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All sorts of things were going on in the Up County. See the Family Album on Page 2 for more.



This could only be happening in a school. See School News on Page 5.



Recognize this location? See the Daytripper on Page 3.



Members of St. Marks Methodist Church in Boyds celebrate the church's 67th Reunion. More in Family Album on Page 2.

A Community in Mourning Joins Together for Comfort

By Rande Davis

The community of Damascus was in shock with the news of the death Ryan Didone, 15, the son of Montgomery County Police Captain Thomas Didone. Ryan was in a car accident on October 19, 2008. He was transported to the Maryland Shock Trauma Center in Baltimore, where he died of his injuries. Another passenger, Brittany Jones, 16, was also taken to the shock trauma center. The driver, Zachary Kimble, 17, was taken to a local hospital with what police described as non-life-threatening injuries, as were two other passengers, Christopher Nicholson, 17, and Kristin Newport, 15.

Reports state that the car in which he was traveling with four friends veered from a rural road near Damascus, struck a tree, and caught fire. While the accident is still under investigation, the Montgomery County police reported that alcohol was not involved.

Ryan Didone was a sophomore at Damascus High School. A candlelight vigil was held at the Damascus High School sports stadium on the evening of October 20 so that the community could express its heartfelt condolences to the family of Ryan and the other passengers involved in the accident.

The Damascus High School administration posted a message to their parents on October 20: "As you are probably aware, there was a car accident last night involving

five of our students. Tragically, one of those students, sophomore Ryan Didone, passed away. Today was a difficult day at school, but with the help of counselors and a crisis team, students were able to get through it. We want to keep you updated on some things we have done to help our students deal with this incident." A mural was created for students to sign, allowing them to express their thoughts. Students were also encouraged



Ryan Didone
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2008 Ballot Questions on State And County Issues

By John Clayton

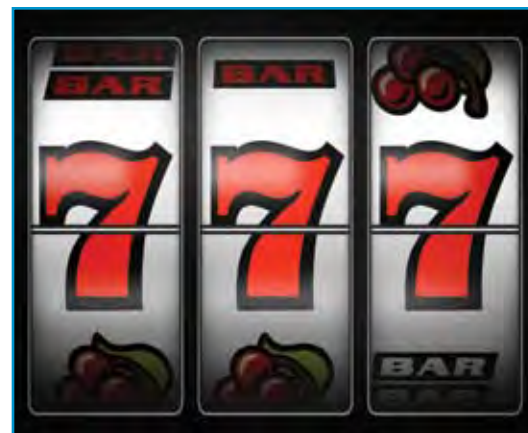
There are several questions on the November 4 ballot which will require our attention. The following is a summary of the questions, as derived from the Maryland State Board of Elections.

Question 1 is entitled "Elective Franchise – Early Voting and Polling Places." This is an amendment to the state constitution that would allow the General Assembly to enact legislation that would allow any qualified voter who chooses to do so to vote by

absentee ballot. It would also allow qualified voters to vote at polling places in or outside the voters' election districts or wards or during the two weeks immediately preceding an election.

This isn't the first trip down the pike for early voting. In 2006, during former Gov. Robert Ehrlich's administration, the Maryland General Assembly passed legislation that authorized early voting, and subsequently overrode Governor Ehrlich's veto. However, the Maryland Court of Appeals struck down the law as unconstitutional, and this ballot question attempts to change the state constitution to allow the legislation.

There seems to be more debate over early voting than "absentee voting on request," as it is sometimes called. Opponents are concerned over the increased potential for voter fraud, and there doesn't seem to be any question that



Slot machine gambling is one of the issues on the Maryland ballot.

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Family Album



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The John family competing in the Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard's Annual Grape Stomp.



The tenth grade Global Ecology class under the leadership of Mr. Short, Mr. Sparrow, and landscaper Bernie Mihm planted trees around the front of the town hall.



The president of the Town of Poolesville Commissioners, Eddie Kuhlman, accepts a \$1,150,000 proffer payment from Mike Conley of Winchester Homes.



St. Mark's Methodist Church in Boyds celebrated the church's recent reopening and rejuvenation with a 67th Reunion worship service and luncheon. Pictured are Paul Hawkins (Administrative Board Chairman), Betty Hawkins (historian), Kimberly Turner (church secretary), and Perry Duffin (lay minister).

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Daytripper Sugarloaf Mountain

By Jack Toomey

When a family plans a day trip, chances are that they consider a destination that is an hour or two away from our area. The Shenandoah Valley, the museums of Washington, or Gettysburg are all places that families have driven to and enjoyed. But right in our backyard is a pleasant location where a family can spend most of the day exploring, hiking, picnicking, and observing nature.

Sugarloaf Mountain was first observed and then named by a European explorer in the early 1700s. Less than ten miles from most places in the Upper County, its peak can be seen from as far away as Frederick, Rockville, and Carroll County. Even though the mountain is close to many of our homes, it is surprising how few of our

residents have actually visited the mountain. An informal poll, conducted by a *Monocle* reporter, revealed that less than half of the adults and a quarter of the teenagers from the Poolesville area have actually been to the top of the mountain, yet over a quarter of a million people visit each year.

The Swiss explorer who named the mountain and whose name has been lost to history, thought that the mountain looked like a lump of sugar, thus the name that has endured over time. During the eighteenth century, a diarist described a place on the mountain where chestnuts could be devoured in great numbers. General Braddock used the mountain as a way station on his march northward during the French and Indian War. The Union Army used Sugarloaf Mountain as a signal post during the Civil War. In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt, who was seeking a weekend retreat, visited the mountain and considered buying it before de-

terminating on the location now called Camp David in Frederick County. In 1946, Gordon Strong purchased the mountain and established a foundation that would ensure that the natural beauty of the mountain would be enjoyed for the rest of time.

A visitor to Sugarloaf Mountain will probably notice two buildings at the base of the mountain. One is the headquarters of the Stronghold Foundation while the other is the residence of the caretaker. Some brave souls prefer to park here and walk up one of many of the trails that lead to the top of the mountain or to start out on a rather arduous bicycle trip to the top. Most prefer to drive up a paved road that winds around the mountain and eventually leads to the two



A family enjoys a picnic at the top of the mountain.

most popular overlooks. The East Overlook is encountered first and is located on a rock outcropping. Some picnic tables are located here, and a visitor can look out over eastern Montgomery County. On a very clear day, a sightseer can see the Washington Cathedral in northwest Washington. There is ample parking here for either a quick look, to stay awhile and contemplate the countryside, or to use one of the picnic tables

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Commentary

Close Election — For All the Right Reasons

By Rande Davis

The race will be close, and while there will be one loser, the electorate will win. No, I am not talking national politics; I am referring to town elections.

With three incumbents and one former commissioner running, the issue of experience is off the table. As a group, the town can be assured that all four candidates have a proven record of hard work and dedication. If in making your decision you think the town is mismanaged, financially insecure, non-responsive to the public and their needs and desires for the town, you would be wrong in voting against any of the gentlemen. Going forward in these economic times will present challenges, and a cautious and conservative approach to any new spending will be advisable.

As someone who has watched the current as well as the former commissioners for over four years, I can assure any and all that the town is in solid financial status, and the decisions made are a collective vote in the best interest of the town. There are no hidden agendas coming from this group. What you see is what you get, and what you have gotten has, in most cases, been received approvingly by the general public.

Of course, any decision made by the commission or by any particular commissioner will have those who like it and those who don't. Being a decision-maker in a small town is not easy. That doesn't change no matter who serves. I have my objections to a number of decisions by the commission or opinions voiced by individual commissioners, but my opinion, when expressed as either as a resident or chairman of the Sign Review Board always got a fair hearing.

Mr. Hoewing provides

careful and thoughtful opinions, and his long experience and dedication in town affairs is very substantial. While short of words, he has the ability to focus discussion with poignant insight that gets to the heart of an issue. As a commissioner, he has extensive experience in planning and a remarkable record in working for educational issues through his volunteer work with the Poolesville Cluster.

Mr. Klobukowski has strong experience in town matters and, in particular, educational matters as the commission representative with the Poolesville Cluster, often taking his personal time to address the Board of Education to make sure the needs of the Poolesville students are well understood. He has been a driving force as the commission representative on the Parks Board. Mr. Klobukowski has also distinguished himself as being involved in other civic concerns in the township such as working with the scouts. His willingness to put in long personal hours is impressive. Because of large constituencies within the town, both Hoewing and Klobukowski may be safe for reelection.

Mr. Johnson has been an innovator and leader in financial matters especially in constructing a much-improved budget system which is still being used. Still, his decision to leave office less than four months after reelection is troubling. A series of family health issues would be very understandable if that were the sole reason. Past statements of personal animosities toward any other commissioner don't cut it. That's not a reason to step down, it is a reason to stay. Nor does quitting because the majority of commissioners disagree over any particular issue (other than ethics), and Mr. Johnson's decision to leave was partially due to disagreement with the majority on water rates. It's a shame since over time and through discussion, he may have prevailed in swaying enough other commissioners to agree with him. That is

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Commentary

Decision Time

By John Clayton

This is our last issue before the election, but in this commentary, I am going to abandon the presidential race, which will do just fine without me, and look at the more local and immediate issue of video lottery terminals, or in the common vernacular, slot machines.

Over the past few years you would have needed a scorecard to keep track of Maryland politicians over the slots issue. As we approach the vote on the referendum, it is hard to not be cynical about who is for slot machine gambling in Maryland, and who is against it. Apparently, when you are governor and you are trying to close the state's budget, slots revenue is irresistible. When your opponent is governor and trying to close the budget, all bets are off. This has been the case for both Robert Ehrlich and Martin O'Malley.

Both politicians have followed a twisting path on slot machines. As mayor of Baltimore, O'Malley opposed slot machines, or at least opposed them in the city, although he eventually offered some support for the Ehrlich initiative. During his campaign for governor, he openly touted slot machines to help rescue the state budget, education, and racetracks. Bob Ehrlich pushed for slots as governor, with the support of some, but not enough, Democrats.

Currently Governor O'Malley has the unenviable task (well, he wanted the job) of cutting programs to make the budget whole, and he is hoping that slot machine revenues will eventually help. He faces opposition from State Comptroller Peter Franchot, many other people in his own party, and increasing opposition from state Republicans who were previously in favor of slots under Bob Ehrlich, including Bob Ehrlich himself, who recently came out against the initiative.

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School News

JPMS Hosts World-Renowned Skateboarder for Anti-Drug Assembly

John Poole Middle School held a very special anti-drug assembly that surely caught the attention of the students. The presenter of the program was Andy MacDonald, an eight-time World Cup Skateboarding Champion and X-Games gold medalist. He is known around the country and the world not only for his talents



JPMS student, Dylan Belcher (left), introduced world-renowned skateboarder, Andy MacDonald, to his fellow students during an anti-drug use assembly. Dylan recently took second place in a skateboarding competition for eight mid-Atlantic states.

on a skateboard, but also for the way he conducts his business and his life. His determination to reach the pinnacle of professional skateboarding, as well as his "lead by example" anti-drug approach and his commitment to youth reading programs, has made him a role model for today's youth and led him to be recognized by former President Clinton, among others.

His fundamental message to the students was about setting goals and pursuing dreams. He left a signed skateboard and signed shirts which will be prizes that students can win by earning Timber Wolf Tickets. The kids listened and loved the program, especially watching him jump over four teachers at the end of the program. Mr. MacDonald also gave out signed T-shirts and a free opportunity to personally skate with him.

Beyond skateboarding, Mr. MacDonald has written an autobiography, "Dropping In with Andy Mac, The Life of a Pro Skateboarder,"

has launched Andy Mac™ products including footwear, skateboards, helmets and pads, and appears in "MTV Skateboarding featuring Andy Macdonald" video game from THQ.

Global Ecology Program Gets Grant from ExxonMobil

Poolesville High School has received a \$500 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program in support of its Global Ecology Program. RKN Corporation, located in Bethesda, Maryland, worked to secure this grant for Poolesville High School. This is one of 4,000 grants made available to schools across the country through the support of Exxon/Mobil retailers, with fund-

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Correction

The freshman princess for Poolesville High School's homecoming was Nitsa Skenderis. We sincerely apologize for the error.



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In The Garden

Where Have All the Flowers Gone?

By Maureen O'Connell

As the warm Indian summer days of late October wane, the flowers in our outdoor garden are just about gone. Tucked here and there, I might spot a dab of color as a leggy chrysanthemum bloom or a determined pink zinnia refuses to get ready for bed for the winter. But despite, or in spite of, the calendar, you can have indoor blooms from early winter to early spring by forcing bulbs now — think lipstick pink tulips, lemon yellow daffodils, tall, brilliant, white stems of narcissi, or a giant, regal, red amaryllis. In speaking of getting bulbs to bloom indoors, it's usually referred to as forcing bulbs. That word forcing seems a bit harsh; I prefer to say that I'm coaxing them into bloom.

What kind of bulbs do you want to bloom? There are many different varieties of bulbs available to grow, but some are easier than others: crocus, hyacinth, lily-of-the-valley, daffodils (the mini variety), narcissus (also called paperwhites), and amaryllis. Tulips require a little more planning and effort, but they are well worth the extra bit of work.

When should you plant your bulbs? That depends on if you want them for a special event, such as Christmas, or to spread their bloom time over the drab winter months. With this in mind, develop a time frame which will give the bulbs the appropriate length of time to bloom. The theory behind the forcing process is to expose the bulbs to fall, winter, and early spring conditions over a shortened period of time. Sometimes the bulbs fool you and bloom when they want and not according to your schedule. I have had paperwhites bloom in less than their normal three-to-four week window, and I have had amaryllis, which usually bloom in two

and a half to three months, hold off flowering until about Saint Patrick's Day. For a continuous blooming of paperwhites, stagger their planting time by a week or two. You can have flowers blooming all winter and into early spring.

When we force bulbs, we are tricking them into thinking that they are outdoors and going through their normal growth cycle. The spring bulbs that we plant outdoors in the fall naturally start their journey to bloom during the cold winter months. Most bulbs used for indoor bloom must also go through a chilling period. Crocuses need fifteen months of cold; hyacinths, eleven to fourteen weeks; muscari, fourteen to fifteen; mini daffodils, fifteen to seventeen; tulips, fourteen to twenty. Amaryllis and paperwhites need no pre-chilling. If you buy bulbs specifically intended for indoor forcing, they either need no chilling time, or they have already been pre-cooled by the nursery or garden center.



How to pick a bulb. As I mentioned in previous columns, always buy large, top quality bulbs from a reputable grower or garden center. They should be firm to the touch and free of mold. In checking the bulb selections at some discount stores recently, I noticed some of the bulbs had spots of mold. Don't buy them. They are on their way to rotting. When you get your bulbs home, plant them soon, or store them in a paper bag in a cool, dry location until you are ready to plant.

Planting the bulbs. Bulbs can be planted in soil, soil-less growing mediums, or water. I have

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If you own horses long enough, sooner or later you are likely to confront a medical emergency. From lacerations to colic to foaling difficulties, there are many emergencies that a horse owner may encounter. You must know how to recognize serious problems and respond promptly, taking appropriate action while awaiting the arrival of your veterinarian.

Preparation is vital when confronted with a medical emergency. No matter the situation you may face, mentally rehearse the steps you will take to avoid letting panic take control. Follow these guidelines from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP) to help you prepare for an equine emer-

gency:

1. Keep your veterinarian's number by each phone, including how the practitioner can be reached after hours.

2. Consult with your regular veterinarian regarding a back-up or referring veterinarian's number in case you cannot reach your regular veterinarian quickly enough.

3. Know in advance the most direct route to an equine surgery center in case you need to transport the horse.

4. Post the names and phone numbers of nearby friends and neighbors who can assist you in an emergency while you wait for the veterinarian.

5. Prepare a first aid kit and store it in a clean, dry, readily accessible place. Make sure that family members and other barn users know where the kit is. Also keep a first aid kit in your horse trailer or towing vehicle, and a pared-down version to carry on the trail.

First aid kits can be simple or elaborate. Here is a short list of essential items:

- Cotton roll
- Cling wrap
- Gauze pads, in assorted sizes

- Sharp scissors
 - Cup or container
 - Digital rectal thermometer
 - Surgical scrub
 - Antiseptic solution
 - Latex gloves
 - Saline solution
 - Stethoscope
 - Clippers
- Many accidents can be prevented by taking the time to evaluate your horse's environment and by removing potential hazards. Mentally rehearse your emergency action plan. In an emergency, time is critical. Don't be concerned with

overreacting or annoying your veterinarian. By acting quickly and promptly, you can minimize the consequences of an injury or illness. For more information about emergency care, ask your equine veterinarian for the "Emergency Care" brochure, provided by the AAEP in partnership with Educational Partner Bayer Animal Health. More information can also be obtained by visiting the AAEP's horse health website, www.myHorseMatters.com.

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Poolesville Election Guide

Link Hoewing

I have had the pleasure of serving as a Town Commissioner for four years. We have accomplished a great deal in that time, including the successful construction of a new town hall (fully paid for and without the need for loans), maintaining a balanced budget and surplus of over \$850,000, and continuing to secure the critical infrastructure of the town—its sewer and water system—by repairing the sewer lines and eliminating leakage, and bringing online several new wells.

We will face some serious fiscal pressures going forward as grants are cut back by the state and the county, and the economy causes a slow down in property tax and income tax revenues. I have managed a several-million-dollar budget in my job as a senior manager at Verizon, and I will continue to look for ways to do more with less. I helped restructure town water rates so that those who use more pay more and so that the general taxpayer is not burdened by having to pay for the water used by others. I moved to eliminate spending, such as a proposal for a \$75,000 street sweeper earlier this year. I believe that we can continue to maintain a strong budget without changing tax rates or undermining important future programs such as parks, including a possible skate park. I am focused on the character and values we hold as a close community in the middle of a beautiful Ag Reserve. We can't take for granted that the Reserve will remain as open and undeveloped as it is today. Plans are being pushed, for example, to expand an existing equestrian park on Route 28 in Beallsville, and there is a danger that these plans could result in larger facilities, more traffic, and more people crowding into our area. The Town's Master Plan also must be revised during the coming several years, and it too is an important part of helping preserve the small town nature of Poolesville. I was the planning commission chairman several years back and helped create the park system we have today in previous master plans. I also helped create the vision that is in our Master Plan today. Its focus on the rural, small-town character of Poolesville is a vision to which I am very much committed.

I believe my leadership and commitment will help ensure that our community remains a small and beautiful place to live.

Roy Johnson

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I decided to seek reelection this year when, two days before the close of filing to be on the November ballot, only two of the incumbents had filed. It would not bode well for Poolesville if there were more vacancies than candidates. I also believe that people should be given a choice, and no one was stepping forward to offer the voters a choice.

The year 2007 was admittedly a bad one for the Johnson family. We were overwhelmed with significant health issues, leaving little time to address town affairs. In April, I stepped down from office, suspended my successful consulting business, and spent the remaining eight months of 2007 attending to Carol's problems first and then my own. We won those personal battles and, this year, I found myself with time to resume other interests.

During my previous terms in office, I was often called "The Quiet One" because I avoided unnecessary rhetoric, tried to cut to the issues, and displayed good decision-making skills. On my own, I completely overhauled the town's budget development and tracking procedures. Since that time, budgets have always been balanced, the budgeting process simplified, and current, accurate information always available to all.

I strongly believe that the budget, from development to implementation, is the most important commissioner duty of all. It sets our priorities, guides our decision-making, and provides the blueprint for the year. The current budget shows many unfunded projects and no plan to fund any of them. For example, fifteen or twenty years ago, the old commissioners had the foresight to realize the town needed an adequate town hall facility. A project was established and funding was implemented. That's why the new facility was built—without a mortgage and without any increase in taxes. More than half of the cost of the building was in place ten years before the current site was even decided upon; that's foresight and planning. Today, we have lots of projects under discussion, but there is no plan and no funding, only talk. I'd like the opportunity to once again tie the three pieces together: needs, planning, and funding.

I have one more goal. Currently, about 40 or 50,000 of our tax dollars are used annually to subsidize users of our water and wastewater systems who do not pay Poolesville property taxes. I think that is wrong. All three of the incumbents disagree and have voted to continue that practice in both of the last two budget cycles.

Vote for them to continue giving our tax dollars to non-taxpayers, or vote for me to keep our tax dollars solely for Poolesville's benefit.

Jerry Klobukowski

To serve as your commissioner for the past twelve years has been an honor and a privilege, and I ask for your support in my bid for reelection.

Through hard work and dedication, I have earned your trust and confidence. As Educational Liaison Commissioner, you have seen me at our schools' PTA meetings, presenting retirement proclamations to school staff, and testifying before the Board of Education and County Council in support of Poolesville Cluster issues, like our high school's Magnet Program, school HVAC improvements, general maintenance, and security issues. At County Council meetings, I press for the needs of our library, our volunteer fire department, and the Germantown Police Substation. I am proud to represent our citizens at Eagle Scout and Girl Scout ceremonies. As the commission's Parks Board Liaison, I have worked hard with the board to ensure: the equitable and optimal usage of our parks and fields, that our parks are well maintained, that renovated parks meet ADA standards, and also to determine the future types of parks our town will need. I am proud of helping to bring about our new Town Hall; it points to the progress made to meet current and future needs.

The current economic environment will impact Poolesville with less revenue coming from the county and state in the coming year. The state grants available will probably decrease as well. Unlike other municipalities, we are fiscally sound and strong. Our healthy reserves can help reduce some impacts; however, each future budget line will need to be critically examined to ensure we continue to maintain our town and sustain the quality of life that we have come to expect while maintaining a reasonable tax rate. Also, I would request that speed camera revenue, meant for pedestrian safety, be used to improve within the town.

Having a sustainable, high-quality water supply for current and future residents, reducing inflow and infiltration to our sewer system, and improving the Fisher Avenue streetscape are among my priorities.

I am unwavering in my belief that Poolesville is not only an exceptional gem in the county's Agricultural Reserve, but also in the county as a whole. We have the ability to control our destiny. More importantly, there's a deep sense of community where people are more than just acquaintances. We are always ready to pitch in to help—whether it is driving them to the doctor, watching their homes while they're away, or shoveling their sidewalk after a snow storm.

I am one hundred percent committed to serving and improving our wonderful town and the best interests of all Poolesville residents guide all of my decisions. Please support me at the polls on November 4.

Served – 3 Terms

Wife – Pamela, married 36 years

Daughter – Lara, Son – Matthew

Grandchildren – Hayley, Morgan, and Ashley

Eddie Kuhlman

My name is Eddie Kuhlman, and I am seeking reelection as Town Commissioner. I have served the town with integrity, dedication, and distinction. Your commissioners have made significant progress on major issues, and I want to continue working with the other commissioners to attain further successes.

Here are some highlights of accomplishments gained by the present commissioners:

Secured three additional wells, more than doubling the number of wells in the last eight years

Completed a sewer main relining of the entire Wesmond subdivision to prevent costly I&I (inflow & infiltration)

After more than ten years of saving and planning, constructed a new town hall

Stopped the county from relocating the Public Services Training Facility just outside of town limits

Separated the Water & Sewer budget items from the General Fund

Hired a new town engineering firm (cost savings)

Continued working with county police so Poolesville remains one of the safest communities in the county

Purchased 3.77 acres of land for future recreational use

Secured a waiver from paying the County Impact Fee for new town hall (saving around \$30,000)

Continued monitoring county plans for the Woodstock Equestrian Park

Future issues are:

Budget, what will happen to Poolesville with the state and county budget

Maintaining the quality of life Poolesville residents expect

Orderly implementation of new developments

Continue monitoring our infrastructure needs, especially water and sewer

Once the recreation survey results are known, what happens then.

School enrollments (elementary and middle school enrollments are projected down, will these schools be in jeopardy)

Maintain open communications with county and state elected officials

Keeping Poolesville a wonderful place to live

I enjoy serving my town as a commissioner, and I take the responsibility very seriously. As president of the commissioners, I have pushed a positive agenda forward, and we have succeeded in getting things done.

Most candidates state they have done this or that while in office, but the truth is it's a team effort. Without the support of your commissioner colleagues, one person cannot get things done. I have the honor of serving with four fine gentlemen, we don't always agree, but we get things accomplished through discussion and teamwork. I respect my fellow commissioners and feel they respect me.

There is unfinished work, and I ask you to please vote for Eddie Kuhlman, so I can continue working with the other commissioners serving Poolesville.

Please feel free to call me at 301-972-8621 to discuss issues of interest to you.

US House District #8 Election Guide

Steve Hudson

Fellow Montgomery County Citizens:

When the founding fathers created Congress, they envisioned a place where ordinary citizens could sacrifice a little of their time and share their abilities for the common good.

I am a husband and father of four, a U.S. Naval Commander, a surgeon, a lawyer, a community volunteer, and an international humanitarian—and I am running for Congress.

There is one lesson I learned in my life that stands above the rest, the importance of community involvement and that one person can indeed make a difference. Anything worth having is worth fighting for. We have an obligation to leave our community, state, and country a little better off than we found it.

This is the true nature of leadership and public service. This is the core of our shared American values. This is why I have every confidence in the continued greatness of the United States. We must seek to challenge those among us who have the ability to contribute to a brighter future. America is ready for real leadership. If we are to continue to prosper as a nation, it is paramount that we choose our future leaders with a clear understanding about what type of character they possess and whether or not they are “worthy to serve the public.” I have no desire for political power or prestige of title. I just want to fix this UNPRECEDENTED mess that the DO NOTHING 110th Congress has made. If I’m fortunate enough to earn your vote and the privilege to serve, hopefully I can help to make things right, so we don’t pass on these monumental mistakes to our children.

Many politicians just show up for votes on pay raises, collect PAC money, and waste billions of our dollars on things we do not need, including bailing out corrupt and mismanaged financial firms.

I will not tolerate this! I’ll bring integrity, reason, and selfless bipartisan duty to the House of Representatives.

So please, for our nation’s future, when you vote, consider the man and not just the party.

My credentials and positions are posted online at www.stev HUDSON2008.com

The issues may change, but character does not. I’m Steve Hudson, and I would appreciate your vote on November 4.

Thank You

Chris Van Hollen

I will continue to work hard to effectively represent the values and priorities of the people of Maryland’s 8th District in the United States Congress.

We must put America back to work through the modernization of our transportation systems, major investment in clean energy technologies, scientific research, and the green economy of the future. I support tax relief for middle income Americans.

I opposed President Bush’s decision to go to war in Iraq. The war in Iraq has distracted America from fighting those who did attack our nation on September 11, 2001. We must finish the job against Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda who continue to regain strength along the Afghan-Pakistan border. America’s national security depends not only on the might of our military but also on the power of our example. We must rebuild our credibility and moral standing around the world.

We must end our dependence on fossil fuels for national security, environmental, and economic reasons. I helped lead the successful effort to cut wasteful subsidies to the oil and gas industries and redirect those funds toward renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies. I am a primary sponsor of the House effort to require a national renewable electricity standard and a driving force behind the passage of the new law raising the fuel efficiency standards for automobiles. As the Co-Chair of the Chesapeake Bay Task Force, I secured an historic increase in federal support for the Bay’s clean-up effort.

I worked for the successful passage of the College Cost Reduction and Access Act making college more affordable by cutting in half the interest rates on federal student loans. I am also the chief sponsor of the Keep Our Promises to America’s Children and Teachers Act, which would require the Federal Government to fully fund No Child Left Behind and special education programs.

We must fix our health care system.

I introduced legislation to reduce the cost of prescription drugs, and I am working to strengthen the Medicare program. I worked hard to pass the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) to provide health care to ten million children from working families. I fought for the Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill which included the largest increase in funding for veterans’ health care in the VA’s seventy-seven-year history.

I championed the new lobbying and ethics reform law which public interest groups have widely praised as a “landmark” bill banning Members of Congress and their staff from receiving gifts, meals, and travel from lobbyists. It also incorporates my measure to provide greater disclosure of campaign fundraising practices.

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to wear white on Wednesday to express support and unity for the sophomore class.

In a the neighboring school district of Clarksburg, Mark Dixon, president of the Clarksburg High School PTSA, canceled a previously-scheduled meeting of CHS PTSA and issued the following statement to the Clarksburg High School community: “In light of last night’s tragic accident involving youth from our local community, I am canceling tonight’s PTSA meeting at Clarksburg High School...It has not been very long since students who previously were assigned to Damascus High School were signed up to attend Clarksburg High School...I am also asking our community to wear their Clarksburg school colors to show the Damascus Community how much we support them as we reflect on the students involved and how they have affected our lives as well. In the coming days, the CHS PTSA will let students, staff, and parents know how best to channel our support for the Damascus Community.”

The gathering of well over 2,500 people shuffled into the stadium bleachers with the only sound being footsteps and soft, respectful murmuring. Each person held a candle to be lit in remembrance of Ryan Didone. Bundled in warm clothing to ward off the cool autumn breeze, the sky was filled with ominously dark clouds. Across the field on fencing was a sign placed by students: “101 In Memory of Ryan Didone – RIP.” The 101 was Ryan’s racing number as a moto-



Captain Thomas Didone starts the lighting of candles during the vigil for his son, Ryan.

cross enthusiast.

Community clergy spoke comforting words to the families of the students in the accident and the people in the crowd, but the community that came together to comfort, instead was comforted by Captain Didone. He reflected on how the setting was appropriate since it was there that Ryan had played little league football as a linebacker with crowds that would cheer for him. He spoke of how Ryan was a special kid—mainly because he grew up in Damascus. “As I look out at all the people in the community and all the people along the way who had the opportunity to touch my son from the heart, with love, with wisdom, with kindness, you can’t help wonder why, why it happened here. There has to be a message, there has to be a lesson. Ryan was a good kid, these are good kids, but bad things can happen to good kids.”

The message of driver awareness became Captain Didone’s lesson. “We have to continue to do more; we have to try to make something good out of tragedy. We don’t know what God’s mes-

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Better Manage Your Fall-Winter Pastures

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

Keep your fingers crossed, you may still have thirty days to put into effect some vital steps to protect your pastures and secure fine quality grazing for your equines in the months ahead. This article sketches out a plan for enhancing, building, and safeguarding your most precious equine resource: your pastures.

1. Short-Term (mid-October to mid-November)

Step one: Reseed. Last year, prudent pasture managers enjoyed an extra bonus. When the fall rains came on October 24, fields already seeded and composted/strawed enjoyed a full month of sufficient rain or dew, along with an average daily temperature of 55° degrees, to germinate and grow rapidly. The result was very good production in 2008, as long as pastures rested six to nine months before they were grazed to ensure good root development, depending upon elevation, soil composition, soil fertility, and type of grasses.

Your challenge is to do the same this year. How? First, analyze where repair is needed. Then, consult Eddie Franceschi, Resource Equine Conservationist at the Soil Conservation Office 301-590-2855, and or Equine Nutrient Management Specialist, Amanda Laudwein, at 301-590-9638 for advice on rapidly-germinating seed appropriate for each field. Spread seed adequately and cover with compost or straw; water daily, if possible, on small or especially vulnerable sections, including high traffic areas or where fall/winter rains will induce erosion. Remove your animals from these areas, and rest fields six to nine months;

heavily damaged fields may require a year or more to recover.

Step two: Build sacrifice paddocks. You can build one or more sacrifice paddocks of one acre or less, on high ground, and cover them with bluestone or wood chips for only a few hundred to a few thousand dollars in two to five days. Sacrifice areas are essential in safeguarding your investment in pastures and hay. Equines should be confined to these paddocks for three days after every heavy rain, as equines will destroy up to forty percent of their pasture each year. Where pasture is limited, that is, less than two acres per equine, equines should also be turned out for exercise in sacrifice paddocks when pastures are not growing—from mid-fall to mid-spring. They can be turned out to graze, preferably twice a day, for a total per day of two to six hours, depending upon the availability of pasture land and the shape that it is in. Grass will provide only a portion of their nutrition; full feeding twice a day of hay and concentrates, with vitamins and minerals, is also required daily. Ask Mr. Franceschi and Ms. Laudwein for "Sacrifice Lots" from the Horse Outreach Workgroup, which explains how to site and build sacrifice paddocks.

Step three: Invest prudently in hay. Before you buy, consult Department of Agriculture specialists for advice on measuring the nutritional value of various hays, their quality, and how to best store hay to maintain its optimal "shelf life."

2. Mid-Term (mid-November to March 15, 2009)

Follow all of the steps above, and invest this period in planning for your pastures' future. Do your soils and soil fertility analyses, look into plant growth physiology, investigate forage species selection, and plan your 2009 pasture renovations. This is also the right time to review your Nutrient Management Plans for 2008 and 2009 to 2010. This requires a

field-by-field review of your water quality safeguards, your pasture management and water systems, fencing, an analysis of soil erosion, your soil quality, and plant identification.

3. Longer Term (the 2009 growing season)

Starting in mid-March, you will be ready to focus on refinements: pasture management strategies and designs for paddock and field improvements, including cross fencing and portable electric sub-field divisions. You will also be able to focus on tall fescue management, consider new seed varieties and various financial incentives for improved water quality and stream protection, the location of ponds and water sources, shelter belts, and the management of poisonous plants. Focus your grazing plan on early-summer, not spring, to minimize the dangers of colic and laminitis.

4. Your Five Year Plan
Your goal is to consider

what your pastures can provide optimally. Almost all farms benefit significantly from even small infusions of planning, labor, and money invested in pasture management. Choose the right fields for the season, consider carefully your optimal stocking levels by season in various fields, your pasture rotation schedule, the soil profile and depth of the water table, along with field drainage, and the soil type. You will also want to permanently improve your management practices: dealing with manure and parasite contamination, harrowing, mowing, weed control, and making hay; disease and insect control; fertilizing, liming, and aerating; enhancing shelter; and repairing and improving fencing. Congratulations on your planning. Your equines and neighbors will thank you.

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Youth Sports

Local Cross Country Teams Very Competitive

By Jeff Stuart

Last season, both the Clarksburg High School boys' and girls' cross country teams finished the season unbeaten: 5-0. Clarksburg was the only school in any division where both the boys' and girls' teams went undefeated. For the girls, it was their second straight year undefeated; they had never lost a meet. Both teams began their 2008 seasons with victories at Springbrook on Tuesday, September 9. Senior Jenna Smith (22:21) led the way with a victory in her first ever race. The girls placed six runners in the top seven. Senior Kelsey Smith, freshman Nancy Dawes, sophomore Lauren Pandes-Carter, and junior Allison Choi placed second, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh, respectively, for the Coyotes en route to an 18-44 win. The boys were led by Junior Jatin Narang (17:56) who pulled away in the final minutes to place first. Sophomore Russ Daley, senior David Unruh, Kelvin Wong, and Paul Cruz finished fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth. The boys won, 24-31.

Running is an individual sport, but for a team to be successful in cross country, the runners must perform well as a unit. Each team runs seven athletes, but only the first five runners per team to finish will count in the team scoring. Low score wins. The first overall finisher of the race receives a one, the second, a two, the third runner, a three, and so on, according to order of finish. These place scores for the first five finishers on a team are added together to determine the team score. While the sixth and seventh runner on the team may not score, he or she may push back a placing runner on another team by finishing in front of him

or her.

In the second meet of the season, Poolesville visited Clarksburg. On the girls' side, Poolesville senior Jenny Reid (21.15) placed first, setting a course record, but Clarksburg's Jenna Smith, junior Lauren Sumner, Kelsey Smith, and Dawes placed second through fifth. Freshman Megan Gerdes finished sixth for Poolesville. Senior Sabrina Richter finished thirteenth, senior Devin Hamberger, fourteenth, and sophomore Erin Knuth, fifteenth. The Coyotes won, 21-40.

The Coyotes also won on the boys' side, 23-32. Poolesville again claimed the top spot as junior David Wilson (17.26) placed first, also setting a course record, but Narang and Unruh claimed second and third for the Coyotes. After the Falcons junior Sam Widmayer placed fourth, Daley, Wong, and Cruz took the next three spots for Clarksburg. Junior Josh Greenwald took eighth for the Falcons, Hunter Hegman finished ninth, and Adam Altamirano finished tenth.

In a tri-meet with Einstein and Paint Branch at Einstein on September 23, the Coyote girls beat Einstein, 18-45, and Paint Branch, 27-30. Sumner (22.34) finished first for the Coyotes this time. Jenna Smith was second. The boys beat Einstein, 34-31 and Paint Branch, 30-36. Narang finished second for Clarksburg. Unruh, Dailey, and Wong finished fifth, eighth, and ninth, respectively.

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. The Coyotes hosted Blair on October 7. The moco-running.com website predicted a win by both strong Blazer boys' and girls' teams. The Blazer girls lived up to that prediction beating the Coyote girls, 23-35. Sumner (20.49), again, placed first for the Coyotes. Jenna Smith took fourth, Kelsey Smith, eighth, and Dawes tenth, but junior Roxanne Oroxom and Elaine Chung finished second and third for Blair. Freshman Myla Sapp, sophomore Theresa Regan, and sophomore Masha Lafen, finished fifth, sixth, and seventh, respectively. It was the girls' first



loss ever.

On the boys' side, Blair also won, 23-35. Narang, Unruh, and Dailey placed third, fourth, and fifth, respectively, but senior Rutvij Pandya finished first and senior Gregory Vogel, second, for the Blazers. Blair claimed both the boys' and the girls' division crowns going into the Montgomery County Championship.

The Falcons opened their season on September 13 at the Brunswick Invitational. "This is my eighteenth year coaching cross country at Poolesville," said Head Coach Jim Vollmer. "I have my largest team ever, twenty-four boys and thirteen girls." The boys were fifth out of sixteen teams. The girls finished seventh out of seventeen teams. David Wilson placed seventh with a time of 17:24.

On October 1 in a tri-meet with Paint Branch and Blair at Paint Branch, the girls beat Paint Branch, 24-32, but lost to Blair, 19-40. Reid (22.00) placed second, ahead of the Blazers' Elaine Chung. The boys lost a heartbreaker to Paint Branch, 28-29, and to Blair, 23-32. They were very competitive against

both. Wilson led the Falcons, finishing third and Widmayer came in fifth. Poolesville hosted a tri-meet with Springbrook and Einstein on October 7. The girls beat Springbrook, 24-33, and lost to Einstein, 15-45. Gerdes (24:16), who finished seventh, was the top finisher for Poolesville. Kristyn Hirschbaum was eighth, Richter finished tenth. For the boys, Wilson placed second, setting a new school record with a time of 17:43 breaking his own record by 52 seconds.

Widmayer finished fifth, and Ken Shimomoto ninth. The Falcon boys narrowly lost to Springbrook, 27-29, and dropped a 23-33 decision to Einstein. Close scores throughout the division indicate that the County Championship meet should be hotly contested.

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Big Board

October Means Markoff's Haunted Forest Time

For the thrill seeker who loves to be frightened, the best time of the year is October with the opening of Markoff's Haunted Forest, Friday through Sunday through October with a finale on November 1. Markoff's Haunted Forest is among the top thirteen best haunted-theme events in the nation. To avoid the inevitable wait, a Fast Pass can be purchased at Bassett's Restaurant with the purchase of a meal.

The haunted forest takes thirty minutes to walk through, but the evening can also be filled through many other activities set up to entertain the crowd. The trademark events are: Haunted Bus, Death Jump, Bat Flight, Spider walk, and Fortune Teller. Before you go, be sure to check out www.calleva.org to review all the gory details.

Fruit Sale to Benefit CHS Instrumental Music Program

Help support your Clarksburg High School Instrumental Music Program by participating in our annual fruit sale. This year we continue to partner with Florida Indian River Groves to provide you with the freshest fruit available. Your fruit will be harvested the very same day it's shipped to us, ensuring that you receive fruit that is hours off of the tree. Now that's fresh.

The growers have informed us that the weather this growing season has been ideal. Now's the time to pick up a box of navel oranges that are sure to be bursting with flavor or a box of sugar-sweet, Indian River red grapefruit. We also have excellent tangelos for those who prefer this as your citrus of choice. Don't forget your friends, family, and co-workers. Everyone loves fresh fruit from Florida. You can order online at www.fruitorder.com, be sure to use school code: 256318 or contact Charles_a_orifici@mcpsmd.org.

79th Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner at St. Mary's Pavilion

Save your appetite for the 79th annual ham and turkey dinner on Saturday, October 25 from noon to 7:00 p.m. Dinner events that benefit St. Mary's Church are always terrific and highly popular, so don't delay, go early.

PES Fall Festival

The Poolesville High School Family Fun Festival will be on Friday, October 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on the playground. There will be games, cookies, pumpkin

decorating, face painting, and pirate and princess events. Watching the kids proudly parade in their costumes is the real highlight. Pizza slices, popcorn, and sodas will be on sale. This is not a drop off event; all children must be accompanied by a parent. Cost per family is just \$5.00.

A Community Based Orchestra in Gaithersburg

Montgomery Philharmonic, Sandra Ragusa, Music Director, will present a free concert at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26 at the Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church; 610 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg. Program will include Musorgsky's Night on Bald Mountain, Beethoven's Symphony No. 7 in A Major, Op. 92 and C.P.E. Bach's Concerto for Flute, in D minor, H. 426, Wq. 22 with flute soloist, David Lonkevich. For more information, visit montgomeryphilharmonic.org or call 301-384-3797.

Magic, Theatre, and Mystery on Stage at the Weinberg

The Weinberg Center for the Arts presents a captivating evening of entertainment and magic when The Spencers': Theatre of Illusion takes the stage on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. The husband-wife team of Kevin and Cindy Spencer can penetrate walls and levitate with the best of them, but they do it with world-class charisma and style, packing one of the biggest, most state-of-the-art illusion rigs in the business. They've been named Performing Arts Entertainers of the Year by events programmers an amazing six times. Described as modern day Houdinis—come find out what they're all about. Tickets range from \$20.00 to \$30.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and children under 18.

Lions Halloween Party at St. Mary's Pavilion

For over sixty years, the Monocacy Lions have sponsored a great Halloween party at St. Mary's Pavilion in Barnesville. Along with donut and cider refreshment, there will be candy and many games including costume contest, tug-o-war, apple dunking, mummy wrap, balloon pop, and much more. Festivities begin Halloween night right after trick or treating around 7:30 p.m.

Poolesville Baptist Church Fun Fall Festival

The annual Poolesville Baptist Church Fun Festival is on November 1 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the church. There will be games, prizes, moon bounce, air slide, and candy—lots of candy. All pre-schoolers to fifth graders are welcome.

Tinker Bell Coming to Poolesville—Really

It may have been some time since you last believed in fairies or that you may have been wishing on a star for a long time that Tinker Bell would visit you some day. Well, the time is now.

Margaret Kerry, the voice of Tinker Bell in Disney's Peter Pan, will be returning to Poolesville on November 1 at Jo's Frame Shop from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. She will be signing some great photos of America's favorite pixie for a \$20.00 donation to benefit breast cancer research. Bring your cameras, kids, and kids-at-heart and get close up to a Disney icon.

Ms. Kerry, as a child actress, appeared in Our Gang comedies and many films including Midsummer Night's Dream, Rosalie, National Velvet, My Little Margie, and Riding High just to mention a few of her career highlights. She has had a highly successful voice-over career using twenty-one different dialects in over six hundred animated shows.

Walt Disney was searching for a nimble mime/dancer/actor to be filmed performing live-action work for the tiny Tinker Bell. Margaret won the role and became the alter ego of the three-inch sprite. The great animator, Marc Davis, drew Tinker Bell's antics based on Margaret's acting. She also had been

the voice of two little mermaids. Relay for Life Kickoff for 2009

It's hard to believe, but it's time to kickoff the 2009 Poolesville Relay for Life annual fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. This kickoff is for all who want to participate, not just team captains. If you are not on a team, they can help you get on one. The November 8 kickoff will be a breakfast meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. and goes to noon at the Poolesville Baptist Church.

Also RFL will have a large yard sale to benefit the group at Whalen Commons in Poolesville on November 1. Tables cost just \$10.00 for the yard sale that will run from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. For more information on the yard sale or kickoff breakfast, contact Chrissie Harney at 301-407-2252 or Chrissie.Harney@verizon.net.


Legendary Bluegrass Artists at Weinberg Center

On Saturday, November 1 at 8:00 p.m., Banjo picker and tenor singer Dr. Ralph Stanley will grace the stage of the Weinberg. Dr. Stanley is one of the founding fathers of modern bluegrass. Hailing from rural southwestern Virginia, Ralph and his

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Local News

Commissioners' Public Forum Has Small Turnout

By Rande Davis

The first public forum in the new town hall featured all four candidates for the three positions up this fall. The incumbents are Eddie Kuhlman, Link Hoewing, and Jerry Klobukowski. Former commissioner, Roy Johnson, is the fourth candidate.

While the low turnout of only seventeen spectators was disappointing, the questions submitted from the audience did focus on some key issues along with a few minor concerns, and the responses from the candidates are reported here to assist voters not in attendance with their decision this November. Poolesville voters should take note that Town elections are held separately from the general elections and will be held at the town hall, not in the school locations.

Scott Hollander, president of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce, introduced the meeting by emphasizing that this forum is one of the special services sponsored by the PACC. The moderator for the evening was chamber member Brian Hundertmark.

Each candidate was given an opportunity to make an opening and closing statement. Each candidate has submitted a statement on his candidacy which is in this issue's election guide, and the responses to the questions are recapped in the following.

The responses are given in the order the question was address to each candidate. Each candidate had two minutes to answer each of the questions.

Question one: A million dollars in impact fees from developers are due in shortly. Do you consider it a good time to make a major tax reduction or should it all go to streetscape?

Kuhlman: Impact fees come in four categories: water, sewer, parks, and public buildings. Part of the

money is coming in to repay a loan on I&I improvements, it has to be spent in the category it is given and, except for a small portion, it cannot be spent on streetscape. Lower than expected revenues coming because of the economy is a concern. Del. Brian Feldman told me that we could expect a 1.2 billion dollar shortfall in the state budget, but the most direct answer is that we don't know yet because three-fourths of the money is already programmed to be spent in a certain way under the rules of the impact fee program.

Klobukowski: The housing market and economy directly impact us. Some of that money is to pay off loans and is a wash since the developers will develop parks and trails they are going to be expected to pay for that and although we will monitor what they do, we will still have to pay for that (infrastructure). It will depend on what we see, not now, but in January or February of next, we will have a better idea of what our budget will look like in the coming year and at the close out of this year.

Johnson: One of the problems in using a lump sum to reduce taxes this year is what do you do next year. Do you turn around and raise taxes then? You could conceivably end up not having enough money next year because you over-reduced taxes this year. We all know that every level of government in the country is having financial difficulties, and we expect the trickle down that comes from the state and county is going to be reduced...unless we can reduce programs in town, and I don't know if there is any we can reduce, and there are more projects we need to fund that we cannot talk about tonight. We can't cut back on our capital projects, and we certainly can't cut back much on our administrative budgets. We will need to hear back from the state and county next year for their share of money coming into town.

Hoewing: Impact fees are income on the sales of houses and not designed to be used for ongoing expenses, and we are one of the few towns that have successfully pioneered on an impact

fee system. It does give the town revenue, but it is designed to offset the impact of new development and is not designed to offset existing demands. It really is not a one-to-one kind of thing. I was on the planning commission when we adopted the fees. The way we designed them was to focus on certain kinds of uses, so, for example, on park lands, is what the allocation of impact fees are for. There really is not a tradeoff here, but I do think we have to monitor the tax situation here. We are not as bad off as other towns. Revenue comes from income and property taxes, and so far we are not as bad off as in other places since we have few foreclosures, and as long as people continue to be employed in this area, we will be in relatively good shape. As Eddie said, there will be a big deficit at the state level, so we will have to stay very focused on that. I do think there are still some good things we can do, and I want to focus on some of them going forward.

Question Two: What are your intentions regarding water and sewer funding?

Hoewing: There are a number of things we have done to improve the water sewer system in the town. First, when I came into office a number of years ago, we were still in the throes of trying to figure out how to ensure we had an adequate water supply. We now have a system where we have adequate supply as well, but we now have an emergency system designed so that if one of the wells goes out, we now have enough water to cover the use of the town. So there is [enough] to maintain the system and make sure they are sufficient. The second thing is that the sewer system we have already expanded the plant, so we have more capacity for the new development that will be coming, and we have done a lot of good work on the I&I leakage that comes into the old system...We have reduced



The four candidates for three Town of Poolesville Commission positions at a voters' forum.

the inflow over the last few years, and a lot of the spending has been done, but we still have a lot of work, especially in the lateral lines (those going to resident homes). By and large, the system is in much better shape than it was; it's very efficient compared to what it was. I think we are in pretty good shape.

Johnson: From 2001 to 2006, we have spent about six million dollars on water and sewer projects, it is probably a never-ending problem. This year, a lot of money was being spent to bring on the new wells. We did have one day this year when we had a one-day peak (period of heavy rain) of four million gallons of water going into the wastewater plant which is about 3.5 million more than we normally have. I know we have spent about 2.3 million dollars to reline the Wesmond sewer piping. We may be having to put money aside.

Klobukowski: We have done a lot in I&I, and that is something we will always have to watch because the earth moves, and breaks are going to occur. I think we need to work on the problem of hooking up sump pumps to the sewer line.

Kuhlman: We have more than doubled our water supply in the last six years. When I first got elected in 2000 we had five wells, and now we have twelve operat-

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ing wells with three more coming on board from developers. On the sewer system, it is an ongoing project, there is a maintenance item every year. The inflow and infiltration is a constant problem. When I first came to the commission, I asked our previous engineering firm what could be done about it. He said he could do late night flow monitoring and some smoke testing. I got upset because that is what they had been recommending for the last twenty years. What can we do differently? They came back with the plan we implemented—going underground and relining the system.

Question three: The current water and sewer rates are subsidized by large users. If elected, what if anything, would you do to alter this practice.

Johnson: There are two categories of large users: our restaurants in town, and I don't believe we should do anything to them, the largest are represented

by Montgomery County institutions, the three schools and the pool. I have particular heartburn in that our water and wastewater are subsidized by tax dollars. My heart burns because my three colleagues refused to do anything about it. I will do something about it if I can get two more to agree with me.

The money that isn't collected by the users is just subsidized by our tax dollars. The rate to the pool and the schools should be increased by at least seventy to seventy-five percent, and they should not benefit from our tax dollars.

Kuhlman: I have heartburn with this question, too, because if you look at it, the people being subsidized is the families in town using schools. The true cost of producing one thousand gallons of water is \$7.67. No one in this room pays that rate.

The pool pays \$12,000 per year, we already increased their rate \$7800 per year. The people said to be subsidized are our families with students. Yes, the large users (schools, churches,

pool) do not pay property taxes, so the large users get off a bit, but citizens are going to pay regardless because if we put a fee on onto the schools and the churches, then they are going to need to increase taxes from people paying taxes or donating money. So you are going to get an increase there. Citizens get to write off property taxes but you don't get to write off water fees.

Hoewing: I was one of the first to recalibrate how we do the water rates. I give Roy credit for looking at this again, but I don't give him credit for being accurate about what we did, though. We did collapse the number of tiers so that actually there is more from the larger users than there used to be. We did reduce subsidies substantially, and we are not paying as much out of the general revenues as we used to. If you look at the users, yes, it is the schools and the pool. It is difficult, but it is also the churches and businesses. It is difficult to discriminate against all the large users by the comparison to the rest. We did the best we could,

and I am willing to look at it again. The final answer is this, I have kids at the high school. They are our kids. Yes, it is a little subsidy, but given that our kids go to school here, I am not as bothered by that as I am that we have to make sure all users pay. I am comfortable that we did as good a job as we could. We do need to look at it again, and I am willing to do that.

Klobukowski: We going to pay the subsidy one way or the other. They are kids, and they use the pool, and if you look at it from the standpoint that the county is operating the pool and they are paying all the operational cost—the salary and benefits of the employees, chemicals, maintenance—we give some water and still we have raised their rates. I produced the excel sheets on the rates and their rates have gone up. As a budget item, maybe we should look at it, but right at the moment, with the increase they are already paying, I think we are pretty well compensated.

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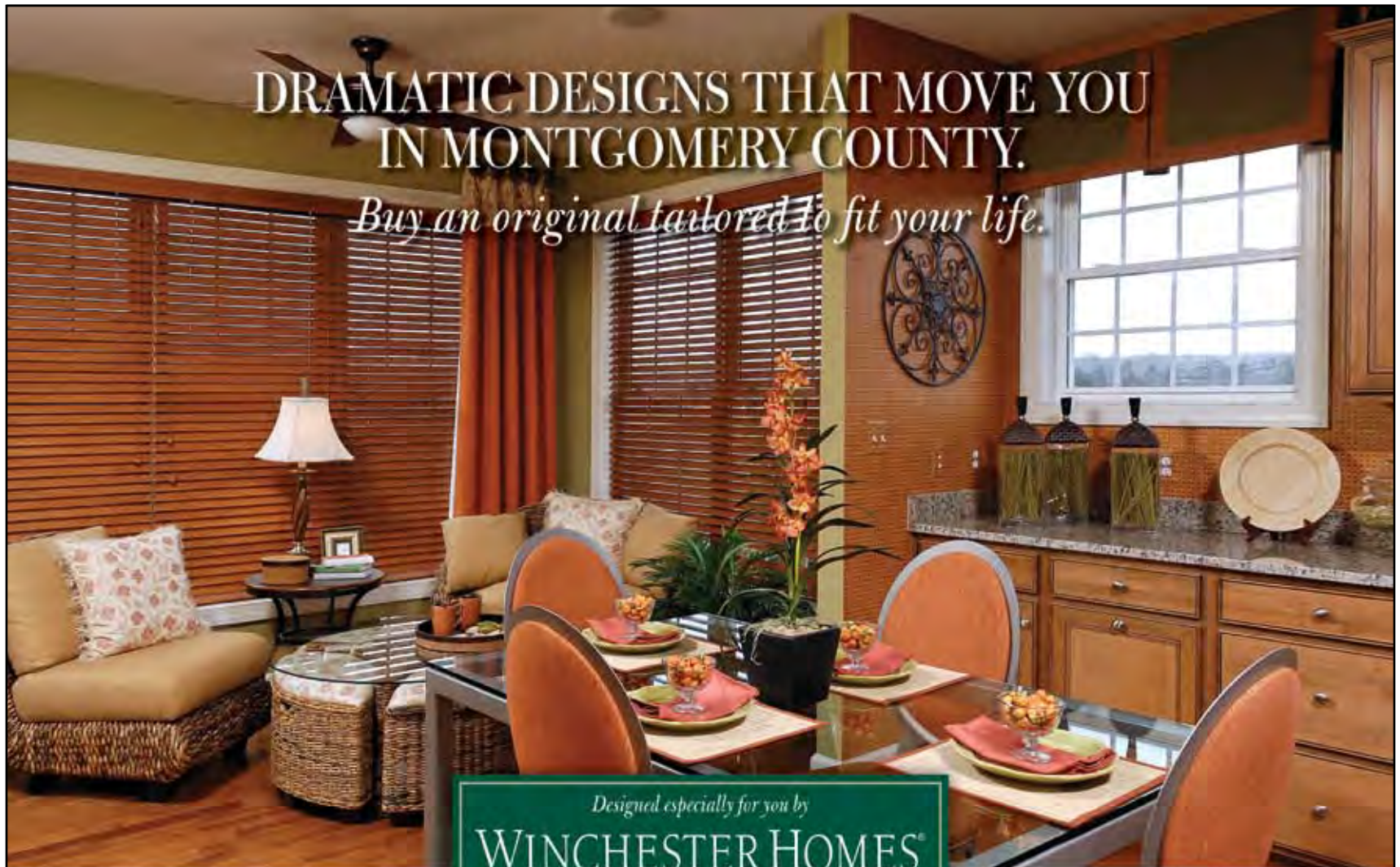
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early voting increases the cost and complexity of voting administration. There is also a concern that a voter who has cast his or her ballot early will not be able to react to information or events that occur between voting and election day. Proponents of early voting attest that by making voting easier for more people, more people will participate in the democratic voting process. Further, proponents believe, people with non-standard hours or long commutes will benefit from more opportunities to vote. Opinions seem to follow party lines, with Republicans opposed and Democrats in favor of early voting.

The second statewide ballot question is an amendment to the state constitution to allow slot machines, or "video lottery terminals," at five selected locations in the state: Anne Arundel, Cecil, Worcester, and Allegany Counties, and Baltimore City. Each jurisdiction would be allowed to open one slot machine

facility within a specified area. The amendment was revised on September 11, 2008 following squabbles over its wording. Opponents of slot machines and critics of the wording of the amendment complained that the initial wording overplayed the benefit that slot machine revenues would accrue to public education. The amendment states clearly that the video terminals are "for the primary purpose of raising revenue for education of children in public schools, pre-kindergarten through grade twelve, public school construction and improvements, and construction of capital projects at community colleges and higher education institutions." Critics said that this implied that these worthy public works were the sole beneficiaries of the gambling (after the winners are paid, of course), when in fact significant percentages of the take would go to operational costs, i.e., the gambling industry, and a lesser amount to the Maryland horse racing industry. In the ensuing lawsuit, a panel of Anne

Arundel County Circuit Court judges ruled that the misleading wording could be remedied by inserting the word "primary" in front of the words "purpose of raising revenue," as indicated above, which is how the amendment will read when we fire up our touch screens.

Of course, the controversy over the wording is small beer compared to the furor over the fundamental issues of expanded gambling. Proponents of slot machine gambling are hoping that it will revitalize and rescue the horse racing industry. Our neighbors all around—West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware—have slot machines at thoroughbred racetracks, which draw money into the system and allow larger purses to support more attractive racing events. Maryland racetracks, operating without this companion cash cow, are at a disadvantage. The thoroughbred racing industry suggests that the health of the racetracks in turn bolsters the entire equine industry, which supports the preservation of open land for agricultural purposes, which by extension strengthens our own Agricultural Reserve. This entire issue began as the question of slot machines at racetracks, but over time it morphed into slot machines at different venues, with the racing industry being allowed to dip their beak, or muzzle, as the case may be, in gambling profits.

Opponents of slot machine gambling, or perhaps the expansion of gambling in general, have a long list of objections. Numerous studies have attested to the social ills and related costs that accompany the expansion of legalized gambling. Since the state is admittedly using slot machine gambling as a revenue generator that would otherwise have to be supported by taxation, many feel it is a form of taxation, and a severely regressive tax, rather than progressive tax. The League of Women Voters, in its official statement on the ballot question, objects on the grounds of equity and fairness. "Research shows that gambling losses are often incurred by low- and middle-income individuals who can less af-

ford this activity." They also say, "The state's policies and tax structures should work towards the same ends, not at cross purposes. Promoting an activity that may lead to financial ruin, the destruction of families, and addictive behavior is in conflict with other programs that promote financial well-being, strong families, and healthy lifestyles."

Support for slot machine gambling has not just invoked the health of the horse racing industry and racetracks, but the health of state finances in general. Maryland is facing severe budget shortfalls, and the Gov. Martin O'Malley administration, as the Ehrlich administration before it, has hoped that increased gambling revenues in state coffers would eventually help to stave off draconian budget cuts, or worse, the need for new taxes. Neither governor has received any assistance from his adversary from the other party. Ehrlich was for it before he was against it; O'Malley was against it before he was for it.

Many of the other arguments for and against slot machine gambling in Maryland discuss issues of morality versus freedom of choice. Some say it is immoral to offer activities in support of the state's needs that may lead to such hardship for many, while others observe that the propriety of state-sponsored gambling is an issue that has already been decided with ubiquitous lotteries and Keno games. If people want to gamble, why should the state stand in the way? Other states are doing it; why shouldn't we keep the money here?

There are two questions affecting the Montgomery County Charter that require our attention, and one that got rained out. The first one, Question A, appears to be a housekeeping issue. It sweeps out several sections of the charter that have been rendered inoperable one way or the other. (I think we should all be grateful that someone keeps an eye on this sort of thing.) Question C was pulled off the ballot due to a

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Remembrance

Todd Kiplinger

By Maureen O'Connell

Todd Lawrence Kiplinger, 62, died October 4, 2008 at his home in Bethesda, Maryland. He had metastatic melanoma. He is survived by his wife of twenty-four years, Dana Stifel Kiplinger of Bethesda and his three daughters, Tyler W. Taylor of Weston, Connecticut; Rawleigh W. Morse, also of Weston; and Cameron Todd Kiplinger of Bethesda. He is the son of longtime Poolesville resident Austin Kiplinger and the late Gogo Kiplinger, who died in 2007. He is also survived by his two granddaughters, Chloe Morse and Rowan Morse; his brother, Knight Kiplinger of Washington, D.C.; his sons-in-law, David Taylor and Chris Morse; his mother-in-law Chloe Stifel; and several nieces and nephews.

He was born in 1945 in Evanston, Illinois. Later, he and his family moved to Chevy Chase, Maryland and Seneca, Maryland. He attended Landon School and graduated from McDonogh School in Baltimore, Maryland. Following a family tradition, he graduated from Cornell University in 1968. Most of his career, he worked with the family business, Kiplinger Washington Editors, Inc. Over his thirty-eight years at Kiplinger, he was involved in circulation sales, reporting, and managing the company's portfolio of financial assets and real estate in D.C., Maryland, and Florida.

Throughout his entire life, Todd generously gave of his time and expertise to many people and organizations. Serving as a trustee of the Kiplinger Foundation, he supported education, the arts, and various community endeavors.

On October 11, family and friends gathered at Montevideo, the beautiful home of his father Austin, to celebrate Todd's life. Members of his family and long-time friends recollected many moments of his life that so endeared him to them. There were tears and gentle laughter. Above all, what they remembered most about this wonderful human being was his limitless kindness and loyalty. He will be missed by many.

In Todd's memory, contributions may be made to the scholarship fund of McDonogh School, 8600 McDonogh Road, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117.



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guitar-playing brother Carter formed their band, the Clinch Mountain Boys, in 1946. The band's style draws heavily on the area's musical traditions, including the minor key singing style of the Primitive Baptist Church and the down-home family harmonies of the Carter Family. The "Stanley Style" of banjo playing is distinguished by incredibly fast forward rolls led by the index finger. Tickets are still available to see this legendary act. Ralph Stanley was inducted into the International Bluegrass Music Hall of Honor in 1992, and in 2000 was the first person to be inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in the third millennium. In 2006,

he was awarded the National Medal of Arts. Tickets are also available online at www.weinbergcenter.org.

Fourth Annual Apple Fest

Dickerson Methodist Church at 20331 Dickerson School Road is holding their annual Apple Fest on Saturday, October 25, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. Pony rides, hay rides, face painting, lots of food for all and much more. An auction will be held at 4:30 p.m. For more information call Betty King at 301-874-3967 or Lynn Tipp at 301-972-8134.

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On Saturday, October 25, 2008, Montgomery College will host the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Conference and Creative Writing and Poetry Workshop for

Montgomery County high school students. At the event, the Fitzgerald Scholars Program will honor students who are gifted readers and writers of prose or poetry. Katie Reding was nominated to be the Poolesville High School F. Scott Fitzgerald Scholar and Cat Tappert was nominated to take part in the conference. Recipients will be acknowledged at the conference with a certificate, a copy of which will be placed in the student's personal file, and an autographed book signed by Elmore Leonard. Leonard is this year's Fitzgerald Literary Award honoree for Outstanding Achievement in American Literature. Congratulations, Katie and Cat.

Students received their recognition through the efforts of their former English teacher, Mrs. Carol Solomon.

Students Spent Summer Working to Help St. Jude Research

John Poole Middle School students participated in the 2008 Quilt of Dreams Campaign with Hancock Fabrics. Students from the Rec Extra Sewing Club at JPMS worked during the year and over the summer to complete the crib quilt. Participants from all over the United States submitted quilts that were presented to patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and its affiliated hospitals. In addition, some quilts were used in fundraisers to help raise money needed for the groundbreaking research at St. Jude. Since its inception five years ago, nearly 15,000 quilts have been donated to St.

Poolesville Memorial Methodist Church will be held at their McDonald Center on Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Along with a wide variety of gift, crafts, and arts perfect for the holiday season, they will serve a luncheon and hold a silent auction. Mark your calendar and if you want to be a vendor for the event, contact Betty Jean Selby at 301-972-7196.

First Annual Fatherhood Conference

The Domestic Violence Coordinating Council in collaboration with numerous Montgomery County agencies is very pleased to announce the First Annual Fatherhood Conference

Jude. Our hope is that the program will continue to grow.

Ford's Theater Comes to Monocacy Elementary School

The fourth and fifth grades at Monocacy Elementary School were entertained by a play from the historic Ford's Theater, as presented in the school's multi-purpose room.

The two-character play, *One Destiny*, by Richard Hellesten, revisits the events of April 14, 1865. The story is told through the voices of Harry Ford, business manager and one of three brothers who owned Ford's Theatre, and the great comic actor Harry Hawk, who was on-stage the night of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Each performance included a fifteen minute "talk-back" that offered students a conversation with the performers, and a chance to respond to what they had seen and to reinforce and clarify the message of the play.



These students are quilting to help St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital: Kathleen Eader, Kaitlin Aaby and Lura Auel. Not pictured: Lacey Williams and Victoria Yerger.

scheduled for November 8, 2008 from 8:00 am to 3:30 p.m. It will be a day to recognize how "Dads Make a Difference" in the lives of their children, and to encourage and honor responsible and positive involvement of fathers with their children and families. The conference will be held at Richard Montgomery High School and will feature workshops addressing the challenges that all fathers face and honoring the importance of fathers.

The keynote speaker will be Charles Mann, a co-founder of "A Good Samaritan Foundation" which is an organization committed to preparing youth for leadership in the community and workplace. He is also well known as a former Redskins football player. Workshop topics will include: raising boys to become responsible men, the father's role in building self-esteem in their daughters, turning "high risk" children into "high promise" children, teen dads and new dads, healthy parenting and the art of communication, and financial management tools.

The conference will also include a health fair from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with free cholesterol and diabetes screening to the first hundred participants. There will also be free vision and blood pressure tests for all. For additional information, please call 240-777-7034.

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found that paperwhites, crocuses, hyacinths, and muscari do better in water and a pebbles or stone medium, while tulips and amaryllis do better in soil. There are many options for planting containers. You can put them in glass or ceramic bowls, plastic-lined baskets, cache pots, or any other container that catches your eye. I like to plant paperwhites in tall, fat, glass pillar candle holders. These plants can grow very tall and leggy, and the stems have a tendency to topple over if they don't have support. A tall vase helps keep the stems upright. For a natural look, you can stick three to four thin tree branches in the stones or soil for support. Those from a white birch tree look very interesting. One of the more attractive arrangements I made with paperwhites consisted of bulbs planted in three to four inches of potting soil in a small rectangular pine box. I sprinkled grass seed over the surface of the soil when the green stems were up and about three inches high. I kept the soil evenly moist, and about the time that the paperwhites were to bloom, there was a bright, green lawn at their feet.

Bulbs need moisture, but they also need good drainage. If planting in soil, place a few pieces of broken crockery or some medium size stones over the drainage hole, to prevent the soil from running out initially and clogging later. Fill your container half full of soil and then adjust the soil level until the tops of the bulbs reach the rim of the container. Plant the bulbs with the pointed ends up, as close together as possible without letting them touch. Keep the "noses" of the bulbs exposed. You don't want to bury them. The pot should be loosely filled with soil. Don't force the bulb into the soil. If you are forcing bulbs in water, lay a two to three inch layer of decorative pebbles or small stones and place the bulbs on top. Gently twist them a bit into the stones. Add water. Bring the water up to about the bottom of the bulb. Do not cover the bulb with water. It will rot before it ever blooms.

Now give the bulbs a resting period. Place the planted bulbs in a cool, dark or dim place to initiate root and shoot growth. You don't have to hide them away in a dark cellar or cold frame. I place my bulbs in a corner of my dining room, away from the bright light near the windows. I keep my house quite cool, so the bulbs enjoy a proper resting temperature. At the first sign of green growth, move the bulbs to a warm room with bright, indirect light. When the foliage and buds are well developed, move the bulbs to a sunny windowsill, where the temperature is about 60° to 70° Fahrenheit. When the flowers begin to bloom, move the bulbs out of direct sunlight to prolong the blooms. Check the water level daily. Keep the water just to about the bottom of the bulb. After flowering, cut the flower stems back and plant outdoors in full sun. Forcing exhausts a bulb, so don't expect it to flower again. The foliage will continue to grow, and it provides an attractive plant all summer.

Specific bulbs. On a drab, cold winter day, nothing can compare to the intense, sweet fragrance of paperwhites. They can perfume an entire room. They are probably the easiest bulbs to force, and they take the least time to flower. Stagger their planting time to keep a continuous blooming-time, which can last all winter.

Don't forget the beautiful, heady-fragranced flowering hyacinths. Many people overlook these bulbs for forcing. They come in a rainbow of colors and are quick to flower. Rooting a hyacinth is best done in a forcing jar, which you can find in most garden centers. It looks like an hour glass with the top cut off. It allows the bulb to sit just above the water, while its roots seek the water. Be sure to keep the level of the water close to the bottom of the bulb.

The dramatic, beautiful amaryllis more than lives up to its name, which comes from the Greek word amarussein, which means to scintillate or dazzle. Its bloom is spectacular. At Christmas time they can outshine any poinsettia. As much as I would like to have them in bloom during the Christmas season, I usually don't

think about forcing bulbs until about now — and October is too late to plant them for December bloom. Mine usually break out in flower around Valentine's Day or Saint Patrick's Day. There are many varieties in shades of red, pink, white, and multi-colors. They range in height from eighteen to twenty-four inches. When in full bloom, they can be quite top-heavy, so don't plant in shallow containers. Choose something about half as tall as they, and place some stakes in the container to support them.

I buy all my forcing bulbs from Smith & Hawken, either from their catalog or their store on Connecticut Avenue in Chevy Chase. Every year, my trip to their store starts to get me into the holiday spirit.

With the uncertainty of the economy and the resultant careful adherence to a budget for holiday gifts, bulbs can make an inexpensive and appreciated gift for your family and friends. They are especially ideal presents for people in nursing homes, where a bright touch of flowers is a very welcome

addition to one's room.

Odds and Ends

Fall is an ideal time to transplant or divide hostas and peonies. The rule of thumb is to do this chore about one month before the first predicted frost in your area.

In my last garden column, I wrote about the many beautiful gardens in the Lake District of England. I offer my apologies to Peter Rabbit and his friends. Due to a printing error, the name of their dear mistress was misspelled. Miss Potter's first name is Beatrix.

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court order related to issues with its supporting petition. Question B is intended to make it more difficult for the Montgomery County Council to raise property taxes beyond a certain threshold. Under present county law, a normal voting majority on the county council can only increase property tax levies up to a certain limit, which is derived from a formula that follows the Consumer Price Index (CPI), among other things. (Look it up.) If the proposed property tax increase exceeds this threshold, a super majority of seven votes to two is required for passage. This initiative, if passed, would require a unanimous vote of all nine members of the county council, rather than a super majority, to levy a property tax that would exceed the annual limit. To put it another way, any one councilmember could prevent such an increase by his or her vote. This question was placed on the ballot by local activist (or gadfly, depending on whom you ask) Robin Ficker.

Local News Town Receives Progress Report on I & I Investigation

By Rande Davis

John Strong, town engineer from Huron Consulting, presented a recap of progress to date in their system-wide investigation of Poolesville's sewer lines for problems caused by inflow and infiltration. Inflow and infiltration are terms used to describe ways that groundwater and stormwater enter the sanitary sewer system. Inflow is water that enters the system through improper plumbing connections (i.e., downspouts or sump pumps that enter directly into the sewer line) and infiltration is groundwater that enters the system through leaks in piping.

Inflow and infiltration are a problem since clear water

belongs in stormwater systems or on the surface of the ground—not in the sanitary sewer system which removes waste material from property. Clear water that gets into the sanitary sewers must be moved and treated like sanitary waste. Too much clear water overloading the system can often cause sewer backups resulting in waste material coming back into homes or basements. It can be even more aggravating during major rain events. Huron reported that in the five subdivisions in Wesmond and in other limited areas where the relining for the system has been completed, the results have shown that the work has been successful.

In investigating for leaks and breaks in the system Huron use three types of monitoring: video, flow, and smoke. Last summer, when smoke testing was performed near Subway, a retailer called the fire department when smoke entered the store through the toilet. As a result, the town will make every effort to notify residents in advance of smoke tests, so that false alarms are not

sent.

While full testing of the system will not be completed any sooner than late this winter or early next spring, one recommendation already apparent will be to place manhole chimneys and pans in all manholes. While there are hundreds of manholes throughout town, the cost to reline them with chimneys and pans is very cost effective in comparison to the costs of allowing inflow and infiltration. Also, the analysis points to the majority of inflow and infiltration problems now coming from private property and not town lines. Typical causes of this are open pipe joints, failed pipes, foundation drain tile ties, and improperly connected sump pumps.

While investigation thus far has been of the main line system, video monitoring within the lateral lines (sewer lines leading from the main line connecting private property systems) will begin to be able to identify which private properties are creating problems.



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Business Briefs

Portraits of Your Best Friend

Many of you know Hilary Schwab and her expertise in photography. After all, many of the Monocle pictures come from her camera lenses. Her Poolesville Day pictures and other work around town get high praise. Her shot of the Poolesville Barber shop and Boyds market are classics for this area and are part of her note card collection of the Poolesville area. She has another passion, however, and you probably share it with her: pets. Once again, she will be setting up shop at the Historic Medley District museum (the old historic town hall) in preparation for pet portraits.

You can view some of her animal pictures on her website, hilaryschwabphotography.com. Pictures of your pet make terrific note or holiday cards. She will also donate fifty percent of the sitting fees to the Historic Medley District. November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. is on schedule for the shooting days, and while you can always walk in, you may want to contact Hilary at 301-349-2322 to set an appointment.

A New Twist for Novocaine

Maybe you share a childhood anxiety over getting a novocaine shot when visiting the dentist. Even those little plastic toys the dentist would give never assuaged my apprehensions. The initial novocaine injection, now replaced by lidocaine, always seemed more painful than anything else. It's been a long time since I had a filling, but my recent visit to Poolesville Family Dentistry came as a welcome surprise. The numbing pad has been around a long time, but Dr. Pike seems to administer it so gently, and the best part was the pina colada flavor. Even without the alcohol, the taste refocused my thoughts. Now, if he can only come up with a margarita version.

Where Has that Carryout Menu Gone?

If you are like us, those carryout menus from restaurants go straight to a special drawer only to be lost immediately after the

Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

October 1, 1923 The Silver Spring Tigers defeated Boyds, 6-2, in a game of baseball at the Boyds field. Johnny Bieir confused the Boyds batters with his clever pitches.

October 3, 1927 The members of the Poolesville Community League met at the town hall and elected officers for the fall term. Mrs. Robert Allnutt was elected president and George D. Willard as vice president.

October 6, 1924 The county high school soccer season opened with several games. Rockville defeated Poolesville, 3-0.

October 7, 1917 Dr. Warren Proce, a member of the board of education, has moved his family to Washington where they have taken an apartment for the winter.

October 13, 1918 Nathan Metzger, a member of the county commissioners, died at

first time it is brought home. Now some area restaurants have joined with 20837Biznet.com to solve the problem of where the carryout has gone. Click on the site and you can get Cugini's, House of Poolesville's, and Kristopher's carryout menus quickly.

Mary Charters, Laura Yeatts Receive Certified Distressed Property Expert Designation

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"Foreclosure is a devastat-

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his home in Poolesville. He had been stricken with influenza a week before and pneumonia had quickly developed. He was forty-one years old and unmarried. The funeral was to be held at the home of Julius Hall.

October 14, 1918 The engagement of Miss Sarah Hersperger, daughter of Mrs. Aaron Hersperger of Poolesville, and A. Hempstone Griffith of Beallsville was announced. The wedding is to take place at the Presbyterian Church at Poolesville.

October 18, 1914 Business High School of Washington defeated Briarley Hall Military Academy at the Poolesville football grounds. The visitors were outweighed by twenty-five pounds but managed to outscore their opponents, 16-0.

October 19, 1924 The October meeting of the Barnesville Community League was held at the Barnesville school building. Dr. Thomas Pyle, principal of the Poolesville School, gave a talk on the teaching of morality. The

students of the Barnesville school performed a play, and the Washington Grove orchestra played. Mrs. Eleanor Hays, president, presided.

October 20, 1912 The young men of Poolesville gave a dance at the town hall in honor of Misses Ethel Wilson of Berkley Springs, West Virginia, Helen Zimmerman of Frederick, and two other young ladies who were visiting the town.

October 25, 1925 The 371-acre farm of Earl Wood, near Boyds, was sold to Sheriff Clay Plummer who said he would hold the property as an investment.

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I assume Ehrlich is paying the Democrats back in kind, but one should not question or criticize his motives without considering the performance of those on the other side of the political aisle. It appeared that even though the Democrats as a whole wanted slot machine legislation, they weren't going to allow Governor Ehrlich to accomplish it on his watch. Both houses of the Maryland assembly have veto-proof Democratic majorities; they can do whatever they want, assuming they can agree on it. It wasn't even necessary to junk up the state constitution with a gambling amendment. The assembly could have voted in slot machines without this referendum; in fact, I believe that was their job—to vote it in or vote it down. Apparently a majority, even if they think we need slot machine revenues, didn't want their fingerprints on the trigger, and they have passed it on to us voters. This takes passive-aggression to a new level.

Arguments in support of slot machine gambling are primarily about money and how it can be used for the benefit of the people (and horses) of Maryland. Opposition is on three primary fronts: How the money would be distributed, the social costs, and the morality of gambling—state-sponsored gambling in particular.

Critics claim that the gambling industry gets way too much of the money, and that claims

for how the revenues will help education and other programs are at least optimistic, if not totally overblown. One of the controversies over how the initiative is written was that the wording made it sound like all the money would go to education, which is clearly not the case. In addition, many have questioned whether slots revenue would increase spending on education, or whether it would simply allow money previously allocated to education to be diverted elsewhere, although there's no denying that in our present situation, there are lots of elsewhere that could use more money.

The social costs and challenges are well documented. Gambling breeds crime and all manner of low-life activities in its wake. Finances and families can be devastated when people cannot control their gambling. This clearly connects with the moral concerns. Church leaders are overwhelmingly opposed to the expansion of state-sponsored gambling. They are particularly vocal in low-income and minority areas where the impact of such gambling is proven to fall the hardest.

In the face of all this, when I go to vote on November 4, I am personally going to vote in favor of slot machine gambling for Maryland. After all of the political noise is muffled, I think that it makes sense for the state to avail itself of a legitimate recreational

activity that will raise significant funds to help address an ongoing financial crisis. I think it is worth saving horse racing in Maryland, and I also believe this will have a positive effect on the state's equine industry and the preservation of open space and agriculture all across Maryland, including the Monocacy area. The Maryland racing industry is on its deathbed, in part because the nature of the game has changed, and the states that surround us have responded to that change. There doesn't seem to be any way to compete without responding accordingly.

The social costs and challenges of expanded state-sponsored gambling are significant and a legitimate concern, but the state crossed that bridge some time ago with all its other forms of legalized gambling. In our country, this is an accepted form of entertainment, and I don't think our state government should be telling us that we aren't allowed to participate.

So I'll vote for it. I may hold my nose when I do it, but I'm still going to do it. You're darn tootin'.



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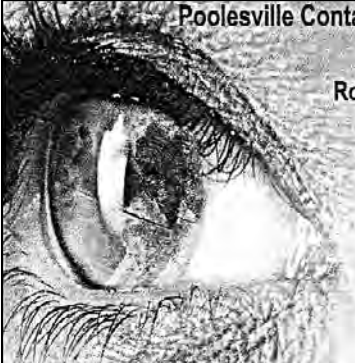
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Mystery History

The True Meaning Of Giving Your Two Cents' Worth

By Rande Davis

In reading Monday morning's Frederick Post, there was the widest range of news stories imaginable—just on the first two pages alone. Did you see it? Man, what is going on here? Tough times, yes, but this is downright crazy. Before even getting to page three, here is what we discovered: Iraq War Reported Finished (headline); two democrat senators pushed for a negotiated peace while another leading democrat senator was pushing for more military aid; there were 10,000 abandoned prisoners of war; concern over spotted fever was caused by two deaths in one month; a plane crashed near Cumberland, Maryland; the world's largest ship was sunk; an author died at fifty-seven years of age after writing thirty-two novels; the president was severely attacked for over-managing defense matters and failing to delegate properly; a general reported killed in the war showed up alive; average gas usage by automobiles was up twelve gallons a year; two

people broke their arms; one person gashed his leg, and two people committed suicide (no wonder). After all that, they still had time for the second part of a three-part series on the history of Poolesville! Oh, and one more thing, they had two little tidbit filler items on history, reminding the reader that Russia fought against England, France, Sardinia, and Turkey in the Crimean War and that Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain on the African continent. Whew!

Has the world ever been so crazy? As they said in the sixties, stop the world, I want to get off!

In answering my own question, the answer is yes. It was June 2, 1941. All this and Pearl Harbor was still six months away—so spare me the reports of the good old days and the longing for a quieter time.

The Frederick Post reported the day would be partly cloudy with a high of 80°. They covered twenty-three news items on the first two pages, and still had room left over for nine advertisements—all at the cover price of two cents. Now we know where the phrase getting your two cents' worth comes from.

Before satisfying your curiosity on the details about all the stories listed, I think a couple items in the article on Poolesville were particularly intriguing.

Folger McKinsey, the "Bentztown Bard" of the Baltimore Sun actually wrote the article reprinted in the Post on Poolesville. We report what he said, but cannot vouch for it, since anyone with the first name of Folger had to have been called Folly.

At the time, the new high school could hold five hundred students (recognizing Mr. Dewalt J. Willard as a leader in its development). Mr. C. Merrick Wilson, the principal, supervised seventeen teachers, and the PTA president was Mr. Harry C. Rhodes. The priest at St. Peter's was the Rev. Guy Crook. Christ Methodist had Pastor Lewis Rudisill. The Presbyterians had the Rev. Dr. Pasma. St. Mary's was one of the largest Catholic churches in the county. The Baptist Church in Barnesville had been abandoned.

From his article, we find that the land for the high school was on land that was called the "old fields" in the Civil War days, just



Front page of the June 2, 1941 Frederick Post.

outside of town, the Federal government had established a signal corps, which was attacked one day by the Confederate forces, whose captain was killed, but whose lieutenant got away and was hidden in the house of one of the Southern sympathizers of Poolesville. At night they would put him to bed with the old

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Local News

Local Man Charged With Animal Cruelty

By Jack Toomey

A thirty-year-old Poolesville man was recently arrested and charged with a host of offenses in regards to the alleged mistreatment of horses at a location near Dickerson. On October 3, Montgomery County Animal Services officers were sent to the area of the 19100 block of Martinsburg Road in the Dickerson area for a report that horses were on the loose. The officers found one emaciated dead horse on the

property and evidence that other horses had been malnourished or mistreated. The next day, the officers returned to the property with a veterinarian who examined the remaining horses and determined that three were in critical condition. A search warrant was then obtained, and the officers took custody of the three horses. They were found to be suffering from lameness, protruding back, rib, and hip bones, and having a noticeable lack of fat and muscle. A fourth horse was also found to be in need of care.

Investigators found that the property was leased by Robert W. Curry, Jr., age thirty, of the 19500 block of Kohlhoss Road, Poolesville, and that Curry owned thirty-one horses that

were on the property. Curry was arrested by officers of the Animal Services Division and charged with nine counts of animal cruelty including failing to provide the animals with sufficient food and failing to provide necessary medical care. A police spokesperson said that Curry was released on \$25,000 bond pending trial.

Four of the horses were taken to the Days End Animal Rescue Farm in Howard County while the other horses are being



Some of the horses that are now under the supervision of the Animal Services Division.

monitored by the Animal Services Division. The body of the deceased horse was taken to a state laboratory in College Park for a necropsy to determine the exact cause of death.

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colored "mammy," a servant of immense proportions, so that he would be hidden behind her if the soldiers came to search for him. This they did, even ascending to the bedroom and looking under the bed, but not on the other side of the mountainous servant lying there, who berated them loudly for coming that way into the bedroom of a "puffectly respectable colored lady." The fleeing officer escaped eventually and was able to rejoin his command at White's Ferry."

Truth? Legend? Fancy? We can't know for sure. We only know that in the basement of the old town hall (now Historic Medley's Poolesville Civil War Museum), which was built on the walls of an old tavern, escaping confederate soldiers were also reported to have been hidden.

Now, to answer your questions on all that news on just two pages, we report:

Iraq War Reported Finished (headline): refers to Great Britain retreating in battle of Crete and

Iraq.
The 10,000 prisoners abandoned: Germans captured during the battle.

The two senators demanding negotiation with Hitler: Sen. Johnson (D-Colorado) and Senator Clark (D-Idaho): "Johnson told reporters the sooner that peace was established the better the terms Great Britain and Germany could agree to."

Senate Majority Leader, Senator George (D-Georgia) felt the fall of Crete was not time for negotiation "but the time to redouble efforts to supply Britain with all types of planes in greater quantity."

Spotted fever concern: State Director Dr. R. H. Riley said the Rocky Mountain fever deaths were caused by the bite of infected ticks.

Plane Crashes: Pilot Ned Windfield Rogers, 24, of Brentwood died when his plane crashed in Swanton, Maryland. His passenger, William L. Thomas, 23, was taken to Memorial Hospital in Cumberland, Maryland.

World's largest ship sunk:

That's right, the Bismarck (all 50,000 tons) sank "from a direct hit to her powder magazine." The officer responsible for the torpedo firing is reported to have chuckled when asked what he was thinking at the time of the firing. He said, "Well, I kept thinking what a bloody fool the fellows back at school would say [I was] if I missed."

The one book per year author: Sir Hugh Walpole of England.

President Criticized: FDR was criticized by the chairman of Office of Production Management (OMP). Dr. W.E. Wickenden is quoted as saying, "The President seems unable to delegate any major responsibility for defense planning."

Missing General, Now found: General B. C. Feyburg, Commander of the British Imperial forces in Crete.

Gas Usage: Increased on aver-

age from 738 to 750 gallons per year.

Broken arms and gashed leg: Lewis Baker of Middletown and Robert Fink of Thurmont, and the gashed leg was young Dorothy Lutz who cut her leg on a nail after being pushed by other students in the playground.

Suicides: Carroll County farmer and an officer in the army.

So there you have it: all the news that was fit to print—except one more rather intriguing last point: Up in the upper right hand corner there was a little box with this printed inside: Good Morning! Worrying about the past is wasting the present which should be used for looking forward to the future.

Come on, America, we have gotten through tough times before. Take my two cents' worth, we will be alright.

Tidbits

Town of Poolesville Receives Payment

Mike Conley and Dan Lyons from Winchester Homes were on hand at the October 19 town meeting to present the commissioners with the proper payment from the developer of the Preserve at Stoney Springs in Poolesville. The check of \$1,150,000 is to be used to cover costs in sewer treatment (\$750,000), well site (\$350,000), and for streetscape (\$50,000).

Mr. Conley was very pleased to be making the payment and recalled the long process that began eight years ago in 2000. Winchester anticipates that the first model home will now be built and their sales office is readying for the future.

Laura Turner/Saylor Wedding

Sesquicentennial Chapel in Oxford, Ohio was the setting for the wedding of Lara DeEtte Turner of Beallsville and Ryan Patrick Saylor of Hamilton, Ohio. The bride is the daughter of Ellen Turner of Beallsville and the granddaughter of Maynard "Junior" and Arlene Luhn of Poolesville. The groom is the son

of James and Brenda Saylor of Hamilton, Ohio. The bride was escorted down the aisle to the music of "Lara's Theme" by her grandfather; and her sister, Megan, was the maid of honor.


The bride graduated magna cum laude from Chowan University, earning a B.A. degree in English with a minor in communications, and is currently employed by General Electric. After high school, the groom served nine years as a hospital corpsman in the United States Navy, with a tour in Iraq. He is currently employed by Advanced Dermatology. The couple will reside in Hamilton, Ohio.




Lara DeEtte and Ryan Patrick Saylor

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on the overlook. After leaving the East Overlook, the road leads to the last place that is available for parking. There are two overlooks here. One, the Potomac Overlook, allows a sightseer to see the winding path of the Potomac River and well as Loudoun County and on a clear day the Blue Ridge Mountains can be easily seen. It is no wonder that the Union Army chose this place to relay signals to Washington. The West View and the Roosevelt Overlook are also located within a few hundred yards of each other. It is said that President Roosevelt, on his many forays into the Maryland countryside, would sit in his car and contemplate the rolling countryside beneath him. There are several picnic groves scattered about the top sections of the mountain and also portable bathrooms.

A motorist cannot drive all the way to the top of the mountain. The road ends at the parking areas for the West, Potomac, and Roosevelt Overlooks. In the upper parking area, a well-marked trail begins, and a healthy adult or child should easily be able to navigate this trail which leads to the summit. This trail, called the Thomas or Green Trail, is about a quarter of a mile long and requires some stepping over rocks and occasional fallen trees but is not a difficult task for most people. Once at the summit, a visitor can see all the way to Washington

and several counties in Virginia.

On a recent visit to the mountain, a *Monocle* reporter encountered many visitors. One group was having a leisurely lunch while celebrating the eightieth birthday of Carol Fales, a family friend from Bethesda. Mrs. Fales remarked that when she was younger, she and her children used to hike up the mountain, and she enjoys returning for special occasions. Mrs. Christine Dyker, a resident of the Dickerson area for over fifty years, said that she has always enjoyed coming to Sugarloaf. Suzanne Palmer, of Silver Spring, said that she and her mother have always been attracted by the variety of wild plants that are not usually seen in public places. Marcia Sprey, of Buckeystown, also part of the group celebrating the birthday, said that she and her husband bike the trails on the mountain and also on the roads in the area. Patrick Clark of New Jersey and Denae Marcellino, who lives in Frederick, were also enjoying the day on the mountain and were planning a hike to the summit. Joseph Gifford, who lives in Frederick, was enjoying the day and said,

"Sugarloaf is nearby, and I come here several times a year."

Sugarloaf Mountain, whose summit is 1200 feet, encompasses about 3330 acres and has over five hundred species of plants. The dominant trees are the oak with black gum, tulip poplar, eastern hemlock, and the black birch. Wildflowers, which draw many visitors, are evident in the warm weather months. Wild animals of all sorts inhabit the mountain and deer, red fox, and the raccoon can be seen. The trees are wild with birds which include the great horned owl, woodpeckers, wild turkey, and the hawk. Song-birds and migratory birds also are about. For those who might venture off of the marked trails or be tempted to reach under a rock or fallen tree there is a warning. The mountain is the home of the timber rattlesnake and copperhead, both poisonous snakes. The Stronghold Foundation issues this warning; "Look but don't touch." Sugarloaf Mountain is entirely inside Frederick County although the roads leading to the base are

in Montgomery County.

The Stronghold Mansion, located about halfway up the mountain, is available for wedding receptions, parties, and other functions. There is no admission to the mountain, and it is open to visitors every day of the year from early morning to dark. No motorcycles, camping, or fires are allowed. More information can be obtained about activities by calling 301-869-7846 or visiting the website: www.sugarloafmd.com.

Directions: From Poolesville, take Route 109 to Route 28 and turn left towards Dickerson. Go under the railroad underpass, turn right on Mt. Ephraim Road, and go about four miles to the mountain park.

From Clarksburg and Germantown, take Route 355 north, turn left on Route 109 in Hyattstown, and turn right on Comus Road by the Comus Inn, and go about three miles to the mountain park.

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Local News

Hometown Photography Book

By Dominique Agnew

Culminating in a display at the Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) booth on Poolesville Day, the Town of Poolesville held a photo competition for Poolesville High School photography students entitled "What I Like." The students who took part in the competition submitted two photographs to answer two questions: What do I like best about my hometown?, and What could be improved in my hometown? "The result," says PHS photography teacher Nori Thorne, "was a wonderful pairing of images: sweet and bittersweet, funny and sad, beautiful and ugly."

Poolesville senior Catherine Schur won first place with her work, "Patriotism—Look at the Flags." Ms. Thorne says of Schur's winning photo, "It just screamed hometown." The second place winner was senior Jessica Chittenden, and sophomore Brittney Price won third.

Ms. Thorne and her photography class took the idea of the paired photos one step further by creating a beautiful, full-color hardback book. All the students in photography class at Poolesville



This photo by Catherine Schur themed Patriotism—Count the Flags took first place in a photo contest sponsored by the town of Poolesville.

created a work of visual pairings, and whether they took part in the contest or not, their works went into the book, My Hometown, which can be purchased at www.blurb.com/bookstore (enter "My Hometown" into the search). All proceeds from the sales of the seventy-five-page book will help fund the photography course which really needs supplies, especially cameras. If sales of My Hometown do well, Ms. Thorne is seriously considering creating more books throughout the year.

There were sixty-five submissions in the contest, and from November through January, the top three will be on display in Poolesville's town hall.

The students who received honorable mentions in the contest were Juan Pablo Chacon, Tyler Holston, Dee Miller, Taylor Patton, Jennifer Reid, Kaitlyn Shields, and Amber Taylor.

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sage is; we don't know why it happened; all I need you to do is to always remember that one small mistake can make the difference.

"What I want the parents to know is that it doesn't matter what you did yesterday, it is what you do today and what you do tomorrow that matters. Kids, it doesn't matter what your parents do, it's up to you to make the right decisions because just one small mistake, no matter how good you are, can make the difference. I hope that you never forget, never forget what happened because if you can keep this in your mind, and it is the one thing that makes you slow down, the one thing to make

you stay alive, the one thing to make sure there are no more than two kids in the car, make sure they come home on time, make sure they are not drinking, and parents if you make sure you tell your kids you love them every day, every night, then this will make a difference and this will make sense in our community. We have a great village, we have a great community, and God bless everyone for being here and loving my son."

As candles were lit and "Amazing Grace" was sung, the tears and hugs were signs of love and a special message from the crowd to the families of the students in the accident—a message that love is greater than death.

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called governance.

If awards were given for Growing in Office, Mr. Kuhlman would win. He will not win many Mr. Diplomacy awards. The rap on him all seems to come down to his being, on occasion, brusque. He would be the first to acknowledge he has a "blue collar" perspective. That is not a bad thing and, in fact, brings an important viewpoint to the table. He is upfront, straight, direct, and there has been no evidence of Hidden Agendas. On the contrary, he enforces a self-imposed practice of ensuring resident complaints are presented to him blindly whenever possible, without the knowledge of who the complainant may be. Of all the current commissioners, none has distinguished himself more for hard work, dedication, and possessing the savvy to fully understand the issues facing the town. When reelected by the commissioners to serve as its president, he has run respect-

ful, efficient, and open meetings. Residents now have the opportunity to speak their minds at the start of the town meeting rather than having to wait one or two hours for the close of the meeting as was the previous practice. Although having the authority to restrict such presentations, he has demonstrated restraint by not strictly enforcing those times, preferring to allow residents to express themselves fully.

Concern over Johnson's consistency and Kuhlman's management style is misplaced. Making the decision as to who will be cut from this team will not be easy, and that's a good thing.

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Things to Do

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October 24
PES Fall Festival
Playground
Halloween Parade and games
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

October 25
79th Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner
St. Mary's Pavilion
Noon to 7:00 p.m.

Tri-Annual Church Auction
Poolesville Presbyterian Church
Light Refreshments
Silent Auction: 5:00 p.m.
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October 26
Montgomery Philharmonic
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October 31
Annual Monocacy Lions Halloween Party
St. Mary's Pavilion - Barnesville
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November 1
Tinker Bell Returns to Poolesville Breast Cancer Benefit
Visit by actress who voiced over Tinker in Peter Pan
Jo's Frame Shop – Fisher Avenue, Poolesville
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fun Fall Festival
Poolesville Baptist Church
Games, prizes, moon bounce, and lots of candy
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6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Relay for Life
Yard Sale
Whalen Commons – Poolesville
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 8
Christmas Bazaar
Poolesville United Memorial Methodist Church
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Holiday crafts, art, gifts, and luncheon

Relay for Life
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ing financial and emotional process for a homeowner to go through, and in many cases they do so alone and without help of any kind. An agent who has earned the CDPE designation has dedicated their time and effort to understanding the issues distressed homeowners are dealing with. The CDPE professional is an agent who understands the full range of solutions and is ready to help.

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Mary and Laura can be reached at 301-590-5500 or via email at info@mcharters.com.

Help Fund a Cure for Breast Cancer

The Women's Nest, a community of women helping women, is now offering four different designs to help fund a cure for breast cancer. All four can be placed on mugs, mouse pads, messenger bags, onesies, and many other items. All profits will be donated to breast cancer research efforts. Escape the chaos of daily life—visit www.thewomensnest.com.

Area Small and Home Businesses Plan Special Event

Wouldn't it be great to shop, meet with friends, and relax over tea...all in Poolesville?

Look no further. Glad-I-Yoga & Friends (other small businesses offering goods and services) are getting ready to launch a combined Fall Open House on Sunday, November 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Monday, November 10, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be door prizes, sample hot and cold appetizers, and visits with friends—old and new—all at your leisure.

While there are a number of home-based businesses operating in Poolesville occasionally booking house parties, only recently have these groups started joining

forces to rally their combined strengths and outgoing personalities. This is how Glad-I-Yoga & Friends got its start. "As time and money are of increasing concern to consumers, we'd like to offer one-stop quality affordable shopping, letting people have fun and enjoy the experience," explains Maria Briancon, the group's founder.

Women crave a little retail therapy from time to time, a break from their daily routines. The November 9 and 10 Open House offerings will include designer-inspired Costume Jewelry and On & Off the Mat (Yoga) Fashion Wear, Creative Memories Scrapbooking, Mary Kay Beauty Cosmetics, Southern Living at Home furnishings, and Fun & Sun Travel Co.

Whether you are searching for a Chico's inspired necklace to complete your new outfit, an accent piece for the fireplace mantle, or maybe even a quick get-away over the next long weekend, you are sure to satisfy your needs and budget at the Glad-I-Yoga & Friends Open House.

If you would like additional information about this event or the studio's Yoga and Pilates classes, please feel free to visit www.glad-i-yoga.com or contact Briancon at maria@glad-i-yoga.com or 301-758-3983.

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Family Crimes Division have been investigating a series of sexual abuse incidents involving soccer coach Juan Jose (J.J.) Aranguri, age 46, of the 5700 block of Luxemburg Street in Rockville.

The first report of abuse occurred to a twelve-year-old female victim who was a student at the South America Soccer Academy held at the Bretton Woods Recreation Center located at 15700 River Road near Poolesville. The inappropriate contact occurred on July 9, 2008, when the coach began to massage her legs after she had developed leg cramps.

It was learned during the latest investigation that Aranguri has used the name Juan Jose Gonzalez in the past. Because Aranguri has run a soccer camp for approximately ten years and therefore has coached many young people, and now that they know he has used an alias, detectives again ask to be contacted by anyone else who has knowledge

of any inappropriate contact by Aranguri (A.K.A. Gonzalez) with a juvenile. Those with information should call Detective Frank Darley in the Family Crimes Division at 240-773-5400.

During the period of October 10 to October 12, police responded to the following locations in Poolesville for the report of disorderly persons: 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 18000 block of Elgin Road, 19500 and 19600 block of Wootton Avenue, and the 19900 block of Fisher Avenue.

October 5 Burglary 18900 block of Peachtree Road, Dickerson.

September 30 Burglary 18000 block of Edwards Ferry Road, Poolesville.

Past

October 27, 1971 Montgomery County Deputy Sheriff James Hall was found shot to death on the grounds of the Manor Country Club near Norbeck. Hall had been working as a part-time security guard for the club on the night of his murder. It was believed that Hall had surprised thieves in the act of breaking into vending machines or had intercepted burglars who had broken



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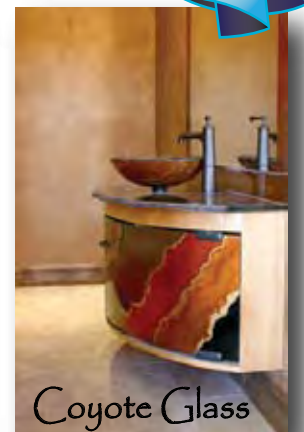
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