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You may recognize this face from the radio. See Family Album for more. Photograph by Berry Thompson.



The man who wrote Ben Hur also helped save our Nation's Capital during the Civil War. Read more about Lew Wallace in Daytripper on Page 9.



Monocacy Elementary art teacher Nori Thorne with Rebekah Chittenden and her winning Peace Poster. Please see page 11



The Red Raiders play for keeps. Read about them in Youth Sports on Page 10.

The Extreme Makeover comes to Jerusalem Church Road

By Rande Davis

Felicia Jackson, a security guard for IPC International, has been living in motel rooms with her four children and the ten children of her deceased sister struggling to keep the family together. But even in the face of such a challenge, she still promised the kids, who range in age from four to eighteen, that one day they would have their very own home. When Felicia Jackson awoke on Sunday morning, June 22, her dreams came true.

Awakening to a bull horn call outside their motel rooms she saw Ty Pennington of ABC's Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (EMHE) standing near the show's tour bus shouting the good news for all to hear. Asked for her immediate reaction, she said that all she could do was start screaming with joy. As all the children in the other rooms began to realize what was happening, they too joined in the hallelujahs.

Now their lives would be

changed forever; Felicia's promise to the kids had come true. In fact, the place where dreams always come true, Disney World, would now become their playground for the next five days, courtesy of EMHE.

Felicia responded shyly to questions about this exciting turn of events with a smile that read "unbelievable" all over her face. "We are so excited and nervous. And, I really appreciate how people have welcomed me back." Felicia and her sister, Cassandra were originally from the Jerusalem area of Poolesville. When Felicia moves into her new house, she will be rejoining her sister in Jerusalem. About seventy-five yards from what will be their new front door is a small, historic community cemetery with a tombstone as close to the new house as possible that reads: Cassandra Teresa Jackson, March 16, 1972 – August 22, 2004, Beloved Mother of Ten Loving Children. For Cassandra Jackson, who lost her battle against cervical cancer, her dream of a home for her family will be realized.

After hearing the good news the



Felicia Jackson, upon hearing the good news on Sunday morning. Photograph courtesy of Jessie Small, Images and Stories

family was chauffeured to Poolesville to see the site of their new home and meet the building crew responsible for completing the job on time. With the fifteen Jacksons on one side and a half-dozen members of the Classic Homes of Maryland team on the other, everyone introduced themselves formally. Right after one of the Classic Home team asked which kid was the most excited, the decorum exploded into utter jubilation as everyone began hugging each other. It was hard to tell

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Neutron Appeal Denied

By Kristen Milton

The state's second-highest court has upheld a two-year-old contempt of court ruling against Dickerson's Neutron Products, a move that could lead to the sale of nearby property and a step toward more radioactive cleanup at the plant.

A Montgomery County Circuit Court judge ruled in 2005 that Neutron was in contempt for its failure to make regular shipments of radioactive waste from the plant where the company once used cobalt 60 in commercial sterilization and the production of medical supplies. Neutron appealed the decision. The Maryland Court of Special Appeals filed an unreported opinion in the matter



Neutron Products in Dickerson

May 20 supporting the Circuit Court decision. Most of the appeal's court's rulings are not reported, which generally means they set no precedents or are not "of substantial interest." However, the decision was certainly

of interest to Dickerson Community Association president Carol Oberdofer who has monitored and participated in Neutron's regulatory saga for more than a decade.

"The court's decision...is a positive and possibly defining step in this endless battle," Oberdofer said by email, "...[but] whether the cleanup is paid for by Neutron, or by the taxpayers—as I fear it will be—remains to be seen."

In past years, Neutron founder and president, Jack Ransohoff, repeatedly claimed that waste disposal shipments were physically and financially impossible after the padlocking of his equipment by the Maryland Department of the Environment in September 2002. Inspectors closed off access to manufactur-

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Monocacy Elementary School fifth graders Alexander Yaney and Megan Fedders were awarded the Odd Fellows Citizenship Awards for 2008 in a ceremony at the school. Each received a \$50 savings bond, and their names will be included on a plaque in the school's lobby. A boy and a girl recipient are selected each year from the fifth grade class by Monocacy teachers and staff. Herb White of the Odd Fellows is presenting the awards to Alex Yaney, and Megan Fedders.



Ida Williams of Poolesville celebrated her ninety-eighth birthday on June 2 with family and friends at her daughter's home in Seneca. Pictured are Mrs. Williams, great granddaughter Rebecca Palmisano, and great-great grandson Jackson Palmisano,.



The committee that hosts the wounded soldiers from Walter Reed at White's Ferry raised \$10,000 to benefit Fisher House, the facility that provides free housing for visiting family of the soldiers. From left to right, front row: Roger Strippey, Mary Strippey, Mary Lou Hoffacker, Kate Deyermond, manager of the Fisher House at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and her husband, Russ Deyermond. Back row: Rich MacKnight, Bill Poole, Paul Kelly, Bubby Pollen, Carl Hobbs, Don Hoffacker and Town Commissioners Eddie Kuhlman and Jerry Klobukowski.



The Comus Inn hosted a performance by the Jack Diamond Trio and the place was packed. Pictured are Jim Steed, Jack Diamond of WRQX FM, and his wife Lisa.



Singer Drew Simms and a guest at Cuginis. Photograph by Berry Thompson.

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In the Pulpit

Paul Abbot

By Rande Davis

Now I ask you, how can a man with the name Paul Abbott not become a clergyman? Maybe we shouldn't be surprised, then, that he is fourth generation clergy. One has to assume it's preordained, don't you think?

Pastor Paul Abbott of Cedarbrook Community Church in Clarksburg was raised in the Baptist Church where his father, David, and grandfather, John Everett Abbott, were pastors. Great-grandfather George Washington Abbott was a circuit rider in Southern Illinois and Northern Arkansas. Stretching our imagination, we like to think of a circuit rider as one of those saddlebag preachers who rode into town on horseback in the old westerns. With a dust-covered black jacket and clerical collar a bit askew, they would mosey into town with a Bible in their vest pocket so as to stop a bullet. Intriguingly, another great-grandfather, while not a clergyman, was killed with Custer at Little Big Horn. Maybe four generations of clergy is some kind of family atonement, at least from the Indian point of view.

Pastor Paul grew up in Colorado where his brothers, David and Jerry, still reside. Paul met his wife, Sharon, in the fourth grade, she became his high school sweetheart, and they married in 1969 while both were attending the University of Southern Colorado. They have six children: Sean (a Marine Drill Sergeant at Parris Island), Tabitha Costner (who resides locally and teaches second grade at the Barnesville School), daughters Faith and Sarah (both residing in Chicago), Joy (who resides in Lynchburg, Virginia), and son, Fletcher, a student at Liberty University interning this summer with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Maryland. The Abbotts also have four grandsons and a brand new granddaughter.

After graduating from college while majoring in communication, something that has proved quite helpful over the years, Paul's first pastoral duty was with a small church in Lawrence, Kansas. He was in Lawrence for six years, and it was through this church that he was ordained.

In 1979, the Abbotts moved to Champagne-Urbana, Illinois. This church and the one in Kansas were in university towns and as such they can be described as "campus churches" consisting of about fifty percent college students. "It was good to be associated

with campus churches when we were young since they do not pay very well," he said. Consequently, Pastor Paul also had to work a variety of part-time jobs to make ends meet. He is proud of his experiences as a housepainter, bus driver, upholstery worker, and carwash employee, but it was his experience as a baker for Dunkin' Donuts that probably gets more attention today. If nothing else, coffee hour at Cedarbrook ought to have a great selection of doughnuts.

In 1986, the Abbotts came to Maryland where he ministered with a large church in Silver Spring pastoring to families. It was in 1989 that the roots of Cedarbrook Community Church first were planted. As with a number of church startups, Cedarbrook had its start in a movie house, the former Loews Theater in Gaithersburg opposite Lakeforest Mall. (Today there is a Bed, Bath, and Beyond in the location.)

After a short nine months, the church moved to the Montgomery Playhouse where it stayed for nine years. The Montgomery Playhouse was a bit of an institution in its own right and may be most famous for giving Goldie Hawn her start in show business. Both venues served the contemporary, relaxed, informal, and highly musical church service well. After a six-year fundraising drive, the

current sanctuary, classrooms, and offices were completed on a hill facing Stringtown Road in Clarksburg.

With a genesis of just a dozen families, the seeds certainly fell on fertile soil since today Cedarbrook has over three hundred families, has a sanctuary that can sit six hundred, and is pastored by six ministers. One of the most striking aspects of the contemporary sanctuary is a cross suspended just behind the pulpit. This cross was sculptured by Leonard Cave. Mr. Cave was a noted sculptor who worked primarily in Plexiglas, wood, stone, and metal and was a popular art teacher at Northwest High School. He was killed in an auto accident on I-70 in Frederick on July 11, 2006. This large cross sculpted in wood was Mr. Cave's last completed piece of art.

In his very relaxed and casual style during the interview, Pastor Abbott cited his staff and congregants for the remarkable growth. Assisting him in pastoring are: Chris Dorr (Worship), Mathew McCabe



Pastor Paul Abbott of Cedarbrook Community Church in Clarksburg.

(Youth), Ken Jackson (Spiritual Formation), Reuben Smith (Children's Ministries), and Gina Glinlecki (Middle School Director). Of course, Pastor Paul might not even forgive me if I didn't mention their very able office staff Nicki Kauzlarich and Ann Barker. Cedarbrook Community Church credits much of its success to their mission orientation which

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Commentary

On Recreational Centers and Skateboard Parks

By Rande Davis

To build or not to build, that seems to be the big question on the minds of the Poolesville Commissioners this summer. Under consideration this time is a town recreational center and skateboard park. Neither is a new topic, since both have been discussed for a long time. In fact, discussions on a town recreational center reach back to 1976 when a Community Life Center, which included an indoor pool was proposed. As you know, that was not built.

Three decades later, a recreational center is back on the table. The reason for this is rather simple. There are a lot of people who want one. Like the old commercial said, "When E. F. Hutton speaks, people listen." Well, responsible government is a bit like that. When concerned citizens speak up, then good government needs to listen. Right now, the commissioners are listening, weighing options, and even taking some timely steps to smooth the process should a recreational center prove to be what the majority of the town's people want. What they haven't done is made up their minds yet. Whether one feels strongly one way or the other, now is the time to get involved. It's highly doubtful any real decisions will be finalized before the November elections.

For my part, I have skepticism as to the viability of such a recreational center. There is irony in that since in 1976, I was a proponent of the Community Life Center. From that experience, I certainly understand why so many people have the rec center on their mind today. On the other hand, many things have changed. We now have a pool in Poolesville, a middle school with two gyms, and three of the churches have had major additions to their facilities which were designed to be used by the public not just the congregants. I also hear that two other churches are looking to expand their public space. In the era of green, is it not important to consider whether a new building is needed, especially if other infrastructures go un- or under-used?

The real question is less about a

"building" than as it is about how it would be used by residents. Will all ages and demographics benefit? Will proposed uses have proven legs of longevity? I look forward to hearing more about the utility and benefit of such a building before I stand for or against its construction.

The other issue, the skateboard park, is probably an even greater hot button issue. There are many, very vocal parents joined by their children, who want the town to build a skateboard facility now. Again, responsible town leaders will fully listen as citizens speak up on the issues. Knee jerk opposition does not mean responsibility. Careful consideration needs to prove the virtue of any idea.

Whether or not a skateboard park comes to town, the fact remains that skateboards are here. Skateboarding may be to today's youth what roller skating was to my generation. The young skateboarders are all over town in areas where they are not supposed to be. Pretending that interest in skateboarding will just go away is not the answer to the issue. On the other hand, some believe "if you build it, they will come." Okay, but how many, how often, and how long? I remember trampoline parks in the sixties. Big pits were dug for ground-level trampoline parks and about six months later, enthusiasm waned, young people's interest shifted, and there was nothing left but big holes in the ground.

While I have much skepticism, I think ignoring such profound interest in skateboarding is not the answer. A policy that does not provide public space for skateboarding breeds misuse by young skateboarders. They have an interest in a sport, and if the numbers are justifiable, then an introductory park should be built. If the young people want more, then we can challenge them a bit. Build a starter park now with enough challenge and diversity to comport with their interest in the sport. Such a limited park does not have to cost that much money. Reserve the space for future expansion in the event that responsible and increasing usage is proven. We need to "kick this can down the road" — the discussion has been out there far too long.

If proponents of a skateboard park believe this suggestion is too conservative and a bigger park is needed now, then let them organize

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Equestrian Horse Shows: Are They for Everyone?

By Carol Rae Hansen, Ph.D., Director,
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Horse shows can offer one of the greatest pleasures of riding. The venerable Devon Horse Show may have summed up their value best: "Personal achievement ... [is] the most valuable asset in all our lives... The exhilaration of competition, the excitement of participation, and the socialization with others are psychological thrills that transcend the difficulties and disappointments of everyday life."

Is showing right for your family? Showing requires preparation, endurance, confidence, flexibility, civility, kindness, self-control, and enthusiasm by the rider, his/her family, and support group! There will be disappointment, and ribbons or trophies are not guaranteed. The main purposes of amateur showing are a chance to have fun, to demonstrate skills, and to experience new challenges in a new venue. There are classes, divisions, and events for everyone at every

conceivable level of skill and riding or showing discipline.

How does one get involved in horse shows? First, horse shows are rarely part of your regular lesson series. Showing usually requires additional charges. For insurance reasons, parents must usually accompany their riders at all times. Showing is a privilege, and proper deportment by the rider, his/her family, and his/her team-members are required for participation. Profanity and or animal abuse are never acceptable. Showing is often an all-day affair starting with feeding, wrapping and braiding at 5:00 a.m. You will probably also need to help the day before to clip and bathe ponies, clean and load the trailer and truck, as well as to take home tack or wraps and blankets to clean after the show.

What does showing offer? Showing will not necessarily give you an instant high. It may take several shows to truly feel comfortable. Most instructors and stables will make every effort to prepare you before the show and help you on the day of the show. Showing is a manageable learning experience. One need not have a purebred animal or a finished show mount; there are literally dozens of local shows for newcomers

with young, green (semi-trained), or grade (unregistered) animals. Books on showing are a great place to start; The Pony Club D and C Manuals are definitely worth purchasing.

There are various types of shows, and each is a valuable learning experience. There are shows with national, regional, and or state rankings, which allow one to earn points towards end-of-year placings. Local shows are usually not rated (AA, A, B, C), or may be rated with regard to only one or two disciplines (hunters, jumpers), types (ponies), and or breeds (Shetlands or Morgans), and open to all for other divisions or classes. Shows and divisions may be restricted to juniors (under age eighteen) to "under saddle" or "over fences." Events (a combination of dressage, stadium jumping, and cross country) may test riders, horses, and ponies formally or informally in levels up to Grand Prix (Olympic caliber). If you don't have a horse or trailer, you will need to show with your local stable using school horses and ponies, perhaps first in a barn show restricted to individuals boarding and or taking lessons at that one barn. Trailering to shows can be expensive, especially if only a few animals and riders go; showing is least expensive if you can ride (hack)

to the show or event. Some stables will lend all necessary tack and equipment, along with boots, helmets, body protectors, and show clothes. If not, your showing costs can be substantial, especially with a growing child. If you are fortunate enough to borrow basic tack and show clothes, leather items should be immediately returned saddle soaped/oiled. Helmets and body protectors should be sponged off or cleaned under your instructor's direction. Clothing should be washed, ironed, and dry cleaned (coats), and returned within a day or two. Plan on also bringing sunscreen, post-showing casual clothes, rain clothes if applicable, chairs and blankets, snacks, lunch, and drinks or money to buy food, as well as hay, grain, and water for your equines. Checklists can run to hundreds of items. Be forewarned: showing, although requiring a lot of work and preparation, can ignite a lifelong passion!

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In the Garden

Summer Chores

By Maureen O'Connell

Every year, I look forward to late May and June in my garden. It is, usually, the most beautiful for all of the flowers and shrubs, especially the roses. The trees are all leafed out in varying shades of green. The perennials are in their first wave of bloom, and the annuals are fresh-looking and perky. The weather is perfect Goldilocks weather—not too hot and not too cold, and the pesky gnats are not yet buzzing all about your face. It is a joy to be outdoors. This year, May and June stepped out of their usual roles. In contrast to last summer's drought, we have had plenty of spring rain, along with a mélange of above and below average temperatures. This pattern has created good and bad conditions in the garden. The abundant rain encouraged lush growth in plants and shrubs, but it also encouraged fungal diseases to develop.

This has been the worst year for my roses that I have ever experienced. I have seventy-five rose bushes—a mixture of hybrid teas, rugosas, old roses, David Austin English roses, climbers, floribundas, standards, and landscape roses. They all set brilliant green leaves in May, and then, almost overnight, they were all hit with varying degrees of black spot. My much-touted Knock Out roses did not get black spot, but voracious nighttime caterpillars, whose names I don't know, ate holes in two of my six foot high, very prolific bushes to the point of disfigurement. The black spot was so extensive on fifteen of my usually disease-resistant David Austin roses that I had to cut them back to the ground. I did not dig them up and discard them, since I am hoping that they will slowly grow back.

On the good side, I have had strong, lush growth with my perennial plants. The hostas, ferns, and astilbes have never looked better. On the bad side, there is more fungal disease, more weeds, and poison ivy is having a heyday. The Summer Solstice officially welcomed summer on June 20, but some summer-blooming plants are ending their first wave of bloom. Major housekeeping chores are now required if you want your plants to remain healthy and bloom for the rest of the summer.

Deadheading flowers and cutting back spent flower bulb stalks will strengthen and encourage plants to re-bloom. Garden Pinks, *Dianthus gratianopolitanus*, have just finished blooming. Cut them back to the ground now so they will return next spring. The foliage on most spring bulbs has now yellowed and is ready to be gently pulled out. If you meet some resistance when pulling, wait a week or two. You don't want to pull up the bulb with the dead foliage.

Deadheading is a season-long practice. I deadhead and prune all my annuals and perennials as soon as their flowers fade. This will guarantee a steady supply of flowers all summer. Don't allow flowering plants to become too leggy. Be ruthless in your pruning. They will return stronger plants. Petunias, in particular, need to be regularly pruned, or they become leggy plants with singular blooms on long, stringy stems. Several people have asked me if it is necessary to deadhead Knock Out roses. One of their claims to fame is that they don't need constant deadheading. Well, yes and no. When the bush is small, you can get by with leaving them alone. The new blooms will quickly cover up the dead ones; however, if the bush is large—I have two that are almost six feet tall—I prefer to deadhead. This can be quite a job with a bush this tall and wide. Besides removing the dead flowers, I moderately prune it back to a more desirable size.

Pruning is another job I do all summer with some plants. Hardy chrysanthemums are now setting flower buds. If you want them to bloom in the fall with lots of fat buds, pinch the top two to four inches of growth now. Pinch about two inches again two or three more times by the end of July. I would also fertilize them with a granular 5-10-5 product now and in July. I find it hard to pinch out developing flower buds, but the plant will bloom more prolifically in the fall if you do. Don't prune forsythia and azaleas now, as flowers are forming for next year. If they are growing out of bounds and becoming invasive, a light, selective pruning won't hurt. Keep an eye on your roses for dead or diseased wood. Cut back as much as necessary, before the problem spreads to the rest of the plant.

With everyone's attention now on going green, the use of pesticides, fungicides, and other "cides" can be a thorny issue. To be ahead of the game, the thirteenth century axiom, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound

of cure," is good advice for gardeners. As I have mentioned in previous columns, when planning your garden, choose plants that have been bred to be or are naturally resistant to pests and diseases. Native plants have been around for centuries because they have evolved into tough survivors. Keep the garden clean. In your home, good housekeeping keeps down the spread of diseases and the infestation of pests. The same is true in the garden. Pull up weeds that can harbor pests and diseases and remove any diseased plants the minute you see them. Keep your plants healthy by providing them the right soil, regular

watering, and appropriate fertilizers. The more stressed a plant is, the sooner it is hit with pests and diseases. Speaking of watering, there is a right way and wrong way to water your plants. Water in the morning, not in the evening. Water the ground around the plant, not the foliage. If you water at night, which a lot of people do, and the water sits on the foliage overnight, you are inviting fungal diseases to strike. A good, long soak once a week is more beneficial than a quick wave of the hose every night. This method will help the plant send down deep

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By Rande Davis

One question we all get asked sooner or later is "Hey, do you know a guy that can ____?" (Paint a house, build a fence, fix a computer, you fill in the blank.) As a matter of fact, Berry Thompson not only knows someone who can, in the world of graphic design and website development, he is that guy. In fact, the name of his graphic design company is just that—A Guy That Can—and his professional website is www.aguythatcan.com. His company specializes in graphic design, desktop publishing, web graphics, and print consulting. If you have a need for creating an ad, brochure, pamphlet, website, Berry is your man who can.

Berry and his wife, April Leese, have lived in Poolesville for sixteen years. Their kids, Collin and Mariah Leese-Thompson, attend Poolesville High School, and Berry has two other children from a previous marriage, Devon Fox and Malia Thompson (Malia is Hawaiian for Maria.) April Leese has her own accounting service called AA Books which she runs out of her home.

Berry recently started a new venture called 20837BIZNET, a community service website that he hopes will help network friends and neighbors in the area. This is especially helpful for people who have home businesses. He views 20837BIZNET.com as a clearing house of information on the web so that it is easier to discover and share business opportunities with neighbors and people who live nearby whenever possible. He created a simple one-page format that can hold photos, graphics, and text about a business. This allows a home business whose web needs do not go beyond a page or two to have a website without having to register a domain name. This inexpensive service is a way for him to help provide service to the community and ideally will help steer graphic design business his way. As a matter of fact, he is offering the first fifty listings for free, so if this service is of interest to you, then you will want to call him as soon as possible. After the fifty spots are filled, there will be a small annual fee. (You can call him at 301.461.0554.) It must work since the Monocle is looking to him now to help with some of its advertising design needs.

The road to 20837BIZNET.com

Humble Chef

Let Fresh Herbs Brighten Your Menus

By Maureen O'Connell

In my last "In the Garden" column, I wrote about the herb garden and how it can fit into your gardens and into cooking. Hopefully now, somewhere in your garden there are pockets of fresh, green herbs growing along with your flowers or in your vegetable garden. The July issue of *Gourmet*, my favorite cooking magazine, featured an article by Cynthia Zorn reminiscing about her memories of gardens and kitchens in Assisi, Cape Cod, Vermont, and Manhattan. She vividly remembers and colorfully describes "the taste of summer: of herbs warmed by the sun, awakened by salt. Astringent rosemary, on grilled lamb and focaccia; thyme, for roast chicken and strewn like confetti on the smallest potatoes; deep green flat-leaf parsley on everything." She

started in a funny way over thirty years ago after Berry served in the army in military intelligence during the 1970s. Berry and a friend were in a comedy club called Comedy Works in Denver during open mike night when, on a whim, his friend challenged him to go onstage. Berry took up the challenge, and while that first night was just okay ("Nobody really does fantastic the first time"), Berry got bit by the comedy bug and continued to go back, perform on open mike night, and eventually was offered the chance to be the master of ceremonies for the club. Thus began a six-year career that had him traveling all over the west including performing in clubs in Los Angeles. Along the way, he performed at clubs that also featured comedians we have come to know like Tim Allen, Rosanne Barr, and Jay Leno. "If you were to draw an analogy, I was Arena Football to their NFL."

To make ends meet, Berry, who had studied architectural drafting and design, started his own part-time graphic design company. He continued to pursue his dream to be a comedian in the 1980s, but his graphic design work developed more quickly,

included a menu of nine dishes from recipes by Maggie Ruggiero. Below are two that are simple, easy to make, and good fare for a summer evening dinner with friends or family.

Goat Cheese with Olives, Lemon, and Thyme

Serves 4 (Hors D'Oeuvre)

Active Time: 10 minutes. Start to Finish: 25 minutes

½ cup assorted olives (Whole Foods in Kentlands has a good, varied selection)
3 fresh thyme leaves
3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
½ tsp grated lemon zest
1 (4-to 5-oz) fresh goat cheese medallion or 2 (2-oz) goat cheese buttons

Accompaniment: crisp rosemary flat bread, pita bread, or crisp crackers

Heat olives, thyme, oil, zest, and ¼ tsp pepper in small skillet over saucepan over low heat until fragrant (do not simmer). Cool to room temperature. Serve olive mixture over goat cheese.
N.B. this dish can be prepared two hours ahead and kept, covered, at room temperature.

and today he works with groups both large (Border Patrol and Customs) and small (home-based companies).

His 20837BIZNET.com will hopefully have a calendar of events and public postings of general interest as well.

Grilled Herbed Poussins

An herb paste smeared onto these birds adds a concentrated taste of summer; this works nicely with the poussins, since they are small enough to cook through before the herbs can threaten to burn.

¼ cup chopped fresh basil
1 ½ Tbsp finely chopped rosemary
1 Tbsp thyme leaves
2 fresh bay leaves, finely chopped
3 Tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
2 small garlic cloves, chopped
4 poussins (1 to 1 ¼ lb each) or small Cornish hens, backbones cut out and birds split in half

Blend together herbs, oil, and garlic, 1 Tbsp salt, and ½ tsp pepper in a blender until finely chopped, then rub all over poussins.

Prepare grill for indirect-heat cooking over medium-hot charcoal or medium-high heat for gas.

Oil grill rack, and then grill poussins, skin side down first, directly over coals, turning once until well browned, 2 to 3 minutes.

Move poussins to area with no coals underneath and grill, covered until just cooked through, 15 to 20 minutes more. Transfer poussins to a platter and let stand 10 minutes.



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Local History

The Life and Death of Webb Hersperger

By Jack Toomey

This month marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of the death of Montgomery County police officer Webb Hersperger. He is thought to be the first officer of the county force who had been born and raised in Poolesville. He was the second Montgomery County officer to die in the line of duty.

On Sunday morning, June 18, 1933, Police Officer Webb Hersperger left his home on the Dr. Elijah White farm which was located on present-day Elgin Road. As he drove his police motorcycle down the Rockville – Darnestown Road and looked forward to a day of policing the still rural area between Bethesda and Rockville. He might investigate a chicken theft or two or keep a lookout for drivers from Washington exceeding the speed limit, but the day promised to be a slow one since it was Sunday. As was the habit he planned to stop at the courthouse

at Rockville and see the magistrate to pick up any subpoenas or warrants that might have been issued overnight before heading down the Rockville Pike to the Bethesda substation. His only means of communication with headquarters was a system of blue lights mounted on telephone poles placed around the county. Whenever an officer was needed a blue light was lit on one of the poles and the officer would then find a telephone and call headquarters to see where he was needed.

Hersperger had been born in 1902 on the family farm on River Road. He was the son of Elmer and Anna Poole Sellman Hersperger. He attended the Poolesville schools and graduated from Poolesville High School about 1920. Webb was an accomplished baseball player and may have played for the Poolesville town team. After high school he worked at a variety of jobs before taking a job with the Peoples Life Insurance Company. Webb developed a knack for talking to people and putting them at ease. His travels around the county put him in touch with his clients and someone suggested that his easy going demeanor and intelligence might make him a good candidate for the new Montgomery County Police Department which had been formed in 1922. He also had aspirations on a future life in politics and thought that by becom-

ing a police officer that he would meet many people who would later support his candidacy for county commissioner. Webb married Virginia Gartrell in 1925 and they moved into a house on the Dr. White property in Poolesville.

Webb joined the police department about 1930. He immediately became a respected and aggressive police officer. Some of his exploits included investigating a huge illegal liquor still in a wooded area near Rockville in 1932 and arresting five people. In January of 1933 Webb was on patrol when he noticed a forest fire burning on Grosvenor Lane. He called the fire department from a neighbor's phone, alerted the occupants of three rural homes, and then assisted the fire department in putting out the fire. In April 1933 he and another officer were on patrol in Bethesda at 3 am when they spotted a car parked behind the Leland Pharmacy. The car sped off and headed towards the District line. Hersperger and his partner shot at the car, emptied their revolvers, and managed to flatten the tires on the car. When the car crashed a few blocks into Washington Hersperger chased the fugitives for several blocks until he cornered them in an alley. He drew his revolver, not realizing that it was empty, and disarmed the fugitives who were armed with pistols. They were later convicted of robbing the All States

Inn in Rockville and several Peoples Drug Stores. Perhaps his most memorable case involved the capture of bandits who had been preying on motorists in Rock Creek Park. On July 23, 1932 Webb and his partner had been patrolling on Beach Drive when they came upon the suspects who were in the act of robbing a couple. While his partner drove at high speed in pursuit of the suspect's auto Webb leaped from the police car onto the running board of the "bandit machine", as it was described in the newspapers of the time, and forced them to stop at gunpoint. He received a commendation from the county commissioners and police chief for his actions in this case.

On that June morning in 1933 Officer Hersperger passed the village of Quince Orchard and came upon a rolling portion of roadway just west of Muddy Branch Creek. At the same time a motorist, going in the opposite direction, was passing another slow moving motorcycle. Officer Hersperger, unaware that the oncoming car was in the wrong lane, collided with the automobile at the crest of a hill and died instantly. Ironically the operator of the car was a life long friend who was traveling the same road. Someone called Dr. White who went to the Hersperger residence and informed

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Business Briefs

Cycling to Defeat Alzheimer's

John Tompkins of Mudo USA, a karate school in Poolesville, participates each year in a charity event to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association National Capital Area Chapter. He is currently looking for sponsorship to raise \$600.00 by cycling in the Tour de Canal '08. The two day event will be on September 6 and 7.

Since 1997, the Tour de Canal has raised over 1.2 million dollars towards research and support in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease, which can rob a person of their precious memories, unique talents and their ability to communicate.

He would like to have his sponsorships in place by August 1 so, if you would like to participate with him in such a good cause, you can go to www.tourdecanal08.kintera.org for more information or to make a donation in his name.

Welcome to New Businesses

Sushi lovers take note. The Chen family has opened up House

of Poolesville which at 19611 Fisher Avenue, formerly the location of Asia Dynasty). They specialize in Chinese and Japanese cuisine and offer around twenty varieties of sushi. Combination platters start at only \$7.95, and they also have fourteen house specials and scores of entree's featuring seafood, chicken, duck, beef, and pork. They offer a special lunch and dinner Japanese menu. Of course, Oriental restaurants all offer egg rolls but House of Poolesville offers over twenty different kinds of rolls. They are open every day for lunch and dinner.

Poolesville Town Cleaners has now opened their new dry cleaning business near Selby's Market in Poolesville. They specialize in natural, organic cleaning and offer clothes washing, dry cleaning, mending and alterations, shoe repair, and cleaning of leather and suede items. Sungsook Kim runs the business while her husband has another dry cleaning business in Germantown. The Kim's have two beautiful children named Jennifer (eight years old) and Daniel (three

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Milo is House of Poolesville's sushi chef.

Daytripper

The Battle That Saved the Nation's Capital

By Frederic J. Rohner

Few battles have had as many unintended consequences as the Battle of Monocacy Junction, also known as the Battle That Saved Washington, D.C. The Confederate forces may have been the victors on that hot day, July 9, 1864, but by winning the battle—actually simply by taking part in the battle—the Confederacy would lose its best chance to storm the Nation's Capital, and because of this, would inevitably lose the War Between the States.

On July 8, 1864, Maj. General Lew Wallace was in command of a motley group numbering approximately 2,300 men, mainly Hundred Days Men (called such because they were part of lightly trained, inexperienced volunteer regiments in the Union Army raised for one hundred days of service). All throughout that hot July Friday, Wallace's men were preparing to do battle with the formidable contingent of Confederate soldiers commanded by Gen. Jubal Early. Early's men had been wreaking havoc across the countryside of north-

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who was more excited, the family or the builders.

Extreme Makeover: Home edition has accepted a mission that on paper is simple enough. A home on Jerusalem Church Road with a Poolesville mailing address, had been abandoned, foreclosed, and purchased by Montgomery County at auction. This building would be demolished and a new, home with full landscaping would be built in its place for the Jackson family. Of course, the kicker is that all of this would be done in one week.

The county deeded the property to Felicia this past May. She will have a mortgage on the property but will not have to make any payments for the first year. The home, the landscaping, and the Disney World vacation with all the trimmings, will be paid for by the TV show.

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western Maryland as part of a raid that went across the Shenandoah Valley and was meant to divert Union forces away from their siege of Robert E. Lee's army in Petersburg, Virginia. Early had seen many successes in recent weeks. He had overtaken Union forces throughout the Shenandoah Valley, and, in Hagerstown and Frederick, he had extorted thousands of dollars to save the towns from destruction at the hands of victorious rebels. Their next logical target was none other than Washington, D.C.

Agents loyal to the Union from the B & O Railroad began reporting signs of Early's movement as early as June 29, but his intentions remained unclear. It was unknown whether Early sought to continue his raids in Baltimore or aimed for the ambitious goal of capturing the Nation's Capital. One thing was clear, however, and that was the route Early would be required to take, regardless of his intended destination. That route would take him through Monocacy Junction, a crossroads where the National Road to Baltimore, Georgetown Pike to Washington, D.C. and the B & O Railroad all crossed. It was here that Gen. Jubal Early's group numbering fourteen thousand would meet the determined Union soldiers of Maj. General Lew Wallace. Wallace's contingent now numbered 5,800 men after two brigades

and, one duplex for two homeless families. The smallest house was 2,000 square feet and the largest one was 7,000 square feet. When the design team of Paul DiMeo, Paige Hemmis, Michael Moloney, Ed Sanders, Didi Snyder and Eduardo Xoi descend on the property they will be joined by hundreds workers who will complete their task in 106 hours. The average show has 500 workers and collectively has had 60,000 volunteers to help build the makeover homes and projects.

The new 4,500 square foot home will be completed on Sunday, June 29, and the Jackson family will arrive back to the Jerusalem site for a 2:00 p.m. unveiling. The public is invited but attendees will need to park at the Poolesville Golf Course and take a shuttle bus to the site. Seating in the bleachers is limited, so those wanting to view the unveiling will need to arrive early.

of reinforcements from the VI Corps commanded by Gen. James B. Ricketts rushed by train from nearby Baltimore.

It was the duty of Wallace and his men to defend the crossing and delay the Confederates for as long as possible. To do this, Wallace ordered his men to stretch their already thin ranks across six miles of riverfront to protect both roads as well as the railroad and numerous fords. In preparation for the Confederate onslaught, they had taken possession of the high ground and fortified it as much as time would allow, digging trenches and using fences from local farms as cover. But these preparations would prove futile as Early's forces were too many and too strong to be defeated by a contingent of less than six thousand men seeking to defend six miles of space. Early's men launched a three-pronged attack, confronting Wallace's men from the front and the left side with cavalry led by John McCausland crossing further down the river and attacking the Union's flank. Wallace's men fought gallantly, but by late afternoon, the battle was over and the Federals were forced to retreat toward Baltimore, leaving behind approximately 1,294 prisoners and casualties. Early's men counted between seven hundred and nine hundred dead and wounded in their victory, and they turned their focus to the Nation's

Capital.

Unknown to Wallace and his men, their defeat at the hands of Early's rebels would prove to be more important than any quick victory they could have hoped for. Early's men continued their march towards Washington, D.C., and on Monday, they stood in front of Fort Stevens, but by then reinforcements had arrived in the Nation's Capital. There were artillery skirmishes, but Early decided his men were unprepared to launch an attack, and on July 13, he ordered his men to march back to Virginia. By holding their ground at Monocacy Junction and slowing Early's progress toward the Capital, Wallace and his valiant men saved Washington, D.C. from assured destruction and, according to most historians, played a large role in the preservation of the Union.

In many ways, the story of the Battle of Monocacy Junction resembles many Hollywood war films, with its cast of rampaging invaders intent on destruction, and courageous defenders clearly outnumbered, out-trained, and outmatched by their foes. Yet in this area where historical sites and Civil War Battlefields are prevalent, Monocacy Battlefield is often overlooked. Not only is this important

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Youth Sports

The Red Raiders — A League of Their Own

By Jeff Stuart

With summer in full swing, there are thousands of little and junior league baseball players active on fields throughout the region. Many local girls are doing the game, courtesy of Red Raiders Softball organization, based in Clarksburg. The Red Raiders, a non-profit youth organization, wants to help girls get in the game and keep the game fun. "Our philosophy has always been that we want to offer girl's fast pitch softball only. We don't cater to any other sports. I have seen where girls' softball teams have taken a back seat to baseball, football, etc., while attached to another organization," says president and coach Brad Broseker. The Raiders give youth softball players the opportunity to play on quality fields, with quality equipment. They provide excellent coaching and training at both purely recreational and more competitive levels (travel/select). The Red Raiders field teams in two different age levels: 14 and under and 16 and under at both skill levels. Both levels are developmental. The recreational level is intended for middle and high school players of varying playing abilities. They test themselves against teams from Olney (OBGC), Damascus, the Linganore area (LUYAA), Burtonsville, Chantilly (in Virginia), and other local junior sports organizations. The travel/select level is for more experienced players. These softball teams travel to various metro area softball tournaments throughout the summer.

Typically there are five tournaments, one of which is outside the D.C.-metro area. This summer, the Red Raiders will be traveling to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for a week long "Sun and Softball" trip.

Home games for both rec and travel teams are played under the lights at Ridge Road Field 2 north of Father Hurlley Boulevard on Route 355.

"Anyone can take the cream of the crop and turn them into a well-oiled machine," says Broseker. "Developing players is another question. My coaching staff and I have taken girls that have never put the glove on their hand to starting for varsity and travel softball teams. We focus on player development."

The organization also offers off-season indoor training opportunities, opportunities to train with pro and collegiate players and coaches, and various specialized clinics for all positions. These sessions are at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg, next to Gaithersburg High School.

"The Red Raiders have been together since the spring of 2002," says Broseker. "We got our start as the 'Divas' at the MVSA (Montgomery Village Sports Association), then moved to GAC (Germantown Athletic Club) and changed our name to the Red Raiders. My wife, Laurie Broseker, our 'original Red Raider,' is from Waco, Texas and graduated from Texas Tech University. Our masked rider logo and name obviously come from the Texas Tech Red Raiders. We have exclusive permission to use their name and logo for all of our material."

Players for the Red Raiders come from all over Montgomery County, but mostly from the Clarksburg and Poolesville areas. Two star players are: Alexandra Broseker from Clarksburg High School who made

the varsity squad with coach Larry Hurd as a freshman, and freshman Kelly Johnson from Poolesville High School. Kelly played varsity later in the season to back up outstanding starting pitcher Rachel Stream.

Other Red Raiders at Clarksburg High are JV freshmen: Taleen Douk-majian and Christina Herndon. Other Red Raiders at Poolesville High are JV freshmen: Olivia Howell, Kelly Hanscom, Amanda Haller, Kelsey Bowe, and Sasha Trope.

Broseker, with an ASA (American Softball Association) coaching certificate, has coached girl's fast pitch softball for nearly seven years. He was the Softball Commissioner for GAC for two seasons in 2007. In the fall 2007 season, Broseker decided that the Red Raiders should leave the GAC because he felt the Organization had grown too large to be under the guise of another organization, and he wanted a "softball only" organization. They had grown to four teams and shortly thereafter were officially incorporated as Red Raider Softball, Inc. "Our slogan is 'Offering Fast Pitch Softball Opportunities to Montgomery County's Youth,'" says Broseker.

The Red Raiders have now grown to seven teams, including three U-16 rec teams, two U-14 teams, one U-16 travel team, and one U-14 travel team. They are host to more than eighty players.

The U-16 Raider's Black rec team coached by Paul Gettys and Mark Moyer is currently sporting a 5-1 record. The Raiders Red U-16 rec team managed by Jack Trope and coached by Joe Haller is 4-1. The

U-16 travel team is 1-1. The pitching coach is Jenn Shellhammer.

There have been a number of outstanding performances this season by players on the Red Raider rec league. Maria Sanchez (pitcher U-16 Black) has posted a 6-0 record with 48 strikeouts and an ERA of 1.52. She has a batting average of .500. She was the Red Raiders outstanding pitcher this spring. Halley Henry (first base U-16 Black) has a batting average of .833, an OBP (On Base Percentage) of .900 and an SLG (Slugging Percentage) of 1.167. Olivia Howell (first base U-16 Red) is batting .889 with an OBP of .909 and SLG of 1.444. She won the Red Raider Batting Title this spring. Sasha Trope (shortstop U-16 Red) is batting .750 with an OBP of .760 and an SLG of 1.000. She leads the Red team with twelve hits.

Interested players should check out the Red Raider Web Site at www.redraidersoftball.com, or contact: Red Raider Softball, P.O. Box 1086, Clarksburg, MD 20871.


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Tidbits

Local Couple Celebrates 70th Wedding Anniversary

Vivian and Cliff Neal of Peach Tree Road in Barnesville recently had their seventieth wedding anniversary which was celebrated by a large group of family, friends, and members of the Lions club at a club picnic at the couple's farm. Mr. Neal also celebrated his ninety-third birthday at the event.

Both were born and raised in the big-sky country of Montana where they went to the same high school but didn't date until Cliff was out of high school. They raised four children and today have fifteen grandchildren (counting spouses) and two great-grandchildren.

While in Montana, he worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad (NPR) with which he traveled the rails on a train that was powered by a steam engine. In 1946, as a recently-released major in the army, the couple moved to the Washington, D.C. area where he accepted a new sales position with Brown & Bigelow, a specialty advertising and calendar publisher company.

At one time, on their fifty-acre farm, they had over two thousand peach trees and raised Arabian horses. In 1980, the Neal family was contemplating new uses for the farm when the notion of introducing a full-service pet cemetery evolved. The family's deep love of their property and the desire to preserve its natural setting coupled with a profound love of animals and empathy for those who lose their pets prompted them to establish Sugarloaf Pet Cemetery on Peach Tree Road in Barnesville.

Women's Safety Theme of Eagle Scouts Project

Devin McAtee, a senior this fall at Poolesville High School, has been a boy scout since the third grade. On June 6, he completed his Eagle Scout project held at the high school with the theme: Women's Safety Awareness Night. The seminar was presented in two parts—a verbal presentation and then physical demonstrations—to an audience of about thirty people.

For the first hour, the women listened to David Baker of the Montgomery County Police Department and also Mrs. Bunnie Gordon from their Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP). This presentation focused primarily on how to avoid becoming a victim of an attack. Some of the examples given by the speakers included advice to not use headphones while running/jogging and to not run

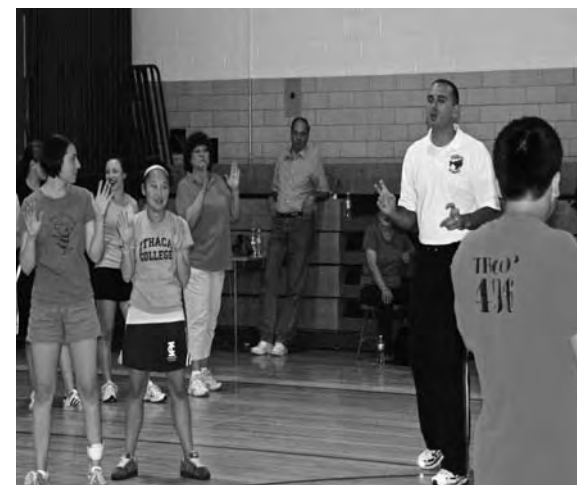


Cliff and Vivian Neal celebrate their seventieth wedding anniversary with a picnic for family and the Monocacy Lions.

alone. Other examples were avoiding being alone in other situations like parking garages. The spokeswoman from VASAP spoke on what to do if attacked and how to get help.

For the second half of the night, there were two martial artists, Mark Williams, who has been involved in the martial arts since 1988, and Kevin Nastick, who is currently an instructor with BMI Karate. Both have been doing similar seminars for many years. Devin chose this project for its uniqueness, and he liked the educational nature of the project. "Most of the eagle projects are about building things to help the community, and I wanted to stay away from the conventional," says Devin. Having a black belt in karate himself, Devin thought there was no better way to help the community than through martial arts. From his interest in the martial arts came the idea of self-defense and a whole seminar on how to prevent being attacked. "Originally, I wanted to do a class for both men and women, but I had heard on the news about all of the women being attacked while they were jogging by themselves. I had also heard that a study had proven that women were more uncomfortable doing these types of classes with men and women rather than just women," Devin says. Eagle Scout projects have demonstrating leadership as key criteria. In this event, his leadership in bringing all parties together and coordinating all other volunteers resulted in a consensus that the seminar was not only enjoyable but thought provoking as well. As with all such projects, sponsors are the key to success, and in this case, Devin had Selby's Market, Poolesville Hardware, Total Automotive, Poolesville Beer and Wine, J.D.'s Beer and Wine, Jon's Video, and Drs. Pike and Valega to thank.

Lions Peace Poster Contest Winner Recognized



A scene from Devin McAtee's Eagle Scout project, Women's Safety Awareness.

Rebekah Chittenden, a student at John Poole Middle School, was recently recognized by the Monocacy Lions for drawing the winning poster in their Peace Poster competition. Chittenden's poster was among 112 entries submitted by the students at John Poole Middle School. Of those 112 posters, eleven were submitted by the school for final judging. "Peace around the World" was the theme of the 2007-2008 Peace Poster Contest. Through the contest, students were encouraged to visually depict their interpretation of the contest's theme.

Each poster is judged on originality, artistic merit, and expression of the theme. Rebekah will also be receiving a \$100 check from the Monocacy Lions. The club also presented Nori Thorne, the art teacher at JPMS, with a special certificate of appreciation for her work in coordinating the entries.

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Remembrance

A Community Loses a Friend



Mickey Zimmer

By Curtis A. Osborne

On Friday May 30, several hundred people filled the Stauffer Funeral Home in Frederick to attend the viewing of Mickey Zimmer. Several friends, family members, neighbors, coaches, players, coworkers, and church members were in attendance. Young, old, black, white, male, and female were all there to pay their respects to a man that touched the lives of many. Seeing the standing room only crowd, Mickey's brother Mike commented that "Mickey would be embarrassed by this," referring to the outpouring of affection for him.

Mickey was a longtime baseball coach and volunteer parent for the Carroll Manor Athletic Association in Adamstown—but to describe him as just that would shortchange his legacy. Mickey was a volunteer parent who did a lot for the Frederick Youth Sports Association, the local Boy Scouts, as well as activities for his church. Most of all, people will remember him as a smart man who

was an advocate for kids in the area. "Though he had a gruff exterior, Mickey had a big heart," says Tim Mellott, who befriended Mickey in their common quest to find recreational field space for kids in the southern Frederick County area. If it was for kids, Mickey was involved. He was there, whether it was being out early in the morning dragging the baseball fields to get them ready for games and practices or hauling portable generators to the football field for the kids in FYSA to practice in the dusk. He was totally passionate about life in general, but kids in particular. He was committed to seeing that the kids in the Adamstown and Buckeystown areas were given the best of recreational opportunities.

Mickey's list of projects was endless as was his energy. Many times, Mickey could be found at the Waffle House in Urbana at six in the morning having meetings with friends and acquaintances to strategize on his various projects. He was very instrumental in getting approximately twenty-seven acres of land donated from EastAlco for several ball fields, remote control airplane fields, and other recreational activities. In fact, he initiated talks with the company when he found out that they were leaving the area. He initially asked for forty acres and designed all of the plans for the fields and supporting structures. With all of his contacts, he had several companies ready to provide assistance, support, and materials. In his spare time, he built a very nice pinewood derby track for the Boy Scouts. He also built exquisite cabinets in his basement for a local golf course that he frequented. He was the principal behind CMAA starting their junior golf program at Rattlewood Golf Course in 2006. And his longtime pet project was in finding a home football field, a pigskin field of dreams, for FYSA so that they

would not have to play all of their games on the road.

Recently, he had joined forces with Tim Mellott who formed the Southern Frederick County Youth Facilities organization, to find green space for kids and youth organizations in Urbana and southern Frederick County. He was also assisting the Chesapeake Area Youth Recreation Association in getting off the ground, and he was planning to set up drop off areas for donations of used athletic equipment.

The Saturday morning of Memorial Day weekend, Mickey and Tim had met very early to go over design plans for a site next to Urbana High School. It was a joyous time as it seemed that positive feedback was coming from the county in regards to donating the land to SFCYFA. Later that morning, he tragically succumbed to a heart attack at the age of forty-nine.

Mickey was a very intelligent, driven, and passionate man. He left behind his loving wife, Leslie, his son, Michael, daughters, Kristin and Kelly, and three grandkids. He touched a lot of lives and will be missed tremendously, but his spirit will live on, and the projects that he took on for the benefit of kids will continue.

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Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

Present

The Montgomery County prom task force ended on June 1. The police department released the following results;

Total Alcohol Citations issued: 270

Under 18 years: 43

18 to 20 years: 210

Over 21 years: 17

DUI/DWI Citations: 80

Party Complaints: 18

Breath Tests: 29

Criminal arrests for controlled dangerous substance (drugs): 15

Officers worked a total of 2,045 hours and made other types of traffic stops and arrests while working on the task force.

May 21 Theft. 22200 block of Mt. Ephraim Road, Barnesville. A catalytic converter was stolen.

June 3 Residential burglary. Unit block of Selby Court, Poolesville.

June 5 Theft. 19500 block of Halmos Road, Poolesville.

June 5 Assault. 19500 block of Selby Avenue, Poolesville.

June 8 Assault. 15000 block of Sugland Road, Poolesville

June 13 Burglary. 19700 block of Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

June 15 Assault. 17400 block of Hoskinson Road, Poolesville.

Past

June 27, 1955 Howard Spurrier, the former mayor of Poolesville, was seriously injured in a car collision in Dickerson, Maryland. Also injured was his wife Ethel and friend Bessie Grubb. The accident happened in front of the home of county police officer Donald Brooks who said that Spurrier's car crossed the road and struck an oncoming car. Brooks pulled the three injured people from the car and arranged for their transport to the Frederick hospital.

June 28, 1935 The Montgomery County commissioners announced drastic new regulations that would

prohibit police officers from drinking alcoholic beverages whether on or off-duty. The regulations were promulgated after an incident where an off-duty officer was found to be intoxicated. Chief J. William Garrett attempted to take disciplinary action; however, the officer pointed out that he was off-duty and thus immune from discipline.

June 29, 1902 An affray at the home of Richard Best, two miles from Boyds, was reported. It was said that Joseph Currans and Edward Redman became involved in a brawl which included stone throwing and a knife attack. When Redman ran and stumbled, Currans drove a knife into Redman's back. At a hearing before Justice Norris, Currans said that he had an ungovernable temper and was afraid that Redman and others were forming a plan to attack him.

July 2, 1984 Television news reporter Kelly Burke was charged with driving while intoxicated and failing to keep to the right of the center of the road after a fatal collision on River Road near Violet's Lock Road. Burke had been driving home from work when his car struck a car driven by Dennis Lee Crouch of Poolesville.

Crouch, 32, was a highway inspector for the county's Department of Transportation.

July 4, 1900 The dead body of John Artemus Young, fifty-eight years old, and a lifelong resident of Clarksburg, was found in the barn of Charles Gibson. As a result of a coroner's inquest, James Hawkins was arrested and placed in the jail at Rockville. Young had been the victim of a cruel beating.

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his wife Virginia about the death of her husband.

Officer Hersperger was buried at Monocacy Cemetery and his funeral was attended by dignitaries, the Judges of the Circuit Court, the County Commissioners, and the entire police force. He was the second Montgomery County Police officer to die in the line of duty.

His wife Virginia Hersperger never remarried. She became the first principal of Poolesville Elementary School and was one of Poolesville's oldest residents when she passed away in 1997. His son, Dr. Webb Hersperger Jr., is a physician in practice at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.



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Local News

Train Wreck at Point of Rocks

By Jack Toomey

On Saturday June 7th a CSX train carrying new automobiles derailed near the historic Point of Rocks train station. The train, that had originated in Louisville two days earlier and was bound for Jessup, Md, carried eighty-eight automobile carriers that each contained about sixteen automobiles. The last four cars on the train became unstable after passing the Catocin

Tunnel, located about a mile west of Point of Rocks, and derailed. Two of the railroad cars overturned on the south side of the tracks and landed in a wooded area.

Fire companies from Carroll Manor, Brunswick, and Lucketts, Virginia responded to the scene but determined that there was no environmental danger or fire. CSX investigators were also on the scene and their preliminary investigation revealed that high temperatures at the time of the wreck caused one of the rails to shift out of line. The temperature at the time of the derailment was 95 degrees. Although there were a

few tourists in the area there were no injuries to onlookers or to the train crew. A resident, who lives on Route 28 with a view of the railroad tracks, told a Monocle reporter that the last derailment at Point of Rocks was "fifteen or twenty years ago".

Crews worked all night up righting the overturned cars and repairing the tracks that had been damaged. CSX trains were delayed on Saturday and Sunday because of the number of workers at the wreck scene. MARC train service on Monday, June 9th was not affected.

CSX encountered additional problems on June 4th and June 10th when strong thunderstorms moved through the area. On the 4th over a dozen trees fell across the railroad tracks between Rockville and Point of Rocks bringing the railroad to a halt. MARC trains were cancelled and commuters had to use buses or the Metro system. Freight trains were trapped

between fallen trees. On June 10th another storm affected the area from Dickerson to Brunswick causing more trees to fall on the railroad tracks and power failures affected CSX signals.



Fire crews were on the scene minutes after the derailment of the CSX train at Point of Rocks.



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Local News

Route 28 Detours to Resume

By Jack Toomey

On June 17, the State Highway Administration closed Maryland Route 28 between Rock Hall Road and Pleasant View Road to allow for the replacement of a small bridge over Washington Run that was built in 1932. This location is just a few hundred yards east of the town of Point of Rocks and will necessitate another lengthy detour for commuters.

This is the second time in less than a year that the SHA has closed Route 28 for an extended period of time. In the summer of 2007, the SHA closed Route 28 for the replacement of the bridge over Tuscarora Creek. Route 28 is scheduled to reopen sometime in September.

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years old) and recently moved to Poolesville from Virginia. "We chose Poolesville because it is such a beautiful and quiet town." The service will be open Monday through Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closet Full of Pictures

Do you have a big box or trunk full of family pictures or videos that need converting to CDs? Has this spring of graduations filled your jpeg list and you won't have time to "organize" then and get them printed? Robby Bliss, a long time resident, local firefighter, and dedicated postman has just begun a new business through My Photo Max. He can tackle this job for you, and if you are interested, he would love to show how you too can turn this into a steady stream of income. His website is www.rbliss.myway-out.com.

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roots, not shallow surface ones that will quickly dry out in hot weather.

Now, having said what I did in the above paragraph, I must admit that no matter what you do or don't do, your plants will probably still get some diseases and be eaten by some pests. We don't live in Eden or great-weather-conditions-for-plants England, and spraying everything that moves in our garden is not practical or effective. I don't think that my sous gardeners Sam and Tommy would appreciate being called pests. So what is a reasonable approach to maintaining a beautiful garden in our area? A bit of it depends upon the size of your garden. If it is small, you can, as many environmentalists recommend, remove bugs, even the nasty, fat Japanese beetles, by hand and drop them into a jar of soapy water. You can kill weeds by pouring full-strength vinegar on them. A spray of a mixture of baking soda and water will help prevent powdery mildew and other fungal diseases on many common garden flowers; however, if your garden is large like mine, some of these methods are not practical or effective. I try to use biological and organic sprays and dust as much as possible. When I do resort to synthesized commercial products, I try to apply them sparingly and with care. Read the label of the product you are using and mix and apply it at the recommended rates. Spray the individual

plant and not the entire garden, if the pest problem is localized. Spray or dust plants in the early morning when beneficial insects are less active. Don't apply pesticides on windy days or near water. Wash hands and face after handling pesticides.

Don't forget to water plants in containers on your patio or deck. They dry out very quickly, especially those in plastic pots. They need regular watering—daily or even twice a day in hot weather. Since watering flushes out nutrients in the soil, apply a liquid fertilizer every week or two. This year, I have used more heat- and drought-tolerant plants. I have given up trying to grow fuchsias in containers. Once the hot weather settles in, I find it impossible to keep them watered enough.

Keep an eye on the level of mulch in your garden beds. You want about a two-inch layer. This will help keep the soil cool, and the plants will be able to maintain moisture for a longer period of time.

Gardens are for our relaxation and enjoyment. The English writer Rudyard Kipling said, "Gardens are not made by singing 'Oh, how beautiful,' and sitting in the shade." But the chores in maintaining a beautiful garden should not become so onerous that they no longer are fun. No gardens are perfect. If I get a little behind in my garden chores, I always say, Well, from a distance they look great if you squint a bit. Happy gardening.

Local News

New Ag Reserve Signs Were a Team Effort

By John Clayton

As you drive into the Up-County, on a state road, you may see one of six new signs that say "Welcome to the Agricultural Reserve." These signs were erected recently to help remind the general population that there is indeed an Agricultural Reserve, and that all this open space, woods, and farmland are not here by chance, but as the result of a lot of effort

on the part of a lot of different people.

Some of those people played a significant role in making sure that the signs came into being, and that they conveyed a certain type of message. Dolores Milmo of the Audubon Naturalist Society, and a board member at the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, shared part of that process with the *Monocle*.

The idea for the signs came from Steve Dryden, who also spearheaded the placing of a sign for the Audubon Nature Center on the Capital Beltway, near Connecticut Avenue. Initially, those pushing for the Ag Reserve signs wanted something more picturesque along the lines of the privately placed sign at White's Ferry, which features artwork by Barnesville's Tina Thieme-Brown; however, the State

of Maryland decreed the final design of the sign which features the Montgomery County Seal in full color.

The overall design was not the only point of contention with state design imperatives. Sugarloaf Citizens Association board member Chris Kendrick pushed to have the message on the signs changed from the rather dry "Entering the Agricultural Reserve," to the distinctly warmer "Welcome to (the) Agricultural Reserve." Ms. Milmo said that State Senator Rob Garagiola (District 15) had been particularly helpful in support of the initiative during the entire process, and helped push for the change in the wording at the end.

So when you are entering the Ag Reserve on a state road — feel wel-

come, and remember that it isn't there by accident.



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Local News

Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

Planning Commission Recommendation on Sidewalks of Hernandez Property Amended

The Poolesville Planning Commission recommended approval of a Property Improvement Application (PIA) for the building of three homes on the west side of Budd Road on the Hernandez property. However, town commissioners amended the Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the placement of new sidewalks. The Planning Commission had originally suggested that the new sidewalks on Budd Road be constructed on the west side of Budd Road, which is on the opposite side of

the road from the location of the new home sites. In their recommendation, the developer remained responsible for the cost of the sidewalks.

Commission President, Eddie Kuhlman, inquired into the matter of the sidewalks drawing concern that the town would then be responsible for snow removal and lawn mowing rather than the homeowner. Commissioner Tom Yeatts voiced concern that going with the recommendation of the planning commission was against standard town policy which has the new sidewalks placed in front of the new homes. After further discussion, Commissioner Yeatts submitted an amendment moving the sidewalks to the east side of Budd Road directly in front of the new homes. The amendment was seconded by Commissioner Klobukowski. Commissioner Hoewing, while stating his preference to defer to the recommendations of the planning commission, decided in this instance to affirm the amendment. The four-to-one vote approved the amendment with Commissioner Brown voting no to defer to the judgment of the planning commission.

Response to Verizon Request for More Antennas

In responding to a request by Verizon for three more cell phone antennas on the town water tower, the commissioners voted to accept the request with an increase in licensing fees prorated per antenna and having Verizon pay for the construction of a new eight-foot-high privacy fence to be placed on the school side of the access road leading to the tower. The notion of a prorated charge per antenna was also proposed to be the new standard whenever existing contracts come up for renewal. Commissioner Link Hoewing who works for Verizon recused himself from the vote.

Miscellaneous Reports from Committees Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski reported that Mr. Charles Kohlhos presented a preliminary plan to the planning commission for an assisted-living facility at the corner of Norris and Wootton Avenues. The presentation was solely for the conceptual introduction and no formal request was made to do so.

Wade Yost in the Town Manager's Report noted that the legal administrative action of June 10 reviewing the approval of a new well on the Schraf Property resulted in moving the review date to September 22, 2008. His progress report to the commissioners on construction of the town hall listed the installation of interior lighting and painting, the delineation of the parking lot, and hydro-seeding the lawn area. The construction remains on schedule to allow the town to move in about August 1. Mr. Yost's manager's report also stated that summer street repaving projects have commenced. In addition to the repaving, there will be two speed humps installed on Hoskinson Road, three speed humps on Wootton Avenue, and two on Spurrier Avenue. As regards the previously-reported turbidity issues of Well #2, he informed the commissioners that no further concerns have come about. The actions taken fully ameliorated the concerns, and Yost reassured the commissioners that no pollution of Well #2 has taken place.

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Odd Fellows Annual Widow's Picnic Coming Up

The Poolesville Odd Fellows have their annual Widows (and Widowers) and Orphans Picnic coming up at the end of the month on June 28. The luncheon will be at the Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church starting at 1:00 p.m. If you or someone you know has found himself alone this year, the Oddfellows really would love for you or them to come by and share this festive occasion with them. If you have any questions, be sure to call Dale Nestor at 301-349-5450. He

will be glad to answer them.

Montgomery Heritage Days

Montgomery Heritage Days are here on June 28 and 29. Montgomery County Heritage has forty-two sites on the countywide tour open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In our area, the sites open are: St. Paul's Community Church, John Poole House and Gift Shop, Seneca Schoolhouse, Warren's Church and Historic Site, C&O Canal, Monocacy Aqueduct, Hyattstown Mill Art Project, Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard, Butler Orchard, Boyds Negro School, King Barn MOOseum, and Clarksburg Historical Society/Clarksburg Visitor

Center. The Comus Inn is offering a special brunch for tour-goers. To obtain locations, directions, and information, you should go online to www.montgomeryheritage.org.

UMCVFD Fourth of July Celebration

The Fourth of July celebration at the Polo Ground on Hughes Road in Poolesville will get started as usual at 6:00 p.m. with food, games, and music entertainment. The fireworks display is scheduled for 9:15 p.m. If there is rain, the fireworks will be postponed until Saturday, July 5. Should postponement be required, go to www.umcvfd.org and click on events. They will post this information after 8:00 p.m.

To defray costs there is a \$5.00 per car parking fee, and it will help the incoming traffic if drivers have the exact amount. With two entrances and three exits, traffic flow should be significantly smoother this year. Depending on which parking area is used, exiting cars will have to go in one of three directions when leaving. The entrance at Hughes Road and Sugarland Road will have the cars exiting directly up Hughes Road toward Poolesville. Handicap parking and those entering at the Hughes Road entrance from River Road will either be directed to Sugarland Road toward Route 107, or down Hughes Road toward River Road. There will be no parking on Hughes Road allowed.

The very popular Jim Bowie band will be performing starting at 6:00 p.m. and will be positioned this year so as to face the entire crowd. Grace Jones will again sing the national anthem. Food and drink vendors will be there offering Cugini's Pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers, ice cream bars, Italian ice, funnel cakes, cold coffee drinks, soft drinks, and water. Calleva Outdoors will have the climbing wall and there will be novelty items for kids like glow sticks and 3-D glasses.

Visitors may bring a picnic or their own drinks, but alcohol is strictly forbidden. Guests bringing chairs and blankets cannot set up in the parking areas for safety reasons and must go to the area in front of the band. Sponsors of the event are PACC, Town of Poolesville, and Mike Rubin.

Annual Ecumenical Service Scheduled

The annual ecumenical church service for

Poolesville is scheduled for July 13 at 6:00 p.m. in Stevens Park. In the event of rain, the service will be at the Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church. Attending will be: United Memorial Methodist Church, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Poolesville Baptist, Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church, and Poolesville Presbyterian Church. For more information, call 301-349-2010.

Whalen Commons Schedule of Summer Events

This is a reminder that all the traditional summer activities start in Whalen Commons in Poolesville this month. The music concerts get started on June 29 with the Poolesville Band Project followed by Doug Bell on July 13. The Movie Night offerings this summer begin with Surf's Up on July 12 and Grease on July 19.

Poolesville Day Committee Needs

Do you have a hidden talent that you want to share? The Poolesville Day committee is looking for new craft vendors and demonstrators (blacksmith, basket weaver, glass blower, etc.). Please contact poolesvilleday@yahoo.com or call 301-349-2123 if you are interested in participating in this year's festival.

SummerSounds

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PYSO Brings Down the House

By Dominique Agnew

In the spring concert that concluded its inaugural season, the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra performed an ambitious program with mature musicianship and artistry—and the musicians created a sound that was bigger and bolder than anyone in the audience could have imagined being performed by the newly-formed orchestra.

On Tuesday, June 10, in the All-Purpose Room at John Poole Middle School, under the baton of artistic director, Robert Fogleman, the PYSO brought to fruition what had been a dream of violinist Sandy Cameron for some time—the opportunity for young musicians in the Poolesville community to perform in a true symphony orchestra. Sandy Cameron, who graduated from Poolesville High School and now attends Harvard University, has performed a benefit concert each year for the past four years to raise money to support the music programs at each of the Poolesville area schools and to create the PYSO. With an initial presence at Poolesville Day 2007, Mr. Fogleman, musicians, and volunteers pounded the pavement seeking other enthusiastic musicians and community support.

Almost twenty students from various schools came together for the first rehearsal in late September. They immediately began tackling the challenge inherent in symphony orchestra music: playing new notes in keys they would not have typically studied yet for a few years to combine stringed instruments with

wind instruments. After three months of diligent work, the PYSO held its inaugural performance as a winter concert at JPMS in December.

Eager to resume, the PYSO recommenced rehearsal in early February to prepare the spring program. The concert was a resounding success.

The spring concert opened with Franz Schubert's "Rosamunde Overture," a beautifully lyrical composition of the Romantic Period featuring lush harmonies and tricky tempo changes. A lively Irish jig, the "Swallowtail Jig," performed by seventh graders, Stephanie Hall and Emily Murphy, both on violin, brought a nice change of pace to the program. The orchestra then performed J.S. Bach's "Sleepers Wake" with its intricate weaving of theme and melody between orchestra sections with a surprise tangent into a different key that had been a challenge for the orchestra, but which they pulled off with aplomb. A solo by seventh grader, Connor Pike, on the flute, G.F. Handel's "Bourrée," showcased the immense talent of musician on his woodwind instrument. Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky's "Themes from Capriccio Italien" prepared by the orchestra

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the roots of Cedarbrook Community Church first were planted. As with a number of church startups, Cedarbrook had its start in a movie house, the former Loews Theater in Gaithersburg opposite Lakeforest Mall. (Today there is a Bed, Bath, and Beyond in the location.)

After a short nine months, the church moved to the Montgomery Playhouse where it stayed for nine years. The Montgomery Playhouse was a bit of an institution in its own right and may be most famous for giving Goldie Hawn her start in show business. Both venues served the contemporary, relaxed, informal, and highly musical church service well. After a six-year fundraising drive, the current sanctuary, classrooms, and offices were completed on a hill facing Stringtown Road in Clarksburg.

With a genesis of just a dozen families, the seeds certainly fell on fertile soil since today Cedarbrook has over three hundred families, has a sanctuary that can sit six hundred, and is pastored by six ministers. One of the most striking aspects of the contemporary sanctuary is a cross suspended just behind the pulpit. This cross was sculptured by Leonard Cave. Mr. Cave was a noted sculptor who worked primarily in Plexiglas, wood, stone, and metal and was a popular art teacher at Northwest High School. He was killed in an auto accident on I-70 in Frederick on July 11, 2006. This large cross sculpted in wood was Mr. Cave's last completed piece of art.

In his very relaxed and casual style during the interview, Pastor Abbott cited his staff and congregants for the remarkable growth. Assisting him in pastoring are: Chris Dorr (Worship), Mathew McCabe (Youth), Ken Jackson (Spiritual Formation), Reuben Smith (Children's Ministries), and Gina

Glinlecki (Middle School Director). Of course, Pastor Paul might not even forgive me if I didn't mention their very able office staff Nicki Kauzlarich and Ann Barker.

Cedarbrook Community Church credits much of its success to their mission orientation which is apparent in its name: Community Church. The church has very active outreach programs to the local community, some of which include the Dwelling Place (homeless), Sophia's House (abused and battered women), Waverly House (elderly), and Germantown Help! (similar to WUM-CO Help.) They also provide assistance in a variety of other ways like raising \$7,000 to benefit the Special Olympics and the Clarksburg Sports Association.

Additionally, they have international outreach programs in Europe, Peru, and Cambodia. They raised \$30,000 to help build schools, dig wells, and pay teachers in Cambodia. "Having a well and a school right in the village (in this case it might be more recognizable to us as a pavilion) is extremely important in reducing kidnapping of children for prostitution. In Cambodia, often the children are kidnapped as they walk miles down rural roads to get water or attend school. Wells and schools in the village help to keep them secure."

The church also manages and administers the Cedar Brook Academy. Dave Smith is the director of CBA which was established in 1983 as a ministry to local Christian families who teach their children at home. Today, the academy ministry has grown to include more than 550 enrolled students from over 250 families representing over forty local churches. The Academy serves families who live primarily in the Central Maryland area.

Paul Abbott is a very easygoing clergyman who enjoys reading J. R. R. Tolkien, listening to Andrea Bocelli or Norah Jones, rooting for the Redskins

(hating the Cowboys—our word not his), and being with his grandkids. He maintains that if he weren't a pastor, he probably would be a rich lawyer or starving artist.

We can't be sure if the church was built with real cedars of Lebanon as in the grand temples of the Old Testament, but of this much we are quite confident: the people of Cedarbrook are glad Paul Abbott wasn't born Perry Mason or Norman Rockwell.

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again was a fine example of the high level of music this nascent orchestra tackled. Mack Brenholtz, seventh grader, on the violin beautifully performed the haunting "Ashokan Farewell" by Jay Ungar, a piece familiar to and loved by many who enjoyed Ken Burns's Civil War documentary. The program closed with Glière's fantastic "Russian Sailor's Dance." This high-energy piece was a fitting end to an incredible night and season.

A pleasant surprise to many in the audience was violinist, Sandy Cameron, who sneaked a spot behind the violins on the stage to join them in the concert. After the program, she spoke on how wonderful it was to see her dream come true. It proved to be a truly emotional evening as she said a few words to the parents who had supported her and her vision, who had supported the children playing in the orchestra now, and to the young musicians themselves. Finally, as a nice little dessert after a buffet of delectable pieces, Sandy performed two movements of Pablo de Sarasate's "Carmen Fantasy." During the small reception following the concert, many parents and friends expressed great admiration, and more than a few had a tear in their eyes. The culmination of perseverance and hard work was truly a night to remember.

The PYSO was so successful and the students so enthusiastic that a summer intensive will be offered for the last week of July for interested musicians entering fifth through eighth grades. Entitled Summer-Sounds, the intensive will take place at JPMS July 28 through August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information, contact Robert Fogleman at 240-498-7257 or foglehorn@comcast.




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Friends and family gathered at St. Peter's Episcopal Church on June 21 in memory of Robert Wright Holland. Mr. Holland was known as the superintendent for Stronghold Incorporated for sixteen years and in that capacity administered and managed the grounds and services of Sugarloaf Mountain. To his grandchildren, he was known as Grandpa Mountain.

Daughter-in-law Patty Holland delivered a moving eulogy for the man she called "father in my heart."

Raised on the Chesapeake Bay with warm memories of barefoot summers fishing and swimming, Mr. Holland attended the St. Peter's Episcopal Church and School in Baltimore on a singing scholarship. After high school he joined the FBI as a bonded driver responsible for carrying documents, money, evidence or high ranking FBI agents. When World War II

broke out, he enlisted in the army and joined their officer corp.

Patty Holland shared the story of his proposals to his beloved wife, June. As he got off the train after returning from his first training deployment, he made his first proposal only to be turned down. On his very next leave he proposed again, only to be turned down once again. Finally, when he was escorting German prisoners of war through Union station, she greeted him at the train station. As soon as he had transferred the prisoners, Lieutenant Holland, in full uniform with a white "Sam Brown" holster and sidearm, dropped to his knees blocking, those walking nearby in the station, and proposed. June said yes.

He rose to the rank of Captain before leaving the service. In returning home from the war, he became a salesman selling Cushwa brick and was proud to relate to his family that he "sold each and every brick" in the National Institute of Health in Bethesda.

Mr. Holland was active in community service having organized a drive to build a community swimming pool and later, when coming to this area, joined the Monocacy Lions Club.

During his tenure at Stronghold, tourist attendance increased from just a few thousand a year to over 100,000. He coped with six forest fires, several successful searches for lost children, and an "in-line wind storm" on the eastern slopes of the mountain.

In developing a keen interest in weather, he joined Bob Ryan's NBC4 "Weather Watchers" team where, being thirty-five miles from Washington, he would report incoming weather conditions. In that role, he befriended Keith Allen, one of the area's top weather forecasters. Mr. Allen referred to Bob Holland as "the most influential person in my life...he reminded me a lot of Andy Griffith, the way he looked, talked, his jovial demeanor. He was always upbeat about everything having a magnetic smile and personality. His word was his bond; he was a person of honesty, sincerity, and integrity."

Allen Ahearn, a neighbor on Sugarloaf Mountain, shared Bob's love for his family, the Lions Club, and their appreciation for Bob's warm welcome when they first moved on to the mountain. Relating to the importance of lasting friendships in life, Mr.

Ahearn shared the importance of the friendship with Bob Holland

His daughter Christy shared her father's wisdom by sharing this philosophy of life. "If you have a problem and you can do something about it, do it. If you can't do anything - just let it go."

Bob Holland, proceeded in death by his beloved wife June, is survived by their two sons, Robert and Douglas, and their families, and daughter Christy Hofstetter and her family. His grandchildren are Sam and Ian Holland, Genevieve Hofstetter and Sara Hofstetter and two great grandchildren, Heather and Michael Holland.

Keith Allen seemed to speak for all in saying, "The world is an emptier place without Bob in it but heaven is a little brighter." The ashes of Mr. Holland, who passed away on March 7, 2007, had been interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

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With the Court of Special Appeals having weighed in, the only higher court in the state system is the Court of Appeals which has the discretion to choose which cases it hears.

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historical site often overlooked, but now it is, quite literally, endangered. The Civil War Preservation Trust has named Monocacy Battlefield as one of its top ten most endangered Civil War Battlefields in its report for 2008. The threat comes entirely from development in the surrounding area; there are plans to widen Interstate 270 through the heart of the battlefield, a waste-to-energy incinerator has been proposed for construction near the site with 150-foot smokestacks which would be seen easily from the battlefield, and unfortunately, Monocacy Battlefield lies within the National In-

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Sugar May	July 8	Benedicte	Aug. 20
Early Red Free	July 10	Sugar Giant	Aug. 20
Scarlet Pearl	July 10	Summer Pearl	Aug. 22
Snowbrite	July 25	Lady Nancy	Aug. 30
White Lady	Aug. 5	Snow King	Sept. 5
Wild Rose	Aug. 8	White Hale	Sept. 5
Saturn	Aug. 8	Snow Giant	Sept. 10
Sugar Lady	Aug. 10	Fallate	Sept. 14
Klondike	Aug. 15	Scarlet Snow	Sept. 20

Harvest dates may vary with weather conditions. Please call Kingsbury's Orchard to confirm availability.
 A wide variety of yellow peaches also available throughout the season.

Directions: From Poolesville, take Cattail Road and turn left on Route 28. Turn right on Peach Tree Road and drive 1 mile until you see the Kingsbury's Orchard sign on right. Open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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