invest in their spare time. The approach seems to be working, because Joe recently retired from his \$120,000-a-year corporate job at the age of 35, and Alex is spending more time with his family than he ever has.

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Humble Chef

Cooking with the Seasons

By Maureen O'Connell

Everyone knows how important it is to eat plenty of vegetables to ensure a healthy diet. A lot of us, though, get stuck in a rut and serve the same familiar vegetables such as carrots, peas, corn, tomatoes, and potatoes. It is difficult enough to get children and picky husbands to eat any vegetables, let alone many of the lesser-known ones that are now available in supermarkets and farmers' markets. Very often, people dislike certain vegetables because many cooking methods do not show them at their best advantage. They are often overcooked.

As certain main course dishes are more popular in different seasons, all vegetables have one or more times of the year when they are in season and at the peak of their flavor. Tomatoes are at their very best fresh off the vine in mid-summer. We associate acorn and butternut squashes, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, and turnips with winter, but, today, many vegetables are available year-round. They are, however, never as tender and flavorful as when they are locally in season. They are also usually expensive when purchased out of season. Tomatoes are probably the best example of this.

Spring is just around the corner, and our markets will be offering some of this season's best vegetables: artichokes, asparagus, bok choy, chard, chives, green spring onions, new potatoes, spinach, and varied salad greens.

One of my favorite early spring vegetables is asparagus. There are many ways to cook them, but, the easiest way is to steam them until just tender and serve with a splash of fresh lemon juice. This method is efficient, and the vegetable's nutrients are not lost in the cooking water.

Recently, while browsing through a Williams Sonoma cookbook, Vegetables, I came upon an easy and different recipe for asparagus and spring vegetables.

Stir-Fried Spring Vegetables with Ginger, Lemon, and Mint

In this recipe, seasonings typical in the West—lemon and mint—combine with ginger, a traditional ingredient of the East, to bring out the fresh flavors of the spring vegetables. The stir-fry method of quick tossing over high heat releases the essence of the asparagus and peas while preserving their crispness.

- 1 lb medium-size asparagus
- 1/3 lb sugar snap peas
- 1/4 lb snow peas
- 2 green spring onions
- 2-inch piece fresh ginger
- 1 or 2 lemons
- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 12 to 16 leaves fresh mint, plus small leaves for garnish
- 3/4 teaspoon sea salt
- Light soy sauce for seasoning, optional

Wash and dry asparagus spears. Cut off thick tough ends. Cut each spear crosswise on the diagonal into 2-inch pieces. Put aside. Rinse and dry the sugar snap and snow peas and put in bowl aside. Cut green onions on the diagonal into thin slices. Put aside. Using a paring knife, remove the thin, beige skin from the ginger. Cut into coin-shaped slices. Cut the slices into narrow strips and cut crosswise into small pieces. Mince. Measure out 1 1/2 tablespoons minced ginger and place in bowl. Zest lemon and measure out 1 tablespoon grated zest and place in bowl. Save the lemons for another use. Sliver the mint. Working in two batches, stack the mint leaves on top of one another. Roll the stack lengthwise into a tight cylinder. Cut the leaves crosswise into thin slivers. Measure out 2 tablespoons slivered mint and add to bowl with green onions.

Preheat oven to 200° and place serving bowl in oven to warm. Add oil to a wok or sauté pan and heat briefly until oil is hot and shimmering. Add asparagus and 1/2 teaspoon salt and cook, tossing and stirring constantly, for about one minute. Next, add ginger and sugar snap peas and cook for another minute. Now, add the snow peas and the remaining 1/4 teaspoon salt and stir until the snow peas are bright green and tender, about 30 seconds. Add the green onions, lemon zest, and mint, and toss to combine with the other vegetables. Taste and adjust for seasonings. Transfer the stir-fry to warmed bowl and serve.

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Commentary

**Inquiring Minds
Want to Know**

By Rande Davis

Inquiring minds, as they say, want to know, and for those readers wanting information on Poolesville's town government, there is no shortage of sources. In fact, at any given town meeting, the media often make up a strong share of the audience. Few major cities have four journals reporting on government events.

Beyond the abundance of media, the town puts out a reasonably good newsletter and has a website that is updated on a regular basis with the current town budget, proposals for the FY09 budget, the 2005 Master Plan, and water and wastewater capacity reports—all available for scrutiny by any citizen simply through the click of a button. I ask you, is that any way for a secretive and corrupt government to work?

As the sole bi-weekly among the journals, we are at a bit of a disadvantage in getting the news to you first. With our mission to bring you a wide variety of interests and topics, space restrictions inherent in print media challenges our ability to report all the "fine" details. We take comfort, however, in our degree of accuracy and our efforts to scrupulously avoid coloring our reports with indefensible opinions and personal attacks.

For three of the four media journalist filing reports on the town, there has been little variance in the news and the facts. The *Western Montgomery Bulletin*, however, paints a picture radically different from the others and has a stunning penchant of not only mixing opinion with reporting but impugning the motives of others simply because they may not have agreed with decisions made. Perhaps the worst offense is reporting things as done deals when decisions are still pending or money has been spent on ideas floated.

Ordinarily, being a watchdog over other media is not the role of a newspaper. With such a disparity of facts given by us and the *Western Montgomery Bulletin*, however, a few readers may wonder who has it right and who has it wrong. Getting it right is a serious responsibility of trust. Anyone can make mistakes, and when we have erred, we have tried to clarify through printed corrections.

We admire *PoolesvilleOnline's* ongoing effort to retort specific charges made in the *WMB* and find Ray Hoewing's responses very trustworthy. With the space restrictions from being print, we do not have time week after week to indulge in rebuttals. We are more inclined to report the facts and know that over time we earn and deserve your trust.

Beyond facts, we think that simple logic counters many of the outrageous charges made in *WMB*. A perfect example is the estimate by *WMB* of \$4,000,000 for the new town hall. We have reported that the projected cost is \$1,675,000, supported by the breakdown of related costs, and that final costs will change somewhat as the project is completed. Who is right? Consider this: St. Peter's has now completed a new building far bigger, with two levels, many classrooms, a huge meeting room, a sophisticated almost fully commercial kitchen, multiple bathrooms, a working elevator, and a parking lot larger than Fyfe Road. It is not our place to report the cost of the building to the church. We can state, however, that its cost is far, far below \$4,000,000. In fact, it could be argued that only both buildings together may approach \$4,000,000. So it is not just a matter trust but also a matter of logic. The same kind of rebuttal could be said for the cost to the town government of Whalen Commons (around \$250,000), whether the town is moving toward bankruptcy, or if the commissioners really do act illegally and are reckless and irresponsible.

One final point: Does any of this really matter? For the readers and patrons of *WMB*, apparently not. This much needs to be said beyond arguing over cost estimates. Ed Kuhlman, Jerry Klobukowski, Link Hoewing, Tom Yeatts, and Jim Brown offer a wide variety of talents and opinions. There is no guarantee that individually or collectively they will not make mistakes or err in judgment, but there is no sound basis for the vitriolic attacks on them and on their personal integrity week after week. Their families can be proud of their efforts, and the town can be appreciative of their contributions. There is shame in Poolesville, but not on the part of these five gentlemen.

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Mud Season!

By Carol Rae Hansen, Director,
Equine Therapy Associates

New England introduced me to "Mud Season." Fields and trails were churned into a spring morass—horse shoes were yanked off, suction mired boots, and horses returned black to the knees. Riders argued about wrapping the best "mud tail," owners bought horse shoe studs, suspensory wrap boots, and rode early or late to catch ground firmer from frost. Ring work became *de rigueur*. Montgomery's County's mud season is three times as long as New England's (mid-October to mid-April/May), but

it doesn't generate the same precautions.

How can we safeguard our animals, the fields, and trails when our clay is saturated? First, you or your barn manager must build a strong relationship with the Montgomery Soil Conservation Service 301-590-2855 (Eddie Franceschi, Resource Equine Conservationist). They will help you comply with Maryland's Nutrient Management law, avoid over-stocking pastures (the Soil Conservation Service recommends two acres for each horse), and offer financial incentives to control deleterious drainage, appropriately site watering tanks, fence off streams, and build bluestone sacrifice areas for the three days it usually takes pasture land and trails

to drain after substantial rain. The Equine Nutrient Management Specialist is Amanda Laudwein, at 301-590-9638. You can visit their website for archived copies of many years of their excellent newsletter, "Conservation Matters" at www.montgomeryscd.org.

Because equines destroy up to forty percent of pastures each year, your fields may need reseeding two to six times a year. "Frost Seeding" from January through March is easy, as it doesn't require compost or straw for cover. Choose the right seed (cool or hot season grasses, high traffic or pasture/hay fields) for each pasture. Use rotational grazing, facilitated by cross and electric fencing. Ask your extension agent for a grazing yardstick, and follow its recommendations this spring: don't allow grazing until grass is six to eight inches, and remove equines when it drops to three inches. Safeguard pastures as rain diminishes in late spring and early summer. Remember that grass only grows from mid-March through mid-October. Go into the fall with pastures long enough to withstand five months of winter grazing when dry. Stockpile more hay, as drought, excessive heat, and rainfall occurring at the wrong time will boost hay cost and decrease

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Business Briefs

Changes at Poolesville Tire and Auto, and Poolesville Collision

Poolesville Tire and Auto has expanded its Quick Lube service by moving it to the front of the building, and has been remodeling the waiting area. Now coffee, soda, television, and internet service is available for customers waiting there to have an oil change.

These changes have resulted in Poolesville Collision no longer being able to offer its auto body repair services there, and it will be seeking a new location. There was no word from the owners at press time as to any new location. Jamie Henkro, owner of Poolesville Collision, told the *Monocle*, "We are saddened to have to move on. We appreciate the support of Poolesville residents over the last three years."

Poolesville Native Earns Award

Kyle Smith, a financial professional with Signature Financial Partners, a member of John Hancock Financial Network (JFHN), has qualified for the ACE Silver Award, one of the highest honors that JFHN bestows on a financial representative. ACE stands for Achieving Client Excellence.

According to Daryl S. Brockman, Managing Partner of the Signature Financial Partners firm located in Vienna, the ACE Award serves as a

confirmation of Kyle Smith's exceptional abilities. "It is a testament to not only sales excellence, but also the level of professionalism, respect, and value he delivers to clients and the community every day. We are very proud of Kyle's high level of achievement," he said. Kyle Smith grew up in Poolesville, Maryland. He attended Towson University and graduated with a B.S. in business with a concentration in finance.

Bob's Bikes Bodaciously Breaks for Building in the Back

Well, not exactly bodacious since he has moved only twenty yards from his old location, but the new digs are really something. They are longer inside Poolesville Hardware, they are now just outside, in the new building to the rear of the parking lot. The 1300 square feet will better suit his inventory of new and used bikes and his wide variety of cycling accessories, and will give him a much brighter and more open area to do his repair work.

The new surroundings came at the perfect time as he gets ready to celebrate ten years in Poolesville this spring. Bob's Bikes is top-rated in Washington metropolitan area publications and one reason for that recognition is that cyclist from all over come here on weekends and learn something those living here knew all along: a bike is a just a bike, but what makes Bob's Bikes so special is Bob and his warm and friendly customer service. Congratulations, Bob, and here's to a few more decades in town.



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Youth Sports

Freezing in Frederick

By Curtis A. Osborne

For amateur hockey, the month of February kicked off with the legendary Bean pot Hockey Tournament in Boston, which is now leading up to the NCAA hockey tournament and the always exciting collegiate frozen four. All across this region, amateur hockey is gearing up for its own brand of March Madness. The Maryland Scholastic Hockey League, the Mid Atlantic Prep Hockey League, and the Northern Virginia Scholastic Hockey League are all in the midst of the playoffs, ready to crown a new prep champion, boys and girls.

In Frederick, dreams of playing in the NHL, the NCAA hockey tournament, or in high school tournaments take shape at a massive complex called Skate Frederick. The puck was dropped to open the game on a recent Tuesday night as the two youth hockey teams squared off at center ice. The Capitals player immediately gained possession of the puck and passed it to an open teammate. The Devils surrounded him, but he was able to evade the onslaught of bodies and dash up the sidelines, skating away from the pack. The young skater deftly maneuvered his way through the pack and down the left side, evading his pursuers. He lined up his shot, and, with a quick flick of his wrist, the puck was launched and went right underneath the glove of the goalie. Goal scored in the blink of any eye, thirty seconds into the game as the Capitals went up 1-0. The fans in the stands rose to their feet with thunderous applause as the hockey players banged

their sticks on the ice in unison. The young star had scored with an exciting ESPN-type highlight reel goal.

The stands were packed with fans that were parents and family members. The young players in question were members of the Skate Frederick in-house midget teams, the Capitals and the Devils. The Frederick Freeze, a new junior B hockey team consisting of elite players from Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, were going through a practice, ready to play the Philadelphia Junior Patriots. Later in that same week, the Frederick Fury, an elite youth travel team, would also lace up their skates in a Frederick Youth Hockey League contest to a packed house.

Not to be outdone, Skate Frederick has its own version of Friday Night Lights. The building is abuzz and the parking lot is filled with cars on those nights. Parents, friends, and relatives all mill about. That is when the high school hockey programs play, and it is just as exciting as a high school football or basketball game. Though the games are on Sunday nights, they have the same rivalry, drama, and intensity as their athletic counterparts have on Fridays.

The successful ice hockey program at Skate Frederick is run by Program Director Sylvain Cardin. He has many years of experience with hockey, growing up in the hotbed of hockey, Montreal, Canada. "In Canada, it is not just a sport, but a way of life. It is a religion in Montreal," says Sylvain. "I was a goalie and made it to Junior A," he adds. He later went to college and received an undergraduate degree in physical education and then a master's degree and Ph.D. in exercise physiology. He has worked with several National Hockey League teams, including the Montreal Canadiens, the Quebec Nordiques, and the Nashville Predators. He has also been involved with the U.S. National team.

All of this made him the perfect person to commandeer the ice hockey program at Skate Frederick. "I got involved in 2001. I was a coach and parent at the beginning. I have been the Hockey Director for two years. We have gone through some radical changes." It is also a family affair. His wife is the associate director of the program and both his son and his daughter are instrumental in helping out as refs and linesmen as well



Poolesville's Thomas Young, a Monocacy Elementary School third grader, of the Capital Beltway Hockey League's Frederick Fury Mite Wale team.

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A Darker Shade of Gray

By Dominique Agnew

Imagine, if you will, entering a room dark as pitch. No light enters except through the tiniest of holes. Slowly, slowly, you begin to see images—images that are upside down and reversed, images that are reminiscent of a negative. Imagine if you were able to enter a camera, what would you see? In 2006, photographer Ed Kirkpatrick, of Dickerson, gave visitors to the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton just that opportunity. For an open house event, he created, out of a thirty by thirty by thirteen-foot-tall room, a camera—a *camera obscura* from Latin, meaning darkened chamber. The room was completely painted white, and all the windows covered, except for a one-inch hole in one window. People loved it. “That was so much fun,” says Ed. “I could hear them discovering the image.” At first, it would take a few moments, then as their eyes adjusted, they could see the image of what was outside the one-inch hole, and they could even see the images of people walking by.

Ed’s lifelong passion for photog-

raphy and cameras began when he was a young teenager and photography became a serious hobby. His wife, Marti, insists that he explain one of his reasons for taking up the camera, and he admits, grudgingly, “Photography was a neat way to meet girls...a way to break the ice.” This isn’t exactly how he met his wife, but it is how he finally got a date with her. “It was a three-week struggle to get a date,” he laughs. Finally, his date was to photograph her since she was modeling at the time. It wasn’t until he was an adult that he would have any kind of formal training or take any classes, and those he would find at Northern Virginia Community College where he had a wonderful teacher, Eliot Cohen. At that time, the technology was still “wet photography” with the use of the dark room. Interestingly, since that time, Cohen, who received NVCC’s highest award for his teaching, has become renowned for his prowess in the digital photography world—through his classes and workshops and his portfolio. Ed hasn’t been able to resign himself to digital photography, and still prefers using the dark room. Marti agrees with him, saying she encourages him to “stick with the dark room.” She adds, “There’s a whole lot that happens in



Photographer Ed Kirkpatrick with his Korona 8x10 Home Portrait Camera modified with a pinhole lens.

the dark room,” and Ed is particularly gifted as an artist there.

Through the years, there was always photography in Ed’s life, but finally, in the nineties, he took an early retirement from AT&T and was able to devote his time to the art of photography. While he’ll dabble with the 35 mm cameras and a little with digital photography (only his digital work is in color, everything else is black and white), his focus is on pinhole photography. To understand pinhole photography is to understand the principles of the camera. Basically, take your completely darkened chamber (it can be a room, a trash can, a box), on one end create an aperture (a pinhole, if you want), and on the other end, an

image of what the aperture is facing will form—upside down and backwards—light travels in a straight line. If, on the other end, you place film paper or film negative, the image can be preserved—and in the right hands, art can be created in the dark room.

Some of his most dramatic landscape photographs, people may be surprised to learn, were taken with pinhole cameras of his own making. He says a camera is quite simply an aperture and a place for an image to form, “everything else is extra from the glass on up.” A truly striking piece, “Catoctin Cascade,” was captured with a trashcan camera. Using a regular trashcan and a twenty by twenty-four-inch paper negative, the scene revealed astonishes. Because the exposure time was nineteen minutes, the river flows smoothly and gracefully across the image, curving sinuously and lyrically. Ed’s goal in printing is to explore the full range of dark and gray shades. Usually, his prints will appear darker than reality, almost with an ethereal nighttime quality. He prefers his prints “on the darker edge of [the] gray palette” where he can explore the subtle shades and tones that he finds beautiful, he says. Other

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Holy Week Services March 16-23

Palm Sunday, 11am – Rev. Dr. Wilson Gunn

Maundy Thursday, 6:30pm – Seder Service/
Potluck Dinner – Jessica McClure-Archer

Good Friday, 8pm -- @ Boyds Presbyterian

Saturday, 10am – Easter Movie & Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, 6:45am – Sunrise @ Sugarloaf Mtn.
9:30am – Potluck Breakfast

11am – Resurrection Celebration
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Tidbits

Poolesville Day Committee Growing in Size and Enthusiasm

At its second monthly meeting, the Poolesville Day 2008 Committee was very pleased to observe that the volunteers coming forward to help for this year's event have grown to two dozen. With new members comes new energy and ideas. The committee isn't ready to announce details on the many additions and improvements being discussed for the Saturday, September 20 event, but they are ready to predict that this year's program will top last year's in both number and variety of attractions and in the number of people who attend. That is saying something since PoolesvilleOnline's annual survey after the big event last year—validated by literally scores of conversations committee members have had with 2007 participants—suggested that it may have been the best received Poolesville Day in many years.

Virtually every member of last year's committee has stayed. "We are thrilled to have such a talented and committed group of volunteers," co-chairmen Brice Halbrook and Bridget

Burke say.

Phymeon Lyles, Ray Hoewing, Michelle Halbrook, Tom and Gail Lee, Rande Davis, Dianne and Richard Rose, Brian Sheron, Theresa Yost, Jim Brown, Gabi Jacob, Laura Yeatts, Cal Sneed, Michael Shapiro, Dawn Albert, and Carol Dundas carry over from last year. New volunteers include Jeff Stempler, Cathy and Mike Bupp, Victor Lundberg, Eddie Kuhlman, and Rinnie Magaha.

Brice hastens to say, "We can always use more help." If you want to chip in, the next meeting will be at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. If you have questions, contact Brice Halbrook at bhalbrook@aol.com or 301-407-2569.

Frederick County BOE Seeks Student Member

High school sophomores and juniors who attend Frederick County Public Schools may apply to serve as the 2008-09 student member of the Board of Education. The nomination deadline is April 18, 2008 for the term beginning in July 2008. The role of the student member is to bring a student viewpoint on educational issues to BOE meetings, generally held two evenings per month. The function is

not to represent any particular special-interest group of students on an issue but rather to respect the diversity of students' points of view, to improve communication between the student body, staff, and BOE members, and to inform students of policies and decisions executed by the BOE. Interested sophomores and juniors should contact their high school principal or student government advisor for a nomination packet. Students may also access the application packet at www.fcpsteach.org. In addition, principals and student government advisors may nominate a student. Completed applications are due April 18 by 4:00 p.m. to FCPS Social Studies Curriculum Specialist Michael Bunitsky, 7630 Hayward Road, Frederick, MD 21702. For more information, you may call 301-644-5265.

Please Help

Isabelle Blanc is looking for any persons who may have witnessed a motorcycle accident on River Road on Friday, February 8, 2008. If you were traveling on River Road heading west (right past Bretton Woods) on Friday, February 8 around 4:25 p.m. and witnessed the accident or the immediate aftermath, please call Isabelle at 301-407-0090 as soon as

possible.

Gilgrich to Present Research at National Conference

Theresa Gilgrich, a Radford University senior interior design major from Poolesville, Maryland, will present research at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the National Conferences on Undergraduate Research. Interior design professor Holly Cline is the faculty research sponsor for Gilgrich's project, "Sustainable Solution." Gilgrich is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gilgrich.

Twenty-four of twenty-seven UR student submissions were accepted for presentation at the NCUR meeting. Students and their faculty research sponsors will travel to Salisbury University for the April conference.

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School News

Area Teachers Gain Coveted NBCT Recognition

By Rande Davis

In 1983, the National Commission on Excellence issued the "A Nation at Risk" report that documented and proclaimed a crisis in education. Subsequently, the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards set out to develop standards of excellence and a process for certification by which teachers could be identified for excellence in their category of teaching.

In 1987, the National Board Certification for Teachers (NBCT) was introduced, and since then, 64,000 teachers nationally have accomplished this rigorous evaluation process. States have been encouraged to use the certification in determining bonuses and pay raises.

The year-long evaluation is offered in twenty-five different teaching categories, and the process includes written and video documentation of successful classroom achievements in impacting student learning. This extensive portfolio, often as long as two hundred pages, represents a grueling accomplishment involving hundreds

of hours of work while maintaining a full teaching schedule, and challenges the candidate into serious self-evaluation of his or her teaching. How challenging is the process? Consider that only four of ten candidates succeed in gaining the certification, and only two percent of all teachers have been certified. There are twenty-five teaching categories used for certification.

The CNA Corporation of Alexandria, Virginia, a research and analysis company, undertook a study of the impact of certification and found that "NBC proved to be an effective signal of teacher quality.

Indeed, seven of nine indicators of teacher quality that were included in the analyses resulted in appropriately signed and statistically significant evidence of their influence on student outcomes."

Teachers who have gained this accomplishment in the Poolesville Cluster are: Margaret Arnold, Edward Gardiner, Joy McIntyre, Catherine Sparrow, and Allison Wilder. In Clarksburg, the teachers are: Andrea Bender, Courtney Hebert, Jeanine Hurley, and Rachel Sears.

Youth Sports

Cassidy Pickles, Cara Chuang Lead Clarksburg, Poolesville Swim Teams

By Jeff Stuart

The Clarksburg High School girls' swim and dive team had an outstanding year. An undefeated regular season and a second place finish at the Division IV meet, held at Olney Swim Center on February 9, enabled the Coyotes to claim the Division Championship based on total accumulated points. Coached by Biology teacher Catherine Ulicny, the Coyotes were led by Cassidy Pickles who was the top girl diver in all Division IV. Samantha Amberg, a Metro qualifier in the 50 free and the 200 free relay, won the Division 50 freestyle race. Rachel Rubenstein, team record holder in the 200 free and 500 free, was a Metro qualifier in the 200 freestyle relay. Lily Amberg, team record holder in the 100 free and the 100 fly, and Linda Le qualified for the Metros in the 200 free relay,

The boys finished with two wins and four losses overall and placed sixth in the division. Nick Civetti is the team record holder in the 50 free,

100 free, 100 fly, and 200 individual medley (IM). Travers O'Leary holds the team record in the 200 free. David Mason is the team record holder in the 100 breaststroke.

At the Montgomery County Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championships held February 20 through February 23 at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center, Pickles placed thirty-two out of forty-five in diving and Erin Bloodgood finished forty-fourth. Amberg placed forty-fifth in the 50-meter free with a time of 27.13. The girls 200 free relay (Rubenstein, split 29.65, Linda Le, split 30.54, Amberg, split 27.58, and Amberg, split 26.70) placed thirty-fourth. Their time was 1:54.47.

Clarksburg has thirteen boys and thirty-three girls on the squad. Lauren Borst, a special education teacher, is the team's assistant coach. The swimmers practiced on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Montgomery College Germantown and the divers practiced Tuesdays at MC Germantown and Fridays at the Gaithersburg Aquatic center. Both participated in "dry land" strength workouts every Wednesday at the school.

At the County Championships

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2008 Holy Week Schedule

March 16

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

5:30 pm (Saturday) – Vigil
8:00, 10:45 am (Sunday) – Mass

March 19

Wednesday of Holy Week

6:30-8:00 pm – Confessions

March 20

Holy Thursday

8:00 pm – Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 21

Good Friday

12 noon – Stations of the Cross
8:00 pm – Celebration of the Lord's Passion

March 22

Holy Saturday

11:00 am – Blessing of Food for the First Meal of Easter (Chapel)

4:00-4:45 pm – Confessions

8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

March 23

Easter Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 10:45 am – Mass



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Equestrian

Dickerson Couple Wins Bronze Medal in World Carriage Driving Competition

By Rande Davis

The world of competitive horse carriage driving is anything but a stroll in the park. So if your image of the sport of carriage driving is that of the relaxing ride around Central Park, then, as they say in New York, "Forgedda 'bout it."

Beallsville's Tracey Morgan and Kenny Cox, as members of the United States Equestrian Team, returned home last summer from Dorthealyst, Denmark having been part of the USA team that won a bronze medal in the World Combined Driving Championship for ponies. This was the first time the USA has won in a team competition. Tracy and Kenny, along with their three Dartmoor ponies, Tabitha, Coco, and Maude, were part of the team that consisted of six drivers and eighteen horses.

As the driver, Tracey controls the pair of ponies using rein and verbal commands, therefore control-



Beallsville's Tracey Morgan (driver) and Kenny Cox during dressage competition in Denmark last summer

ling the track and speed of the carriage. Kenny, who is the navigator, is positioned in the rear of the carriage. The navigator tracks the times being made and is responsible for stabilizing the carriage through the many sharp turns, often at high speeds. The successful navigator is both brave and quick, having to make adjustments in position to compensate for the radical turns encountered.

After Tracey left a twenty-five-year ownership of a furniture rental business, she pursued her interest in carriage driving full time. She works the ponies on her sixteen-acre eques-

trian farm or at Woodstock Equestrian Center on Route 28 six days a week. Kenny has a home inspection business but joins in the training as often as possible. Together, they compete in nine to ten events annually, usually on the east coast from Florida to Canada.

Tracey is a five time USEF National Pony Pair Champion and raises and breeds the Dartmoor ponies on the couple's Gaylen Farm on West Hunter Road.

The World Championship competition is in single horse, pairs, and four-in-hand, and involves three phases: dressage, marathon, and cones.

The dressage event takes place on a manicured arena where the driver and team are taken through a variety of movements and transitions. The driver is judged on the ability to accurately execute the test and the pony(s) are judged on impulsion (energy and balance displayed by the horse), regularity of gait, suppleness, and responsiveness. The driver and navigator are also judged on their appearance and turnout (they wear formal clothing that adds to the appeal of the event).

The marathon is a fifteen-kilometer countryside course which tests the team for endurance, stamina, skills, and in negotiating the eight hazards encountered on the route. This can be a jaw-jarring endurance test for the driver and navigator as they travel over terrain that can include water, mud, rocks, hills, and other natural challenges.

The cone event is in an arena that has a course marked off by traffic cones with a ball on top that marks a very tight and twisting course. Traversing the course is not only timed, but when a cone gets hit, the ball drops, costing the driving team valuable points. The team competition is based on the cumulative points earned during the three-day event. While England is usually a dominant force in international competition, they were shut out in the team events in 2007 by Germany winning the gold medal and the Dutch team winning the silver.

The demands of traveling overseas with a team of horses and carriage add even more stress and arduous demands on the ponies. Teams usually arrive early at an event to allow adjustment time due to the stress of air travel, trucking from air-

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A Monocacy Moment

The Potomac Hunt with their hounds.

Photograph by Jack Toomey

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In the Garden

A Return to the Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

Throughout the winter, I and my two sous-gardeners, yellow Lab Samuel Adams and black Lab Thomas Jefferson (aka Sam and Tom), check the gardens every day. After I bring in the horses, feed them, and refill the bird feeders, the boys and I go for our garden walk. They know what the word means, and they immediately show me their enthusiasm, as only Labs can do. They race across the wide middle garden area, extend their well-muscled bodies, and dive at full tilt through the lower two rails of the wood fence, all the while looking behind to make sure that I am coming too. While I inspect the roses and other shrubs, they dart and dash across the broad, open, grassy area in a grid fashion. They intently check for scents of last night's crossing of deer, rabbits, squirrels, foxes, raccoons, or any other critter who dared to enter their domain. Several warm days in January and February coaxed some roses to shyly set out some pale green sprouts of beginning buds. An occasional iris has poked out a little bit of green

frond. Leaving the upper garden, we check Molly's Garden. The grandiflora roses look good for the winter. The skeletons of last year's coreopsis and stachys (lamb's ear) add an interesting touch to the winter landscape.

Next, we have the long middle garden and lower garden to inspect. Sam and Tom find even more strong scents to follow. The roses look well, even the standard rose, Sophy's Rose. I worry about her more than the other shrub roses, since her bud union is exposed to the elements. All the gardens are sleeping safely.

Towards the end of February and the beginning of March, the gardens start to slowly awaken. We check for the early signs of spring's resurrection. The first to awaken is my large pussy willow shrub. It is covered with fat, silver-gray catkins. I cut a handful of the long stalks and bring them inside to remind us all that spring is coming. The daffodils and tulips are racing to see who breaks out of the ground first. The hydrangea buds that were set last year are beginning to swell. In my shade bed under the white dogwood trees, it is too early to see any vestiges of the hostas, ferns, and lilies-of-the-valley, but now is the time for the Christmas Rose (hellebore) to surprise us with its small,

tightly-cupped pale green, white, and pink flowers rising up in the middle of last year's leaves. In the fall, I don't cut back the old leaves, which, left in place, provide just enough protection for the now-developing leaves and flowers.

Saint Patrick's Day has come and gone. Traditionally, that is my target date to start my spring pruning, dividing, and general clean-up work. So gardeners, it is now time to shake off the shackles of winter, get out your tools, and return to the garden. There is work ahead. I attack the spring chores in this order: first, I prune; second, I divide the perennials that need a new home or need to be thinned; and third, I gently rake up any of last year's dead annuals



Tom and Sam return to the garden.

and general debris. At this time, I also scatter and rake in a good, balanced 5-10-5 fertilizer over most of the flower beds. For my roses, I use Rose Tone fertilizer. If you want to garden organically, the gardens alive! catalog offers one hundred percent all-natural fertilizers, specifically formulated for roses, vegetables, flowers, bulbs, and acid-loving plants, such as azaleas,

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rhododendrons, dogwood, holly, magnolia, mountain laurel, juniper, yew, blueberries, raspberries, and more.

Many people ask me about pruning. Its objective is to, one, remove dead and diseased parts of a plant, two, maintain their natural habit of growth, and three, develop large flowers on long stems by reducing the number of flowering shoots. Most deciduous shrubs should be pruned after they bloom, not now.

Roses. Now is the time to do your main pruning. Experienced pruners recommend that you always make a sloping cut an inch or less above an outward-facing bud. But there is no evidence that this makes any difference in the performance of the rose. I have cut them in many different places and angles with no ill effect. I cut hybrid tea roses back to about two to three feet. Cut to the ground any diseased or dead branches. For my David Austins, I prune them a little differently. As a general rule, my aim is to create or maintain an attractive round shape. So, that, depends on the present shape, height, and condition of each particular rose. For some, I just prune the dead or diseased branches and lightly prune the healthy ones. For others, such as Winchester Cathedral, a beautiful white version of David Austin's Mary Rose, I severely pruned it back last year, after it had developed a bad case of powdery mildew and black spot. It grew back in excellent condition. For new roses in their first year of growth, prune more lightly, leaving about two thirds. For climbing roses, prune the shoots that flowered the previous season to three or four buds. The main, long stems should be tied in and not reduced in length unless they have become very old and tired or have died. If there is space, fanning the stems out and against the wall or fence will help encourage more side shoots and hence flowers.

Rugosa roses must have a touch of the phoenix in their genes. I have never seen a shrub that can be so severely pruned and then grow new, healthy shoots to become almost a new rose plant every year. I have six rugosas that a friend gave me twenty years ago: Roseraie De L'Hay, rich wine-purple flowers with a very strong perfume, and 'Blanc Double de Coubert,' pure white semi-double flowers. Every year, many of their

old branches die, and every year, I cut them to the ground, and every year, the shrub comes back and flowers even more vigorously than before.

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If you did not cut back your perennials last fall, do it now. Liriope needs to be cut back to the ground now before new growth emerges. Phlox, lilies, sedum, delphiniums, Echinacea (coneflowers), and most other perennials benefit from a spring hair cut.

Don't mulch yet. Flowers, pollen, and seeds will fall from the trees in early spring. Rains can wash away the mulch. I usually wait until about mid-May to apply a decorative mulch layer. Now is a good time, before there is mulch, to spread Preen over your flower beds. It really does keep down the weeds. Get out in the next couple of weeks and give your gardens some attention.

P.S. Over the past year, several readers have asked me why my Labs have not been mentioned in my columns anymore. After our black Lab Max died in July 2006, our other Lab Sam became very depressed and lonely. He missed Max. So in October 2006, eight-week-old black Lab puppy Thomas Jefferson joined our family. Sam accepted him, but there are some days when I think Sam wishes he was the only child again. Tom has been in training for almost a year. He is now ready to become In the Garden's junior sous-gardener. So you will be hearing about Sam and Tom again.

Local News

Commissioners Hear from Residents on Proposed Budget

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville town of March 17 meeting heard from residents with questions or concerns regarding the proposed FY09 budget.

Ann Marie Serwa, Everett Hovencamp, and Jim Bauer, all residents of Spurrier Avenue in Poolesville, voiced concern over heavy pedestrian and speeding vehicle traffic on Spurrier Avenue. Since only part of the street has sidewalks and with Spurrier a main roadway to the high school, students are forced to walk in the road. Everett Hovencamp raised the possibility of speed bumps on Spurrier, "I am not a fan of speed bumps, but if it helps, I would support them for Spurrier."

Eddie Kuhlman asked town manager Wade Yost to add an RFP (request for proposal) for a sidewalk extension on bids for already proposed repairs to Spurrier Avenue that are in the FY09 budget proposal, "We are running a surplus, and with the optional bids, we may be able to consider these requests."

Other speakers on the budget matters were Bob Roit, Tom Kettler, Conrad Potemra, and Rudy Gole. Among Mr. Roit's questions was an inquiry about the funds for the town hall site plan/architectural design.

In his experience, such costs should be about six percent of the project whereas the amount in the town hall budget indicates an expenditure closer to twelve percent. Mr. Yost explained that the project went through a series of site plan and design alterations (originally Campbell Park was the site chosen), and as the project developed (changing from two levels to one), this resulted in the final plan and design costs closer to twelve percent.

Tom Kettler pointed out that

Fyfe Road improvements are listed as a town hall construction expense when it should more correctly be listed under street and sidewalk maintenance and repair. Listing it under the town hall resulted in making the cost of the town hall appear higher than it is. He also reminded that the second payment of an additional \$50,000 from the Elgin property proffer will be made within the FY09 budget and is not currently listed as revenue.

Mr. Potemra presented a series of cost-saving ideas and cuts that he wanted the commissioners to consider. Among his concerns were: the estimate for the maintenance of street lights should the town purchase the lights from Allegheny Power, and unjustified costs for commissioners to attend Maryland Multiple League.

Rudy Gole questioned the continuance of \$600,000 in reserve to pay for any potential Maryland Department of the Environment-required radionuclide cleanup since the town already maintains more than enough funds in the unrestricted funds account to pay for unanticipated emergencies.

The commissioners awarded a grant of \$2430.75 to Poolesville Relay for Life and received a presentation by Garth Seely on the successful cleanup of Routes 109 and 107 by Landscape and Nature Discoveries (LAND).

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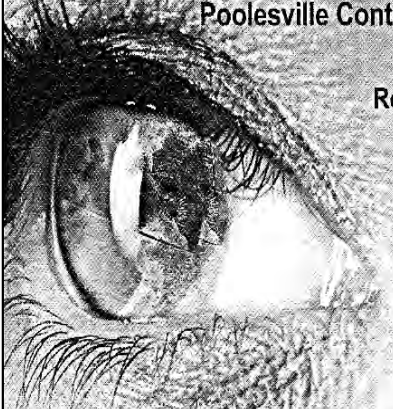
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freight train." They all took shelter in the root cellar of the house. Dove told a *Monocle* reporter that she had lived in the house for forty-seven years, but she had never once gone down into that cellar until that afternoon. A small barn, chicken house, and several trees were destroyed, but the house and another barn were untouched. Another property owner in the area, who didn't want to be identified for this article, showed a reporter his barn whose roof had been almost entirely ripped off. He said he had been out in his orchard pruning trees when he had seen the storm approaching. A family member was in the barn, but managed to get to a place of safety and was not injured.

Alan Staggars, a spokesperson for Allegheny Power, said that the company called sixty-four linemen to duty on the afternoon of the storm and then quickly moved eighty additional personnel into the affected area when the extent of the damage became apparent. He said that most customers had their service restored within twenty-four hours. ♦



A Carroll Manor firefighter at the scene of the downed trees.



A barn in the 20500 block of Darnestown Road was destroyed.



A Washington couple found themselves trapped between two downed trees.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Present

February 15 Attempted burglary of a church. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 18230 Barnesville Road, attempted forced entry, nothing taken.

February 27 Police responded to a complaint of disorderly youths at M&T Bank, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

February 27 A theft was reported at Poolesville High School.

February 28 A theft was reported at the Citgo gas station in the 20000 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

March 5 Police investigated an assault in the 16900 block of White Ground Road, Boyds.

Past

March 23, 1896 John Carroll, a prisoner who was being taken by train from Washington to Frederick, was forcibly removed from the train at Point of Rocks by a mob. He was then taken to Sugarloaf Mountain where he was hung from a tree.

March 24, 1936 The floodwaters of the

Potomac River swept over the C&O Canal and destroyed an improvised swimming area near Cabin John. The area, known as Widewater, was the scene of several drownings in the past and the county commissioners had passed an ordinance prohibiting swimming there.

March 25, 1903 William Gorum was arrested by Frederick County authorities and was charged with assaulting his mother-in-law at a house near Park Mills. The trouble was said to have started after a domestic quarrel in which Mrs. Yingling, the mother-in-law, fired a gun. This was followed by a fusillade of gunfire from Mr. Gorum.

March 25, 1957 Montgomery County fire officials said that the county would have a centralized fire dispatching system in a few months. Prior to this time, citizens called their local fire department in the event of an emergency.

March 27, 1907 The body of a man was found on Walnut Island in the Potomac River. A man and his son who were collecting firewood found the body which appeared to have washed downstream. After an inquiry, the body was buried near the canal at Seneca.



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unorthodox cameras Ed has used in his photography include peanut cans and paint cans. The curve of the shape of the can is imparted onto the image produced; however, if you look through the pinhole, the image looks correct. Ed also collects cameras from the turn of the last century. He frequently uses a Korona Home Portrait Camera made in 1906 that he converted to a pinhole camera. His mastery of pinhole photography is well-known and he has taught the subject at the Smithsonian.

In the nineties, Ed focused on fine art photography: a few people as subjects, but mostly rural scenes and outdoor landscapes. At the time, he and Marti (she is also a fine artist working in oil painting) lived in Virginia, and he showed in galleries in Alexandria, sometimes solo shows, where he was the part owner of Gallery West. As part of the art world, Ed finds it necessary to participate in exhibitions; it "gives credibility as an artist." They have also been involved with other galleries and artistic groups, including the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton for many years. "We have a lot of fun in the art world," says Ed. He enjoys not only showing in art shows, he also enjoys judging. "I have an immense amount

of fun doing that," he adds. Marti agrees, "He has a remarkable ability to have something positive to say about the poorest of work." Ed directly attributes this to Eliot Cohen in whom he admires the same quality.

Ed also does commercial work with photography to help pay the bills. He designs websites and provides photography of art for websites as his niche is websites for artists. There was also a brief period between 2001 and 2004 where Ed withdrew from artistic photography. A serious back injury in 2001 gravely hampered his art. He says it might be difficult to understand until it happens, but "the back injury blew my muse out of the water." He continued with functional photography, but in 2004, the muse began to return, and he began to see photographs again. Unfortunately, he was too busy with the construction of his home in Dickerson. Now, he's eager to actively begin photographing the beautiful landscapes around us. He has made a concerted effort to get his darkroom complete, and the shows will beckon. He and Marti are both exploring the opportunities for them as artists here in Maryland even though much of their artistic lives are still tied to Virginia.



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March 23 – Easter Sunday

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School News

Bringing the Wild into the Classroom

By Dominique Agnew

As part of the rigorous Global Ecology Science Program (GESP) at Poolesville High School, seniors are required to spend their senior year preparing an in-depth project. For two seniors, Rebecca Berger and Sarah Minkoff, a year of teaching about the environment to elementary school children proved to be more enjoyable and educational than they thought—it also proved to be more demanding than they imagined (teaching, that is).

Rebecca and Sarah chose to take part in the Project Wild Program in which participants are given the training to teach elementary and middle school students about the environment. The girls would then teach three classes. For the first two classes, the lesson ideas come from the book, then Rebecca and Sarah would have to come up with the third lesson on their own. "I...learned how long it actually takes to plan a lesson," says Rebecca. "We put in several hours to plan each lesson." The project definitely opened their eyes to how much time teachers spend preparing lesson plans.

Seneca Academy and the Circle School had the lucky class of fourth graders that received instruction from Rebecca and Sarah. In a way, it was a homecoming for Sarah since she had attended preschool and kindergarten there. Also, the educational director at Seneca, Carol Schnatz, had been Sarah's kindergarten teacher. "It was a lot of fun to go back and see her," says Sarah.

Each lesson was one hour long and covered topics such as wildlife, natural selection, what's needed to sustain wildlife, deer overpopulation, and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. One part of the instruction involved a game in which the students were divided into categories that included food, predators, and water. Carol Schnatz says the kids loved it, "Oh, they loved it."

Before taking part in Project Wild, both seniors already had experience with kids as both had volunteered at summer camps with preschool kids. Mrs. Joyce Bailey, science teacher in the GESP program at PHS, recommended the program for kids who like teaching. Rebecca says, "Both of were interested in teaching younger

kids about the environment."

Before they taught the fourth graders, they practiced by teaching their peers. "It's definitely a learning experience," says Sarah.

"One of the biggest things that we learned is you can't always expect things to go the way you planned," adds Rebecca.



Rebecca Berger and Sarah Minkoff teaching a class.

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as with giving the kids instruction.

Sylvain has constructed a youth program that starts with a "learn to play" program for kids with little or no knowledge of skating or hockey. This program teaches them the fundamentals, such as how to skate and how to handle the puck. This class is a prerequisite before they can join the in-house hockey program that consists of several teams at different age groups: the mites, squirts, peewee, bantam, and midgets. Asked why he made that a requirement, he responded, "We have a more rigorous program than before. We created a graded system, which makes it a much better program. After taking this, they will have the skills necessary. Before, if they did not have the

skills and just got out there, they did not enjoy it and quit."

The in-house program is a true feeder system to the Frederick Fury, which is a Tier II elite travel club that plays at the complex. They are a separate organization from Skate Frederick, but they work closely together. Just like club soccer, a travel team can be expensive. "It costs about \$1500 for the season just to play," says Sylvain. "That does not include travel expenses, but it is worth it. The family time spent together traveling from tournament to tournament gives parents a real chance to bond with their kids on those long car rides." That is priceless.

"Carriage Driving" Continued From Page 11.

port to the venue, and, in the case of international competition, time taken to quarantine the horses. Tracey and Kenny take three horses so as to be able to select the two ponies that are best suited for each day's competition.

The current World Championships began through the impetus of carriage driving enthusiasts including HRH Prince Phillip in the 1960s, but it has strong historical roots based on tradition and military usage. For those interested in viewing a carriage driving competition in our area, the closest one this summer is from June 14 to 15 in Fair Hill, Maryland.

Over and above competition, there are very heavy demands of practice and training for the horses and driver. Ponies are in perpetual training since these diminutive horses (ponies do not grow beyond 14.2 hands) have to pull a carriage that can weigh as much as five hundred pounds and two adults through natural and rough countryside terrain that can be made

even more difficult in bad weather.

With such a demanding training regimen, the odds are good that, when traveling on West Hunter Road, you may catch a glimpse of Tracey working her horses at the Gaylen Farm. If you do, give her a thumbs up and a round of "USA, USA, USA" just to keep her motivated and psyched for the 2009 competition.



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Youth Sports

Two PHS Seniors Seek World Cup Opportunity

By Dominique Agnew

Nick Balogh of Boyds and Shannon Molsky of Germantown, seniors in Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Science Program, will both be traveling to Australia this summer as members of the American Polocrosse Association's (APA) youth development team.

Polocrosse? Is it even a word? It is now. A cross between polo and lacrosse, polocrosse is similar to lacrosse on horses. Originating in Australia as a sport in the 1930s, it is very popular there. Played on a field measuring 160 yards by 60 yards, six times smaller than a polo field, polocrosse also requires fewer horses and players per team than polo. One horse per player is used throughout the game, and there are three players per team, a number one who attacks, number two is the midfielder, and number three is a defender. The players each

carry a stick similar to a lacrosse stick but more flexible. The game is played in four or six periods called chukkas which last six or eight minutes each. At each end of the field is a thirty-yard end zone. A number one cannot carry the ball across the opposing team's end zone line. The ball must be passed by his number two or number three, or the number one must bounce the ball while crossing the line. Obviously, this game takes a lot of skill and coordination—on the part of the player and the horse. Because of the size of the field, the horse is required to make short, quick stops and turns.

Nick and Shannon began playing polocrosse through their involvement with the Potomac Pony Club, in which both have been active for many years. Dee Cook, a neighbor of Nick from England whose children played polocrosse, was instrumental in bringing the sport to the Pony Club. Nick and Shannon have played polocrosse for years through the United States Pony Club, and joined the APA a few years ago. They will outgrow the USPC in a few years, but riders of all ages play in the APA. Through the APA, they have played across the United States in New York and New Jersey south through the states then west as far as Texas where the sport is a big deal.



Shannon Molsky in action during a the polocrosse chukka.

There are bigger crowds and more levels of competition in Texas (everything is just bigger out there, ain't it?). It is quite an achievement for Nick and Shannon to be on the team. "It's unusual for someone from here to be in the developmental program," says Nick. Where Texas and Florida have numerous polocrosse clubs, Maryland has one, the Bay Area Polocrosse Club. Well, make that two because Nick is in the process of starting a local club, the Sugarloaf Polocrosse Club, an official APA club. As a new group, the Sugarloaf Club has ten members, but it seeks new members of all ages and levels, and interested

parties can contact Nick at wildcat28@comcast.net. "It's definitely a lot of fun to play," Nick says of the sport.

The seniors are looking forward to playing in Australia in July against Australian players. Meanwhile, they train as much as possible with the other players from across the country. They work on plays, they practice riding each other's horses, and they'll have to do a little bit of fundraising to help defer the cost of their trip. The next World Cup (an event that occurs every four years) is not until 2011, but the training starts now.

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For young historians of Frederick County (ages 7 to 12) the National Museum of Civil War Medicine has an upcoming program just for them. Join Kari E. Turner Saavedra, director of education at NMCW, as she answers questions such as: When was Frederick County founded? Who was Tyler Paige? And what happened in Frederick during the Civil War? The program is on Saturday, March 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$24.00 and may be purchased by calling 301-624-2820.

Sugarloaf Craft Festival

The spring Sugarloaf Craft festival offers 450 fine artists and exceptional fine art and designer crafts at Building #6 at

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held February 14 to 16 at the Martin Luther King Swim Center, the Poolesville girls finished fourth overall, after having completed an undefeated dual meet season in Division III. Sophomore Cara Chuang finished first in both the 100 yard freestyle and the 100 yard backstroke. Junior Devan Maneely placed sixth in the 200 yard IM. Chuang, Maneely, Pepper, and freshman Cameron Mackail finished third in the 200 yard medley relay. Alex Contreras finished ninth in one-meter diving.

"Chuang, Maneely, Pepper, Mackail, and senior Ursa Remondi, had Metro qualifying times for the girls," said head coach Jon Leong. "The boys have done well facing tough opponents in Gaithersburg High School and Northwest High School and are starting to get better and faster. We graduated several boys last year and are working to fill the gaps they left us." Senior Greg Pfister and sophomores Cody Kenly and Warren Beecroft had qualifying times for the boys. The boys finished seventeenth in the county tournament. Beecroft, Kenly, Pfister, and senior Zach Samuelson, finished eleventh in the 200 yard freestyle relay. "Our divers have been

the Montgomery County fairgrounds from April 4 to 7 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person.

Spring High School Plays: Footloose at PHS and High School Musical at CHS

The Poolesville High School Midnight Players will present Footloose, the story of Ren McCormick and his mother who just relocated from Chicago to the rural town of Beaumont, Texas. Ren convinces the teenagers to fight to change the law which outlaws dancing. Backed by the Rev. Shaw Moore's wild daughter, Ariel, Ren goes head to head with her father to get the law changed.

Footloose is propelled by the rockin' rhythm of its Oscar-nominated Top 40 score which includes such numbers as "Let's Hear It for the Boys," and "Footloose," both of which hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100. The play contains much of the movie music, plus the addition of some new tunes. The style of the music includes rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and ballads.

Performances at PHS are on April 10 and 11 at 7:00 p.m. and on April 12 at noon and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 per student. Advanced ticket purchase is advised as the school productions sell out quickly. They may be purchased at the school or by email Jennifer_K_Sambataro@mcpsmd.org.

Clarksburg High School's Drama Club presents Disney's High School Musical. Come witness the phenomenon that is

doing very well in the dual meets," said the coach. "Ashley Gunsteens and Nick Balogh, we hope to 'not make a splash' and finish the season on a high note." Gunsteens finished nineteenth at counties. Balogh finished eighteenth for the boys.

At the Metro Championships, the Poolesville girls finished eighth out of thirty-six teams entered. Cara Chuang finished first in the 200 IM (2:06.19) and the 100 yard backstroke (56.13). Elizabeth Pepper finished fourth (1:53.21) in the girls' 200 yard freestyle and the 100 yard butterfly. "Elizabeth had a great meet making three junior national qualifying times," said Coach Leong. Devan Maneely placed sixteenth in the 200 IM and thirteenth in the 100 breaststroke, despite having a broken finger and being accidentally kicked in the eye during warm-ups.

The girls' 200 yard medley relay (Chuang, Pepper, Maneely, and Mackail) finished fourth. The 400 yard freestyle relay (Pepper, Chuang, Ursa Remondi, and Mackail) finished sixth. Alex Contreras finished tenth in one-meter diving. "It was a very exciting and long day. Metro and county records were broken. I am very proud of our girls' team," said the coach. "They performed at their best when it mattered. I look forward to next year."

sweeping the nation. Join Troy and Gabriella as they encourage East High to break from the status quo and find new and exciting opportunities despite Sharpay and Ryan's devious plots. This show is for the whole family.

Show times are on April 10 through April 12 and then again on April 18 and 19. You can catch the later performance and still not miss Footloose at PHS. Performances begin in the CHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m. with a matinee at 1:00 p.m. on April 19. Tickets for all performances will be available at the door.

Relay for Life's Spring Fling

Poolesville Relay for Life has the Spring Fling gala scheduled for April 5 at the Double Tree from 6:30 p.m. to midnight. This will be an evening of fun and festivities, including dinner, dancing, raffles, and door prizes. The cost is \$60.00 per person or \$100.00 per couple. This includes Surf & Turf, open bar, and hors d'oeuvres. There will be DJs and a local band for entertainment and the dancing. Reserve your tickets or, better yet, reserve a table by contacting Susan Vissari at 301-518-9807 or email relay@senecasettlements.com.

Spring Break Performances at the Art Barn

Gaithersburg's "Schools Out for Arts," a program that provides an opportunity for learning when Montgomery County Public Schools are closed, announces two exciting spring performances, including Slapstick Science with Dr. Albert Erg and a journey through African-American history with the band Reverb. Both shows will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Arts Barn, 311 Kent Square Road in Gaithersburg.

"Slapstick Science - The Notion of Motion with Dr. Albert Erg" is guaranteed to excite your children's curiosities and inspire their enthusiasm for science. Dr. Erg's performance takes place on Wednesday, March 26. The five male singers of Reverb take audiences on an a cappella musical journey through African-American history, focusing on the social issues of 1619, 1886, 1960, and today. The show is appropriate for families of all ages. Reverb performs on Monday, April 7. Tickets for each show are \$5.00 for residents and \$6.00 for non-residents. They may be purchased online at www.gaithersburgmd.gov or by calling 301-258-6394.

Alice in Wonderland

Other Voices, Inc. presents the original family theatre event, Alice in Wonderland, now celebrating its twelfth year on March 21 and 22 at 7:30 p.m. with a matinee on March 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Weinberg Center for the Arts. The production features the highly-acclaimed Dance Unlimited Repertory Company, as well as actors from the tri-state region. Choreography and staging are by Donna B. Grim with libretto and staging by Charlie Smith. Ticket prices range from \$10.00 to \$20.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

Elite Lebanon Valley College Choir to Perform in Poolesville

Poolesville Baptist Church will host the Lebanon Valley College Concert Choir for a concert during its 72nd Annual Spring Tour. The elite choir, with some eighty voices, will perform on Saturday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. at the church, located at 17550 West Willard Road, Poolesville. There is no admission charge, although a free-will offering may be collected for the host, the church's music ministry.

This year's program is entitled Ye Shall Have A Song, which is one of the movements from Peaceable Kingdom, a multi-movement work by American composer, Randall Thompson (1889-1984). It is the centerpiece of the tour program, and describes the millennial moment depicted in the Peaceable Kingdom paintings of Edward Hicks (1780-1849), known as the preaching Quaker of Pennsylvania. The texts are from Isaiah's millennial poetry. All of the movements are unaccompanied, and several of the sequences of sacred choruses are scored for double choir, and feature solos from several choir members. The LVC Concert Choir has toured internationally in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe (1973), Great Britain (1999), Italy (2001), and in May 2007 in Central Europe: the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary.

A Night of Bluegrass

It's a down-home bluegrass bonanza on March 29 at 8:00 p.m. at the Weinberg Center for the Arts! Seldom Scene, born thirty-seven years ago in nearby Bethesda, is a nonstop powerhouse of traditional and contemporary bluegrass. With almost thirty years and thirty-plus recordings to their credit, Grammy nominee Doyle Lawson and his band Quicksilver—featuring Brunswick resident Darren Beachley—are six-time winners of the International Bluegrass Association's Vocal Group of the Year award. Ticket prices range from \$20.00 to \$30.00. For more information, visit www.w

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almost an iconic landmark for the locals. He grew up in Rockville, where he and his wife, Jaclynnette (Porterfield), both attended Montrose Christian School. Married in 1997, they now live in Derwood with their three boys Kadin (age 8), Rhyston (age 6), and Davin (age 3). Jaclynnette studied education at Towson University and Brian College in Tennessee and is a homemaker and home school teacher for the three boys.

Rev. Broadhurst graduated in 1993 from the University of Maryland majoring in political science, and in his senior year, he also began study at Capital Bible Seminary in Lanham, Maryland. In 1996, he moved to Orlando, Florida to seek his Master's of Divinity from the Reformed Theological Seminary. While there, he also ran his own landscaping business in order to make ends meet. During his six years in Florida, he was pastor to adult singles at a Baptist Church. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate with Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

In preparation for his Ph.D., he learned to read Aramaic, Hebrew, German, French, Latin, and Greek and today is also an adjunct professor at Nyack College in the District of Columbia and Columbia Evangelical Seminary.

Rev. Broadhurst taught the Old Testament on a three-week mission at Tyndale Theological Seminary in the Netherlands and brought his entire family with him on a year-long mission to Kenya where, along with Old Testament studies, he taught church history, Hebrew, and Inductive Bible Study at Scott Theological College, the only accredited bachelor-level seminary in East Africa. Kenya was his last assignment prior to coming to Poolesville.

In coming here seventeen months ago, he was a bit uncertain as to what to expect since the church had not had a senior pastor for nearly three years. However, Rev. Jace credits Ken Fitzwater, church leadership, and the congregation for a smooth transition. Rev. Broadhurst describes Rev. Ken as the "best support pastor I have ever seen" who did a "great job of holding things together." With the support of a fantastic congregation, he was able to "hit the ground running."

Rev. Broadhurst seeks to enliven the teaching of the selected books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, through

occasional use of dramatic props. As an example, in teaching Exodus, he introduced the series as Indiana Jones on a quest for a city, using both the dramatic music from the movie and concluding by wearing the famous Indiana Jones hat with the equally famous bullwhip in hand. The use of props, although not something done very often, had similar success when he used other modern cultural icons such as Rocky and the Rolling Stones ("Can't Get No Satisfaction") to get his point across.

Rev. Broadhurst is present at the church in Poolesville about four days a week, but associate pastor, Rev. Ken Fitzwater, who is a resident of Poolesville and has served in many ministries since his ordination in 1984, is there throughout the week. Much of Rev. Ken's focus is on youth activities, family life, community outreach, and facility management.

Rev. Jace takes seriously his call and the church's vision to Hope and Delight in God and proclaim God's reign to the world. The five pillars of life at Poolesville Baptist church, worship, discipleship, fellowship, community outreach, and evangelism, are all designed to make this vision statement clear. "My calling, as shepherd of this flock in Poolesville, is to do each of these with passion and to equip the saints to do them as well (Ephesians 4:12)."

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For the Rev. Jace Broadhurst, his mission and purpose are clear. "My whole life mission is to bring others to hope in God and delight in Him. Hope in Him in the sense of trusting Him so that we might have abundant joy."

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