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Abigail Tjornehoj of St. Peter's Church, on mission to help those hurt by Hurricane Katrina in Alabama, with a little girl named Courtney at an afterschool program in the Alabama Village. Courtney is seven years old.



This young man learned from a Hall of Famer and then became a Hall of Famer. Read about this John Poole MS staffer in *At Your Service* on Page 3.



Coach May Shlash exhorts the Poolesville Falcon girls' lacrosse team during halftime against Einstein High School. See page 20.



Principal Bishop gets some special encouragement from the Wolverine mascot during the recent Student-Teacher basketball game. More pictures are in Family Album, as usual.

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Holds Annual Meeting

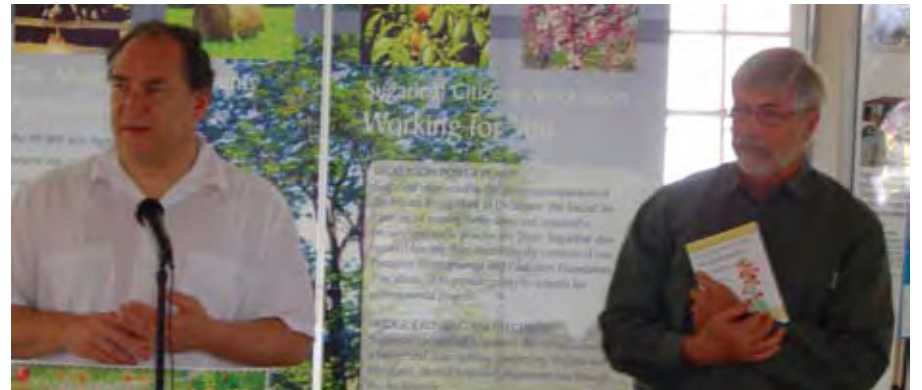
By John Clayton

The Sugarloaf Citizens Association held its annual meeting on Saturday, April 19, at the Linden Farm in Dickerson to elect new officers and board members and to discuss current and future activities to protect the Agricultural Reserve. The SCA's avowed mission is to preserve a rural agricultural heritage in upper Montgomery County.

The meeting was moderately well attended, but perhaps less so than in recent years. With the exception of the featured speaker, Montgomery County Councilman Marc Elrich, there were no county or state elected officials in attendance, perhaps reflecting that this is not an election year. Local dignitaries in attendance, as recognized by the outgoing SCA president Jim Brown, were Town of Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski, Carol Oberdorfer of the Dickerson Citizens Association, and Merritt Edne, president of the Boyds Citizens Association. Special mention was also made of former Planning Board member George Kephart. Mr. Brown pointed to a map of the Agricultural Reserve and noted that it would not have been possible had not Mr. Kephart cast the deciding vote in favor of the Rural Density Transfer Zone, as the Ag Reserve is more formally known.

Jim Brown opened the meeting and moved immediately to the election of officers and board members for the new year. The slate, which included Gary Valen as president, Anne Cinque as vice president, Martha Yates as secretary, Jane Hunter as treasurer, and nineteen directors, was accepted by an unopposed show of hands.

Newly-elected President Valens reminded his fellow SCA members not to forget that when they asked him to run, they also promised to help. He promised a collaborative style of management, and discussed the importance of local food production as the key to a number of benefits for the area. He



County Councilman Marc Elrich takes questions following his remarks at the Sugarloaf Citizen's Association Annual Meeting. Newly elected SCA President Gary Valen bears a gift.

said that while the large issues would always need to be faced, it was the "thousands of little issues" that they would have to fight as they came up in order to keep the organization on track.

The outgoing officers, Jim Brown, Ellen Gordon, and Claire Gunster-Kirby, were presented with awards and

thanked for their service. Jim Brown observed in his comments as outgoing president that the Ag Reserve was "a national example to land use planners of what can be done."

Board member Gil Rocha, with an assist from local activist Caroline Taylor,

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Growing Up in Barnesville A Place Where You Knew Everyone

By Jack Toomey

There was a time when there was a dirt path that led from the Potomac River to Baltimore. In the early nineteenth century, a tavern for travelers was established on this dirt road. William Barnes is credited with building some structures along this road, and James Barnes also moved here from another part of Maryland and established a shoemaker's shop. Slowly, a little village grew as travelers, who decided to stop at the tavern, never left. They built houses, and someone decided to name the place Barnestown. Eventually, churches, a store, stables, and a few more houses were built and the name of the place was changed to Barnesville—but this is not a definitive history of the town. That story can be found elsewhere. This is an account, told by senior citizens who were born in Barnesville,

about their recollections of growing up in this small village at the foot of Sugarloaf Mountain.

It seems that there has always been a store in Barnesville, and it always stood as the center of commerce. Early histories of the town call the store, at the corner of Barnesville Road and Route 109, Pyles Store. In the teens and early 1920s, Merle Cissell owned the store and sold canned goods, some dry goods, ammunition, penny candy, and a few other necessities. The two dozen children who lived in the town flocked to the store for the penny candy that Mr. Cissell offered. He even gave candy away to some of the well-behaved kids. After buying their candy, the children would scamper home and would not hang out in front of the store as might be expected. When the working day was done, the men of the town would congregate on the front porch of the store in the warmer months and discuss local and national affairs. In 1925, Robert Lillard bought the store and the house next door and changed the name of the store to Barnesville General Store. The post office oper-

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Some of the cast of the recent PHS production of Footloose: Scott Turner, Preston Harney, Ashley Gunsteens, and Matt Dickens.



Gail Howard, faculty drama advisor at PHS for the school's Midnight Players, gives a pre-program pep talk to the cast of Footloose.



Amber Smith (left) of John Poole Middle School waits for the rebound as the faculty team fails to convert a four-on-one break. More pictures on Page 2.



Cherry Barr and Edwin Brown at the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual Meeting.



District 15 State Senator Rob Garagiola (right) with King Lion Gary Burdette at a recent meeting of the Monocacy Lions Club.



Caroline Taylor and George Kephart at the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association Annual Meeting.

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At Your Service

Living the Dream of Every Little Leaguer

By Rande Davis

In going to Yankee Stadium as a kid in the sixties, I had my heroes and none greater than The Mick himself. Yet, sitting there watching in total awe so many of the greats in the game (Yogi, Whitey, Moose, and Roger, just to name a few), I remember someone else out on the field that always got my attention and a bit of envy as well: The bat boy. No name and not even a number on the uniform, but, oh, how much I would have loved to have been bat boy for even one day. Mak-



Chuck Boettner of John Poole Middle School security had a special role with the 1969 Washington Senators.

ing the majors was pure fantasy, but being bat boy—now that is something I could really see happening.

When we recently discovered that Chuck Boettner, the security person at John Poole Middle School, was a major league bat (and ball) boy, it was enthralling to find out what it was actually like. On top of that, Chuck also came closer than most to making the major leagues as a pitcher.

In 1969, while still in high school, the Washington Senators' ball boy had to move and Chuck knew their equipment manager's son, Eddie Basker. Finding himself in the right place at the right time, he landed the job.

The year 1969 was a great one for Orioles fans and not good for my Yankees, but the Senators had a winning season that year led by players like Frank Howard and pitcher Dick Bosman. One of the most impressive aspects of the '69 Senators was that they were managed by Hall of Famer, Ted Williams. There, among all these greats, grabbing the bats off the batter's box, standing in the infield, and shagging balls in the outfield, was

Chuck Boettner. If there is a bigger dream for a baseball-obsessed young boy, it's hard to imagine it. Chuck was not your average bat boy since he stood about as tall as the players. Because of his size, he gained the affectionate nickname from the players of "Grocery" and later on went on to earn his own spot in sports trivia.

He remembers the time the Senators lost a game, so the players were naturally subdued in the clubhouse. One of the players wanted him to peek through the venetian blinds into the manager's office to see if Ted Williams was in there and to see if he was mad or not. As he was peering through the blinds, a hand grabbed his shoulder and wanted to know if "the idiot" was in there or not. "No, I don't see him," he said as he turned to find that Ted Williams, himself, had caught him in this act of spying.

Of course, nothing beats the times he was allowed to actually take batting practice with the players. He recalls Ted Williams standing there behind the cage, giving him tips on how to hit. "Can you imagine, the greatest hitter of all time," Chuck reminisces, "and he would give me tips on my swing."

Another time, just before the start of a game, he was told to run out to center field to shag a loose ball, and as he turned to run back, he spotted another ball, then another. Before he could leave the outfield, the national anthem had begun, and there he stood, alone, at attention, cap over heart, in front of the entire crowd. It was then he realized that the players had kept throwing balls out onto the field just to force him into a situation they thought would embarrass him.

All good things must come to an end, and for Chuck Boettner, the end earned him his spot in sports trivia. As homers were hit, it is the bat boy who often finds himself the first to greet the player at home plate. Since Grocery was so tall and in uniform, it was sometimes hard to differentiate him from the players. When the owner of the Senators, Bob Short, saw a picture in the sports pages of Chuck shaking hands with Eddie Brinkman who had just hit a home run, and the bat boy was taller than the player, the



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Commentary A Little Gloom and Doom

By John Clayton

When Montgomery County At Large Councilman Marc Elrich addressed the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association this past week, he made several remarks that referred to the magnitude of current and future budget shortfalls that the county is facing. This was a major component of his address. He also stressed the importance of facing the facts and not disguising them with overly optimistic or incomplete analyses of our needs. Several weeks ago, I heard County Council President (and our local rep) Mike Knapp express similar concerns. Mr. Knapp also elaborated on other challenges facing the county, such as 70,000 residents without health insurance, which will burden future budgets. All this puts any elected official in his or her least favorite position: having to explain the need to find new sources of revenue, which in less polite society are known as taxes. In Montgomery County, it appears that higher energy taxes and higher property taxes are coming.

More recently, I heard State Senator Rob Garagiola speak, and he discussed the budgetary shortfalls at the state level, in particular how they were brought back to the forefront by the repeal of sales taxes levied on computer services. This created a large hole in the budget, and the remedy includes solutions that hit Montgomery County fairly hard. One was a tax increase on people earning over one million dollars a year, and from what I have read elsewhere, forty percent of these people statewide reside in Montgomery County. I am not without compassion for these people, and I do not think the county would be better off if these high earners decided to take their residences and businesses elsewhere. I suspect that all of us, even with a cool million or so in income, would still be annoyed by additional taxes. More money probably doesn't change that. An additional measure to close the budget shortage was a reduction in transportation spending, which also falls heavily on Montgomery County as we have some significant traffic issues to address, but it now appears they will be addressed more slowly. Higher taxes anyone?

On an even more depressing note, Senator Garagiola spoke quite directly about a looming electricity crisis. Other areas of the state, including the Balti-

more area, have already felt the shock (sorry) of higher electrical utility costs as price controls, which had artificially held down energy prices, have expired. These higher electrical prices are now heading our way. Of even more concern is the fact that our state's utility companies' ability to provide power to all areas at peak times will be severely challenged in the coming years. Using less energy, something that will truly affect us all, will be an important step if we don't want to keep building power plants. Solar panels and windmills will help, but they're not going to solve the problem by themselves. Some of our fiscal problems are supposed to be solved by introducing slot machines and keeping our gambling dollars here in the state. This will be decided by a referendum in November, which by all accounts is expected to pass. As we get closer to the referendum, we will all become more familiar with our fiscal situation: slot machines or else.

Comments on Proposed FY09 Town of Poolesville Budget

By Roy E. Johnson,
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First, the bottom half of the Introduction Overview page is very misleading; it doesn't seem like it has been revised from last year. It addresses a ten percent increase in water rates and a tax rate of 18¢ per \$100, neither of which agrees with the detail pages. I would think that the commissioners would actually read the budget before it is published in order to save themselves from such embarrassment.

I do not believe the commissioners can bury the expenditure of taxpayer dollars to benefit non-taxpayers. That is what General Fund Budget Account 570 (Community Goodwill) is supposed to be for. Specifically, I note that the total cost of the entire Water and Wastewater Department is

budgeted to be \$1,314,034 for FY09, and that the total W-WW revenue is only projected to be \$792,514. Simple subtraction indicates that the total taxpayer subsidy is \$521,520. These figures are not clearly presented in the budget, and this oversight should be corrected. The practice of not

including certain expenses, such as W-WW debt service, funding for W-WW capital projects, and even including a W-WW capital project buried in

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the General Fund capital projects has to stop, and a total cost of water and wastewater service has to be acknowledged. While I do not have a problem with using tax dollars to subsidize the water rates for taxpayers, I do not believe the commissioners have the right to subsidize the water rates for non-taxpayers and then not advise the general public as to the amount of these subsidies to non-taxpayers.

As a result of a brief review of the proposed budget, I have found that more than half of our property taxes go to subsidizing W-WW, 52.52 percent to be exact. That's \$521,520 out of the total projected property tax revenue of \$992,917, or 8.4¢ of the proposed 16¢ tax rate. Furthermore, of that \$521,520, I estimate that about \$43,000 is applied to subsidizing the water and wastewater bills for non-taxpayers. (Editor's Note: Mr. Johnson enclosed a supporting summary of his calculations, but we did not print it with his letter.)

I believe the general public should be aware of these figures, and that they should be clearly presented in the budget. Also, since it involves spending tax dollars to benefit non-taxpayers, I believe that a line item should be added to the budget for Account 570: "Water and Wastewater Subsidy to Non-Taxpayers

\$43,000." At least then, the public will be fully aware of where our tax money goes. An alternative idea would be to establish a full cost rate table for non-taxpayers, and then actually charge the non-taxpayers what the service really costs. This would be a simple exercise: simply multiply the rates in the current table by 1.70 and then, starting July first, you can recoup our full costs from this small group of users.

I also note, with some amusement, that Commissioners Kuhlman and Yeatts went on record last year of "having turned the corner" on the water and wastewater subsidy issue. I just don't know what corner you have turned. The operating subsidy was budgeted at \$80,000 in FY07. Last year,

the commissioners "turned the corner" and budgeted \$118,000 in FY08. This year, the FY09 budget calls for an operating subsidy of \$138,000. That's a budgeted increase of \$58,000 (or seventy-two percent) in only two years.

Three things are clear: one, the numbers do not agree with past public statements; two, somebody doesn't understand what is going on within the budgeting process; and three, the problem is not solved.

Editor's Note: Mr. Johnson is a former Town of Poolesville Commissioner.

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The Frederick Children's Chorus: Raising Their Voices in Memory of a Dear Friend

On April 26, the Frederick Children's Chorus will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at Tuscarora High School. The concert, *For a Certain Artist*, pays tribute to a teacher, composer, and musician, Don Doughty. Don was a volunteer instructor for the chorus from 2001 until 2007. He is remembered as a man of great humor and compassion. He cared deeply for his family and friends. His influence affected several hundred young singers who were enrolled in the chorus's musicianship program. While he volunteered to work with singers as they developed skills in sight-reading and ear training, he generously shared his understanding and kindness as well. He guided older singers in the chorus who taught the musicianship classes, so they could be more effective and



The Frederick Children's Chorus at a dress rehearsal.

skillful. Don empowered the singers to be independent musicians and to share their time making music.

The concert title, *For a Certain Artist*, is derived from the title of one of the songs to be performed by the Children's Chorus, composed by David Brunner. The song lyrics, based on a poem by Elisavietta Ritchie describe what the artist sees when looking at common things like puddles and candles. This seemed particularly apropos of Don Doughty, who was also a very talented photographer.

Each of the songs selected for this performance has a connection to the memory of Don. Together, they reflect the wide range of music an educated and discriminating musician might enjoy. The chorus will perform music from classical selections of the Baroque Period to folk music, contemporary classical with a chamber orchestra accompaniment, to jazz standards with a full jazz band accompaniment. The singers range in age from five to eighteen. This diversity in repertoire is possible because, in addition to singing in rehearsal each week, members of the chorus study music reading skills. It was through the planning and delivery of this musicianship education that Don Doughty

most influenced the Frederick Children's Chorus and the singers.

The concert will open with a modern composition, "A Living Song." It is a vision song found on a nineteenth century rattle fragment from the Northwest Canadian coast which was sung to a woman when she was sick: she then used it to cure others. Additional text is from a poem by Joseph Freiherr von Eichendorff (1788-1857). The text begins with the von Eichendorff text, "There is a song

Sleeping in all things that dream on and on, And the world will awaken to sing If only you can find the magic word." From there, the text from the rattle fragment begins: "In your throat is a living song A living spirit song His name is Long-Life-Maker."

The program includes heartfelt songs of love, which celebrate the loves of our lives. The choruses have two songs with texts by Scottish poet Robert Burns: "Ay Fond Kiss" and "A Red, Red Rose." The German song, "An Chloe," by Mozart also expresses the love of one's life.

The choruses have learned songs that are playful and humorous. "Under the Calico" is a fanciful song that

has imaginative language. Among the chorus's humorous folk songs are "The Fox," "The Boston Trot," and "La Cucaracha."

The Chamber Singers will sing songs that express deep feelings of love and loss, as well as uplifting songs of great joy. They will conclude with "A Gaelic Blessing," a song of both deep feeling and mischief.

The Chamber Singers will also sing several classic jazz ballads including, "At Last" and "I Can't Give You Anything But Love." The girls will sing the song made famous by Sergio Mendes and Brazil 66, "Mas

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School News

New Building for Poolesville High School Science and Technology Building Slated for Use in Fall of 2009

By Katherine Connor

As the 2007-2008 school year draws to a close, the much-anticipated summer months begin their fast approach, and with them, this year, construction on Poolesville High

School. Poolesville High School Principal, Ms. Deena Levine, is thrilled that the construction of a new two-story science and technology addition is set to begin immediately after the school year ends. Levine is also pleased that phase one of a multi-phase window replacement project will begin this summer. The replacement of the windows will not only add aesthetic appeal, but will also cut down on the school's energy usage. The replacement of the heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system that began in 2006 will continue again this summer. The new science building will not be ready for use until the fall of 2009, but Levine believes the building will be worth the wait, and she is confident that the finished product will be astonishing.

The building will be built where the tennis courts are currently situated, and the tennis courts will be relocated to an area near the stadium. The addition, overlooking the rest of the school building, will be rich, red brick, with a historical look to fit in with the rest of the town. A canopy will connect the new building with the existing building to allow for easy access during all seasons. The interior of the two-story building, however, will have "the most state-

of-the-art labs and technology, and all of the rooms will be larger than the largest science lab in the building now," says Ms. Levine.

The new structure will primarily house science classes, but several technology classes will be held there as well. Poolesville High School physics teacher, Mr. Daniel Savino, believes that the new addition is "a step in the right direction," recognizing that the high school is one of the oldest school buildings in the county and is in need of a whole new building, not just an addition. Despite this, he is excited about the new building, particularly the fact that the extra space and improved technology and equipment will allow for a wider variety of science classes to be taught, such as analytical chemistry, and will make the set-up of permanent labs possible. The whole school renovation that Mr. Savino is hoping for is in the books, but not slated to begin until 2020, when the current building, with the exception of the addition, will be demolished, and a new building will be attached to the science building, matching its look and capabilities. More parking will then be added, and the arboretum will be relocated to another area on school property. In terms of mon-

ey, Levine was pleased to announce that the school system has approved a nine-million dollar budget for the construction project, and it is one of the few items for which the county has not cut funding. Grimm and Parker, the architectural firm hired to design the new addition, is responsible for such masterpieces as Strathmore Hall and the beautiful Walt Whitman High School, as well as our very own John Poole Middle School. Levine is quite sure that the science and technology building will measure up to and surpass these buildings in both design and interior product.

Errors and Omissions

We Knew Our Readers Would Come Through

Here in the sprawling office complex of the *Monocle*, we are truly humbled by the kind words our readers have to say about the paper. Without fail, complaints are never uttered; on the contrary, readers reiterate how much they love the *Monocle* (really, you like us that much?), and they tell us repeatedly that it is the only newspaper they read from front to back—kind words, indeed. Do we merit them?

Despite the bucolic reverie that time seems to pass more slowly amongst the flowing hills and countryside of the Monocacy area, when deadlines loom, sometimes drastic, inhumane actions occur: hair is tugged, eyes are frazzled, fingertips fumble at the quills, and errors inveigle themselves into the final copy that is sent to the printer.

Fortunately, the cavalry arrived: our faithful readers (who deserve so much of our appreciation and thanks). With their nimble eyes and quick minds, they found a few errors in our last issue, the History Special. Then, with tasteful tact, they said, "We really enjoyed your History Special, we just wish the articles continued from page to page without the middle missing." Oh, dear. Will "oops" suffice? We didn't think so. Please accept our sincere apologies for this ungrateful gaffe. Those articles from the History Issue that had sections missing will be posted, in their entirety, on the *Monocle* website: www.monocacy-monocle.com.

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Local News

WUMCO Marks its 40th Anniversary at Annual Meeting

Meeting

There won't be a birthday cake. Those attending will have to get by with cookies and cold beverages, but the WUMCO Board invites any and all in the community to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church (17821 Elgin Road).

WUMCO-Help is of course the non-profit social service organization that has provided literally thousands of families (and individuals too) in crisis situations in the Western Up-County with help on rent or mortgage payments, utility bills, medical expenses, rides to medical clinics—and of course with emergency food and Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets.

The WUMCO Board is deeply appreciative of the generous response of the entire community over the past six months in plugging a shortfall in revenues. On the other hand, Executive Director Jane Stearns notes that formidable problems still face the organization. For one thing, she says, the loss of several government and

non-profit grants related to the current economic downturn raises the question of where the organization will find necessary funding over the long haul. Maybe even more important, she is not reticent to point out, "I won't be around forever. We have to develop a plan for succession." The organization is fortunate to have a paid administrator, Renee Brooks, who works part-time and is invaluable in the day-to-day functioning of the office. (Jane Stearns takes no salary.)

At the moment, the organization is looking specifically for volunteers who could serve as a grant writer, help with fundraising, and provide occasional office help. Beyond this, WUMCO suffers from limited involvement of people in the community in providing the leadership and the connections that will count so much if WUMCO is to continue to fill its vital niche in the community.

Cataloguing these problems may be a strange way of enticing people to attend the meeting, but the Board hopes that there are some out there who might rise to the occasion. At the very least, those in attendance can learn more about the organization's work and its future plans and finances. They look forward to welcoming you on April 29.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Present

March 20 Commercial burglary. Poolesville Golf Course, 16601 West Willard Road. Forced entry, nothing taken.

March 30 Theft from vehicles. 18900 block of Pine Ridge Lane and 14200 block of Autumn Crest Road, Boyds. Gasoline was stolen from vehicles.

Past

April 26, 1902 Three men purchased pies from the bakery at Germantown and then retired to a pine grove nearby to eat them and shoot craps. A quarrel resulted, and Joshua Terry was shot to death by William Prather. Authorities charged Prather with murder.

May 2, 1955 A twenty-two-year-old woman was arrested by Montgomery County police and charged with abandoning her three-month-old baby in a motel. The woman told police that the baby was putting a strain

on her marriage.

May 4, 1970 A twenty-four-year-old Clarksburg man was shot to death, and a Clarksburg man was critically injured during an altercation at the Ox Yoke Inn in Germantown.

May 5, 1964 A man and his wife were freed from charges of murder after a hearing at the Peoples Court. They had been charged with murder after police said that they killed a neighbor in a fight at their Poolesville home on Hughes Road. Testimony at the hearing revealed that the neighbor was in a drunken rage and had begun choking the homeowner. The deceased man then went home and retrieved a shotgun and returned to the party where he was shot to death by the husband while the wife beat him over the head with a hammer.

May 7, 1981 An air force jetliner exploded in the sky over Frederick County killing all twenty-one persons on board. The plane, with missile tracking gear on board, had taken off from Wright Patterson Air Force base in Ohio on a training mission, and exploded at a height of almost five miles. Debris rained down onto the Stupp farm east of Walkersville.

Tidbits From the Past

By Jack Toomey

April 1910 The lawsuit of James Armour of Cecil County, against Zachariah M. Waters, Montgomery County, resulted in a verdict in favor of Mr. Waters. It was claimed by Mr. Armour that the cattle he had purchased were infected with tuberculosis and \$2000 had been sought.

April 1910 The funeral of Doctor Edward Wootton, who died at his home at Poolesville, was held at the family residence with about three hundred people attending.

April 1911 Professor and Mrs. Willis Moore returned to their home near Rockville after spending the winter in Washington.

April 1911 Miss Katherine Walling, of Poolesville, returned from Florida, where she spent the winter months, as was her annual custom.

April 1913 The Rev. Frank B. Cowell, who had been the pastor of the Barnesville Baptist Church, accepted a similar position at the church in Providence, Rhode Island.

April 1914 Miss Lydia Alomoney

of Rockville had recovered from a spell of typhoid fever and was able to take short walks.

April 1915 Miss Clydia Marie Carlin, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. J. Walter Carlin of Boyds, and Crawford Wade Young of Buck Lodge, were married by the Rev. George Harrington, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Barnesville.

April 1916 Blenheim, the home of Mrs. Mollie Jones, near Poolesville, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Darnell Jones, daughter of Mrs. Jones, and William Smoot, of Raccoon Ford, Virginia. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Augustine Smith, rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Poolesville.

April 1916 Among the marriages of the week was that of Miss Ethel M. Grubb, daughter of Mrs. Margaratta Grubb, of Beallsville, and Howard W. Spurrier, the president of the First National Bank of Poolesville. The Rev. B. V. Switzer officiated.

April 1934 The ninth and tenth grade girls of the Poolesville School entertained at tea in honor of their mothers.



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For a Certain Artist

The Frederick Children's Chorus will be performing its spring concert, "For a Certain Artist," on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. at Tuscarora High School at 5312 Ballenger Creek Pike in Frederick, Maryland. In this concert, each of the songs selected has a connection to the memory of Don Doughty: teacher, composer, and musician. Together, they reflect the wide range of music an educated and discriminating musician might enjoy.

The chorus will perform music from classical selections of the Baroque Period to folk music, contemporary classical with a chamber orchestra accompaniment, to jazz standards with a full jazz band accompaniment. Don was a volunteer instructor for the chorus from 2001 until 2007. He is remembered as a man of great humor and compassion. He cared deeply for his family and friends. His influence affected several hundred young singers who were enrolled in the chorus's musicianship program.

Ticket prices are \$10.00 for adults, and \$5.00 for seniors (65+) and stu-

dents (18 and under). Tickets sold at the door. For more details, visit www.fredcc.org or call 301-845-2451.

A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935)

Celebrate the Bard's baptism with this literary classic, starring James Cagney and Mickey Rooney at the Weinberg Center for the Arts, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for seniors and students. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

Senior Citizens Prom 2008

The senior class of Poolesville High School is inviting senior citizens to attend the Senior Citizens Prom 2008. This year's theme is "A Night at the Oscars" so be prepared to dance to some great movie themes. The dancing, the music, and the refreshments are all free. Don't worry about a date since the students will be there to dance with you. This year, the prom is on April 30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Quince Orchard High School in Darnestown. If you have an interest, please contact Jon Leong at PHS at 301-972-7923 or email him at Jonathan_H_Leong@mcpsmd.org.

Shades of Spring 2008

The Art League of Germantown (ALOG) is holding its spring art show

and sale on May 2 and May 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and May 4 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (including an artist reception from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.) at the BlackRock Center for the Arts. View and/or purchase original art, affordable prints, jewelry, pottery, stained glass, and small work gallery. Details can be found on the ALOG website: www.alog.org.


The Who's Tommy

24/7 Dance Studio presents the award-winning musical, *The Who's Tommy*, at the Weinberg Center for the Arts on May 2 at 8:00 p.m. and May 3 at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Come on the amazing journey! Winner of five Tony Awards, Pete Townshend's electrifying and enthralling tale of a young boy's journey from tragedy to triumph turns one of rock's timeless albums into an unforgettable musical experience. Parental guidance suggested. Contains some adult content. Tickets are \$14.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

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Equestrian Green Grass Can Kill Your Horse or Pony!

By Carol Rae Hansen, Ph.D.
Director, Equine Therapy Associates

If the title shocks you, please read on. If grass Founder or Laminitis is old hat to you, read on as well. New methods of management may well save your equine or your business.

What is laminitis? Laminitis is a vascular disease associated with areas of ischemia (local anemia caused by mechanical blood supply obstruction) or hemostasis (the stopping of blood circulation) in the laminae. Laminitis damages the very delicate tissues, replete with tiny blood vessels, that nourish the horny hoof. If you look at a detailed hoof diagram, you will see that laminae hold the coffin or distal phalanx bone to the hoof wall. The bond between the hoof wall and the coffin bone is threatened by "delamination" or separation, through Laminitis. When Laminitis progresses to the more severe form, Founder, the coffin bone detaches from the hoof wall, and actually drops or rotates. At this point, some equines may need to be euthanized. (There are many other causes of Laminitis besides an overload of lush green grass; please refer to your veterinarian, and/or many excellent veterinary and equine texts, for the means to help prevent Laminitis in those circumstances.)

Unfortunately, the very real danger of Laminitis comes from the fact that few horse or pony owners and barn managers can diagnose the first stage of Laminitis: the developmental stage. As a result, the second or acute stage often follows, and then laminitis enters the third, or chronic stage, which can, again, become acute if not aggressively managed. In developmental Laminitis, there is no lameness and often not even a slight change in gait or stiffness. Fortunately, a veterinarian who practices aggressively and who widely shares his/her knowledge of Laminitis, can both identify this developmental stage as well as start remedial treatment. Prevention becomes the cure.

Acute Laminitis exists between the initial onset and the stabilization of the laminae degenerative breakdown. This period can be short, as with equines affected by black walnut bedding (about

eight to twelve hours), or as long as thirty to forty hours with carbohydrate overload, or excessive ingestion of grain or lush green grass. This lag can cause equine owners and barn managers to dismiss the risk of Laminitis and delay calling the veterinarian. Because rotation of the coffin bone can occur in severe cases of Founder in as little time as twelve hours, it is essential that a veterinarian be called immediately. If you wait until the animal shows signs of Laminitis, permanent damage that drastically affects his/her utility may already be done. The affected equine will be lame, usually on the front legs; sometimes all four legs are affected.

Equines may "park out" their front legs, or they may refuse to stand or walk. An excessively strong pulse may be felt in the digital arteries over the fetlock joint, and the hoofs may feel warm or hot. Hoof testers will elicit pain at the toe and often over the entire sole. Breathing rates may be elevated, and the equine's face will reflect pain. Anxiety and muscular trembling may be observed.

Fortunately, grass-induced Laminitis can usually be avoided by following correct equine management. One must heavily restrict spring grazing and anytime when rains produce a sudden bloom. Remove any animal suspected of Laminitis from grass immediately, cold-hose, and use a stall or a sacrifice paddock. The vet must be called. High, dry, sacrifice paddock(s) of one acre or less (dirt, bluestone, or woodchips), where hay is fed, are essential in preventing laminitis. They also protect vulnerable new grass, especially newly-seeded areas and during a drought; they enhance rotational grazing; and they allow equines to slowly be acclimated to new grass, usually by ten minutes more each day. For more information contact your Soil Conservation District at 301-590-2855 and request "Sacrifice Lots" from the Horse Outreach Workgroup.

What else can you do? Routinely restrict the diet of draft breeds, ponies, "easy keepers," over-weight animals, and those with considerable grain in their diets. Weight tape and chart them weekly. Never put equines out to graze without first having fed a meal of hay. Never put these animals out in the spring without a muzzle. Never feed lawn clippings. Make all changes in diet gradually over ten days, and daily check for heat in the hoof (by touch) and digital pulse. Consult your veterinarian regarding the best time of the day to graze in the spring. You may save a life.



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Profile

Miles to Go

By Maureen O'Connell

**And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.**

*"Stopping by Woods on a
Snowy Evening"*
—Robert Frost

Barnesville resident Betty Laug and her twenty-year-old Arabian gelding Beau Socks were recently honored at the Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association's (ECTRA) End of Year Awards ceremony in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. She was one of twenty-two riders to date to receive the 8,000 Mile Lifetime Award. Beau was honored with the 3,000 Mile Lifetime Award.

Last week, I met with Betty (Beau was out grazing in the nearby pasture), and she and I nostalgically talked about her competitive trail-riding career and the horses she had competed with over the past twenty-eight years.

What is the difference between competitive trail riding and endurance riding? The most obvious difference is that the winner of an endurance ride is the first horse and rider team to cross the finish line and pass a veter-



Betty Laug and Beau Socks.

inarian's check that deems the horse fit to continue; whereas, competitive trail rides consider additional factors and penalize a horse and rider that finish in too little time. Many people who are familiar with endurance riding from this sports world remember champions in the 1980s and 1990s, Valerie Kanavy and her daughter Danielle. Competitive trail riding covers a marked trail for a distance that is usually fifteen, twenty-five, or thirty-five miles per day. Some are one day long, while others may run as long as three days. The horse is evaluated on performance, manners, pulse and respiration, and the horse's recovery ability. The riders are evaluated on how they handle the trail, manage the horse, and present to the judges and veterinarians throughout the ride.

Betty started competing in com-

petitive trail riding in 1980. Her first trail horse was Dr. Chet Anderson's Anglo-Arab mare Tigress. She became more involved with the sport and bought her own horse Craftique (Crafty), a six-year-old Arabian gelding. In the 1970s and 1980s, competitive trail riding was very popular in the Barnesville area. Area residents who were also involved in the sport included Archie Magaha, Milton Ricketts, Woolie Waddell, Ann Sturm, Barbara Davidson, Nina Deutchman, and Barbara and Woodie Hancock. Tommy Magaha's Hidden Valley Stables (now Sugarloaf Equestrian Center -SEC) and SEC hosted several competitive trail rides to Sugarloaf Mountain. I remember my then nine-year-old daughter Christine and I tackling the twenty-five mile ride, she on her pony, Strawberry Shortcake, and I on my Appaloosa. I don't think that it was meant to be our chosen equestrian discipline. We both finished dead last, but we did finish.

As Betty's love of the sport increased, she and Crafty expanded their horizons. They competed in rides in Virginia, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, and New York, very often bringing home blue ribbons for Best Arab Horse, Best Trail Horse, and Best Conditioned Horse.

Betty retired Crafty in 1992 and bought her new trail horse, Willy, another Arab gelding. If you are wondering why Betty only bought Arab horses, there are several different reasons. There are many breeds in this sport, but the Arabian horse is king in this discipline. His background, build, and stamina make him an ideal competitive trail horse. With her new horse, Betty continued to "go for the miles" in many more demanding trail rides. Willy was her show horse for two more years. In 1994, Betty and Arab gelding Beau Socks started as a team, and they were quite the mile-covering team. Beau is now twenty years old. He is still competing, but on a smaller scale. Betty and he do some shorter one-day rides.

The ECTRA Awards ceremony this year was a fitting recognition of a tireless and competitive rider and a tough, go-the-distance Arabian horse. Congratulations Betty and Beau. May you both have many more miles before you sleep.

Local News

Klobukowski Testifies Before MCPS Board of Education

Poolesville Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski represented the Commissioners of Poolesville, and students and parents who are part of the Poolesville Cluster and also use the Poolesville Library.

He emphasized the public support for the continued implementation of the Whole School Magnet Program at Poolesville High School, which incorporates the school's existing Global Ecology Studies Program. In a statement to the BOE, he said, "We anticipate rigorous programs whose curricula, supporting staff, and facilities are fully equal in scope, caliber, and stature to the county's other magnet programs, without neglecting the needs and aspirations of cluster students who do not participate in the magnet program."

He further emphasized, "The Whole School Magnet Program

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"Frederick Children's Chorus" Continued From Page 5.

Que Nada." This year, the boys have learned a barbershop quartet arrangement of "Coney Island Baby." The jazz tunes conclude with an arrangement of "Sir Duke," Stevie Wonder's tribute to another musical great, Duke Ellington.

The conclusion of the concert brings all the singers to the stage to perform "Hallelujah!" composed by Vincent Youmans in 1927. This song celebrates the joys of life and dismisses the power of fate's occasional hurdles.

This year, the chorus has six high school seniors who have sung with the chorus since elementary school. Their years in the chorus are indicated next to their names. Crystal Small (10), Sarah Laughland (9), Jennifer Kunze (10), Kelly Mitchell (10), Robert Perrotta (9), and Andrew Trego (11). Andrew and Robert have been working this year as conducting interns with the Training Chorus. They will each

lead the Training Chorus in one song.

Tickets to the concert may be purchased at the door or from a chorus member. Tickets for adults are \$10 and for students \$5. Doors will open at 7:00 p.m.

The Frederick Children's Chorus is a non-profit organization which educates children in music literacy and artistry. Over one hundred children participate in the chorus, which is in its twenty-third year of programming music activities for children who sing. Judy DuBose directs the chorus, which she founded in 1985. Assistant Directors are three former chorus members, Amanda Barber, Ann DuBose, and Lee DuBose.

Children and their parents are welcome to attend New Member Orientation for the 2008 - 2009 Training Chorus on Tuesday, April 29. For more information, parents may contact their school music teacher, or visit the chorus website: www.fredcc.org.

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Family Night – Bucket Bingo
Monocacy Elementary School
7:00 p.m.

April 26

Rebuilding Together
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A Midsummer Night's Dream (1935)
Weinberg Center for the Arts
2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

For a Certain Artist
Frederick Children's Chorus Concert
Tuscarora High School
7:30 p.m.

Cugini's Restaurant
Music Entertainment Night
Featuring: Drifter's Union
9:00 p.m. to midnight

April 26 to 27

PAA Football Registration
Halmos Park
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

April 27

Audubon Society Family Picnic
The Rust Nature Sanctuary
802 Children's Ctr. Rd.
Leesburg – FREE
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

April 29

WUMCO Annual Meeting
Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church
7:30 p.m.
All welcome

April 30

Senior Citizen's Prom
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Youth Sports

JPMS Sixth Grader Heads to Junior Olympics for Rhythmic Gymnastics

Carly Johnson, a sixth grade student at John Poole Middle School, will be heading to the Junior Olympic National Rhythmic Gymnastics Championships, to be held later this month in Chicago.

Carly finished an impressive fifth all-around against athletes from Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Tennessee at USA Gymnastics' Region 5 rhythmic championships, held last month in Bluefield, Virginia. Carly's top eight finish grants her a berth on the regional team.

While she has been a national qualifier for the past five years as an individual gymnast, this is the first time she will be one of the forty-eight highly-

trained athletes nationwide chosen to represent their six respective regions at the Junior Olympics.

"I am excited to compete in Chicago," Carly said. "I know to compete at this level I have to do better than my best, but I also am looking forward to watching my friends from all over the country compete."

Last December, Carly was part of the group ensemble that took the gold medal in the intermediate category at the USA Gymnastics Junior Olympic National Group Championships. One of her goals is to represent the United States as a group competitor at the 2016 Olympics.

Rhythmic gymnastics combines the flexibility and grace of ballet with the dexterity of handling various apparatus such as a ball, clubs, rope, hoop, and, most notably, ribbon. Athletes spend as much as twenty-four hours a week in the gym and supplement their training with ballet and flexibility exercises.

Business Briefs

Poolesville Tack Expanding

Poolesville Tack has set up shop in the back of Poolesville Hardware. One of their key goals is to be responsive to their customers, so if you have special product needs that they do not currently meet, they want to hear from you in making their inventory decisions. They will be offering special promotional items like their current spring sale offering Horse Health Ivermectin De-wormer for only \$2.99 a tube. They have leather turnout halters, stirrup leather, girths, Martingales, and sheepskin half pads.

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House of Poolesville to Open

With the closing of Asia Dynasty in Poolesville, there has been strong curiosity as to what will replace it. Oriental food fans will delight in knowing that the House of Poolesville will open in May (if all goes on schedule), and they will expand the selection of your favorite oriental entrées and will also offer a selection of sushi.

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Mission to Mobile

By Rande Davis

Connor Kraegel, Rachel Tjornehoj, and Abigail Tjornehoj from St. Peter's Church chose to use their Easter break helping people still hurting from the impact of Hurricane Katrina. They were part of a contingent of sixteen students and four adults from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington who joined the Lutheran Disaster Relief Project in Mobile, Alabama.

The week-long mission had a variety of projects which included tearing down water-damaged dry walls, replacing water-logged flooring, renovating a community shower in a temporary mobile home park, and building a handicap ramp for a couple who had just moved into new housing after a two-year period of living in a school bus.

The group was housed at a Baptist Church Recreational Center, and they worked in Mobile and in Bayou Landing. Other projects included packing food boxes to go to families to help them with their weekly food needs



The food pantry in Alabama is where the St. Peter's youth group made food boxes for families. Pictured are: Connor Kraegel (upper left with sunglasses) Rachel Tjornehoj (center in dark shirt) and Abigail Tjornehoj (second from right).

and assisting in an after-school community program that provided care for sixty to seventy youth.

Abigail Tjornehoj told the *Monocle* that she greatly enjoyed the experience which caused her to consider just how much she takes for granted. "The people were so happy with whatever help, no matter how small, that we were able to give."

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ated inside the store for years. Mr. Lillard installed a gas pump out front and sold Esso gasoline when the first automobiles began appearing on the scene. Oil changes were accomplished simply by crawling under the auto, pulling out the oil plug, and letting the oil drain out onto the street. Lillard also added choice cuts of meat, thread, nails, overshoes, plowshares, and even more candy to the store's list of items for sale. The tradition of the children going to the store to purchase candy continued, and when evening arrived, the men would continue to congregate on the front porch while the children played in the street. The boys would play baseball, football, and even soccer while the girls enjoyed hopscotch, roller skating, and dodge ball games. It was said that the women of the town could not start dinner until they could see the men stand up from the bench on the front porch and start for home. Another man, who apparently came back after dinner, told his cronies that he could not digest his dinner until he sat out in front of the store. During the winter months, the men would sit around a pot belly stove that kept the store warm. The street in town was used for sled riding, and there was a man who objected to the noise so he would spread the ashes from his furnace in the street to ruin the fun. The children would scrape away the ashes and resume their sledding.

In the 1940s, Mr. Lillard built a garage between his house and the store and started a trucking business. Another store that operated for a short time, Barr's Store, was located on the road to Beallsville just past the main crossroad in town. The Barnesville General Store operated until 1968 when it became a District Grocery Store for a time. Then when the DGS closed, it became a used furniture store and in the ensuing years it has operated as a thrift shop, antique store, and a craft shop. When Barnesville residents needed things like new shoes, a suit, furniture, or just about anything else that was not sold at the general store, they would go to Frederick. No one who was interviewed recalled Poolesville being a center of commerce or a place that their family would visit for shopping. For a time, Homer Orme operated a watch repair business in the rear of his home. Except for Barr's Store and the watch repair shop, these were the only commercial establishments that could

be recalled.

In the 1920s and '30s, the road was only paved from the store to just past St. Mary's Church. Before that time, it was not uncommon for residents to travel by horse and buggy. When families first began buying cars and until the 1950s, it was the custom to park in the street in front of homes. Since so few visitors passed through the town, it was perfectly safe for the children to use the street as a playground, and the arrival of a car was a big event. Because the roads to Gaithersburg and Dickerson were made of dirt, cars could be seen and heard coming from a great distance. Mr. Tom White was one of the first residents of Barnesville to own a car. To the delight of children, and even their parents, Mr. White would fill his gas tank at the store, then five kids would jump in, and Mr. White would take them on tours that ranged as far as Frederick. Because the automobile was a relatively new invention, some of the older residents, who had only ridden horses or in carriages, were reluctant to get inside the car. The arrival of an automobile in town was such an unusual event that residents would come out of their homes and speculate on who was coming and would comment on the make and model of the car. During these years, Barnesville had wooden sidewalks that stretched about as far as the paved road. It was possible for most people to walk to church on the sidewalk instead of walking in the street. On Sundays, it might have been a bit dangerous since automobiles from other towns would arrive in Barnesville because St. Mary's was the only Catholic Church within many miles. There was a family in town that accepted children, placed there by the Catholic Church, because of various issues. Strangely, the foster children were never allowed out of the yard, but Barnesville kids were allowed to come into the yard and play.

Electricity did not come to Barnesville until the 1920s, and before that, homes were lit by coal oil lamps. Then one day, after electrical lines were strung on poles, the power came on, and the nature of life changed forever. Before the arrival of electricity, bedtime for children was usually dictated by the setting of the sun. Games of ring-around-the-rosy, drop-the-handkerchief, and baseball ended at sundown during the warmer months. When electricity came to

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Tidbits

Now Warming Up in the Bull Pen

Ordinarily, Eagle Scout projects are done by high school-aged scouts, but Alex Pike is not ordinary. This eighth grader has already completed his community service project in his plan to gain Eagle Scout status this year.

Alex, through the help of funds from the Town of Poolesville and material donations by private donors, built real pitching warm-up bullpens for the baseball fields at Stevens and Halmos Parks. He was thanked by PAA on April 19 as their regular baseball season got under way. Relay for Life Announces Selection for Event Honorary Chairs

This year, Eric Hansen and Bobby Dietz will be the Co-Honorary Chairs of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Poolesville.

In 1998, the Dietz Family was blessed with the birth of their son, Bobby. At twenty-one months old, Bobby was diagnosed with a very malignant brain tumor, Ependymoblastoma. He was operated on to remove the large mass and thus began an enduring road. Bobby underwent numerous rounds of chemotherapy, which almost took his young life, followed by a white blood cell infusion and thirty rounds of radiation. Through the efforts

of his doctors and nurses, blood donors, friends, family, and endless prayers, Bobby has remained cancer-free since March 12, 2001. His mother, Cheryl, has blessed the committee with her relentless efforts to find sponsorship and support for the Poolesville Relay. Cancer has touched her life in a very personal way, and she is fighting back. Together with all involved in

Relay for Life, she looks forward to celebrating the life of Bobby Dietz.

Eric Hansen, a third-year member of the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Poolesville continues to serve as Chair of the Entertainment Committee and the Emcee for the event. Eric began his journey with Relay for Life as a way to remember his neighbor, Glenna Dorough, who lost her battle with cancer in July 28, 2005. In 2007, the relay became much more personal for Eric when just one week before the event, he was diagnosed with breast cancer. On May 27, 2007, while applying sunscreen, he discovered a lump. He has since undergone surgery and will continue a five-year course of prescription medications. Eric has never wavered in his dedication to the committee and remains faithful in his determination to help find a cure.

Please join us in honoring and celebrating the lives of two wonderful Poolesville residents, Eric Hansen and Bobby Dietz.

Pulse

Rebuilding Together Needs Your Help on Saturday, April 26

For many years running, on the last Saturday of April, some worthy family or individual has had their deteriorating house repaired by volunteers from the greater Poolesville area. That program—once dubbed “Christmas in April,” now “Rebuilding Together”—is a piece of a national program occurring across the country in which literally thousands of teams put their hands, tools, and hearts to work on behalf of homeowners less fortunate than they.

George Kephart is heading up the Poolesville-area Rebuilding Together program this year and reports that the major work for the house selected for this year will be performed on Saturday, April 26. He reports that on that day, RT will require a good-sized crew to do a lot of cleaning and painting, carpentry, replacement of lights, and much other work—in other words, both skilled and unskilled help.

Kettler Forlines Homes’s seven-year veteran homebuilder, Bruce Barnhard, and a local Poolesville teenager will be installing a new ceramic countertop and repairing deteriorating wood trim on the teenager’s home in Poolesville as part of this community-wide Rebuilding Together.

Kettler Forlines Homes at Brightwell Crossing, a new single-family home community coming to Poolesville, donated \$500 to the effort and also provided building resources for the home including installing a new sidewalk, repainting the exterior, pressure washing the roof, and installing new electrical and plumbing.

How can you become involved, you say? We thought you’d never ask! Volunteer in advance by calling George at 301-428-8220 or by e-mailing him at rt2poolesville@gmail.com.

For those who for some reason can’t contact George, just show up on April 26 at 8:00 a.m. in work clothes and be ready to help. Coffee and doughnuts will be available on arrival, and lunch will also be provided. The house for this year is at 18735 Jerusalem Church Road, located near Poolesville Baptist Church just off Jerusalem Road.



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Remembrance

Mary L. Kennedy

Mrs. Mary L. Kennedy, 86, of Poolesville, Maryland, died peacefully on Monday March 17, 2008. She was the loving wife of the late William H. Kennedy. Born on June 15, 1921 in Academia, Pennsylvania, she was the daughter of the late Roy and Edith Kinzer Beers.

Surviving are her two children: Sandra L. Kennedy of North Carolina, Lawrence Kennedy of Poolesville; one sister, Dorothy Hetrick of Nevada, one brother, Roy Beers, Jr. of New Jersey; seven grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road, Poolesville, MD 20837.

Donald P. Barr

Mr. Donald P. Barr, 74, of Barnesville, died on Tuesday April 1, 2008 at the Frederick Memorial Hospital in Frederick. He was the loving husband of Mary C. Barr. Born on September 18, 1933 in Barnesville, he was the son of the late Harold and Estelle Jamison Barr.

Surviving besides his wife are his son, Timothy A. Barr of Barnesville, one sister, Edith J. Luhn and husband Tod of Barnesville; two grandsons, Matthew and Daniel Barr; and two great granddaughters, Kylie and Kaylin Barr. He will also be remembered by his nieces and nephews and a longtime friend James White.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 11331 Amherst Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902 or visit the website: www.cancer.org

Raymond C. Regnier

Mr. Raymond "Ray" C. Regnier, 80, of Adamstown, died peacefully on Friday April 11 at his residence. He was the loving husband of Joan Regnier. Born on September 20, 1927 in Michigan, he was the son of the late Celsus A. and Louise Regnier.

Ray served his country in the United States Coast Guard and was a member of the Knights of Columbus, a charter member of the Four-County Lions Club in Mt. Airy, BPO Elks life member, American Legion, Eagles, and Moose. He held his private pilot's license and enjoyed flying. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing, and boating. Of special importance to Ray was his wife, who was his One Life One Love, and his family.

Surviving besides his wife are his eight children: Charles Regnier of Adamstown, Nancy Lee of Urbana, David Regnier of Adamstown, Donna Keaton of Corinth, Texas, Richard Regnier of Frederick, James Regnier of Fairfield, Pennsylvania, Mary Ebbert of Mt. Airy, Frances Webb of Winchester, Virginia; three brothers, Bob, Dave, and Bernie Regnier; two sisters, Ann Bremiller, Madeleine Minando; fourteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

Bettie B. Arnold

Mrs. Bettie "Bertha" Belle Arnold, 72, of Dickerson, passed away on Saturday, April 12, 2008 at her residence. She was the loving wife of Carroll Arnold. Born August 28, 1935, in Rockville, she was the daughter of the late John Upton Whipp, Sr. and Bessie Belle Whipp.

Bertha worked many years for Safeway and then as a resident manager throughout Montgomery County. Bettie then spent several years caring for children—whether it was a family member or not, she was Grandma Bertha. She never turned down a chance to care for a child. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and loved coming up with nicknames for them all.

Bertha was a former member and Senior Regent of the Loyal Order of the Women of the Moose. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Bertha liked to play cards, bowl, and play bingo. Bertha loved country music. She would never miss an episode of the Grand Ol' Opry or the Country Music Awards. She could sit for hours listening to the radio, watching the television, or reading the Country Weekly magazine

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son, Upton Eugene Monroe and daughter in-law Betty Monroe of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, her daughter, Debra Jane Kidwell



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and son in-law Elmer Kidwell, Jr. of Dickerson, daughter in-law Shirley Monroe of Westminster, one brother John Upton Whipp, Jr. and sister in-law Shirley Whipp of Rockville, seven grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Edith Mae Mandy

Monocle readers report that Edith Mae Mandy, 62, of Munice, Indiana, died on December 10, 2007. Many people will recall Edith as the manager of the 7-11 in Poolesville for seventeen years prior to its closing in 1997. She was born on September 14, 1945 in Somerset, Kentucky and was

the daughter of William and Beatrice (Denham) Hollars. She is survived by her husband of thirty-three years, Richard Vernon Mandy of Rockville. Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to the Little Red Door Cancer Service of Muncie, Indiana by visiting www.gardenviewandgarden-sofmemory.com. Top of Form Bottom of Form



Donald Barr



Raymond Regnier

Mystery History

A Spot of Beauty in More Ways Than One

By Rande Davis

Many readers have used the services of the county Beauty Spot on Jerusalem Road in Poolesville. In case you do not recognize the term, you may more readily understand its more commonly used name: the dump. Perhaps you have dropped off old appliances and other unwanted items and in doing so drove through the gates and around a white building that didn't give you any cause to think much about it at all. The next time you go, and as you sit in your car waiting your turn to unload your junk, look back at the building and recognize in it a mysterious reminder of a bygone era—an era of such radical change, that, in retrospect, it was beautiful.

Had you been there anytime between 1925 and 1949, the building that now supports solid waste, refueling, and other county services, would have looked much different. Instead of dumpsters, you might have seen

a children's playground and young students playing gleefully outside on break from a more serious task that awaited them inside.

You see, the white building in question was the Poolesville Colored School, and while the Monocle has previously reported on its existence (Fifty Years Ago: The Integration of the Poolesville School by Jack Toomey), there is even more to the story as to how that school came into existence. It was a remarkable and cooperative effort by Booker T. Washington and Julius Rosenwald, a gentleman who once was the president of Sears Roebuck, & Co.

In 1912, Washington approached Julius Rosenwald, who had recently joined the Tuskegee Institute's board of trustees, with the notion of a rural school building program as a major effort to improve the quality of public education of African Americans in the early twentieth century South. Like other philanthropists of the time, Rosenwald was fascinated by Booker T. Washington. He agreed wholeheartedly with Washington's philosophy of black self-help, as well as the Tuskegee Institute's industrial program. The building was also one of 4,977 schools throughout the South known at the time as Rosenwald Schools.

The Rosenwald School story begins with Booker T. Washington, principal of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, now Tuskegee University. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Washington preached a gospel of self-help for black southerners that emphasized economic advancement through vocational education. Washington attracted support from black and white Americans who



This building on Jerusalem Road in Poolesville is recognized by many as the offices for the upcounty beauty spot. Are you aware of its special role in county education history?

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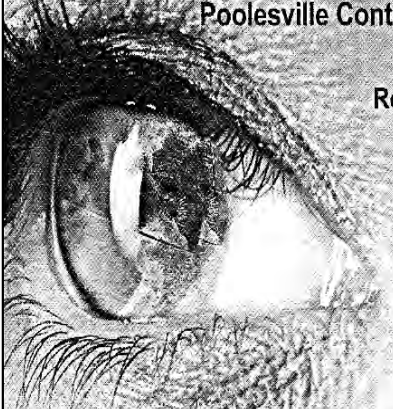
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p.m., is held during National Dance Week (April 25 through May 4) to raise awareness for dance and dance education in the Frederick community. It is a celebration of the dance community, as many local dance studios showcase their students. Proceeds from this event support the annual dance scholarship program administered by the council. Tickets are \$12.00 for adults, and \$6.00 for students. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

PHS Post Prom Committee Seeking Help

With the party theme of Passport to the World on tap, the PHS Post Prom committee is seeking help for the May 16 to 17 event. Contributions of any size are welcome: cash, prizes, an ad in their program, merchandise, food, or by sponsoring an activity. The students really appreciate such things as passes to the movies, gift cards to restaurants, stores, malls, tickets to sporting events, and Ipods, digital cameras, and DVD players are highly-sought prizes. Remember, your gift can not just provide a wonderful time for graduates and guests, but also helps to provide a safe and secure venue for this big event in their lives.

Golf Outing to Help Raise Funds for a New Carroll Manor Fire Station

Carroll Manor Fire Company is kicking off its 2008 fundraising campaign with the First Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 16 at Glade Valley Golf Club to benefit the new Fire Station Fund Drive. One hundred percent of all proceeds from the tournament will go toward the building costs, and all donations are fully tax deductible. The CMFC is seeking sponsors and players for the golf tournament. There are platinum, gold, and silver sponsorships available as well as hole, Tee-box, Beverage Station, and Cart sponsorships. Sponsorship fees start at \$25. The cost to play in the tournament is \$75.00. The \$3.5 million project is anticipated to have its groundbreaking ceremony the fall of 2008. You can contact Laurie Courley-Benfield at 301-834-7207 or Charles Elgin, Jr. at 301-874-0874 or visit their website at www.carrollmanorfire.com.

The Jake Perkins Falcon Classic

The golf season continues with another terrific opportunity to sharpen your game early in the season and help a worthy cause as well. The second Jake Perkins Falcon Classic will be on Friday, May 23. This event is in honor of longtime Poolesville sports booster Jake Perkins who passed away a year ago last

February.

This golf outing that helps the Poolesville High School Booster Club support school sports will be held at Bretton Woods Golf Club and features a full day of eighteen holes of golf including cart, and offers lunch, free beer, tea, and lemonade during play. At the meal, prizes for low gross, low net, high net, closest to pin, and longest drive will be offered. Of course, the day closes with a banquet and dinner at 5:30 p.m. The fee for the entire event is just \$100.00 to play. Sponsorships are available at the following rates: hole sponsor - \$100.00, putting contest - \$250.00, lunch sponsor - \$250.00, and dinner sponsor - \$500.00. Contact Jeff Oyer to sign up by calling 301-916-3686.

Save the Date for 2nd Annual HMD Kitchen & Garden Tour

Hold Saturday, May 10 open for the Second Annual Historic Medley District's Kitchen and Garden Tour. The tour will feature beautiful homes in Montgomery County where past and present mingle in charming, innovative styles. Other attractions include the John Poole House, Seneca Schoolhouse Museum, Sugarloaf Mountain, and White's Ferry. The purpose of HMD is the preservation of historic structures that contribute to the character of the area. Be sure to hold the date and watch for more information in future issues of the *Monocle*. You may also visit www.historicmedley.org

Recovering Soldiers Coming to White's Ferry in May

Once again, an event for injured soldiers who will come from Walter Reed Medical Center for an all day outing will feature fishing, picnic food, and entertainment. As usual, the festivities will be held at the White's Ferry pavilion on May 17, 2008. The purpose of this event is twofold. Most of all, it is to provide a good time for wounded and recovering soldiers and their families, and to raise money for the Fisher House. This event is free and all are invited.

Fisher House is a home located in close proximity to the medical center which relatives of military patients can use while they are there visiting with a family member who is a soldier. For many families, the cost of flights, room, and food is prohibitive, so many cannot come to be at the bedside of their relative. Fisher House can make all the difference in the world.

The committee members are Donald and Mary Lou Hoffacker, Roger Strippy, Richard MacKnight, Carl Hobbs, Paul Kelly, Buddy Pollen, and Kenny O'Leary. You may contact any of these

individuals if you would like to make a donation to this event. You may get more information by calling 301-972-0017.

PAA Football Registration Kicks Off Saturday at Halmos

According to Jim Brown, the PAA Football program decided to make a big change over the winter, and the direction in which they are headed seems to be tailor-made for our local football community. After a lot of hard work, Chris Lee and the PAA Football program were accepted into the Mid-Maryland Youth Football and Cheer League. The league the PAA formerly participated in (the Mountain Valley League) raised weight limits and has generally been unsympathetic regarding the competition issues a smaller community-based program faces. Under the new league rules, smaller but older players will get the opportunity to "play down" in weight class. The PAA will be fielding six tackle teams plus a flag team. The new league also features Saturday home games, and six of the PAA opponents play on turf fields. Poolesville expects to be very competitive in the new league. Info about the MMYFL can be found at www.eteamz.com/MMYFCL/index.cfm.

Registration fees include personalized jerseys for all football players (excluding flag). Players get to keep their jerseys and can use them year after year until they need to be replaced. Cheerleading fees include the entire uniform, except for shoes.

Registration for the 2008 Fall Football and Cheerleading programs is now open. You can sign up at the Halmos Park pavilion on April 26 or 27, between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You can also register by completing the form on their website (www.poolesvillesports.org) and return it to PAA through the address provided or to Chris Lee directly. Practices will begin in August (no more July practices!) and home games will be on Saturdays.

PAA players have some basic rules to abide by: be a good sport, have fun, listen and learn from your coach, treat everyone with respect, be on time to all events, be prepared in full uniform ready to practice or play, call your coach if there is any problem or questions, be responsible for your equipment, do not wear game uniform to practice, practice hard, and play hard.

PAA football is for players six to thirteen years old. The division of play is broken down by both age and weight.

Youth Sports

Pitcher Wilson Dominates in Early Season for Clarksburg

By Jeff Stuart



Rachel Stream delivers a pitch during an April game.

On Monday afternoon, April 14, Riley Wilson's pitching was dominant as the

Clarksburg High School softball team won its fifth game of the year, defeating visiting Watkins

Mill, 11-0, in a game shortened to five innings because of the scoring differential.

"We are playing amazingly well," said Wilson, deferring credit to her teammates, in general,

and in particular "to my great catcher Erin (Bloodgood). We've only lost to Damascus, and that was a close game," said Wilson, who struck out nine and did not allow a hit until the Wolverines' centerfielder Heather Hoen singled softly with one out in the fifth. Hoen's fly out to center in the second inning was the only other ball hit out of the infield. Wilson also fielded a pop up and two groundballs back to the mound, accounting for twelve of the fifteen outs recorded by her team. Freshman shortstop, Caitlin Scalzi, made a nice pick up and throw on a ground ball in the first inning, and first baseman Kelly Gafner recorded the first out of the final inning with a clean pickup of a grounder and strong throw to first.

Wilson's teammates certainly supported their pitcher on offense. Left fielder Michelle Sloan led the way with three hits and four RBIs. Her liner to left in the first eluded the Watkins Mill left fielder and rolled toward the fence as Sloan circled the bases for a home run. Gafner scored ahead

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agreed that economic and educational needs should be addressed first in a long-term drive for equality. At first, Julius Rosenwald gave Booker T. Washington permission to use some of the money he had donated to the Tuskegee Institute for the construction of six small schools in rural Alabama, which were constructed and opened in 1913 and 1914. Pleased with the results, Rosenwald then agreed to fund a larger program for schoolhouse construction based at Tuskegee. In 1917, he set up the Julius Rosenwald Fund, a Chicago-based philanthropic foundation, and in 1920 the Rosenwald Fund established an independent office for the school building program in Nashville, Tennessee. By 1928, one in every five rural schools for black students in the South was a Rosenwald School, and these schools housed one third of the region's rural black schoolchildren and teachers. At the program's conclusion in 1932, it had produced 4,977 new schools, 217 teachers' homes, and 163 shop buildings, constructed at a total cost of \$28,408,520 to serve 663,615 students in 883 counties of 15 states. African Americans had to contribute

cash and in-kind donations of material labor to match the Rosenwald grant. By far, the largest source of funding was tax funds. The county school board had to provide public support, take ownership of the new school property, and commit to maintaining it as part of the public school system. At one time, there were 292 Rosenwald Schools in Maryland. Each school was equipped with the bare essentials, including a pot belly stove for heat in winter, and had to be built on a minimum of two acres to have space for playgrounds. Today, as you leave the Beauty Spot, take note and be glad that you are also leaving behind another time and another place, but also be glad that people of good will working together can begin to change the world, even if it takes longer than anyone had thought it would.


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of her. The Coyotes led 2-0 at the end of the first inning. After Clarksburg went quickly three up and three down in the second, Bloodgood opened the third inning with a double over the left fielder's head. Scalzi followed with a single. Gafner doubled, Sloan singled, Amber Ratliff walked, and Wilson helped her own cause with an RBI single. Bloodgood singled to bring home the seventh and final run of the inning. Singles by Gafner and Ratliff around an RBI double by Sloan led to two more runs in the home fourth. Meanwhile, Wilson continued to hold the Wolverines at bay, striking out seven in a row, including the final batter in the second. She struck out the side in the third and fourth innings. It was Wilson's third shut out through six games.

Clarksburg finished strong in their inaugural season, winning six

of their last ten games in 2007. They look to build on the that foundation behind a strong cast of returning players, including Bloodgood, a junior (.527), and seniors Gafner (.386) and Magen Dionne (.353, 1.000 fielding percentage).

They opened the season trouncing Churchill, 19-8, at home. They followed that by soundly beating Quince Orchard, 14-0, and Kennedy, 12-0, on the road. Then came a 6-1 loss at Damascus on April 10. Damascus (5-0) was a 4A state finalist last year.

On Saturday, April 12, the Coyotes returned home to defeat Rockville, 9-4. The local Clarksburg Softball Youth Organization held opening day ceremonies and their commissioner Rusty Dillon threw out the first pitch.

Head Coach Larry Hurd has quickly recovered from a concussion he suffered as a result of being hit by an errant bat in warm-ups during an early season game.

Youth Sports

PHS Girls' Lacrosse Looking for Competition



PHS senior Cori Rosenberg (#3) and junior Grace Jackson (#11) team up in an aggressive move that resulted in a goal for the Falcons. Poolesville beat Einstein 22-3

Stephanie Hilton, a 5'-7" defender, will be playing her fourth and final season on the Poolesville girls' lacrosse team in 2008. She will play for Division I Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg next spring. She was named to the All-Division and All-County first team in her senior season while receiving All-Gazette honorable mention last season. Hilton paced the squad in caused turnovers in her final two campaigns and was the team leader in ground balls in 2007 helping her team to the division title in 2006. She also played two years on the girls' soccer team and participated two years on the indoor track and field team. "Stephanie has tremendous athleticism and foot skills," said the Mount's women's lacrosse head coach, Denise Wescott. "She has the ability to take players out of the game on defense and can create a lot of turnovers and ground balls."

Poolesville ran through the 2007 regular season undefeated, winning twelve games by an average margin of 8.8 goals and advanced to the 2A-1A West Region final. In the region final at Poolesville, the Falcons drew first blood against Carroll County power,

Century High School, when senior Gisèle Agnew split visiting Century's defense and put a hard, low shot in the back of the net, but from there, Century dominated, winning 19-8. The Falcons did not go down without a fight. In the second half as well, Poolesville played much more aggressively, and at times whittled the lead down to a manageable deficit. Senior (2007) Meghan Rose accounted for seven of the Falcons' eight goals. "We've played Century three times since I've been here," Rose had said, "and that was the hardest we've ever played them. I'm proud of this team." Rose is playing at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee this spring. Senior attacker, Jacqueline Orona (class of 2007), scored two goals. "Century plays some great teams," said Orona. "We have four, maybe five hard games, but we also have so many rollovers

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High School Varsity Home Games

Poolesville High School Varsity Home Games

Baseball		Softball	
4/26 – Wheaton	1:30 p.m.	4/26 – Wheaton	1:30 p.m.
5/03 – Northwood	4:00 p.m.	5/03 – Northwood	2:00 p.m.
		5/07 – Clarksburg	5:15 p.m.
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Lacrosse Boys		Lacrosse Girls	
4/25 – B-CC	7:00 p.m.	5/03 – Kennedy	2:00 p.m.
5/06 – Walt Whitman	7:00 p.m.	5/06 – Walt Whitman	5:15 p.m.
Volleyball Boys		Volleyball Coed	
4/28 – Paint Branch	7:00 p.m.	4/28 – Paint Branch	5:15 p.m.
5/02 – Walt Whitman	7:00 p.m.	5/02 – Walt Whitman	5:15 p.m.

Clarksburg High School Varsity Home Games

Baseball		Softball	
4/25 – Einstein	3:30 p.m.	4/25 – Einstein	3:30 p.m.
5/02 – Poolesville	3:30 p.m.	5/02 – Poolesville	1:30 p.m.
5/05 – Northwest	5:15 p.m.	5/05 – Northwest	3:30 p.m.
Lacrosse Boys		Lacrosse Girls	
4/25 – Magruder	7:00 p.m.	4/29 – Seneca Valley	7:15 p.m.
5/02 – Thomas Johnson	7:00 p.m.		

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Barnesville, the town fathers decided to install street lamps. They were lit by 150-watt light bulbs and someone in town was directed to use his ladder to change the bulbs if they blew out. One memorable debate involved what time to turn the street lights out since the town was paying for the electricity. One older man argued that the street lights should be turned off at midnight since no honest man would ever be out after that hour.

When electricity came, so did modern conveniences. Once radios became affordable, someone went to Frederick and brought one home. No one seems to remember who owned the first radio set, but boys would flock around the radio, which were as big as a piece of furniture, and thrill to the adventures of the Lone Ranger and Flash Gordon while adults preferred mysteries and music from famous bands and musicians. When World War II broke out, the only means of keeping up with war news was the radio which was now a fixture in every house. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, one boy was outside playing in the street when his father ran out onto the porch and told

him the news. The boy, about twelve, knew that it must be important, but he wondered where Pearl Harbor was! Some of the young men from Barnesville who went away to war were: Tip Lillard, Tom Kessler, Herbert Dixon, Tom Morningstar, and Venton Jeffers who was killed in an airplane crash in the United States. Barnesville residents were quite active on the home front during the war. The corner of Barnesville Road and the road to Beallsville was used for collecting scrap metal, and several residents recall hauling all sorts of material and leaving it there. Some of the girls collected milkweed pods that were used in life preservers. Richard Shirley was the air raid warden, and when there were planned blackouts, it was his responsibility to patrol the street to make sure that no light was showing. There was a siren mounted on a pole across the street from Lillard's, and when it would blow, the residents knew to pull their shades and turn off their lights. Mr. Rodger Brown, the husband of Mary Shaw Williams, was a Minuteman, he had a uniform complete with a gun and sword and was expected to be on alert in case of attack. He also assisted the air raid warden. These were not just drills in the recollection of the children. At the

beginning of the war, some recalled that town residents believed that a German air attack was imminent.

On the corner of Old Hundred Road and Barnesville Road was the Town Hall where townspeople gathered for dances and meetings. On Election Day, this is where votes were traditionally cast. The Lions Club always held its meetings here, and one resident recalled that her seventh grade graduation was held in the hall. Recently, the town has refurbished the old building.

No one remembers when telephone service came to town, but it was probably in the 1920s. Party lines, systems where many households shared the same line, were common. As many as ten people would be on the same line and would know when to pick up the telephone by counting the number of rings. One lady, who was on the same circuit as Hilton's Funeral Home, was said to listen in on the calls for Hilton's and then interrupt the call by asking who had died. When time came close for the annual picnic at St. Mary's, the phone at the Hayses' home, would ring all day long since they were on the same circuit as St. Mary's.

By virtue of laws passed in the nineteenth century, it has always been illegal to sell alcohol in the town; however, some long-time residents recall that there was a store in Sellman, just down the road towards the railroad, where beer could be had. There were also illegal stills operated on Sugarloaf Mountain. Other laws that were passed in that century, that are still in effect today, include a prohibition against using profane language, maintaining pigsties, stables, or dung heaps near the streets, and allowing

livestock to run loose.

Everyone in town would look forward to the annual picnic at St. Mary's. Games and exhibits would be held first, followed by a dinner that was held outside, sometimes under a tent, and then followed by a dance at night. Men would always be attired in their finest summer suits, and women would wear dresses. Sometimes, it was so hot that men would hang their suit coats outside to dry after the dance. One unique event that was held during the 1920s and 1930s was Mountain Day which was held on May 30. It began as a small picnic held in the Hayses' yard which other families would attend. Relatives and friends who lived outside Barnesville would make their only trip of the year to the town, and the children and teenagers would insist on climbing Sugarloaf Mountain which loomed in the backyard. Kids in town were used to exploring the mountain, but they were good hosts and accommodated the visitors. The event became known as Mountain Day.

Another diversion for young people was the coming of the airplane. No one recalls when the first airplane passed over the town, but all agreed that the sighting of an airplane was an exciting event, and people would come out of their homes to point and stare. Sometime during the early 1930s, it became known that a man was taking people for plane rides for a price out of Poolesville. Young people, some without permission from their parents, would travel to Poolesville and pay a dollar for a ride around the countryside.

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School News

And the Winner of Best Movie Short Goes To...

Congratulations to JPMS students who competed in the Montgomery County Media Festival held at the AFI Silver Theatre in Silver Spring on April 17, 2008. The Media Festival is an annual event developed to stimulate student interest and involvement in media production and digital art. The event is an opportunity for students to show their work to an audience in an exciting venue, receive feedback from a panel of judges, and be inspired by the work of their peers. John Poole Middle School students received nine first place nods, eight second places, and four third place wins in this highly-competitive contest.

Make a Start, a short film about how schools can reduce their carbon footprint by Avery Garber, Donte Hamilton, Zack Harris, Kyle Twitchell, Justin Foreman, and Brad Ragazinsky, won first place in the Live Action category.

The Flash animation *Gingaman* by Brandon Wong, Michael Knudson, Chris Kasprzak, Joseph Hart, and Luke Melton also received first place recognition as did sixth grader Cameron Michaels's *Recycling Cans Are on a Diet*. Thomas Gray and Tyler Moore's *LeBron James and the Little Old Lady* won first place in Sequential Stills. Stop motion animations, *MayA-nimation* and *How the Wucub Bird Lost*

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that until the county gets up to par, it is hard to get prepared for these types of games." Orona is playing at Ohio State. Cori Rosenberg (a junior in 2007) also scored.

"If we played schools like them all year, it would be a different story," said Poolesville Coach May Shlash. "There was only so much that we could do to prepare. It is something that we will have to work on for this year. The expectations are getting higher and higher, and there are always possibilities." The next time they play Century may be the time they break through. In the meantime, the rest of the county has to catch up with Poolesville. There were eight graduating seniors on last year's team. Nonetheless, Hilton has a strong 2008 supporting cast. Seniors, Cori Rosen-



Kyle Twitchell, Donte Hamilton, Zack Harris, Avery Garber, Justin Foreman and Brad Ragazinsky produced and directed an environmental film, *Make A Start*, about conserving resources at JPMS.

its *Teeth* both received an award for second place.

Miranda Olsen, Thayer Seely, Jonique Lyles, and Robert Winning struck gold in the Photography category, with Avery Garber and Jake Caw receiving silver, and Jessica Tyler and James Siegrist picking up the bronze.

Jaideep Bagharva's *King of Spades* received a first place win for Digital Art, while Jessica Lathrop, Patty Maloney, and Danielle Purdy received second place recognition for their Digital Commercial Art. Nick Jesuitas received a third place win in Digital Art.

Another grant-funded project, *In the Shadow of the Power Plant*, is a documentary about local power company, Mirant, undergoing renovations to improve its facility and decrease emissions. The films were made possible by funding from the foundation, which enabled the school to purchase digital cameras and other equipment.

berg on attack and Erika Gonzales in goal, return, as do seven members of the defense.

After just getting by lightly-regarded Churchill, 11-10, in the 2008 season home opener on April 1, the Falcons (already 6-0 as of this writing) dominated Watkins Mill, 14-3, and Wheaton, 16-2, on the road before returning to Poolesville on April 9 to roll over Clarksburg, 20-3, and Northwood, 22-2, then soundly defeating Rockville in an away game on April 15, 12-3, and Einstein, 22-3, at home on April 17.

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radio was great diversion for young people, but nothing could have possibly prepared them for the invention of the television. The Hiltons owned the first television, and after school, kids would flock to their house to watch afternoon shows. In the evening, men would go over and watch boxing matches and the women would enjoy the Arthur Godfrey Show.

Barnesville had its own school since the nineteenth century. The two-room schoolhouse was located on the southeast corner of present-day Barnesville Road and Old Hundred Road. In one room, grades one through three were taught, while in the other room, children were attending grades four through seven. During the 1920s, there were only about six or seven students in each room, and the school had no electricity. School began at 9:00 a.m. and ended around 3:00 p.m. There was a well in front, and one of the boys would be enlisted to pump fresh water into a pail that was then carried into the school. There was a common ladle which everyone shared. Outside privies were behind the school building

with one for the boys and one for the girls. Girls would wear dresses to school, mostly made by their mothers, and wearing a store-bought dress was cause for great discussion. Boys would typically wear corduroy slacks and a shirt with a collar. Students brought their lunches in small metal boxes and ate in their classrooms. Girls would play drop-the-handkerchief while boys would throw around a ball during lunchtime. The curriculum included arithmetic, English, spelling, penmanship, history, and geography. In the 1920s, when snows were sometimes higher than the fence posts, some children were brought to school by horse-driven sleighs. The Brown family, who lived on a farm just off of main street on what is now West Harris Road, owned a horse named Flash who never failed to deliver his student cargo. Three of the schoolteachers were Ms. Courtney Wade, Miss Young, and Miss Horton. The schoolhouse was heated by a coal stove and some of the bigger boys would be entrusted with carrying coal up from the basement to keep the two rooms warm. Sometimes, the teacher would surprise the students with the announcement of a field

trip which would amount to a day spent climbing Sugarloaf Mountain. After seventh grade, students had the choice of going to Poolesville, Rockville, or Washington to further their education. Surprisingly, many families chose to send their children to Rockville since the road to Poolesville was not in good repair and there was no transportation. The Barnesville School closed during the 1940s, and children then attended the Poolesville School because the road had been paved by then. In the early 1950s, the school bus from Barnesville, en route to Poolesville, careened into a culvert between Barnesville and Beallsville, and several children were injured.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was located just down the road. Farmers would take delivery of their cattle and deliveries of large items would be left at the station and freight house at Sellman. Dairy farmers would also ship their milk from here. A few residents would travel to their jobs in Washington by train. Schoolchildren, whose parents sent them to Rockville or even Washington for school, boarded the 7:30 a.m. train, and were able to get to their schools on time. Ladies preferred the Queen City, a train that ran from Cumberland to Washington, because it arrived at Barnesville at 10:00 a.m. They could do their shopping in the big city and be home in time to fix dinner. A commuter would have been wise to keep the windows closed in those days because of the amount of smoke and cinders that a steam engine would expel. The mail would be delivered by train, and several times a day, a wagon would be sent to the train station to pick up bags of mail which would be delivered to the post office at the general store. At various times, there was a granary and pea factory located near the Barnesville train station. The station had separate waiting rooms for white and black customers. Barnesville was so attractive to city dwellers that sometimes they would rent rooms in town for the summer to escape the heat of the city and ride the train back and forth to work. The Assistant Attorney General of the United States and his family even took a room on a farm one summer.

The proliferation of the suburbs and the resulting commuter traffic, air conditioning, and the telephone and television have changed the little town forever. The main street, once a place where children played without fear of ever seeing an automobile, resembles a racetrack, especially during the

morning and afternoons as commuters use it as a shortcut to Gaithersburg. Town officials have had to repeatedly ask for speed enforcement from the county police. One resident commented that air conditioning and television were big factors in the changing of the town. Where people once sat outside on their porches to escape the heat, to enjoy cool breezes, and to talk to neighbors, they now stay inside their homes to escape the heat, watch television, and use the telephone to stay in contact with neighbors. But in the minds of seniors, who grew up in Barnesville during the 1920s through the 1940s, it will always be a wonderful place to live, to have grown up, and a place where you were comfortable because you knew everyone else.

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owner decided he would not have a bat boy bigger than the players. Grocery was fired. At the time, renowned local sportscaster Warner Wolf had his famous "Boo of the Week," and when he found out how Chuck Boettner was callously fired, the owner earned the honors of "Boo of the Week" and Grocery made his place into sports trivia.

The dreams for Chuck Boettner didn't quite end there, however. He was such an outstanding high school pitcher for Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, he was recruited by Catholic University and pitched for them for four years.

In his senior year, during the fall league, CU was playing American University for the championship, and it was the second game of a double hitter. As they came to the last inning, CU was losing 2-1, but Boettner struck out the sides giving CU a chance as they came to bat for the last time.

The lead-off batter got a double, so AU intentionally walked the next batter, which brought Boettner up to the plate with two men on, no outs, and behind by just one run. Coach Talbot left the third base coach's box and instructed him to take the next pitch "no matter what," then instructed him to bunt so as to move the tying run to third and the winning run to second.

As fate would have it, the very first pitch came right down the middle of the plate, and the young player couldn't resist taking the swing. He hit the ball about 450 feet for a home run that won the game, put CU into the championship which they ultimately won that year.

It was his pitching that really earned Boettner his place of renown at CU, though. While at CU, he compiled a career strikeout record of 25-7, an ERA of 2.25, and set several

CU records, including a 19-strikeout game against Trinity College (CT) in 1974. Ironically, the strikeout record was previously set by the coach of his team. As he threw his seventeenth strike in the eighth inning, CU Coach, Bob Talbot, came out to the mound to say, "You just tied the school record for strikeouts in one game." Then he said, "I don't mind sharing that record with you, but do you really want to beat your old coach?" Both the coach and the pitcher laughed over the situation, which helped relax the young Boettner who then went on to set the new school record. "Coach Talbot was always fun and loose which is why we were winners."

After college, Chuck went to Florida to make a run for the majors. That year, major league baseball was on strike, so he found himself playing with greats like Willie Stargell and also in tournaments where once the pitching opponent was Pete Vukovich, the eventual Milwaukee Brewers pitcher and 1982 Cy Young winner.

Then, the bane of every aspiring athlete struck Grocery down. He tore tendons in his pitching arm, and the recovery process was too long, too costly, and he would be too old to make a career move toward the majors.

Chuck Boettner cherishes the memories as bat boy and athlete, but he also cherishes working with the kids and staff at JPMS, and today enjoys watching all the young folks growing up and having dreams of their own. Oh, one more thing, Chuck Boettner, bat boy, ball boy, and college pitcher was eventually selected to the Catholic University Athletic Hall of Fame.



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discussed the SCA's actions against an "industrial-sized landscaping business" that has been seeking a special zoning exception to operate on Wasche Road. This application was denied by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Park and Planning), and the company has a hearing in front of the Board of Appeals April 25. In a similar situation, a landscaping business on Peach Tree Road has been denied a special exception but, in the opinion of the SCA and many in attendance, has flouted the county by continuing to operate. Further action against it is expected.

Jane Hunter brought up County Executive Ike Leggett's announced plan to move the Public Safety Training Academy from its present home on Great Seneca Highway in Gaithersburg to join up with the Montgomery County Police Department firing range on Elmer School Road. Nancy Hislop, Community Development Manager for Montgomery County, said that the county has no plans to do this, that Council President Mike Knapp and the entire County Council is opposed to the move, and that the county executive likewise has no intention of pursuing what was only mentioned as one of a number of options. Ms. Hislop said that they are working on a property on Snouffer School Road, the Webb tract, which would be more suitable, more centrally located, and would even provide a basement home for the firing range. This was well received.

Misty Allen, Manager, External Affairs for Mirant Mid-Atlantic, which operates the former Pepco coal-fired power plant in Dickerson, updated the plant's plan to introduce sophisticated new pollution control equipment (scrubbers) to mitigate pollution and bring the plant into compliance with state standards for air quality. Ms. Allen also discussed plans to control traffic during the construction of this major upgrade to the facility.

President Valen gave a short assessment of plans for further development in the Woodstock Equestrian Park, which would put pressure on water and other resources in the area. "We like it the way it is. Don't change anything."

The guest speaker, Councilman At Large Marc Elrich, then gave a lively and frank presentation on the council's battles to close a difficult budget, and on the ills that under-planned and poorly-supported growth has wrought for the entire county. He discussed the double whammy of increased taxes and cuts in the school budget to address the short-

falls, and noted that in the last recession, taxes were raised and were never brought down during the subsequent better times. He said he was "socially and politically liberal" and not at all shy of using government to improve people's lives, but that "when you don't have any money, you don't have any money." He added that budgets have to be sustainable in good times and bad, and said that while there were eight years of growth under former County Executive Douglas Duncan, he dropped the ball on providing infrastructure to support that growth. Elrich's primary example was fire stations. He said that there will soon be three or four new stations, including one in west Germantown, which are the first new stations since 1981, but that there is no allowance for any new fire station staffing through 2014, which will necessitate stripping staff from down-county fire stations to operate stations in newly-developed areas. He said the Duncan administration claimed that the growth would expand the tax base, but now we're in a budget crisis. "Where is the tax base?"

Councilman Elrich discussed other issues including forest conservation, mega-mansions in established neighborhoods, and the need for better public transportation to get people out of their cars. His comments on the four-day workweek and telecommuting as a way to reduce traffic stirred up a lively debate, somewhat dominated by the comments of Poolesville Commissioner Klobukowski. Mr. Elrich said that when the budget issues were behind the council, they would resume their attention to Ag Reserve issues such as sand mound septic systems and the system of Transfer Development Rights (TDRs).

Following the question and answer session with Mr. Elrich, two students from the Poolesville High School Global Ecology Studies Program, who have received SCA grants, presented their environmental projects. Carolyn Engels discussed her work on wetlands and aquaculture on the school grounds. Carly Gayle described her work at Seneca State Park where she is working to restore a section of Seneca Creek in part by reducing erosion and sediment.

The meeting ended with an excellent short film which was introduced by Nori Thorne, art teacher at John Poole Middle School. The film, titled "In the Shadow of the Power Plant," was produced by Ms. Thorne's media class. Funding for the film was provided by the Piedmont Environmental Education Foundation. This foundation was set up by the SCA with \$25,000 received as a settlement from Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Mirant continues to volunteer an annual donation in support of the foundation.

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provides Poolesville Cluster students and those from other county clusters a greater opportunity to experience an enriching, challenging academic environment in a wide variety of disciplines and prepare them for their future academic endeavors. It is imperative that the operating budget ensure the necessary resources are in place at the beginning of each succeeding grade level of a specific discipline to provide a seamless transition between grade levels, which results in a cohesive program, supports the rigor demanded by each course, and satisfies the expectations of the students—both charter and non-charter—the staff, and the community."

Mr. Klobukowski also stated that maintenance funds must be programmed to ensure the long term effectiveness of the on-going PHS Indoor Air Quality Enhancements. He pointed out, "Our students' achievements continue to be reflected in their scores on state and national tests, and in annual surveys and evaluations which have appeared in local newspapers such as the Washington Post, and national magazines like Newsweek. The continued recognition that Poolesville High School has received

is a testimony to their hard work and the teachers and staff of their schools and their parents."

In closing comments, he praised the Poolesville Library and its importance to the Up-County residents in stating that the library "is a vital and integral part of the town and community. It serves the largest geographic area of the county, surrounded by the Ag Reserve. Although randomly and sparsely populated in its service area outside the town, the staff and library represent Montgomery County Government. Circulation and library usage is up at the Poolesville Library, and even with the current job freeze affecting the level of staffing at the library and throughout the rest of the department, fully funding library services is critical."

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