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Barry Thompson of Thompson Apiaries cares for bees, and is worried. Read In the Garden on Page 3.



The national past time? It is in Holland. Go to Page 4 to find out what this has to do with speed cameras.



It's Punt, Pass, and Kick time in the PAA. See Youth Sports on Page 22.



They're always cooking up something at St. Mary's Church in Barnesville. See Family Album for more pictures.

## Poolesville Moves into New Town Hall

By Rande Davis

Monday, August 4, 2008 was the inaugural town meeting by town commissioners in the new location on Whalen Commons in the center of Poolesville. With the arrival of the new furniture and a red cherry legislative dais, a new era in town government begins leaving behind the somewhat nomadic trek by the town government over the past two decades: from the old bank building (which is now being restored as a history museum) to the fellowship hall at St. Peter's and finally to the cramped retail location in the Poolesville Town Center. The government of Poolesville will now begin to do its work in a facility worthy of the community it represents.

The nearly 5,000-square foot,

single-story, all-brick Williamsburg-style building presents an elegant profile of modernity without distracting from the quaint-historical image of Poolesville. The entry to the vestibule with its glossy, tiled floor and brass-like chandeliers provides a welcoming yet professional lobby area for residents, visitors, and those doing business with the town.

The administrative offices for the town are on the east (right) side of the building. The staff will no longer have to deal with past amateurish and cramped facilities. While they are modern, bright, and adequate, they cannot be described as opulent. In fact, it is only in those areas open to the public that a touch of attractive interior design is apparent.

After passing through the double-door entryway on the right, marked Poolesville Town Offices, there is a public waiting area and reception counter where most often Maggie Leibrand, deputy clerk, will be stationed. Bobbi Evans, town clerk, will have an office upfront with a large



The Town of Poolesville Commissioners at work in their new digs.

window to the reception area in the event no one is at the counter to greet visitors.

Town Manager Wade Yost has the single largest office measuring only fourteen by fifteen feet. Although reported differently elsewhere, the commissioners will share one windowless seven-foot by eleven-foot office space that will have a desk and computer access. Most often the commissioners will continue to use their homes. This

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## Woodstock Equestrian Park Update

By Maureen O'Connell

On Thursday, July 31, 2008, staff from the Montgomery County Department of Parks briefed the Montgomery County Planning Board on the development status and proposed Implementation Plan for Woodstock Equestrian Park at the board's office in Silver Spring. The park consists of 872 acres located on both sides of Darnestown Road (Route 28) north of West Hunter Road in Beallsville, Maryland. David Tobin, County Equine Resources Coordinator, opened the meeting. He stated that Woodstock is the largest equestrian park in the county currently under development. He turned the meeting over to Linda Komes, Project Manager of the Park Development

Division, who gave a power point and slide presentation of the history of the park and development work that has been completed. The land for the park was donated in 2002 by Herman and Monica Greenberg and the late William Rickman, Sr. In coordination with the county Master Plan, development of the park was set up in three phases. Phase one is now complete. It includes perimeter fencing, entrance gate landscaping (plants and labor donated by Garth Seely's young volunteers from [LAND] Landscape And Nature Discoveries, Inc.), parking areas, and sixteen miles of trails for hikers and horseback riders. Phase two, which will begin next month, will focus on the building of an outdoor riding ring, stabilization and repair of the old Seneca Stone barn, more parking areas, and the repair of Bruer farm buildings. Ms. Komes addressed the issue of funding for the park. To date, work projects have been funded by Capital Projects grants, Community Parks and Playgrounds grants, and



Aleco Brava Greenberg, Royce Hanson, and George Kephart at the Woodstock Equestrian Park meeting.

donations from Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Rickman.

At the end of the update report, Mr. Royce Hanson, Chairman of the Montgomery County Planning Board, introduced representatives of the Greenberg family who were

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*The performing duo, Right On and Far Out, performed at Whalen Commons on Sunday, July 27. Justine Hoewing sings as Corey Ahearn plays the dulcimer.*



*The band Vintage gets ready to play at the St. Mary's Chicken Dinner and Fair, in support of St. Mary's Haiti Project.*



*Our Lady of Good Counsel Falcons Jonathan Chmelik (hat) and Mike Madaras flip the chickens at the St. Mary's Chicken Dinner and Fair.*

*A Monocacy Moment*

*He took a wrong turn from 1940 and ended up in front of Selby's Market.*

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## Garden

# The Disappearing Bees

By Maureen O'Connell

Across the country, healthy bees are dying in record numbers, and no one knows exactly why.

On June 26, 2008, there was a hearing at the United States House of Representatives before the Subcommittee on Horticulture and Organic Agriculture. The subject of the hearing was the health of pollinators. There were four groups of witnesses: scientists, beekeepers, users of crops that benefit from pollination, and advocates for pollinators in general. North Carolina farmer Robert Edwards said his family operation had already cut their cucumber acreage in half due to the lack of available honeybee colonies to rent. "No bees; no crops." Ed Flanagan, CEO of the United States largest grower of wild blueberries from Maine, said: "No bees; no blueberries!" Kathy Pien, with premium ice cream maker Häagen-Dazs, was there to advocate for public funding and to raise public awareness about this serious situation. It significantly impacts her company, since bees are responsible for forty percent of their sixty ice cream and sorbet flavors. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has named this phenomenon of disappearing honeybees Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

Why should the public care about honeybees? Most people give little thought to bees. They might observe them flitting from flower to flower in their gardens, and they might curse them if one stings them. They buy fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, grain products, and ice cream at supermarkets every day, with little or no idea as to where all these food products come from. According to the USDA, one third of the United States food supply depends on pollination from bees. Apples, avocados, blueberries, cherries, cranberries, cucumbers, melons, oranges, grapefruit, pumpkins, squash, sunflowers, tangerines, and watermelon require honeybee pollination. You could continue further on down the food chain. Forage plants like alfalfa and clover, which cows eat, need pollination. Almond growers in California (which produce eighty percent of the global almond supply) need one third of the bees in

the U.S. to be in California in February to pollinate their almond trees. The economic value of bees in the U.S. alone is estimated at \$14.6 billion. There is also the ecological value; many of our familiar plants, trees, and shrubs rely upon pollination by bees. On July 29, 2008, *The Washington Post* ran a story in the Business section about an alleged laundering of Chinese honey through Russia to avoid high U.S. tariffs, some of it possibly contaminated with banned antibiotics. The case was part of a crackdown on importers trying to get honey into the U.S. market at prices that undercut domestic producers. The article further referred to the declining production of honey in the U.S. and the resulting higher prices, caused by CCD.

In 2005, beekeepers and farmers noticed a dramatic decline in the number of honeybees. Some were reporting losses of thirty to ninety percent of their hives. While colony losses are not unexpected during the winter, the range of loss they were seeing was highly unusual. This is not the first time we have seen significant loss of bee populations. In the 1880s, the 1920s, and the 1960s, there were several mentions of honeybee disappearances, but today, losses are

different. The main symptom of CCD is simply no or a low number of adult bees present in a hive; there is a live queen and no dead honeybees in the hive. Often there is still honey in the hive, and immature bees (brood) are present. The loss is due to uncharacteristic bee behavior: adults bees are failing to return to the hive. Those left in the hive will starve to death without the worker bees supplying the hive with food.

When I heard about CCD, I was curious as to whether farms in Montgomery County were affected. So far, farms in our area have not experienced significant losses in bee population. That does not mean that CCD does not impact the farmers and consumers in our immediate area. Our food supply is global, which has been brought to our attention recently with the arrival on U.S. shores of contaminated foods from different parts of the globe. Last week, I talked with two local men who have farms in our area, Gene Kingsbury of Kingsbury's Orchards and Robert Lewis of Lewis Orchards. Gene said that there was enough pollination by bees this year for his peach trees. Along with no spring frost damage, he is looking forward to a very good harvest. Lewis Orchards has been family owned and



Robert Lewis of Lewis Orchards, who is concerned about the health of honeybees.

operated since 1888. Robert grows a wide variety of fruits and vegetables. When I asked him if he had a problem with a lack of bees, he said that he keeps twenty-seven hives on his property and that provides sufficient pollination for his needs. He has seen a decline in the number of feral bees in the last five to six years. More farmers are keeping their own bees or rented, managed hives to ensure adequate pollination. He commented that it requires one hive to pollinate one acre

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## Commentary

### Elitism

By John Clayton

**Elite:** A group or class of persons ... enjoying superior intellectual or social or economic status.

**Elitism:** The belief that certain persons ... deserve favored treatment by virtue of their perceived superiority. (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language: Fourth Edition. 2000.)

Elitism seems to be all over the news these days as various people are accused of being an elite or of practicing elitism. Locally, the Montgomery County Council wrestles with the issue of large vehicles parked on residential streets. Nationally, the presidential candidates are vying to be folks-just-like-us and not part of the

elite, which would not be beneficial to their elections.

The issue in Montgomery County is: Should campers, commercial trade vehicles, and other large vehicles be allowed to park on public streets in or around residential neighborhoods? Public hearings have been held, and there has been discussion of the safety of pedestrians (children in particular) having to walk between large vehicles to cross the street, protecting property values, and fairness to residents who need a place to park large vehicles. There has also been discussion of an underlying bias towards working people who have a trade vehicle that they would like to park close to home. The argument pits the office worker versus the tradesman; the white collars versus the blue collars. As I read in the reports from the hearings, people who couldn't park their large and possibly commercial vehicles

close to their homes accused the others of being biased against blue collar workers, a form of elitism.

The presidential campaigns are sparring over the issue of whether Sen. Barack Obama is just a little too good (read snooty) for the rest of us. Admittedly, there is the air of arugula about him. He is suave, urbane, and from Harvard, and the Republicans are playing the issue skillfully, as is their custom. Obama and his troops, of course, regard this as a canard, but have been careful not to use the word "canard" because it really isn't one of those regular Joe words that normal Americans use.

You may remember that in the last presidential election, Sen. John Kerry lost ground on elitist charges because he ordered the wrong cheese on his cheese steak at a Philadelphia lunch counter, and then because his windsurfing was perceived as an elitist sport. Kerry quickly geared up and went out into the wilderness to shoot something so as to establish his regular guy bona fides, but nobody really bought it. The beauty of the elitist attack is that it is very hard to counter.

George Bush has thrived on his ability to reinvent himself as a good old boy from Texas, and is never per-

ceived as being part of the elite from which he emerged. The fact that he grew up in privilege, attended a tony New England prep school, and went to Yale and became a member of the Skull and Bones Society (just like John Kerry) didn't hurt him one bit. The fact that he prefers mountain biking to horseback riding hasn't detracted at all from his cowboy image. He has profited from being the sort of fellow you would like to have over for a cookout, although I think he's pretty much spoiled it for future good time cookout politicians.

Here in the UpCounty, we have to face our own perceived elitism. Living out here among all the open land is absolutely wonderful, and we all love it, but it depends on other people living a certain way, or perhaps not living a certain way. For the county to simultaneously have growth and preserve open land means that everyone else has to live more closely together, near commercial centers, and with access to public transportation. It means that people have to deal with each other's choice of vehicles, parking habits, and free ranging cats. We don't worry about that stuff out here. Those are down county issues.

Is it elitist to feel that way?

## On Bikes, Croquettes, and Speed Cameras

By Rande Davis

We recently had a wonderful experience in the Davis household. We visited friends and family of my wife in Holland. Staying in the homes of friends and relatives gives a much different traveling experience than the usual accommodations of hotels. We didn't just go to Holland, we lived as the Dutch for the duration. The result is a constant, yet intriguing, clash of the familiar versus the new. By living in their homes, eating their food, and sharing their daily experience, we developed a sincere appreciation of our similarities as well as our differences.

Even when we ate at the luxurious and famous American Hotel in Amsterdam, I avoided the American offerings in favor of the Dutch *Dobben Croquetten*, a deep-fried croquette made of a mixture of finely chopped beef in flour, butter, and beef bouillon sauce, preferring to eat it European-style on a slice of bread with fork and knife. I was amused, however, by the Dutchman who ordered the "real" American hamburger but chose to eat it with fork and knife. Doing so defeats the purpose of the sandwich since eating one half with roll and burger and then the other half with roll, lettuce, and tomato fails to give the real burger experience.

A simple example of this clash of cultures phenomenon is their French fries. They look like ours but are always served with mayonnaise not ketchup. (One version was made from mashed potatoes.)

The most important thing to understand is that one way of doing things is not necessarily better just different, but it is the difference that makes it so special. A greeting with a kiss on the cheek is American but to do so three times is Dutch (European).

Like America, there are cars in the cities. Only in Holland, they are mostly very, very small cars. Even their Ford is a very small, sporty vehicle nicknamed Ka. (Why don't they sell that in America?) Go north to Friesland and the cars, however, get bigger. Not SUV-big, mind you, but clearly bigger—more like sedan-sized.

Another cultural clash regards bikes. Biking in Holland takes on a whole new dimension—I MEAN A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION. Having a virtually flat environment with bike paths along the roadside is the key. Everyone of all ages bikes and they bike everywhere: to school, to work, to shop, to play. They bike in nice weather and in rainy weather. A local high school's bike rack had space for nearly a thousand students. Only a few students ride a bus to school. The vast majority of students, from elementary to high school, bikes to school. Amazingly, by American

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## Equestrian Evaluating Equine Businesses

By Carol Rae Hansen, Ph.D., Director  
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Are you thinking about starting an equine business? Would you like to be hired as staff? Are you assessing one that you might buy? Are you investigating a new boarding, lesson, and or training locale? If so, the following are some issues you may wish to consider.

### Is there written evidence of a recognized legal structure?

Some area businesses are sole proprietorships, others are partnerships, while larger firms may be Maryland limited liability companies (LLCs). Other entities may be not-for-profits or non-profits. An equine business normally maintains public records documenting its ownership and organizational structure, as well as its financial structure.

### Written purpose or mission statement

Most equine businesses will have a mission statement. Created as part of a business plan, a fund-raising strategy, and/or an organizational structure, these written mission statements are often available for examination. They can be

eye-opening documents, which quickly offer an opportunity to discover if you fit with the common denominator of the business or program as it already exists.

### How is the business or program organized? Is it a good fit for you?

Most equine businesses or programs will have a written and current organizational chart that identifies a designated leader, describes staff (and or volunteer) relationships, as well as shows formal (and informal) lines of communication within the business, its leadership, its governing body, and its affiliates. If you are considering a position at such an entity, you may wish to ask to see the written job descriptions that are likely to be on file for all personnel. Be sure to inquire as to who has staff or line functions, who has fiduciary responsibility, and who does not, as well as inquire about the overall direction of the entity, who decides benefits, and/or obligations.

### Is insurance coverage sufficient?

Maryland is not one of the forty-four states in the U.S. with a uniform Equine Liability Law. As such, insurance coverage here for this high risk activity is somewhat problematic. Most equine entities should have a General Liability and Excess Accident Medical Insurance Policy, with fully-earned paid premiums for a General Liability limit of at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence,

and a \$3,000,000 aggregate, as well as a fully-earned paid premium for Excess Accident Medical, with at least \$10,000 for accidental death and dismemberment, and a \$10,000 accidental medical expense, and a minimum \$50,000 aggregate.

Worker's compensation insurance is not required in Maryland until and if the total dollar value of employee compensation reaches \$6,000 per annum. Equine businesses are class code 8279 [Horse].

Fire and extended coverage on owned buildings and equipment is usually offered via a mandatory premises liability premium charged through the umbrella insurance plan.

Motor vehicle insurance is often missed as a key element, as vehicles used to transport feed and materials for the stable may also transport clients, and trucks and trailers used to transport equines to shows and events may also transport clients and equipment, as well as equines not owned by the stable.

Directors and Officers Liability Insurance is often not offered by an equine business, but this can be a costly mistake. Advisory committees and or boards, officers, directors, management, and staff frequently have fiduciary responsibility, and they can be vulnerable to suits.

"Additional Insured," although not mandatory, given Maryland laws that

allow transiting through neighboring property without liability to the owner, can be useful in reassuring neighbors over whose property one rides, the owners of leaded and lent equines, and the owners of leased and or lent equipment.

### Has a written inventory been done to assess risks?

Well-run equine businesses will post barn rules, emergency policies, as well as generalized assessments of health and safety concerns and possible accident and emergency situations unique to the business or program and its programs and services. Ask to see them! Do they detail natural hazards specific to the site (i.e. steep hillsides), man-made hazards specific to the site (i.e. man-made lakes), possible hazards that might be caused by operating the facilities and/or equipment (i.e. daily dragging the arena), disasters such as fire, floor, tornado, hurricane, earthquakes, etc. (i.e. a barn located in a "tornado alley"), as well as hazards specific to the use of equines ("fight or flight" prey animals, or stallions in the fields), and/or those caused by the conduct of personnel and guests (policies allowing alcohol)?

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## Local News

### Second Closure of Route 28 Impacts Commuters and Merchants

#### Merchants

By Jack Toomey

On June 17<sup>th</sup> the State Highway Administration closed Route 28, also known as Tuscarora Road, just east of Point of Rocks for the replacement of a small bridge over Washington Run. The bridge, built in 1932, was deemed to be structurally sound but had shown signs of serious deterioration. It is the second time in a year that the SHA has closed Route 28 in that area for the replacement of a bridge. In the fall of 2007 the bridge spanning Tuscarora Creek was closed resulting in an extended road closure and a lengthy detour for commuters and travelers from Montgomery County who wished to reach Point of Rocks, Brunswick, or Loudoun County. The same circuitous detour is in effect this time which requires motorists to go north on New Design Road, travel through Adamstown or Doubs, and then south on Ballinger Creek Road

back to Route 28.

Merchants in Point of Rocks are especially affected. Nancy Kisner, is the manager of the B & S Mini Mart, known for its fried chicken and sandwiches, and is dependant on commuters passing through Point of Rocks for a good portion its business. Ms Kisner said "last night (a Friday) we had ten people in here, when usually it is very busy". She explained that before the closure it took her three minutes to get to work while now she has to drive almost eight miles. She wondered why both bridges couldn't have been replaced at the same time. A bystander, Marcy Conrad of Point of Rocks, said, "it's terribly inconvenient". A clerk at the One Stop Deli and Chevron Station told a Monocle reporter that the owner of the store estimated that the store has already lost forty percent of its regular customers.

David Buck, a spokesperson for the Maryland State Highway Administration, said that, while it would have been desirable to replace the Tuscarora Creek bridge and the Washington Run bridge at the same time, funding was not available in 2007 to replace both bridges. He added that environmental studies and federal approval had not been

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office space may also be used on a first-come basis by committee and board volunteers.

There is also a fourteen-by-twenty-five-foot public conference room where commissioners may also work when meetings are not scheduled. This conference room is also to be an emergency response center should the need ever arise.

Elsewhere in the administrative section of the building are storage space for archived files, current files, a space for future use by the Montgomery County Police, and a kitchenette with small lounge area. Modern male and female restrooms are off the lobby upon entering the building.

The parking lot on the north side of the building will have nearly nineteen spaces and is made of porous concrete to reduce storm water runoff. Fyfe Road (previously the gravel road at the west end of the park) is being resurfaced, curbed, with an additional twenty-two spaces for parking. The cost of this improvement at \$100,000 is not part of the town hall cost since it is budgeted as street and sidewalks and would have been completed even without the construction of the building.

Of course, the showcase of the building is the public meeting room that will hold up to 155 people. The centerpiece is a curving, twenty-foot cherry veneer legislative dais that includes a seating area for the town manager and town attorney. The public witness/speaker's desk matches the dais but can be moved should public use of the room for receptions and other purposes require it. The high cathedral ceiling provides improved acoustics for attendees, and the commissioners are also planning improvements in the public address system. The room is painted with the calming colors of teal and tan and is carpeted in a functional gray. As a standard rule, forty seats will be set up for the public who wish to attend town meetings, but seating can be expanded should public interest require it.

The commissioners are reviewing the application process for public civic groups who would care to use the meeting and/or conference room as a meeting space.

The cost of the \$1,675,000 building was financed primarily through nearly \$800,000 of funds set aside solely for that purpose by town commissioners over ten years ago, the sale of the old town hall, and state grants. The current retail location will no longer be used by the town as of September 1, and the lease discontinued as of that date.

## Things To Do

#### August 8 to 16

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#### August 15

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## Tidbits

By Rande Davis

### St. Mary's Welcomes Father O'Reilly



*Father Kevin O'Reilly has been named the new rector of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnesville.*

Father Kevin O'Reilly has been selected as the new permanent priest for St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Barnesville. Father O'Reilly was born in Chicago, but his family moved to Maryland in 1972. His parents, Vincent and Joan O'Reilly, reside in Middletown, Maryland where his father was recently elected a town commissioner.

Father O'Reilly attended the University of Scranton and Christ the King Seminary in Buffalo, New York. Most recently, Father O'Reilly was assigned to St. Bernadine's in Suitland, Maryland where he officiated for the past three years. He is very pleased to come to the area where he has appreciated the parishioners' warm welcome, and he is grateful to be in such a "faith-filled community, where

people are very caring toward one another."

Monsignor Thomas Kaine, who had temporarily filled the position after the death of Fr. Walter Lawrence in November of 2007, has retired to his residence in Annapolis. Reverend Tom Purdy Begins Tenure at St. Peter's

The Rev. Tom Purdy has officially begun his service with St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville. Reverend Purdy, along with his wife and daughter, moved into the church rectory in July and was welcomed by the congregation officially on Sunday, August 10.

Mr. Purdy follows the Rev. Steve Hayward who retired two years ago after serving St. Peter's for twenty-three years and the Rev. Charles Hoffacker, who held the position of interim while the parish worked to complete its search for a new minister.

Poolesville Baptist Appoints New Pastor of Worship and Family Ministries On August 18, Poolesville Baptist Church will welcome a new Pastor of Worship and Family ministries, the Rev. Kyle Broady. Reverend Broady and his wife Sarah have three children. He will be in charge of music in all of its areas (choir, praise team, cantatas, music camp, etc.) and all family ministry including youth group, children's ministry, and intergenerational ministry.

### Monocacy Lions Annual Charter Night Marks Transition and High Award

At the Monocacy Lions Club 2008 annual charter banquet, Bill Jamison received the Melvin Jones Award, the highest award in Lionism. Melvin Jones was the founder of the Lions Club



*Gary Burdette (left), immediate past president of the Monocacy Lions Club, hands the organizational gavel to newly-elected king lion, John Clayton, who will serve during the 2008-2009 term.*

International, and those selected for this honor must have a superior record of leadership and service within the Lions Club over a number of years. Jamison, a member since 1998, is a past president of the Monocacy Lions Club, has been a zone and regional chairman, and has chaired many Lions activities and programs. John Clayton, a member of the Lions since 2001, was elected president of the organization for the 2008-2009 term. Mr. Clayton, who is also a publisher/editor of the *Monocacy Monocle*,

has previously been treasurer of the organization and follows Dickerson's Gary Burdette as king lion.



*Poolesville's Bill Jamison (center) received the Melvin Jones Award for public service from the Monocacy Lions Club. Presenting the award are Past District Governor Ted Ladd and president of the club for the 2007-2008 term, Dickerson's Gary Burdette.*

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## Local News

# Montgomery County Planning Board Meets

By Kristen Milton

### Tot Lot Ruling

The Montgomery County Planning Board unanimously rejected a mother's request to allow her daughter to build a home on a Whites Ferry Road farm last month citing concerns about the size of the proposed lot.

In a July 24 hearing that ran over an hour, board members repeatedly said that the four-acre child lot requested for the Phyllis Jones property, whose 25 acres already host a home and horse barn, was unnecessarily large.

Planning staff, in a memo recommending the project be denied, cited the reduction of available farmland. Approximately nine acres of the property currently grows hay.

"The proposed child lot fragments available farmland," the memo read, "and detracts from the continuation of farming on this Property and the agricultural reserve as a whole."

The four citizens who testified in opposition to the proposed lot expressed doubts both about the sand mound septic system that was proposed and the commitment of the property owner's daughter, Octavia Jamison, to living on the property.

But Jamison and her husband Frank Jamison of Beallsville testified that they planned to build a home in hopes of raising "some beef cattle, fruit trees, and grandchildren" on family land.

"This is an ambiguous situation," noted Vice-chair John Robinson, who said a one-acre lot would have been more acceptable. While the board generally took applicants at their word, he said, the proposed lot was too potentially attractive to purchasers outside the family.

Planners and the County Council have been working to develop a new policy on what are commonly known as tot or child lots for more than two years. Competing text amendments and committee recommendations have been put forth without any decision thus far.

### Bank to Replace Gas Station

The board approved plans to replace an abandoned gas station at Fox Chapel Shopping Center with a Chevy Chase Bank. The existing street entranc-

es to the one-acre property at 19825 Frederick Road would remain the same but the car wash and other remnants of what was once an Exxon will be removed to make way for a brick bank with no more than three drive-through lanes. Other changes will include the introduction of landscaping and street trees along roadways and additional sidewalks and staircases to make the site more accessible to pedestrians.

"It's a good project without question," *Planning Board* Member Jean Cryor said after the unanimous vote.

### Site Plan Amendments on Churchill Senior Living

In preparation for its second phase of construction, representatives of Churchill Senior Living on Father Hurley Boulevard asked for various site plan amendments including a revised interior courtyard, the introduction of carports with solar panels, and changes to elevations.

The amendments would not change the eventual total of 300 units for the site but would change their make-up by increasing the number of two-bedroom units and independent living units while dropping the number of smaller and assisted living apartments.

Board members praised the goals of the facility, which currently offers 121 affordable housing units for those sixty-two and older, but thought more aesthetic changes were needed. They also expressed concern about increasing the parking at the site.

Board Chairman Royce Hanson called the current u-shaped building "barren" while fellow member Jean Cryor compared it to a "fortress."

"It's an ugly building," Cryor said as she argued for additional landscaping for the site. However she praised the increase in the number of two-bedroom apartments.

Owner Joe Parreco said the change was in response to demand as about 80 percent of requests were for the larger units. The building had been fully occupied for the last year, he said, and had received no complaints about its appearance in seven years of operation.

Parreco also defended his parking requests, saying that while the current lots were under-utilized the total number of spaces would be needed once the project was complete.

Hanson nonetheless requested that the issue of parking be revisited when building permits were requested for the third and final phase of construction.

"I think you're to be complimented for the kind of service, the kind of housing, you're providing," Hanson said. "This is badly needed in the county and

badly needed in the Germantown area. Our concerns here are just to make it into a slightly better project."

While there was no testimony from residents at the hearing, the board received letters, postcards and a 100-signature petition in support of the project. Many of the supporters were current Churchill residents.

### Retail Space Increased at Germantown Town Center

With little discussion, the board approved an amendment increasing the maximum allowable retail space at Town Center at Germantown and decreasing the commercial office space. The change also enlarges and adds a second story to what attorney Barbara

Sears called a "prominent corner" building at the intersection of Century Boulevard and Crystal Rock Drive. The amendment brings the preliminary plans into alignment with later-approved redevelopment plans.

The public hearing for the Germantown Master Plan was changed to July 28 at Montgomery College-Germantown campus.

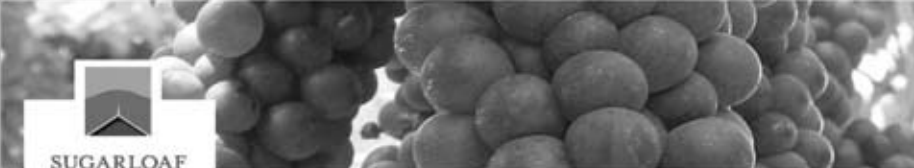
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## Remembrance

# Passing of Jody Brooks Shocks and Saddens Area Residents

By Rande Davis

Area residents were shocked and saddened by the passing of James M. "Jody" Brooks on July 31, 2008. Jody was born on June 9, 1960 and was a 1978 graduate of Poolesville High School.

He was the son of Robert and Becky Brooks and the brother of Robert L. Brooks, Jr. (wife Debbie), Jeffrey William Brooks (wife Alice), and Darren J. Brooks. He was the nephew of Roy and Betty Jean Selby, James and Sally Brooks, Donald and Eva Brooks, Raymond and Joann Brooks, Helen L. Brooks, and Herb and Joyce Nusbaum.

Jody is recalled by many for his work with young people in sports as a coach for junior high school boys' and

girls' basketball. He also coached girls' softball and helped in little league as an umpire for UMAC.

An avid athlete and sports fan, one of his most cherished basketball memories was sinking a twenty-foot jump shot at the buzzer to beat Magruder High School in a varsity game in 1978.

Jody was a real estate agent for Jamison Real Estate for the past twenty years. He was a person well regarded for his friendly, warm personality and ready smile. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that donations be made to the Poolesville High School Athletic Association, c/o



Jody Brooks

## "Disappearing Bees" Continued From Page 3

of pumpkins, and worker bees will cover a three- to five-mile radius while pollinating.

Mr. Lewis's bees are managed by Dr. Barry Thompson of Thompson Apiaries of North Potomac. Dr. Thompson, a retired air force physician, has been involved in beekeeping for fifty years. As a young boy growing up in Western Tennessee, he convinced his father that it would be good to have their own bees to pollinate their two fruit trees. He ordered his first hive from Montgomery Ward and began his life-long passion for raising bees. He is now a Master Beekeeper and a director of the Eastern Apicultural Society, and he supplies pollination services to Lewis Orchards and Butler's Orchards in Damascus. At the Lewis market store, you can buy jars of his honey. Recently, I met with Dr. Thompson at the orchard, and we visited the hives. In a one hour and a half conversation, I learned many interesting facts about the amazing lives of bees and their highly-structured life inside the hive. There is only one queen per hive, and all she does is lay eggs. There may be forty thousand worker bees; they are all females, but they can't have babies. There may be as many as two thousand males or drones; they don't do any work. The queen is the biggest, and the workers are the smallest. You know the old saying: Busy as a bee. They must have been talking about the workers who have many jobs. They feed pollen and honey to the baby larva, make wax, build the honeycomb, clean up the hive, store pollen, make honey, guard the hive, and collect pollen or nectar.

With the growing problem of CCD, Dr. Thompson has been very involved in research at the USDA's Bee Research Lab in Beltsville, Maryland into the causes of this disorder. He noted, "Because there isn't a certain ideology of the problem, we have no regimen in place to combat it." Over the years, he has seen many changes in farming. Nationwide there are fewer small, family-owned farms. Large agribusiness farms have taken their place. There is less biodiversity, as these businessmen/farmers plant thousands of acres with a single crop. With the decline in using native plants, there is more need for fertilizers, fungicides, and insecticides. Every day we hear of cases where these products are potentially doing more harm than good. Genetically-modified plants are also gaining a foothold in agriculture.

What is the cause or causes of CCD? With all the research that has been done so far, there is still more to be done, because no one definitively knows the cause of CCD. Case studies related to farm management practices and environmental factors have identified a few common factors, but no single environmental agent or chemical stands out as the leading causative factor. Research teams are focusing on four areas in their efforts to isolate causes: pathogens, parasites, environmental stress, and bee management stress such as poor nutrition. The pathogen found in 96.1 percent of CCD bee samples was Israeli acute paralysis (IAPV), which can be transmitted by the varroa mite. But there is still not enough cause-and-effect connection.

While Dr. Thompson sees evidence that beekeeping has become somewhat of a lost art, he is still optimistic about its future. He does see a renewed interest in this craft, especially among young people. He gives school demonstrations on beekeeping and pollination, and he was particularly impressed at the level of interest in a group of third grade children he recently worked with.

What can you do to help the bee population? There are several simple ways: create a bee-friendly garden with plants that attract bees (red clover, foxglove, bee balm, joe-pye weed, and lamb's ear, to name a few); support beekeepers by purchasing locally-produced honey; do not use pesticides indiscriminately, especially do not use them at mid-day when bees are most likely to be out foraging for nectar; and educate your friends and neighbors about this severe situation the honeybees and our food supply are facing.

"If the bee disappeared off the surface of the globe, then man would only have four years of life left." This often-mentioned quote has been attributed to Albert Einstein. Many people think it is bogus. It might be, at least in those exact words, but, whether you think it apocryphal or not, there is a kernel of truth to it. The importance of bees and their possible disappearance in our global society and economy should not be taken lightly. The ramifications of a continuing CCD situation are vast and far reaching.

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## Pulpit

### Rev. C. Glen Taylor of Jerusalem Baptist Church

By Rande Davis

The Rev. C. Glen Taylor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church (JBC) was born and raised in the Gaithersburg neighborhood of Emory Grove. He was raised a Methodist, but has been a member of the JBC for thirty years and had the honor of being selected its pastor in 1996. He answered his call to the ministry later in life than most pastors, but early in his life he recalls there were signs along the way that he could not ignore.

Reverend Taylor came from a very large family of fifteen siblings (he was born "fourth from the bottom") and all the children except for one were born at home. One of those early signs came from the midwife, who first saw a future in the ministry for him by often telling him as he grew, "You gonna be a preacher someday."

He retired as an electrician with Montgomery County five years ago, and his wife, Geraldine, still is employed by Montgomery County Public Schools. The couple will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 2011. One of his personal goals is to visit Hawaii for that celebration. "I really want to visit Pearl Harbor. I was four years old when the attack occurred, and I can still remember a neighbor running to my mother, waving a brown paper in her hand, which turned out to be a telegram that reported her son had been killed



The Rev. C. Glen Taylor has been pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church since 1996.

guarding a Japanese prisoner of war just days after Pearl Harbor." Visiting that memorial will be something very special to him.

It wasn't until the late 1960s that he began to accept an awareness of a calling to preach. "Up until then, I was able to ignore it." Later, he began to pursue this interest through the Moody Bible home study program out of Chicago. With the call to preach growing, he asked for help to find out what he should do. In 1984, his study and interest led him to being licensed as a lay preacher. While one past preacher was very encouraging, another was more discouraging; however, a friend, who had recently been ordained, asked for his help in forming a Baptist Mission. His faith would not allow him to become discouraged, and guest speaking and having successful Bible study classes served to encourage him to think more seriously about becoming a pastor. Ultimately, he got his A.A. from Trinity Bible College and Theological Institute and was ordained in 1989.

Reverend Taylor was an associate pastor under the Rev. J. E. Allgood who had served the church from 1982 to 1989. Reverend Allgood was well regarded for his heart-felt and long lasting sermons and his love of singing and serving the members of the church. When Rev. Allgood resigned in 1989, Rev. C. Felton came aboard and was followed later in 1990 by Rev. Charles Middleton. Through his leadership, the church joined the National Baptist Convention. Reverend Middleton resigned in 1994 and once again a new pastor had to be hired.

At first, associate pastor Taylor, who was still working for the county, was not on the list of candidates. When the candidates narrowed down to two persons, it seemed the congregation was hopelessly deadlocked between them. The problem developed that no matter which candidate was selected, half the congregation was not going to be happy. It was then that a representative of the search group called Rev. Taylor and asked why he had not applied for the position and requested that he do so. As he considered the request to apply, Rev. Taylor recalls thinking over and over again, "Not me, Lord, not me, not me." He remembers going to his desk and finding a note from his wife with the simple but profound message, "Whatever you decide, I will

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to address the board: Aleco Bravo Greenberg, son of Monica and Herman Greenberg, and Vicki Shannon, assistant to the senior Mr. Greenberg. Aleco Bravo Greenberg began his remarks to the board by expressing his family's passionate feelings for this park and the contributions that it could make to the equestrian community and the general public.

This past January, at a similar park update meeting in Beallsville with representatives of the Parks and Planning Committee and the community, the senior Mr. Greenberg had sent a letter to be read at the meeting. In it, he had expressed his frustration at the slowness of the progress in the park's development. In this July meeting, his son said that the family is still frustrated, as they see little progress being made at the park during the last six months. "Does Montgomery County really want this park?" he asked. "Is our family's vision of this park as a first-class equestrian facility the same as yours?"

Vicki Shannon commented that she has worked for six years with Mr. Herman Greenberg to make this park a reality. He was the catalyst, but each

year the realization of the park development as a first-class equestrian facility loses momentum.

Mr. Aleco Bravo Greenberg felt that right now, with the current development of the park with its trails for hikers and horse riders, there should be a Park Supervisor onsite to protect the safety of those using the park. He made reference several times to "first-class facility." This concept is very important to his father. Whatever he does, it is done first class, and this is what he wants for the Woodstock Equestrian Park. At such a facility, there could be horse shows, and steeplechase and eventing courses that could help defray expenses. He mentioned, as a comparable, the Gold Cup, held annually at Great Meadows in Virginia, which attracts hundreds of people. He also mentioned the SoccerPlex in Boyds. Why couldn't Woodstock have been developed within the same time frame as it?

Chairman Hanson thanked Mr. Greenberg for attending the meeting, all the way from California, and welcomed his ideas in making his father's dream a reality. The present economic times are different from what they were eight to nine years ago. The bottom line issue is fund-

ing. It is difficult for the county to maintain the parks they already have. One needs funds to build a first-class facility, and more funds to operate it, and still more funds to keep it looking like a first-class facility. The county is responsible to the public and their many, varied needs and interests. In regard to the SoccerPlex, that was built with private donations, and it still is having a rough go financially. Besides funding, Chairman Hanson said, we must take into consideration other issues. Do the Beallsville area residents want a facility of such scope, with its ensuing potential sewage, water, traffic, and noise problems? We must step back and ask if this first-class equestrian facility relates to the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission's mission? Mr. Hanson understands the frustration of Mr. Herman Greenberg, but the county can only move towards further development when the funds are available. Considering today's economic picture, he believes it is prudent to take baby steps and undertake a moderate development plan that the county can afford. While applauding Mr. Greenberg's tremendous scope of vision, Mr. Hanson questioned if the county could match it. The bottom line again is: Can we afford to build

and maintain a first-class equestrian facility, and is this what the community needs and wants? The other commissioners on the board concurred with Mr. Hanson. In his closing remarks, Chairman Hanson asked Mr. Aleco Brava Greenberg: "Bottom line, what do you want us to do?" Greenberg answered: "Do what my father would do; use good business sense and make this work."

Mr. Hanson welcomed the ideas of Mr. Greenberg's son, and he suggested that they meet at a future date with the planning board to work out the issues on the table. It was agreed that a business plan should be put together to realistically address the elements of Mr. Greenberg's vision for Woodstock Equestrian Park and how to fund its building, operational, and maintenance costs. A bigger facility than was envisioned in the county Master Plan needs a different business strategy. The challenge is to arrive at a way to combine Mr. Greenberg's vision with the limitations of a publicly-funded and publicly-responsible organization.



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standards, no one wears a helmet and even toddlers riding on handle bar seats have no helmet. Our introduction to Dutch biking came quickly. On our first evening up north near the city of Sneek, our eighty-one-year-old aunt took us out sightseeing for a two and half hour bike ride. Biking along the narrow country roads on a bike path on a cool and breezy evening through one charming and historical town after another is stunningly relaxing. (Well, except for certain parts of the anatomy that is.)

Holland has highways, of course, but traffic is not what it is here. One thing that looked familiar to us was speed cameras. They looked like ours but they were on their highways not byways. Another difference was that there were no warning signs. You think it is tough in Poolesville with a speed camera. Now imagine what it would be if the beltway had unmarked, unannounced speed cameras periodically.

This brings me to the real objective of this commentary: speed cameras in Poolesville. I initially felt they were more a benefit than a detriment. After all, they are cheaper than the roundabout, something that is hugely preferred in Europe, and they are effective in slowing traffic.

However, the cameras monitoring speeds leaving town represent overkill, and amount to a "speed trap" mentality, something no respectable southern town should ascribe to and a reputation that can only hurt the com-

merce of our merchants. The worst part is that the town does not get one nickel of the revenue—zip, zilch, zero. This cash cow belongs only to the county.

Last spring, we had a relative who is a police officer from Connecticut visit us. When he got home even he was greeted by a \$40.00 fine for going just above forty miles per hour as they left town. For those of you having large family events scheduled this year, you better give your guests plenty of warning or prepare for their regret in coming to visit.

Town Hall received the following email from Cary Cohen of Gaithersburg, Maryland: "I just thought I would pass this on. We go to a business located in Poolesville from time to time. Now that it is a speed trap, we are discontinuing doing business there. Seems to me you have a legitimate complaint against Montgomery County."

We regret that vandals have spray-painted the devices at least twice so far and do not condone such behavior. With all this in mind, however, I would implore the county to remove the cameras tracking traffic as it leaves town, raise the threshold for a ticket by at least five more miles per hour, and suggest to the commissioners that the town erect a more prominent sign to warn visitors and/or to remind town residents that the cameras are watching them closely. It will probably help slow traffic even more without the regrettable ticket for visiting Poolesville.

information that was obtained, Mr. Soundararajan, his wife Jayanthi, and daughters, Lakshmi and Priya, died instantly. Two of Priya and Lakshmi's brothers, Sai Pawan and Sai Prasad, survived the accident but are injured and currently being hospitalized in India. Mr. Koutsos called upon CHS students and faculty to "remember and celebrate the lives of these two students. Both young ladies had a profound love of music and dance and were well respected among their teachers and peers at Clarksburg High School. I know you join me in extending our heartfelt sympathy to the Soundararajan family."

## Local News

### Clarksburg High School Family Involved in Fatal Car Accident

Principal James Koutsos had to inform the students and faculty of a tragedy involving two students and their family while they were traveling out of the country. Priya Soundararajan, grade twelve, and Lakshmi Soundararajan, grade ten, along with both of their parents, were involved in a fatal car accident while visiting relatives in South India. From the

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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Present

**July 13** Burglary. Western Montgomery County Swim Center, 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville. Forced entry, property taken.

**July 16** Theft. 15500 block Mt. Nebo Road, Dickerson.

**July 24** Assault. 17000 block of Hersperger Lane, Poolesville.

### Past

**August 8, 1933** Montgomery County Police announced that Wilmer Lee Jett had died as a result of being run over by a trolley car near Glen Echo. It was originally thought that the twenty-three-year old clerk had been murdered and left near the tracks.

**August 8, 1950** William Mobley, who had been a fireman for twenty-three years at the Gaithersburg firehouse, received a phone call about a fire. He pulled the siren to summon other firemen from their homes and then collapsed dead on the floor of the fire-

house. Doctors had limited his activities to duty at the firehouse because of a heart ailment.

**August 12, 1924** Six men were arrested and charged with selling liquor at the Boyds picnic. Chief of Police Aud and six officers went to the campgrounds and seized six hundred pints of liquor that were inside four different automobiles. A woman who objected to the arrests was arrested for disorderly conduct.

**August 19, 1922** The trial of William Stultz was moved to Rockville. Stultz was charged with murdering police officer John P. Adams of Frederick City.

**August 21, 1955** The Potomac River crested at more than seventeen feet at Georgetown after torrential rains and severe flooding occurred at Seneca and points near Poolesville, Maryland. Outboard motors were used on rowboats at Riley's Lock at Seneca to rescue residents who were stranded in their homes by the rapidly rising water. Route 15 was closed in the area of Point of Rocks where ten homes were inundated and two others swept away. The Darnestown Road and several rural roads were also closed.

## Local News

### Two Out-of-Town Girls Vandalize Multiple Businesses in Poolesville

By Rande Davis

In the early hours of July 26, two under-aged girls from the Gaithersburg area vandalized various businesses in Poolesville. At approximately 1:30 a.m., Poolesville resident Betty Ritorto of the 19000 block of Fisher Avenue reported to Montgomery County Police that two girls were vandalizing cars in the rear parking lot of Total Automotive and Diesel. Multiple squad cars arrived within thirty minutes of the original call.

Lyn Bodmer of Total Automotive confirmed that two vehicles had their windshields smashed, and she was able to provide the Montgomery County Police with videotapes from the security cameras surrounding the establishment.

The two girls reportedly were in the area visiting friends when they decided to either find money or steal a car to get to Baltimore. One of the

girls had previously resided in the area and had attended Poolesville schools.

Upon leaving the auto repair shop, they went to Poolesville Beer and Wine and used a chair in the parking lot to smash the glass front door of the retailer. This triggered the alarm system and the girls then moved to the parking lot of Healthworks where they reportedly broke into at least one car in an apparent attempt to steal one.

It was at this point that the police were able to apprehend the suspects and where Ms. Ritorto was able to identify one of the girls as the perpetrator of the vandalism at Total Automotive and Diesel.

Arrests were made, and an initial court date has been set. Anyone who may be able to contribute as witnesses can call the Germantown police station at 301-840-2650.

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### Local Entertainment for August

As you set your Saturday evening entertainment plans, remember that area establishments have local groups lined up for your pleasure in August. Next up on August 16, Bassett's Restaurant has Willie Spring play in their bar starting at 9:30 p.m. Then on August 23, Cugini's Restaurant continues its entertainment program with the Once-lers, a classic rock and blues group, starting at 8:00 p.m.

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For all the information on entertainment and events scheduled, go to [www.mcagfair.com](http://www.mcagfair.com).

### MCPS Back-To-School Fair

The first annual Montgomery County Public Schools Back-To-School Fair is scheduled for Saturday, August 16 at the Carver Educational Services Center (850 Hungerford Drive) in Rockville. Festivities will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. They will feature foods from different countries, live music, donated books and school supplies, free gift drawings, learning activities, storytelling, moon bounce, and more.

Attendees will also be able to pick up information and resources for the coming school year, and learn how to access Edline, QuickNotes, and other MCPS online resources.

### Little Bennett Park Nature Hike

Join the staff at Little Bennett Park in Clarksburg for a nature hike on August 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Come for the morning hike to observe bluebirds and beavers and be sure to wear sunscreen, hats, and hiking shoes, and to bring water. This event is for those six years old and up. There is a \$4.00 fee. Pre-register at [www.parkpass.org](http://www.parkpass.org) Reminder to Sign Up for Poolesville Day Parade/Vendors and 5KAs regards Poolesville Day on September 20, this is a reminder for all who plan on having a vendor's booth, participating in the parade, or running/jogging in the PACC's 5K race: you must have an application filled out and submitted to the committee. Just because you have participated in any of these events in the past does not mean you do not have to have a new application. For all events, simply go to [www.poolesville.com](http://www.poolesville.com). If you are uncertain if an application for your group is on file, you may email the committee for clarification.

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### Ceramic Art Exhibits at Hood College

Two exhibits: "Images of the Spirit," by Barnesville ceramic artist Victoria Clayton, and "Life Altered,"

by Frederick painter and ceramic artist Leslee Cramer Forster will be on display in the Hodson Gallery of the Tatem Arts Center at Hood College, Frederick, Maryland from August 8, 2008 through August 24, 2008. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, August 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with gallery talks by the artists at 6:30 p.m.

Victoria Clayton works from her studio, Tiger Lily Studios, in Barnesville, Maryland. Her work addresses the ways in which images of the Spirit aid in creating a nourishing environment for spiritual reflection. Chalices, patens, and offertory bowls function as tactile links between the soul with the Spirit. Stations of the Cross, describing scenes of the Passion, provide a meditative path for prayer and contemplation. "Images of the Spirit" portrays the nature of the Spirit in a sanctified space.

Leslee Cramer Forster works from her studio, Catocoin Wind Studio, in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. "Life Altered" features a series of brightly colored and highly textured ceramic sculptures that describe the process of learning to live with chronic pain. All of her pieces are hand-built with a stoneware clay body. Imagery and symbolism are carved into the leather-hard surface. The sculptures are painted with vibrant colors that visualize the fireworks of chronic pain. The series of sculptures focuses on forms and imagery that visually describe physical and emotional pain through this process. The exhibits and reception are free and open to the public. Hood College is located at 401 Rosemont Avenue in Frederick, Maryland. Ample free parking is available in the chapel lot. For more information, contact Young Mi, curator of the Hodson Gallery at 301-696-3471.

### Vigil to Benefit Alzheimer's Disease

On August 17 at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, a candlelight vigil in honor of loved ones lost to and those living with Alzheimer's disease will be held at Mount St. Mary's University at Founder's Plaza. The program will be from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. People of all ages are welcome to participate in a candle lighting ceremony, hear motivational speakers, and will be called to action, receiving information to advocate for increased funding to find a cure for Alzheimer's. An estimated 5.2 million Americans are living with the disease, and the numbers are expected to grow exponentially in the years to come. In the event of rain, the group will gather in Patriot Hall. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Let it begin with you. Join us! For more information, call: 301-696-0315.

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be with you." He agreed to submit his name for consideration and to be interviewed by the congregation. It must have gone well because when the fifty-seven members voted, he got fifty of the votes.

As to personal interests, Rev. Taylor loves jigsaw puzzles (often working on two at a time), country-western music, rhythm and blues, and traveling. He visited the Holy Land, and the trip was "a dream come true. I actually had the experience of riding a boat in the Sea of Galilee during a heavy thunderstorm."

The Taylors have three children: sons, Glen Edward and Bruce Dion, and daughter, Cheryl Elaine Wilson. They have seven grandchildren: Clifford, Jeffrey, Nakia, Jeremy, Justin, Janay, and Jordan.

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## Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**August 2, 1920** The Poolesville [baseball] team defeated Rockville by a score of 17-0. The game was played at the fairgrounds and was attended by a large crowd.

**August 4, 1918** The Anti-Saloon League held its annual meeting at Washington Grove. The league elected vice presidents from each election district. Reverend Charles Boss from Clarksburg, Howard Spurrier from Poolesville, and Windsor Hodges of Barnesville were elected.

**August 6, 1923** St. Stephen's of the Washington League defeated Boyds 6-1 in a game of baseball. Boyds was held to one hit and it was struck by Best, the shortstop.

**August 6, 1923** The Poolesville Girls 4-H Club gave a pageant on the high school grounds. Miss Blanche Corwin was the director.

**August 8, 1923** More than five

hundred people gathered at the Rockville train station to watch the funeral train of President Harding pass. Crowds that exceeded the population of the towns of Dickerson, Barnesville, Boyds, Germantown, and Garrett Park also gathered at their depots to pay respects.

**August 16, 1914** The farmers of the Poolesville district held their annual horse and colt show. Liberal prizes were awarded.

**August 18, 1912** Several thousand people gathered at St. Mary's Catholic Church at Barnesville for the annual picnic and tournament. Mrs. C. U. Stone, who was active in woman's suffrage rights, gave a resounding speech. A dance was also held and continued to the midnight hour. The Rev. George Harrington, pastor of the church, was assisted by hundreds of parishioners. The event was supposed to have been held earlier in the month but had been postponed by a rainstorm.

**August 18, 1923** It was reported that Thomas C. Hoskinson & Sons,

Howard Spurrier, and Albert Wootton, all merchants in Poolesville whose stores were destroyed by fire, had decided not to rebuild. They were said to be entertaining offers for their properties.

**August 21, 1925** The state road that connects Frederick and Washington was formally opened. Ceremonies were held at the home of McGill Belt at Dickerson. The road connects Frederick with the towns of Buckeystown, Licksville, Dickerson, Poolesville, and

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## Youth Sports

### Poolesville's Gridiron Teams

By Dominique Agnew

Although it may feel as though summer has just begun (or not), to others, looking forward to the fall has become the name of the game—wearing cleats, pads, and helmets.

Yes, it's time for football practices, under the auspices of the Poolesville Athletic Association, to recommence at the Poolesville High School athletic fields. While this is not new, PAA football has been around since its inception in 1985, there have been big changes to the program that Commissioner Chris Lee thinks will not only increase the size of the program, but will benefit the PAA kids and the community.

Until this year, PAA football had been affiliated with the Mountain Valley Football League, but when the MVFL made some changes in its weight classes, allowing much heavier kids to play in younger age classes, Chris Lee knew he had to look elsewhere. Jim Creegan of the Damascus Sports Association recommended Mid-Maryland Youth Football and Cheerleading, formed two years ago in Carroll and Howard Counties.

The decision to change leagues after so many years was not one that was made lightly. Commissioner Lee

put much thought into what the change would mean; he researched MMYFC, and he consulted everybody involved to be sure it would be the best decision. For example, the games will now take place on Saturdays instead of Sundays. This change also affects cheerleaders. "I did not do the move without permission from cheerleading," he says. He also took into account the travel time involved for the families, realizing that the travel time would remain the same, it would just be in different directions. "The best thing we ever did," says Lee, "was make the move to [MMYFC]." The result is that over twenty new players have joined PAA football for the 2008 season. "We've never had this many kids before," adds Lee.

The Mid-Maryland Youth Football and Cheerleading League is made up of four divisions: National, American (in which PAA will play), Federal, and Unlimited Weight. Flag football for PAA will be all in-house with games during the week—a time of family fun; however, when the other PAA teams have their home games, flag football will join them on Saturdays.

The switch to MMYFC will also be good for the greater Poolesville community. The games on Saturdays at the PHS stadium will end with the last games under the lights. This will not only increase revenue for PAA and the businesses of Poolesville, it will "give people something to do on a Saturday night."

Much of the growth and success

of PAA football would not be possible without the help of Fred Swick, athletic director at PHS. "Fred Swick is more than gracious to allow the team to use the field on Saturday," says Chris Lee. Swick was also instrumental in making the switch to MMYFC.

"My goal is to get as many kids to play football... regardless of their size and ability," adds Lee. "I think this is going to turn the program



PAA football player, Gage Mathis, watches to see how far he threw the ball in the annual Punt, Pass, and Kick competition.

## Local News

### Poolesville Day Expands Musical Performances

No matter where Poolesville Day-goers find themselves this year, they will be in almost continuous earshot of a band or solo entertainer from 10:00 a.m. until 1:45 p.m. This year will see an expansion of not only the number but also the variety of musical offerings for the entertainment of the crowds.

No matter what your taste in music, you should find one or more performances to your liking. Here is a synopsis of the entertainment according to Brian Sheron who is coordinating this facet of the Poolesville Day program.

First, there will be five different stages from one end of the Poolesville Day layout to the other. From east to west, the locations will be: The House of Poolesville, Whalen Commons, Total Automotive & Diesel, Hearthside Antiques, and Jamison Real Estate. The performances scheduled include:

**Durham Station--bluegrass band that plays at festivals and is a regular at Cactus Flats in Frederick.**

**ROX24--Poolesville band that performs rock and roll—Dale Guise and his daughters.**

**Bob Lauder Band—country/folk/bluegrass (one member is Poolesville resident).**

**Steve Gellman—country/folk (solo).**

**Sonic Cheetahs of Death—Andy Swick's band (graduate of Poolesville High School)—hard rock).**

**Poolesville Band project--Paul Hooper and other Poolesville residents—classic rock.**

**Doug Bell—acoustic balladeer (lives in Poolesville).**

**Gina DeSimone—balladeer, popular music (lives in Poolesville).**

**Narwhals: Sammy Guertin leads—PHS band that does alternative rock.**

Of course, all this will be followed by the Grand Finale Concert, 1:45 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., featuring the Junkyard Saints at Whalen Commons. As the Poolesville Day Committee puts it, "New Orleans-style music concert comes to Poolesville Day! Bring your lawn chairs and dancing feet!" The committee reports that the Junkyard Saints are recipients of Washington Area Music Association's 2007 WAM-MIE Award for Best Roots Rock Group and Artist of the Year.

in a good direction."

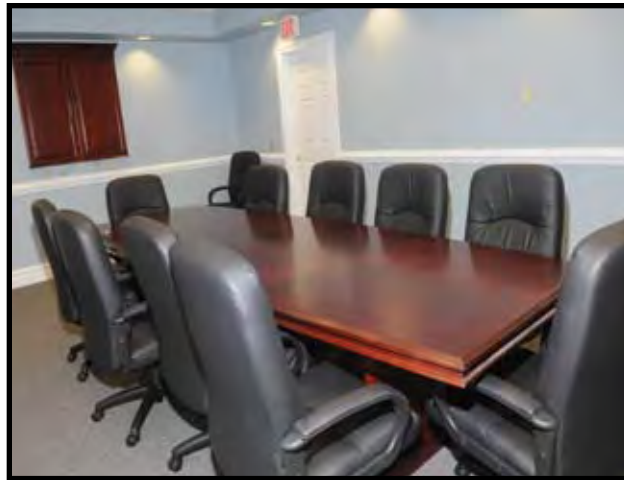
There is still time for players to join—but hurry. The final roster will not be set until August 21. Interested families can email Chris Lee at [house-tohomeCBL@aol.com](mailto:house-tohomeCBL@aol.com) or they can visit PAA's website: [www.poolesville.org](http://www.poolesville.org).

Of course, the town can look forward to the games under the lights and can support the players by attending these games.

#### PAA Punt, Pass, and Kick 2008 Contest Results

| Age   | Punt   | Pass   | Kick  |
|-------|--|--|---|
| 6-8   | Gold: Pete Barry<br>Silver: Dillon Trent<br>Bronze: Travis Zinn        | Gold: Colin Metz<br>Silver: Pete Barry<br>Bronze: Brian Jacobs         | Gold: Dillon Travis<br>Silver: Travis Zinn<br>Bronze: Pete Barry        |
| 8-10  | Gold: Blake Toomer<br>Silver: Andrew Bacas<br>Bronze: Shayne Carver    | Gold: Jake Armstrong<br>Silver: Shayne Carver<br>Bronze: Blake Toomer  | Gold: Shayne Carver<br>Silver: Dimitri Agnew<br>Bronze: Nick Wong       |
| 9-11  | Gold: Sean Murphy<br>Silver: Subrimian Miller<br>Bronze: Jackson Purdy | Gold: Dylan Lamis<br>Silver: Steven Morningstar<br>Bronze: Sean Murphy | Gold: Jackson Purdy<br>Silver: Dylan Flickinger<br>Bronze: Zach Pearson |
| 10-12 | Gold: Robbie Metz<br>Silver: Brendan Thompson<br>Bronze: Cory Savage   | Gold: Brendan Thompson<br>Silver: Cory Savage<br>Bronze: Hunter Pearre | Gold: Robbie Metz<br>Silver: Cory Savage<br>Bronze: Kevin Belivear      |
| 11-13 | Gold: Nikolay Henze<br>Silver: Gage Mathis<br>Bronze: Mathew Griffith  | Gold: Nikolay Henze<br>Silver: C.J. Lee<br>Bronze: Gage Mathis         | Gold: Nikolay Henze<br>Silver: Stanley Snowden<br>Bronze: C.J. Lee      |

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