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He has become a familiar face to many, but now it's time to go. See Local News on Page 7.



The path from realism to abstract? In Dickerson? The story begins on Page 3.



Jackie Kempa of Barnesville is Marta in a story familiar to all. Read more on Page 3 & 25.



Two local guys rebuilding together—with others. See Local News on Page 11.

WUMCO HELP Inc. Looks for a Little Help from Friends

By Rande Davis

Despite some uncertain economic developments, the annual meeting of WUMCO HELP Inc. (Western Upper Montgomery County) held at Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church on April 29 concluded on a strong and positive note in looking ahead for 2008.

While this was officially the twenty-third annual meeting of WUMCO Help Inc., it was also the fortieth anniversary of the origins of the community help program started by Fred and Jane Stearns along with their good friend, Beulah Harper, in 1968.

Even with donations down and

need rising, WUMCO was able to assist up to sixty families with housing-related services such as rent and utilities, medicines and medical procedures, and emergency food.

An important service is assisting those in need with reliable transportation to doctors' offices. Currently, there is an urgent need for volunteer drivers willing to help up to one time per week. Such help is not provided in late evenings or weekends. Anyone wishing to help local people with their medical appointments should call 301-972-8481.

This past year had a large drop in revenue from the United Way both from their direct grants and from funds designated by individuals who make their contributions through the United Way campaign. With rising fuel and gasoline costs, those donat-

ing to United Way are encouraged to make sure they name WUMCO as one of their personal designations.

With the shortfall from United Way and other standard sources of revenue, WUMCO turned to area churches, businesses, and individuals for increased assistance. In helping WUMCO overcome a challenging year, two individuals received certificates of recognition for the special extra assistance they provided. The first award recipient was Karen Johnson, the community coordinator for donations and events for the Germantown Wal-Mart store. Wal-Mart provides special assistance during the holiday season. The second award winner was Ray Hoewing of Poolesville Online who was unable to attend this meeting. Mr. Hoewing personally met

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Kane Is More Than Able at St. Mary's

By Rande Davis

This past year has been remarkably exciting as well as tragically challenging for St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnesville. It was this time in 2007 that St. Mary's was finalizing its plans for celebrating its 200th year as a parish. The little red church in the country which has been the spiritual home for so many generations of people living in upper Montgomery and southern Frederick Counties had great cause to celebrate not only for the longevity of the parish but, more importantly, for the vitality of its service to God and the community.

The year of celebration ended in sadness, though, when their priest, Rev. Walter Lawrence, in his seventh year at St. Mary's, suddenly passed away from leukemia in November.

St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church's founding was as a Jesuit mission chapel in 1741 in what was then referred to as Barnestown. The current site was donated by Zachariah Knott, a participant in the Philadel-

phia debates on British taxes and rule. Father John Dubois of St. John's in Frederick proposed to Archbishop Carroll that a church be built, and the first one was built in 1807. The original church was destroyed by fire in 1901, and the structure of today was built by William Hilton (of the Hilton Funeral Home family) and dedicated in 1901.

Through the travails of Civil War, fires, and cholera outbreak, this congregation, which has forged a character and faith of strength, had to deal with one more travesty, the loss of its pastor. In their hour of need, the Archdiocese of Washington sent retired priest, Monsignor Thomas A. Kane to become the caretaker until a new priest could be appointed.

As it is with families going through the loss of a loved one, the arrival of a caring, beloved uncle can be so helpful in seeing them through their crisis. Reverend Kane has been just such an "uncle," and with thirty-nine nieces and nephews, the role of a caring uncle comes naturally to the



Msgr. Thomas Kane has been shepherding St. Mary's Church in Barnesville since the passing of Father Walter Lawrence. The congregation awaits the announcement of a new priest this June.

monsignor. In fact, being there for the family is something he is accustomed to since he has baptized all of the nieces and nephews, participated in their confirmation ceremonies, and when it came time for weddings, he has been there for them as well. "The

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Members of the Clarksburg Historical Society and the Clarksburg Lions Club met together to discuss upcoming plans for Clarksburg Day on Saturday, June 7. The Monocle will have a special guide to the festival in our May 30 edition. Pictured are Joann Woodson, Eloise Woodfield, Chris Fletcher, Tuck Woodfield, Ann Davis, Patricia McKenzie, Linda Panagoulis, and Dale Ryan.



The Cub Scout Pack 694's Community Service Project was a big success as ten dedicated scouts, two siblings, and many parents joined together to clean up part of Whalen Commons in Poolesville. For two solid hours, the scouts and helpers weeded and mulched the area around the flags. Top row: Aidan Auel, Foster Holmquist, Ryan Dalrymple, Roger Yerger, Brandon Kocur, Gregory Wilson, and Jason Kuldell; Bottom row John Sartschev, Morgan Sartschev, Jessica Kuldell, Andrew Kocur, Stefan Gross.



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Dancing through Color

By Dominique Agnew

It's always enjoyable to visit an art museum or spend time at an art show taking in beautiful or intriguing paintings, but sometimes it just seems like an arrested moment in time. What was the artist thinking? Where has the artist been? Where is the artist going? Every once in a while, a show comes along with a comprehensive collection of works by an artist, in which it is meaningful to see the passage of time and how the works evolved. Visiting an artist's studio can be the same—no matter that the artist happens to live just outside of Poolesville in Dickerson.

To compare the early paintings of Marti Deppa Kirkpatrick next to her later ones is to view drastically different work. For example, an early piece in Marti's studio realistically depicts a charming cottage in a lovely pastoral setting. A more recent painting grabs the viewer with color, lines, motion, fluidity, and energy. This is not to say that in the beginning she was never abstract or that now she never paints realistically, but the lines have definitely blurred, and the realism in her paintings have taken on their own abstract qualities. The path from realism to the abstract was fraught with detours—some into block printing and paper making—and years where she didn't create at all because her parents were very ill and required her care or because she was too busy as president of the League of Reston Artists.

It was actually a show that really propelled her into more abstract painting. During the early nineties,



Artist Marti Deppa Kirkpatrick of Dickerson.

she and her husband Ed (you read about him about a month ago in the *Monocle*—the pinhole photographer) lived in Sterling, Virginia. She felt her children were old enough that she could revisit dabbling in art, and she discovered the League of Reston Artists. She took a few classes to get her feet wet again, and she entered her first show with a realistic piece called "Birds of Paradise." It won third place. Marti deemed that a good enough incentive to continue working, and she also became very involved with the League. A later show carried the abstract theme. Everything in the show had to be abstract, so Marti tried it. "It's harder than it looks," she says, "but I really liked it." She liked it so much that now more than eighty percent of her work is abstract.

Now her realism is frequently represented by outlines of pencil in the oil paint delineating a figure, usually a dancer or a nude as these have been present throughout her career, just to give a vague idea of the image, "to show you where I'm going with it," she adds. "I put a lot of pencil in regular oil paintings." The recurring theme of the dancers, she says, reflects a dream she had always had to be a ballet dancer.

Of course, she went through many phases, some overlapping, some revisited. When she was in high school, during an English class, she saw an image in a tile on the floor of a woman sitting which she sketched, then she used the sketch to make a wood-cutting in her art class later in the day. Many years later, Marti brought back the image and used it to create the stages of a woman's life in series of three. She also went through what she called a Rothko stage where she channeled the idea and visions of, abstract expressionist, Mark Rothko—painting in basic colors with subtle changes.

Then, maybe every artist has this, she went through her Frustrated

Phase—nothing was working. She had just finished a painting of a nude. The nude she liked, but not the back-ground. On a later day, as she ripped painted canvasses (more Frustration), they fell all about the nude on the floor; and—voilà!—"Daydream" came to be. "I like the roughed, torn canvas," she explains.

Marti attributes her fondness for painting in the abstract to Father Time. "[My painting] has gotten much looser," she says. "Part of that's age." Another part of it is feedback. "People

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Commentary In Praise of the Bureaucrat

By John Clayton

The nine most terrifying words in the English Language are: "I'm from the government, and I'm here to help you." (Ronald Reagan, fortieth president of the United States.)

It is well over twenty years since Ronald Reagan popularized that particular statement, but it occurs to me that government workers, also known as bureaucrats, still don't get the respect they deserve. Part of this may be because many people associate government workers with going to the Motor Vehicle Administration. It may also be because government is funded by taxes, which no one likes, and interest bearing Treasury instruments held by the Chinese, which few understand. Things have not improved public-relations-wise over the past few years either, what with Hurricane Katrina, FEMA, and rampant political meddling in various governmental functions such as the administration of justice and scientific research. An honest hardworking bureaucrat just can't seem to catch a break.

Our fortieth president was well known for having a strong disregard for government. President Reagan was in fact a serial bureaucrat-basher. Our current president also has his moments. I remember early in the Iraq run-up when he was questioned as to a dissenting State Department opinion, and he replied, "I'm not going to listen to some bureaucrat." There you have it. Democrats, I assume, complain about bureaucrats in private so as not to hurt feelings or lose a reasonably reliable voting block.

This is all a little disconcerting when you live in this area because so many people work for government in some capacity and may, in fact, be bureaucrats. I am grateful for bureaucrats—not always, but increasingly often. This complex modern world makes me more grateful all the time. The most recent example was with some of the commercial airlines who were finding it inconvenient to perform required maintenance. The country was shocked (Shocked!) to hear that current administration appointees in the Federal Administration may have been overly lenient towards the airline industry, and may even have threatened FAA inspectors who

were sticklers for this sort of thing. I say, be steadfast, FAA bureaucrats. We need you. You are worthy of our admiration.

Two other prominent examples where we depend on the government to protect us are food safety and children's toys. Over the past year or so, there have been deplorable situations regarding meat inspection, where tainted foods have worked their way past our inspection process and into our schools and grocery stores. I don't know if we have enough inspectors (some say not) or if their procedures are sound (I wouldn't know), but they're okay by me. Keep it up, folks. Further, in my current effort to shed some weight, I would also like to have some faith in grocery store produce such as bagged salad and fresh spinach. Even in the processed food area, there have been threats, and I notice that Peter Pan has crept back into the peanut butter aisle, having spent the last year or so in exile on the Island of Lost Sales. Keep your guard up, FDA inspectors.

Toys from China with lead paint and other hazards occupy the attention of a number of agencies, primarily the Consumer Product Safety Commission. If keeping toys safe for our kids isn't worthy of our admiration, then I don't know what is. This agency is in western Montgomery County, by the way, so if you want to disrespect a CPSC bureaucrat around here, you had better do it carefully.

In our civilized, relatively stable, but immensely interwoven society, everything we depend on for daily life depends on processes and systems far beyond our control. I don't want government to run it all, but I do expect them to keep things between the lines. So by all means, take a government worker to lunch. He is there fighting for all of us, and he might know something about what you're about to eat.

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This picture is of Riley Wilson of the Clarksburg High School Coyotes. We inadvertently applied the wrong caption to this picture in our April 25 issue, and for that we sincerely apologize.

Equestrian Spring Cleaning Promotes Safety

By Carol Rae Hansen, Ph.D. Director,
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Fence Line Cleaning

Most Montgomery County fence lines should be cleaned out annually; they become overgrown with weeds, vines (especially Virginia Creeper), and multi-flora roses. Many farms clean them in winter to avoid the leaves and the pollen! Failing that, a spring cleaning with "Loppers," hand clippers, rakes, and saws will save you enormous amounts of time, compared to a summer cleaning. There are several advantages to fence line cleaning: all animals in the fields can then be viewed more easily from the house and barn; fence lines can be checked for broken boards and sagging wire; cleaning reduces vegetation damage; it keeps unsafe materials away from the equines; it looks tidier; it routinely removes dangerous plants such as Deadly Nightshade; and cleaning helps shield small mammals, who rely on the habitat development piles that you make from fence line trimmings for shelter and protection from larger hunters.

Saddle Soaping

Over the winter, heated tack-rooms can dry out tack, especially around folds and stitching, often necessitating some serious remedial work. The saddles, boots, halters, girths, and lead shanks that you soap and oil this spring will be softer and more pliable. Routinely saddle-soaping and oiling tack makes it last much longer; in fact, some tack may last your lifetime! Good care of your tack will also prevent dangerous abrasions (gals) to an equine's fine skin and hair, especially around the ears, on the cheeks, and under the belly. Rain and mud are especially hard on tack as well. Wet leather must be cleaned and oiled within two hours of last use or the leather may dry out and become potentially dangerous, with cracks appearing. Ideally, all leather goods should be saddle-soaped each time they are used.

Deadfall Needs to be Removed from Pastures

When equines graze, their delicate eyes are perilously close to many

dangers on or near the ground: bees, thorns, scratchy weeds, and, especially, spiny twigs and deadfall branches. The days and weeks after a storm, especially after hail or heavy winds, can be especially dangerous to horses and ponies. Pastures and fields should be walked weekly and within hours after a storm, and owners, managers, and riders should pick up the largest deadfall. All deadfall needs to be removed to a safe brush pile outside of a horse pasture, into a habitat development pile in the woods, or removed from the property for equine safety. A scratched cornea on an equine is an emergency that requires immediate veterinary care, and it can easily result if we humans are not careful about deadfall.

Barn Fires Can Start with Cobwebs

The two biggest sources of barn fires are cobwebs on electrical fixtures and rodents chewing through electrical wires. During the insect season, barn cobwebs need to be removed every two to four weeks, especially on light fixtures. During the winter, cobwebs need to be removed bi-monthly. Brooms seems to work better than vacuums, and don't startle the horses. We observe all of our externally-placed electrical conduits (four layers of rubber and metal alternating) for defects when we remove cobwebs, and check that all the Ground Fault Interrupters (GFIs) are functioning. Private and commercial barns should practice emergency response and evacuation plans, as well. Smoke detectors are essential, as are back doors to outdoor paddocks, emergency evacuation halters, and lead shanks on each door, and barn smoke detectors should be wired to ring in the manager's or owner's bedrooms in the house as well.

Adding these tasks this spring, if you don't already do them, will lead to a safer outdoor life for your horses and other animals.



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Poolesville Defeats Clarksburg In Lacrosse – Both Teams on the Rise

By Jeff Stuart

Head Coach Curtiss Belcher's reputation preceded him when he took over the boys' lacrosse program at the new Clarksburg High School for the 2007 season. His reputation was built in large measure at Poolesville High School where he quickly turned around a program that had only won four games in three years. The Falcons went 5-9 in his first season. With fifteen freshmen on the roster, they won their first ever playoff game. His Poolesville teams won three division championships in four years, going 11-2 in 2003 and 15-2 in 2004. Poolesville struggled in 2007 under new coach Eddie Zacharek, winning four while losing nine. Belcher struggled too in 2007. With sixteen freshmen on a twenty-five-man squad, the Coyotes won only two games.



Poolesville mid-fielder Dylan Haas on the move.

Thus, it is not surprising that the Falcons (6-2) took extra satisfaction in dealing the Coyotes a 19-8 defeat at home on April 9. It was Clarksburg's second defeat of the season.

The Falcons scored the last seven goals of the match to close out the Coyotes. "Tonight, we were looking forward to beating the team that stole our coach," junior midfielder, Dylan Haas said. Haas has been sensational for the Falcons this year, with Coach Zacharek calling him "a Tasmanian devil" on the field.

Haas and Pat Moore each scored

two goals. Andrew Gardner also had a goal. "I thought we came out strong in the first quarter," said Zacharek, "but we seemed to get flatter as the game went on. We practiced very well before spring break. I'm sure the guys will pick it up." The Falcons started off the 2008 season with a hard fought 16-5 loss at Churchill (5-2). The Bulldogs lost in the 4A-3A region final in 2007, going 11-3.

They picked up their first win of the year on Thursday night, April 3, by beating Watkins Mill at home by a final score of 10-5. Playing in driving rain for most of the contest, the Falcons were led on offense by senior Pat Moore (one goal, four assists) and on defense by goaltender Darin Hamberger (fourteen saves). Poolesville also got goals from Haas, James Walker, Ben Hessels, Kyle Corfman, and Cory Thomas. "We won because we refocused and played hard," said the coach. Two days later, Poolesville won again at Wheaton, 16-7. Haas led the Falcon offense, notching six assists and two goals. Senior attack Kyle Corfman scored a team-high six goals and dished out four assists.

"I think we played a pretty good game on offense," Haas said. "Once they came close, we just had to kind of break down on defense and slow

things down on offense." Poolesville Coach Eddie Zacharek felt his team had underestimated or overlooked the Knights, perhaps looking forward to the match-up with Clarksburg.

The Falcons followed up the win over Clarksburg with home wins over Northwood, 14-2, and Rockville, 15-2. A 15-2 victory at Einstein on April 17 clinched first place in the 3A/2A/1A division. They have since won, 15-5, at Seneca Valley and dropped a 14-6 decision to B-CC at home.

Meanwhile, despite the loss to the Falcons, Coach Belcher has the Clarksburg Coyotes (4-5) headed in the right direction and looking forward to future match-ups with Poolesville. Like Poolesville, they opened the season with a loss, falling to Kennedy at home, 11-5, but the Coyotes easily beat Watkins Mill, 16-5, and Northwood, 16-2, to match their entire win total for their first season. They followed the loss to Poolesville with two more wins, beating Wheaton, 9-1, at home, on April 11, and Einstein, away, 13-4 on April 15.

Wheaton defenders, Justin Floyd, Chris Williamson, Kyle Shaffer, Doug Sivert, and Wolo Bestman helped goal

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Global Ecology Students Clean up the Town

The Poolesville High School Global Ecology students participated in a town clean-up project. The ninth grade cleaned around Town Hall and Fisher Avenue. The tenth grade cleaned Wootton Field and the wood-line. The eleventh grade cleaned perimeters of the school property. The twelfth grade cleaned the Baptist

Church and around the school. Students collected 1,792 pounds of trash, and 654 pounds of items that could have been recycled. The total amount collected was 2846 pounds of litter lying around Poolesville! A few of the odder things found were a 1976 Pepsi Can, a car axle, and four bicycles, one of which was still useable. Wade Yost and Preston King joined the students efforts. Local businesses were so happy about the clean-up that they came out and offered students drinks and food. (Note: see the picture in

Local News

Interim Rector to Leave St. Peter's

By John Clayton

The Rev. Charles Hoffacker, his task accomplished, will soon leave St. Peter's Parish Episcopal Church in Poolesville, where he has been serving as interim rector. Father Hoffacker came to St. Peter's in September 2006 following the departure of the Rev. Steve Hayward, who had served at St. Peter's for twenty-three years. St. Peter's is reportedly close to selecting a new rector, although further information was not available for this article. Father Hoffacker's last service at St. Peter's will be on Sunday, May 18, and the church will use temporary clergy until a permanent rector comes on board.

The use of an interim rector is an established procedure for churches that are in the process of selecting a new rector, or pastor, and the diocese does not allow an interim rector to apply for or accept a permanent position

at the same church. Father Hoffacker was experienced as an interim rector, having served as a part-time interim rector some years ago when he was serving as a chaplain at a Midwestern university. Father Hoffacker's service at St. Peter's came at a challenging time, as the church went through a building expansion that took a great deal longer than expected. While he began work in the same physical office space as his predecessors, his working area was slowly encroached upon by the construction until he moved the church administration to the rectory next door, and eventually into the new facility.

Father Hoffacker told the Monocle that he enjoyed being an interim rector at St. Peter's, and particularly enjoyed getting to know the people in the church and the town, and enjoyed being part of the church's significant change and growth. He observed that during the construction, when they were in a smaller space, the church was relatively quiet during the day (notwithstanding construction noise), but that with the new facility, there seem to be people coming and going for different activities all the time. He said the new facility will be "a wonderful tool for ministry and missions," and that the "prospects are bright for this parish."

For his own immediate future, Father Hoffacker, who lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and daughter, said he is pursuing several possibilities, most within the local Diocese of Washington.



Family Album.) Poolesville Day Will Have a Rousing Grand Finale This Year (Again!)

Judging from a post-Poolesville Day 2007 survey, last year's event-ending performance by the Deanna Bogart Band was extraordinarily popular. The brilliant talent and electrical energy of Ms. Bogart, backed up flawlessly by a supporting cast of superb artists, was a smash hit and a rousing wind-up to a great day.

The Poolesville Day 2008 Committee has been working for months to find the right talent for this year's September 20 celebration that will match, or even surpass, what folks loved about last year's grand finale performance. The committee announces that they contracted with Junkyard Saints, a DC/Baltimore-based seven-piece band with full horn section performing what it calls "our own brand of New Orleans-style party music, blending funk, swing, Latin, R&B, with a splash of zydeco to round out the mix." Two members of the Poolesville Day Committee who heard the Junkyard Saints play are more than confident that they can live up to their billing. Some idea of their standing is that the Saints were recipients of the Washington Area Music Association's WAMMIE Award for "Best Root Rock

Group" for both 2007 and 2008 and "Artist of the Year" for 2007. But don't let those regional awards mislead you: The Saints perform regularly for audiences around the nation. They have played at some of the most notable venues and festivals in the country including the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Baltimore's Inner Harbor and Pier Six, Ft. Lauderdale Cajun Crawfish Festival, Ft. Lauderdale Riverwalk Blues Festival, Bethlehem's Musikfest, First Night, Iota, The FunkBox, and at private events for corporate and entertainment clients such as HBO, John Waters, Crayola, and Northrop-Grumman. The band is led by Brian Simms whose resume is long and illustrious. Brian, who is also lead vocal and plays keyboard and accordion, spent part of the nineties touring and recording with Rounder recording artists Disappear Fear. He has also performed and recorded with Indigo Girls, Patty Reese, Billy Coultter, Chopteeth, Lisa Moscatiello, Doug Segree, Eric Scott, Deanna Bogart, and Kelly Bell Band. In addition to writing and producing for Junkyard Saints, Brian has performed with and produced many Baltimore/DC area artists. His accordion,

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Past

By Jack Toomey

May 13, 1933 A gasoline tanker and an automobile collided on the Rockville Pike causing a fire and critical injuries to both drivers. Henry King, of Clarksburg, was said to have been in critical condition at the Emergency Hospital in Washington.

May 17, 1954 A Capital Transit bus driver opened fire on police officers at his Wheaton home. The police had been called to the home by the wife who said that her husband had beaten her. When the police came to the house, the man began firing a rifle out of a window. Eventually, twenty-six officers, a fire engine, and an ambulance came to the scene. The wife was admitted to the Washington Sanitarium Hospital for treatment of her injuries, and when she was released, she said that she did not want to press charges.

May 18, 1953 A vicious thunderstorm swept through Montgomery County toppling trees, snarling traffic,

and causing flooded streets. Lightning hit three houses starting minor fires.

May 18, 1974 More than a dozen Montgomery County officers were called to Richard Montgomery High School to break up fighting that broke out in the school yard. Police said that two groups, one white and the other black, faced off and began fighting shortly after 11:00 a.m.

May 20, 1911 The body of a prominent Potomac contractor was found floating in the Potomac River near the foot of Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown. George Myers had borrowed a horse and had gone to meet friends for a dinner engagement but never appeared. His friends believed that foul play had occurred and said that money was missing from his body.

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Local News

Poolesville's Top Model 2008

By Chantal Agnew


On Tuesday, April 29, the Mr. Poolesville competition took place at Poolesville High School, featuring eight PHS seniors: Marshall Betz, Brett Bowers, Mike Chamberlain, Zachary Etheridge, Mark Fales, David Johnson, Karl Mihm, and Matt Robillard. This year's theme: Poolesville's Next Top Model.

The show began with a video of the young men doing a photo shoot. Their objective? To make an ad that would successfully sell the pizza with which they posed. Following this funny video came the contestants' casual wear portion, the part of the show where they wore everyday clothing and strutted their way across the stage like true models. While they did this, fellow classmates announced what these models would like to accomplish in the future. Next came the active wear portion where they wore their uniforms for a variety of sports in which they participated.

Following these dress-up sessions came the exhibition of their talents. The contestants each did a skit, most of which

involved singing and guitars; however, there were also skits involving dancing in the dark with glow sticks, a Zoolander walk-off, Mulan, and dancing in different costumes.

After a brief intermission, video commentary by the teachers enumerating the wonderful qualities of these seniors led to the part of the show where the gentlemen presented themselves on stage in formal wear escorting a girlfriend, mother, or sibling. Goofy baby pictures then made the audience laugh while the judges were in all seriousness whittling the eight to five. Silence finally descended upon the audience as they awaited the final verdict. Who had made it to the final five? Marshall Betz, Mike Chamberlain, Zack Etheridge, Mark Fales, and David Johnson. But who would be the next Top Model, I mean, Mr. Poolesville? The judges had one last test: the Final Question. "Being as specific as possible, what community service activity has had the largest impact on you over your four years Poolesville High School?" Each contestant had to answer the question separately without any knowledge of prior answers. Tension mounted. After a dramatic pause, the winner was announced. The judges had somehow come to a decision. Marshall Betz was crowned Mr. Poolesville and Poolesville's Next Top Model at the same time. Congrats, Marshall.

	<h1>The Jake Perkins Falcon Classic</h1>		<h2>Tournament Date</h2> <p>Friday, May 23 Call to Reserve Jeff Oyer, Event Chair 301-916-3686</p>
<p>Golfer Fee: \$100 Hole Sponsor: \$100 Putting Contest Sponsor: \$250 Lunch Sponsor: \$250 Dinner Sponsor: \$500</p>	<p>A Charity Golf Tournament Benefiting the Poolesville High School Athletic Department AT BRETTON WOODS GOLF CLUB <i>"Come meet and talk to some of the PHS coaches!"</i></p>		<p>Prizes Awarded: Low Gross Low Net High Net Closest to Pin Longest Drive</p> <p>Free Beer, Tea & Lemonade at Meals and Play</p>
	<p>Registration and Buffet Sub Lunch: Noon Play: Shotgun Start at 1:00 p.m. Awards Banquet and Dinner: 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Checks Payable to: Poolesville HS Booster Club Mail to: P.O. Box 245 Poolesville, MD 20837 At: Golf Tournament Sponsorships are Tax-Deductible</p>	

Big Board

Avalon – We Will Stand Tour

Avalon formed in 1996 and is setting a high standard in contemporary Christian music. Reviewing its 2006 project, Faith: A Hymns Collection, All Music Guide noted “the vocal efficiency and personalized stylings that place Avalon among the elite singing groups in contemporary Christian circles.” To date, the quartet has sold more than three million albums, charted twenty number one singles, and won an American Music Award plus numerous Dove Awards such

as the 1999 Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year for “Testify to Love.” The group will be performing at the Weinberg Center for the arts on May 10 at 7:30 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$16.00 to 28.00. For more information, visit www.weinbergcenter.org or call 301-600-2828.

Betting on a Cure for Cancer – Texas Hold ‘em Fundraiser

Join the Poolesville Relay for Life “Betting on a Cure” Team for their first annual Texas Hold ‘em poker Tournament. This event will be at St. Mary’s pavilion in Barnesville on Saturday, May 10 starting at 6:00 p.m. The buy-in is \$100.00 (\$75.00 goes into

prize pool). The top ten places will be paid for 71 entries up to 100. First place will be \$3400.00, second place \$1,700.00, and third place \$800.00.

The fee includes entry, pizza, snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks. Beer will be available for purchase. Space is limited to 100 seats and reservations are not required but suggested. You may call 301-349-2142 or [BettingOnACurePville@gmail.com](mailto: BettingOnACurePville@gmail.com).

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.

Postal Workers Have WUMCO Food Drive on May 10

The National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the

United States Postal Service, will be collecting non-perishable food items like canned meats and fish, canned soup, juice, pasta, vegetables, cereal, and rice for those in need on May 10. In upper Montgomery County, the food items collected will be donated locally to WUMCO. You may help out by putting a bag of items near your mail box prior to the mail delivery on Saturday.


Annual Poolesville Fishing Tournament

Poolesville’s 18th Annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament is set for May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. As usual, the tournament will be held rain or shine and will be at the Collier Circle Pond. The event is open to youth between six years old and sixteen. Participants eight and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The entry fee is just \$1.00 and the registration form is online at www.ci.poolesville.md.us. For more information call town hall at 301-428-8927.

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

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Focus on Business

Local Solar Energy Company to Expand

By Rande Davis

Standard Solar, Inc. has announced an investment of \$3.5 million by Truecast Capital, LLC of Middleburg, Virginia. The three-year-old solar energy services company, headquartered in Gaithersburg, Maryland, has quickly grown to be the area's

largest provider of residential and small commercial solar power systems. The company launched operations in mid-2006 after Lee Bristol, General Manager and Vice President, merged his residential solar installation business with Standard Solar.

"We are excited by this vote of confidence in not only our company, but in the rapidly-growing market in this region for solar energy systems," said company founder and chairman, Neville Williams. "We have thus far confirmed our belief that many homeowners and businesses want to buy solar electric systems, but they don't know who to call. That's why we launched Standard Solar. We have

attracted a talented and dedicated team of people who believe our vision to make Standard Solar the supplier of choice for solar solutions. Our people are extremely committed to the company's mission and to the environment."

"This investment is a credit to the progress Standard Solar has made and enables the company to fulfill its vision to become the premier installer of solar serving the residential and commercial markets," said Steve Lamb, a managing partner at Truecast Capital, LLC.

"We think bringing in this combination of capital and managerial experience will be a huge gain for the company," said Standard Solar's president, Anthony Clifford. "There is the potential for enormous growth in both the residential and commercial solar electric installation business," he added. Clifford and Bristol will lead the company's expansion plans, which include Baltimore, Delaware, Pennsylvania, and the Mid-Atlantic region.

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Youth Sports

PBA Summer League Tryouts Announced for Mid-May

The Poolesville Basketball Association (PBA) will be conducting tryouts for the six teams it will field this summer in the Montgomery County Recreation Department's Rising Star League. This summer program is an important step in preparing players for their potential future participation in the winter season Mid-Maryland Basketball League.

For both boys and girls, there will be a sixth grade team (made up of current fourth and fifth graders), a junior varsity team (made up of current fifth and sixth graders), and a varsity team (made up of current sixth and seventh graders). In addition to trying out for teams at their own grade level, players are allowed to try out for one grade level up if they so choose. For example: A current fifth grader may try out for the JV team. If he/she doesn't make that team, he/she can come back the next night to tryout for his or her own grade level team.

All players residing within the Poolesville school district, including those who attend private school, are welcomed and encouraged to try out. Note: While every effort will be made

to ensure playing time for all players accepted onto a PBA team, there is no outright guarantee of playing time in every game for all players. A parent or guardian must attend the tryout with the player. If there is a large turnout, additional tryouts may be conducted.

Tryout Times (All tryouts to be held at the John Poole Middle School Main Gym)

Varsity Girls Team: Monday May 12, 2008 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

Varsity Boys Team: Monday May 12, 2008 (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

JV Girls Team: Tuesday May 13, 2008 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

JV Boys Team: Tuesday May 13, 2008 (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

6th Grade Girls Rising Stars: Wednesday May 14, 2008 (6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

6th Grade Boys Rising Stars: Wednesday May 14, 2008 (7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.)

Any questions? Contact PBA President Bill Bannon at bgbannon@verizon.net or Jim Brown at jim-brown@smith-litho.com or 301-221-1988. Further information about PBA can be found at www.PBAHoops.com. The PBA is a proud member of the Poolesville Athletic Association

Local News

\$30,000 in Labor and Materials Donated By Community to Help Restore Poolesville Family Home

Deborah and John Gray of Poolesville worked alongside their teenage son, Thomas, and dozens of Kettler Forlines Homes employees and subcontractors as well as local church and civic group volunteers to restore the condition of the Gray family home. As part of the national Rebuilding Together program on Saturday, April 26, 2008, the Grays' house was selected to receive donated labor and materials. The value of the donated materials and services contributed from the volunteers was estimated to be about \$30,000. House captain, George Kephart, and Steve Horvath coordinated the substantial volunteer effort.

"I'm honored and very appreciative for the work they have provided to my family," said Deborah Gray.

Gray's teenage son, Thomas, who has his own business cards titled, "Thomas' Tile Installation," gladly

rolled up his sleeves and installed a new tile countertop in the kitchen. Further home improvements included a new bathroom with plumbing in the basement, painting inside and out, electrical upgrades, an eco-friendly pressure washed roof, new siding, and a new concrete walkway.

"Since the 1990s, Kettler Forlines Homes has donated its time, talents, and materials to the Rebuilding Together program to benefit worthy Montgomery County residents like the Gray family," said Thomas E. Kettler of Kettler Forlines Homes at Brightwell Crossing, a new single-family home community to be built in Poolesville. "Kettler Forlines Homes is very involved in supporting the community through activities like Rebuilding Together. We take great pride in our ongoing commitment to help our neighbors."



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Garden

Outwitting Bambi

By Maureen O'Connell

Astronomically speaking, spring 2008 began with the vernal equinox on March 20 in the northern hemisphere. The weather has been up and down, true to the nature of spring. Now, as we head into the middle of this season, area gardeners are not the only ones eagerly awaiting the emergence of beautiful bulbs, flowering trees and shrubs, and perennial plants. Bambi is checking out our gardens for tasty, tender morsels of green. In our Monocacy area and throughout most of the continental United States, the white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) is the common, medium-sized deer that is eating his way through our gardens, woodlands, and farms. I could never shoot a deer, but I understand the frustrations of homeowners and farmers in trying to deal with the exploding deer population. On the other hand, it is not entirely the deer's fault. Nature has a way of balancing the animal world. It is man that has upset the rhythm of nature.

Deer have lived in our area for hundreds of years. When European settlers arrived on Maryland's shores, there was an abundance of the Virginia white-tailed deer. Predation by wolves and mountain lions combined with year-round hunting by Native Americans was the norm for pre-Colonial deer herds. The early English settlers learned to harvest deer for food and clothing. They also recognized the importance of this wildlife resource. In 1729, an act was passed that prohibited the killing of deer between January 15 and July 31. Four hundred pounds of tobacco for each deer was the penalty for violating this act. Into the 1800s and early 1900s, unregulated killing of deer and minimal conservation laws eliminated the white-tailed deer from many parts of the state of Maryland. By the 1930s and well into the 1950s, deer populations in Virginia and Maryland were on the increase, as they were reintroduced to the states. New game laws were enacted that encouraged conservation. Maryland hunters were first required to purchase a state hunting license in 1918. Hand in hand with these new practices, the human population grew and, with it, a need for more houses and shopping areas. More and more of the deer's natural habitat was taken

over for housing and farming. The landowners planted gardens, shrubs, and trees, and the farmers planted new high-yielding crops. Suburbia and nearby farmland became the new grazing areas of the deer.

How do we manage this problem? There is much discussion in the government regarding ways of reducing the herds. More hunts are being allowed, much to the dismay of animal lovers. For the home gardener, there are some simple methods you can take to protect your gardens.

A single deer can eat five to ten pounds of vegetation in the course of one day. Multiply that by the number of deer that can visit your vegetable and flowers gardens in one night, and very quickly your prized landscape can be devoured in one or two nights of browsing. There are on the markets several natural deer repellents that really do work. I have used Liquid Fence for the past several years on my tulips, lilies, and roses. You can buy it in spray bottles or in larger quantities as a concentrate. I saw an ad for a new repellent this year, Deer Scram. Blended from organic components, it has no foul odor and does not wash off in the rain. It claims it will keep deer off your plantings because, through their uncanny sense of smell, it convinces deer that harm is nearby. It is granular, so there is no mixing or spraying. I am going to buy some, and I will let you know how it works.

Fencing is probably the most effective, but an eight-foot-high fence is not exactly very attractive in a home garden setting.

I feel the best preventive is deer-resistant plants. I will warn you, though, that deer can be very unpredictable, and they will eat almost any plant when they are hungry enough. The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service has published a list of plants rarely damaged by deer.

Trees
 Allegheny Serviceberry
 Colorado Blue Spruce
 Scotch Pine
 Paper Birch
 Douglas Fir
 Bottlebrush Buckeye

Shrubs
 American Bittersweet
 Barberry
 Boxwood
 European Privet
 Leucothoe
 Paw Paw
 Rose of Sharon
 Russian Olive

Annuals, Perennials, and Bulbs
 Ageratum
 Basket-of-Gold
 Black-eyed Susan
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 Coneflower
 Daffodil
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 Foxglove
 Fritillary
 Lavender
 Lamb's Ear
 Snapdragon
 Russian Sage
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 Oriental Poppy
 Daylily
 Thyme
 Yarrow
 Yucca

Over the years, I have found that the location of plants in relation to your house is also a factor. The closer they are to your house; there is less chance that the deer will eat them. The further you go in distance, there is more likely to be damage. If you have dogs that live outside, they can also be a deterrent. Not that my two sous-gardeners, Sam and Tom, could be of any use in that regard. During the night hours when Bambi is most likely to be

grazing in my gardens, they are safely and snugly asleep in their beds in my bedroom.

If all else fails, plant enough for you, Peter Rabbit, and Bambi.

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keyboard, and vocals are featured on many commercials and radio spots up and down the East Coast.

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A Monocacy Moment



Darby Johnson of Dickerson displays the Grand Champion trophy for his victorious run against fifty-seven fellow scouts at the Forrest Oak District Pinewood Derby Championships, held in Germantown. The Monocacy second grader remained undefeated at both his pack and district championships. Darby is a member of Pack 1760 in Gaithersburg.



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Youth Sports

Stream, Gost Lead Poolesville Softball

By Jeff Stuart

Most sports teams have one or two standouts they rely on. Poolesville softball (13-1) has seniors Rachel Stream and Allison Gost. Stream, a pitcher/shortstop, leads in batting with a .500 average, sixteen RBI, and two home runs. Gost is batting .478.

Behind the plate, Gost has caught every inning of every game. "She has been amazing even after taking some hard shots at home," says head coach Laurie Wohnhas. "Those shots roughed her up a bit, but she has toughed it out and hasn't missed an inning yet."

But everyone is contributing for the Falcons. Shortstop, second baseman, Megan Foy, a junior, is batting .419, with fourteen RBI and two home runs. "Sophomore Lori Defnet is having a great year as well," said the coach. "She has improved her game and is now playing more because of the extra effort she did in the off season. Last year as a freshman, she was our DP and played



Rachel Stream delivers a pitch during an April game.

little in the field. This year she is starting in RF and playing almost every inning. She is currently batting .353, with two homeruns, and twelve RBI. I don't really see a weakness in our lineup to where you can pitch around Rachel and Allie. In our very first game, our number eight batter (sophomore Jen Bateman) hit a ball over the fence at Wootton. Our lineup is so deep and anyone can get a hold of one." Poolesville won the opener against the Patriots, 7-1 on March 28. They then defeated Blair, 3-2, Watkins Mill, 14-4, Richard Montgomery, 9-4, and Rockville, 10-4.

On April 10, however, the Falcons lost their first game of the year, falling to division foe Paint Branch, 7-5. "That loss was just one game," said the coach.

"We've got to put it behind us and look to the region. We're trying to finish the regular season with a strong record so we can have home-field advantage." The Falcons rebounded by defeating visiting Northwood, 11-1 in five innings the very next day. Stream went four for five with two doubles and a home run, Foy was five for six with three RBI, junior first baseman Nicole Stottlemeyer was 3-3 with three RBI and Gost was three for four, Poolesville tallied twenty-three hits in all.

The Falcons have since won on the road, beating Kennedy, 23-4, and Einstein, 19-4, and at home, beating B-CC, 14-2, and Whitman, 13-1. After reaching the region final in the past two seasons, they are focusing on winning their first-ever regional title.

On Monday, April 21, the Falcons defeated Seneca Valley, 3-0. Pitcher Alexa Brown, a junior, delivered a bases loaded triple in the top of the 6th. Tuesday's game at Brunswick was postponed due to rain. On Saturday, April 26 they defeated Wheaton at home, 6-3.

Stream, finishing out an outstanding sports career at Poolesville, is one of the county's elite athletes, starring in Field Hockey in the fall, and Basketball in the winter. "It really is very rare for someone to play three sports now," Wohnhas said. "She is able to adjust to each sport

and stay in shape."

Rachel started at third base as freshman, shortstop as a sophomore and pitcher as a junior after the graduation of the team's top hurler, Stacy Gilbert. "Rachel had some experience, so she went ahead and did a great job," Wohnhas said. "She kind of surprised me. She's always willing to help out. She's a hard worker and definitely a leader on the field."

As the team's top hurler, Stream, a first-team All-Gazette selection, guided the Falcons to a 16-3 record and to the 1A South Region final, where they fell, 10-4, to Charles County's North Point. She compiled a 1.25 earned-run average and struck out about six batters per game for the season.

"Right now we are taking one game at a time. We hope to have a good showing against Brunswick who is also in our region. We hope to also be competitive with Damascus. I think those games will be a good measuring stick to see what type of team we really are when the competition is a little tougher," said Wohnhas.

The Falcons were more than competitive with Damascus, beating the previously unbeaten Hornets (13-1) at Damascus, 5-3 on Wednesday, April 30. The April 22 game at Brunswick was postponed because of Rain.

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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.

John Wayne Night at Great and Small

Help a horse who has fallen on hard times on Friday, May 16 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at Great and Small, 17320 Moore Road in Boyds. The cost is \$15 at the door, \$25 per couple (RSVP 301 349-0075 or greatandsmallride@gmail.com). Featured will be John Wayne movies, beer, soft drinks, and finger food to help support the recovery of a horse named John Wayne who was rescued last year. Great and Small gives therapeutic horseback riding lessons to children and adults with a wide range of physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities. Great and Small also adopts suitable horses and ponies into the program, some of whom have themselves come from neglectful homes, or who need a safe and gentle retirement. We also have a small horse rescue program. Great and Small is a non-profit corporation, and all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Recovering Soldiers Coming to White's Ferry

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 visiting with a family member who is a soldier. For many families, the cost of flights, room, and food is prohibitive, so many can-

not 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.

B-CC IWLA Conservation Scholarship Awards Evening

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will host a conservation evening showcasing six senior projects from the Poolesville High School Global Ecology Studies Program on Thursday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held at the B-CC Chapter at 20601 Izaak Walton Way, Poolesville. This is a great opportunity for the local community to come out and see how some of our high school students are involved in the conservation arena. The B-CC Chapter Conservation Committee, along with the Endowment Committee, is sponsoring a \$500 scholarship award for each project. Students will have their projects set up and available for review at 7:00 p.m., and they will each give a brief presentation starting at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, contact Glenice Rhodas at 301-349-2203 or Glenice@verizon.net.

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 long-time 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.

In Stitches Holds Stash Swap

In Stitches, the Poolesville based knitting and crochet group, is hold-

ing its fourth annual Stash Swap on Thursday, May 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the Poolesville Library. Members and non-members (anyone) are welcome to bring anything knitting or crochet-related and swap for another donated item. Eligible items include yarn, knitting needles, crochet hooks, knitting or crochet pattern books, cable needles, etc. Any items left at the end of the evening will be donated to Community Ministries in Rockville. Refreshments will be included. The contact person for this event is Claudia @ cjane51@gmail.com

All Things Celestial

Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theater presents its spring concert on May 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Poolesville High

Local News**A Show of Support**

By Maureen O'Connell

On April 24, 2008, the Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) hosted a cocktail party fundraiser at the home of Lauren Kay and Rick Pollin in Barnesville. The perfect weather combined with Lauren and Rick's exquisitely charming, unostentatious home and surrounding lush, green fields provided a fitting backdrop wherein to celebrate MCA's mission to preserve the natural environment, open spaces, and rural land in Montgomery County's Agricultural Reserve. Over a hundred people attended and enjoyed a beautiful buffet catered by the Kentlands Whole Food store. The wines were from our local Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard.

Renee Brooks Catacalos, publisher and editor of the quarterly magazine *edible Chesapeake*, opened the meeting. The subtitle of the magazine is: *Celebrating the Abundance of Local foods, Season by Season*. She remarked that she learned about the Agricultural Reserve and its mission while visiting local farmers' markets. She then kept asking herself, there is all this land in the Reserve, but "where is the food?" After discussions with several members of the MCA Board, the thought of a local food initiative for the Reserve crystallized. The concept was a no-brainer.

During the past year, we have learned about tainted food entering our food supply from China and other nations where quality control and ethical business standards have been questioned. More consumers are now asking, "Where does my food come from?" and they are paying attention to the answer. The land in the Agricultural

School Auditorium. Admission is free, but a \$5.00 donation is appreciated. Located in Poolesville, Hope Garden Ballet has been offering pre-professional, as well as recreational, classes in Classical Ballet for boys, girls, and adults since 1997. Artistic Director and Founder Fran Ichijo has been teaching ballet for thirty years using the Vaganova system. Her dancers have gone on to become soloists and principals at ballet companies around the world. Hope Garden students have qualified for supplemental training at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, D.C. For more information about the show or Hope Garden Ballet, visit www.hopegardenballet.org.

Reserve opens up and offers to the community a unique opportunity for us to grow some of our own food. With this thought in mind, Ms. Catacalos encouraged everyone to support our local farmers and their produce markets. This is a concrete way to celebrate and advocate the Agricultural Reserve's mission for a rural Montgomery County.

Tom Hoffmann, the first president of the MCA, was the second speaker of the evening. In looking back over the past eight years, he remarked that the MCA, an organization born in a crisis, was the culmination of the efforts of many, many visionary people. The Reserve, created in 1980, was threatened by suburban development, environmental issues, and the Truckway, often called the Techway. These challenges had the potential to destroy the land that we have all come to love.

Tom introduced the next speaker, David Langstaff. He and his family have been very active supporters of the Reserve and MCA. He said that we all should learn from history and then be vigilant to what we see every day that can impact what we hold dear in our community. Global change is all around us. We must accept it, prioritize it, and find ways to handle it. Monetary contributions are needed to continue our conservation and preservation organizations, but there are many more avenues wherein we can sustain our vigilance.

The last speaker of the evening, Mike Rubin, is no stranger to everyone living in our Monocacy community. His magnanimous financial support of the goals of the Agricultural Reserve and the MCA goes well beyond the majority of

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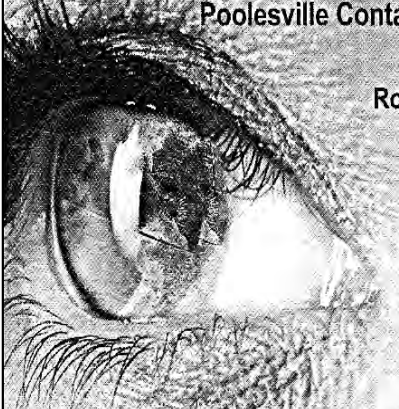
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May 14

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May 15

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of Public Works indicated that such
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certainty (99% chance) of approval.

Commissioner Brown voiced his
support for the resolution in stating
that "anytime the town can acquire
property for the future town use, with
the price being definitely right, it's a
win for the town."

Commissioner Klobukowski
believed purchasing the property to
be "a good thing to do while looking
toward the future plans of the town."
Kuhlman expressed that it was a good
deal for the town, and although he has
not made a final decision on a possible
skateboard park, he believed the town
would benefit from the ultimate use
of the land in a number of ways which
could include a town community cen-
ter. He saw the purchase as a win-win.

In other business, the commis-
sioners voted unanimously to award
the budgeted town road and sidewalk
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May 20

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hoss Road, Fisher Avenue and a new
sidewalk on the high school side of
Spurrier Avenue.

Not included in the bid price is
\$105,000 for sidewalks on Spurrier
Avenue and standard management
oversight costs of \$60,000. The to-
tal \$664,670 is within the estimated
\$784,000 budgeted cost.

The commissioners voted to ap-
prove a new information sign that
will be at the site of the Town Hall
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feet tall so as to comply with the
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May 26

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May 29

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May 31

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groups will be allowed to apply for
use of the message board to promote
their events.

In other town decisions, the com-
missioners voted to award \$645 to
the post prom committee to cover the
cost of a disc jockey for the evening of
the prom party, waive the construc-
tion impact fee for the building of the
new PHS science building addition
(standard practice for schools and
churches), and chose not to participate
in the Montgomery County - Com-
munity Development Block Grant
program. The latter is a program to
require low income housing within
the community's plans for develop-
ment. The commissioners decided that
county purchase assistance programs
are more suited for and work well for
the town. With about 300 townhomes
among the 1697 single addresses with-
in the town, the percentage of lower
cost housing was also determined to
be adequate. Finally, the commis-
sioners voted to appoint Alicia Burton
to the Board of Elections.

Local News

Town Purchases Land in Commercial Area for Possible Community Recreational Center

By Rande Davis

In what may turn out to be the
first step in bringing a skateboard
park to Poolesville, the commis-
sioners voted to purchase the 3.77-acre
Delvin-England property behind
Selby's and McDonald's. The 3-0 vote
authorized a resolution to purchase
the property for \$500,000 (Commis-
sioners Link Hoewing and Tom Yeatts
were out of town on business). Two
independent appraisals were obtained
and both substantially exceeded the
purchase price, with one appraisal at
\$985,000 and the other from \$600,000
to \$1,000,000.

The purchase of the property does
not mandate any particular use at
this time. The use of the property will
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parks and planning commissions. The
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Remembrance

Dottie Jean Landro

Former Poolesville resident Dottie Jean MacArthur Landro passed away from cancer on January 11, 2008. The Landro family now lives in Kaifua, Hawaii where Fred Landro is a Naval Medical Officer. She is survived also by her seven children: Michelle, Julia, Scott, Diana, Laura, David, and Amanda. Dottie was born on January 8, 1955, a blessing to her parents, Donald McArthur and Dorothy McArthur Kling.

Dottie was very active in church, school, and community activities. In particular, she taught Sunday school and was active in 4-H. She is remembered by friends as a fine example of Galatians 5:14: "Love your neighbor as yourself," and her love of animals and people is well represented by her training a seeing-eye dog.

Dottie was a brilliant individual who graduated with honors from the University of California Riverside in 1977. She studied law at Hastings College of the Law and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1981. She went on to clerk for the Superior Court of Santa Clara County and the California Court of Appeals. Later,



Dottie Jean Landro

as she raised her family, she home-schooled each of her children at one time or another.

Given her physical limitations, Dottie didn't let being wheelchair-bound keep her home. She was on the road as often as possible in her long Ford van scurrying her kids to soccer, T-ball, New Life Christian School in Frederick, trips up and down the Eastern seaboard, and any other place the Landro family needed to go. She modeled patience like that of a saint. Many folks in Poolesville were inspired by her generous spirit and loving nature. Dottie was an endearing friend with a contagious sense of humor.

Friends of Dottie may honor her by making a gift to Faith Baptist Church, Children's Ministries at 1230 Kaifua Road, Kaifua, Hawaii 96134.

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**"Kane Is More Than Able" Continued
From Page 1.**

only disappointment is that I couldn't convince one of them to become a priest," he says with a burst of laughter.

Monsignor Kane shares some things with Father Lawrence as both are native to the Washington Diocese and both received their call at a very early age. Monsignor Kane was just thirteen years old when he left home to attend seminary at St. Charles Seminary. He is the second child in a large family of four boys and three girls. Asked about having to board away from home at such an early age, he expressed the thought that the experience was harder on his mother than himself.

After his first six years at St. Charles in Catonsville, he spent six more years at St. Mary's Seminary, which was founded by French priests who were contemporaries of Fr. Dubois, the priest who proposed building St. Mary's in Barnesville and who was also the founder of Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg. Monsignor Kane was ordained at twenty-four years old in 1952.

He has been a priest in the diocese for fifty-six years until he retired in

2006, and this experience has placed him in a wide variety of parishes both large and small, suburban and urban, with congregations both black and white. He has been called to St. Mary's in Rockville, St. Bernard in Riverdale, St. John the Evangelist near Holy Cross Hospital, St. Nicholas in Laurel, St. Rose of Lima in Gaithersburg, Assumption in Anacostia, and Our Lady Queen of Peace near RFK Stadium. He was very honored to have established Mary of Nazareth Catholic School in Darnestown twelve years ago. His last assignment prior to retiring was at St. Patrick's in Rockville. One of his dreams was realized there when, through his guidance, the St. Patrick's elementary school was completed and opened in 2004. Perhaps his most unique congregation was at St. Nicholas's in Laurel, since during the developmental years the sanctuary was a rather luxurious movie theater. "It was a bit of a challenge moving them from cushioned seats to pews."

St. Mary's congregation was extremely thrilled over the recent visit of Pope Benedict XVI, especially since their deacon, David Cahoon, crafted the pope's chair, ambo, and altar for the Eucharistic service at Nationals' Stadium. For those wondering, the diocese is planning to use this papal

furniture in a new church sometime in the future.

As to the timing of a new parish priest, Archbishop Wuerl is expected to announce his selection by this June once a new class of priests has been ordained.

When he leaves the church, Rev. Kane tells the *Monocle* he will leave with a deep appreciation for the people of the parish and for pride in their historical preservation of their church and faith. "It has been a great privilege to be part of this because of the antiquity and stability of this church and its unique part in the com-

munity."

In speaking to parishioners, it is clear that his warmth and ever ready laugh joined with his joyous spirit and personality has been well appreciated these past few months. In fact, a number of parishioners voiced the opinion that they wished he didn't have to go back to Annapolis and retirement, but should, instead, make his home in Barnesville. Even if Barnesville is not exactly the Garden of Eden, the folks at St. Mary's certainly became quite fond of Msgr. Kane, giving rise to the observation that this "Kane is more than able."

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Poets' Corner

Public Library

By Perry Kapsch

At the Poolesville Public Library
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In the lower half of each B.
Of course, B for bird.
We all know that.
But only in the Bs?

Well, my dear,
B is for Bird.

The lower section only? Ah, suburbia.
Single family dwelling. No mother-
in-law suite above. No multi-family
housing.
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ceiling and large back yard?
Or L could be a fine contemporary,
Tectonic, elegantly furnished. A few
exotic twigs.
No, all a bit too stark.
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curves.

And, let us not forget,

B is for Bird.

So how about A? Cozy A-frame starter
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Or consider upper R?
High and dry, but rather crowded
together. And
With that noisy starter house family as
neighbors.
As to the others:
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dows.
Y was clearly designed as an architec-
ture student's class project.
P is just too far out in the country.

And, after all.
B is for Bird.



B is for bird.

**"Dancing through Color " Continued
From Page 3.**

like my abstracts," she says, "and I enjoy doing them."

After living in Virginia for eighteen years, Marti and Ed built a house in Dickerson. They had both grown up in Montgomery County and had spent the first few years of their married life at Inverness on Route 28 in Dickerson which had belonged to Ed's grandparents at the time. "We came home when we came back here," Marti says. Still, their artistic lives are very much in Virginia, and although Marti has little time to paint now (she is the studio manager for the soon-to-open Lorton Arts Foundation), she knows she has to produce for some upcoming commitments: the Corcoran Gallery of Art fundraiser, the Delaplane Art show, and the League of Reston Artists show in June.

Despite all these shows keeping her busy, there are two shows she would really like to do. The first show would be with Ed. "I would love for us to do a show together which would force us both to do work." One of the most interesting things about such a show would be the study in contradictions they would present. Marti's work always has people in it, even subconsciously, people were showing up, but, as she says, "I'd rather be alone." Ed, on the other hand, is a people person, but his photography never has people. "It's interesting the way our work kind of shows opposite personalities," she muses.

The second show would be with Ed and with their son, Scott. *Monocle* readers probably remember reading of Scott's passing last August, killed in action in Arab Jabour, Iraq. He received the Bronze Star, a Purple Heart, and a State of Maryland Patriot Medal. A very gifted poet, Scott had talked with his parents before his death of doing a show together. Now, Marti says she and Ed talk of doing a show posthumously. One way of describing Scott's poetry is: Intense. "Nothing about Scott was not intense," remembers Marti. "Even when he was asleep, he was intense."

**"Poolesville Defeats Clarksburg in
Lacrosse" Continued From Page 6.**

keeper Joey Kelly keep the Knights off the board for the final forty minutes of the game. Coach Belcher thinks Kelly can be very good in goal. Offensively, sophomore Brent Kidwell led the scoring attack with four goals, while fellow sophomore Zach Hills pitched in three and senior Charlie Lindorfer added two.

"We're still a very young team," says Belcher. "Of our seventeen players, six are seniors, two who have never picked up a lacrosse stick before, and ten sophomores. We're very athletic and our sticks are starting to get some experience. They're good kids who work their tushies off."

On April 17, the Coyotes again beat Northwood, away, 16-3. Brent Kidwell and Lindorfer each had a hat trick for Clarksburg. Lindorfer had two assists. Bryce Apple had two goals with four assists for the Coyotes, and Andy Civetti and Zach Hills each had two goals with one assist. On April 23, the Coyotes lost at Damascus, 14-4. On April 25, they lost a heartbreaking 9-8 decision in overtime to Magruder at home. Finally, on April 30, they lost to visiting rival

Seneca Valley (4-5), 16-7. Seniors, Civetti and Lindorfer, lead the team in scoring.

The Clarksburg girls' lacrosse team, led by first-year coach Lauren Borst, is looking to build on its inaugural campaign, when they won three games. Borst took over for Lauren McCabe.

They opened the season with a 10-3 victory over Northwood at Clarksburg. Sophomore attacker Elyse Lapham and senior center Kelly Heffner scored three goals each, carrying them to a 10-3 victory. Getting a season-opening win was just the boost that Clarksburg (1-0) was looking for.

"The girls are excited this season," Borst said. "They know that they have a chance to win more than three games. They are doing a great job in practice." Delany Tenca scored two goals and Katie Hearne and Elysa Marchicelli scored one goal each. The defense was led by senior Taylor Williams and senior goalie Alyssa Ruff, who also played goal for Clarksburg's field hockey team. On April 9, a very strong Poolesville girls' squad, region finalist in 2007, crushed the Coyotes, 20-3. Like the rest of the county girls' squads, they have a ways to go to catch the Falcons (10-1). After that, the Coyotes lost a close game to Wheaton, 12-10, and lost to Einstein, 12-3, a rematch with Northwood, 8-5,

and to a strong Damascus team, 13-2. On April 30, they lost the second half of a boys-girls doubleheader to Seneca Valley (2-3) by a 17-11 score. Senior captain, Kelly Heffner, and sophomores Madison Defrank and Elyse Lapham, lead the Coyotes offensively. Senior Alyssa Roff is the goal keeper.

**"Show of Support" Continued From
Page 17.**

most supporters'. Mike recalled what he termed his "conversion on the road" eight years ago. While living in Bethesda, he was first introduced to the beauty and uniqueness of our land in upper Montgomery County when he became interested in riding horses. He saw firsthand on the back of a horse the land and the challenges that threatened its continuing existence as we know it. At that time, the naysayers predicted that farming in this part of the county would be dead in twenty years. This sense of awareness prompted him to contribute his time and money to stop this erosion. Mike thanked everyone for attending the evening's event and asked for their continued support.

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The Sounds of Music in Frederick

By Maureen O'Connell

The Way Off Broadway (WOB) Dinner Theatre in Frederick, Maryland may be far from the lights of Broadway, but for ten-year-old Barnesville resident, Jackie Kempa, it is a pretty exciting place. This budding young actress, a fourth grader at the Barnesville School, is the daughter of Kimberly and Donny Kempa. She is making her WOB debut as Marta, one of the von Trapp children, in its production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*. The original Broadway show opened in November 1959 with Mary Martin as Maria and Theodore Bikel as Captain von Trapp.

At the young age of ten, Jackie has performed in seven plays and recitals at her school. Her most recent role was Petra the Tailor at the Barnesville School's presentation of *The Emperor's New Clothes*. She was also Bagheera the Panther in *The Jungle Book*, Goldilocks in *Bits and Bytes*,

and Woolfie in *Rapunzel*. When I talked with her last week, I asked her if she had a favorite role. She quickly admitted that it was Bagheera the Panther.

Way Off Broadway has given her the opportunity to perform in front of her largest audience so far. Opening night for the musical was April 18, but as the show has two alternating casts of the von Trapp children, Jackie's opening night was April 19. Asked if she had any butterflies in her stomach that night, she replied, "I was a little nervous, but it got better as the play went on."

The lives of today's ten-year-olds can be quite busy. Jackie receives very good grades in school, and she still has time to enjoy voice and piano lessons, horseback riding with her pony Freddie Flintstone, ice skating, and swimming. Mrs. Sue Hughson, Barnesville Middle School Music Director, has been her voice and piano instructor since 2007. I asked Jackie how she fit all her activities into her day. It is hard sometimes, but she loves singing and acting so much, that all the hard work and sometimes sleepy mornings make it worth it.

What's next? Would Jackie like to sing and act in more plays? With a broad grin on her face, she said yes;

working in the theatre is her favorite activity. Who knows what other roles are in the future? For now, Jackie is a typical ten-year-old who enjoys many hobbies and many friends, including some new ones she has met at WOB. Above all, it is fun, and at ten years old, that is pretty important. Jackie, good luck, or as they say in the theatre, break a leg. May you always enjoy the sounds of music.

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