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# The Monocacy MONOCLE

*Keeping An Eye On Local News*

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## Planning Board Debates Location Of New Hospital

By Kristen Milton

Dueling locations for a long-anticipated Up-County hospital fueled discussion of the Montgomery College district in the latest hearing on the Germantown Master Plan.

The planning board heard from representatives of both Holy Cross, which hopes to build a hundred-bed hospital to anchor the college's planned biotechnology business park, and Adventist HealthCare, which hopes to build a hospital campus in developing Clarksburg.

Planning Chair Royce Hanson repeatedly reminded participants in the October 20 hearing that the board was not responsible for choosing a hospital, but only for the land use policy governing Montgomery College campus as it reviewed a draft update to the 1989 master plan. That task meant discouraging college representatives from using an area along I-270 that hosts a high-quality forest for its business park. Planners recommended

the college consider other sites. "The location of a hospital here is no lead pipe cinch," Hanson said.

The college's forty-acre business park, first undertaken seven years ago in partnership with the county and state, is envisioned as a place where high-tech start-ups are nur-

tured in the just-opened business incubator while students benefit from internships and the community gains new jobs. The hospital, if granted a certificate of need by the state, would provide many opportunities in fields ranging from nursing to

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## Woodstock Equestrian Park Update

By Maureen O'Connell

On October 22, 2008, the Montgomery County Department of Parks held a public meeting at Owens Park in Beallsville to discuss the draft Facility Plan for the next phase of development of the Woodstock Equestrian Park. This was a follow-up meeting from the July 31 meeting at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission office in Silver Spring. Aleco Bravo Greenberg, son of Herman Greenberg, who along with William Rickman donated the land for the park, was present

at the July and October meetings. He expressed his father's frustration with the lack of progress for the park. At the conclusion of the July meeting, Mr. Greenberg and representatives of the commission agreed to meet in the next month to discuss a working plan for the park's development, along with a development schedule.

Linda Komes, project manager for the Department of Parks, opened the October meeting with a recap of the existing projects at the park. She then addressed the next phase of development. On December 18, 2008, the Montgomery County Department of Parks will ask the Planning Board to recommend that the County Council approve \$750,000 for the 872-acre park's second phase of development. Of that

sum, \$500,000 will come from state grants, and \$250,000 from the family of William Rickman. On the Rickman side of the property, two riding rings will be constructed. There is a well on this property, so there will be a source of water for horses and people.



*Dante Tedalo, Linda Komes, Mary Bradford in front of plans for the Woodstock Equestrian Park.*

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### Town of Poolesville Commissioners Election:

All Three Incumbents Win Re-election

Link Hoewing - 912  
Jerry Klobukowski - 844  
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# Halloween 2008



## Letters to Editor

Dear Sirs:

I wanted to take a second and personally thank you for publishing the recent article about the death of my son and the impact on the community. This was an extremely well-written article that was very sensitive and supportive while accurately reporting the matter. I very much appreciate your efforts and hope that the message is heard so our communities do not have to experience another tragedy like this again.

Sincerely,  
Tom Didone

Rande:

I am the Public Information Officer for the Montgomery County Police Department, and it was a hard and emotional week for all of us.

Your article really captured the feeling in Damascus last week, specifically the feeling at the prayer vigil. It was the best article I read all week and one of the better newspaper articles I have ever read. We are making a scrapbook for Tom and Marlene Didone, and this article will be included in it.

Take care, Paul Starks  
Lieutenant Paul R. Starks,  
Director  
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# Center Stage Glittering Gallery

By Dominique Agnew

Nothing moves, but there is motion. No music can be heard, but there is singing. Thus it is with the paintings of abstract artist, Lynne Rolls of Poolesville. Their vibrancy speaks on a level both elemental and cerebral, from the

frothing, swirling lines of paint to the iridescence of the metals she tends to imbue in her works—the metallic touch being one of her signature strokes as well as the strong Middle Eastern influence of her travels abroad.

Lynne came to her calling as an artist later than most, and has only seriously been painting for about three years—three very successful years, as there has been great demand for her work, and she has to keep producing to keep up.

After Lynne graduated from Ithaca College in New York with a Bachelor of Arts in communication, and a minor in art history, she spent twenty years in the multinational advertising business in the D.C. area, five of which she lived and worked overseas in Dubai, the United Arab Emirates. Her creativity led her into the advertising world—a little on the business side of creativity, perhaps—and her advertising career led her to travel the world in far-flung locales such as India, Nepal, and the Middle East, and her travels strongly influenced her art and her desire to pursue her mission as an artist. Her experiences have allowed her to “bring a whole sense of aesthetics from the Middle East” which, she adds, are “an inspiration for metallic in paintings.”

For many years, she created art for her personal enjoyment in her spare time quickly moving from the realism of her college years to the abstract. The realism? “It wasn’t my thing,” she explains. “I felt it was ubiquitous, and I didn’t feel I was that great at it.” She preferred playing with the colors, the media, and the textures. “I try to have a mood evoked in my paintings,” she says. She feels that she has really accomplished something if she sees that a certain mood plays out in her work—and she likes to know the viewers are affected by the mood. In her painting, “Russian Winter,” people understood the cold. All in all, though, she likes to



Lynne Rolls

keep to quiet emotions, evoking “tranquility, calmness, peace, serenity.” She doesn’t want to disturb—“that’s not my style,” she quickly adds.

When she made the leap to full-time artist, she was quite pleased with how fast her work was selling. “I was amazed at the positive reception I was getting for my work,” she says. “I was surprised that there really is a demand with interior designers, collectors, or just the general public who might like it.” She’s fortunate that she has to keep up with demand, although, sometimes, she paints because she must. “It’s in me, and it’s got to come out,” she says. “I drop everything to paint.” Then she ignores everything. “I ignore phone calls, I ignore the things I need to do.”

Lynne works mostly with acrylic on canvas, usually 30” x 40” or 24” x 36”, but she also dabbles in miniatures. She also likes to mix media, especially the addition of metallics. She’ll use different tools besides the paintbrush to texturize the paints. “Anything goes when I’m in the mood,” she says. “You can’t make mistakes—it’s your work.”

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## Commentary

# Tell Me, Do You Feel Lucky Today?

By Rande Davis

As you read this, the election is over—or is it? As I write just five days before the election, I can't be certain. I was amused by the report of a small, bi-monthly, community newspaper (the name and location escapes me) that had to go to press prior to the results and decided to roll the dice so the headline shouted, with the Dewey-like headline: Obama Wins! The whimsical article took the stand that someone had to be first to report the story, and they decided to take advantage of a disadvantage they had in their print schedule.

As a McCain-Palin supporter, someone who always recognizes that twenty-four hours is a lifetime in politics, and with some tightening in the polls, I still couldn't come up with a McCain Wins! headline, even in my most whimsical mood. I guess the most dramatic pre-election headline I could come up with is: Who? That's because I sense in these glad-it's-over closing days of the election, we might just be heading into a long, drawn-out legal nightmare of determining who gets the 270 electoral votes. Unlikely? Well, at this moment I cannot be sure. How can that be? Perhaps this article should have been a mystery history, the mystery being how I could even think that the election wasn't over. In the face of a tidal-wave of conventional wisdom that seems to shout Obama Wins!, I sit here looking at a magazine that gives a bit of pause and, for me, a bit of hope. I have a copy of the June 21, 1948 LIFE Magazine.

That June, the GOP was preparing for its national convention and this member of the "mainstream media" had this to report:

Page 27: G.O.P. Prepares to Name a President

There was no question as to electing a Republican the only

question was who?

"Barring a miracle, there would be no winner on the first ballot. As the electric quality of the Philadelphia atmosphere indicated, this was no ordinary convention. For the first time since 1928, the Republicans really felt that they were about to nominate a president – not just a man second to Franklin Roosevelt."

Page 28 – One State's Delegates – The 19 from Kansas are unpledged and still undecided

"Most Kansas delegates look up to Harry Darby, a steelmaker industrialist from Kansas, a minority are loyal to Alf Landon. At least nine favor Dewey while Taft had considerable first or second ballot support."

Page 30 – Millions Will See Show by Television – New medium added to press and radio

"After experimenting with various types of make-up manufactured by one of the big cosmetic firms, he (keynote speaker Illinois Gov. Dwight Green) determined to leave his face untouched by powder or rouge and to rely instead on a deep tan produced by sunlamps and sunlight."

Page 32 – Just Before the Horse Race – Dewey, Taft, and Stassen will get away fast, but watch out for the Dark Horse Vandenberg on the backstretch

"Two men dominate all the speculation on the eve of the Republican convention. The man with the most pledged delegates, Governor Thomas E. Dewey of New York, and the man with just about the fewest, Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg of Michigan."

Page 38 – The Republican Convention This Coming Week at Philadelphia the G.O.P. should uphold its activist tradition

"Obviously the Republican star is approaching the zenith." (More right then they could imagine at the time.)

Page 42 – The Truman Train Stumbles West

"The most impressive thing last week about President Truman's trip to the West was his incredible ability to pretend that

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## Commentary

# Now What?

By John Clayton

The election will thankfully be over by the time this issue hits the streets. We went to press before the election results came in, so as I write this, I have no idea how it turned out. We all know what the polls said as we went in, and I am going to resist the impulse to generate any low voltage Dewey Defeats Truman moments here, not that it would really make a difference—not that I'm superstitious or anything.

From the state by state estimates, and judging by the scenarios that the McCain campaign would have to achieve to win, it is hard to imagine a Republican victory, and believe me, I have done my best not to imagine a Republican victory. Therefore, assuming Barack Obama has held on to win, I thought it time to consider the phenomenon of his success and his prospects for

success in his new job. This candidate has come out of nowhere to become, not only a national figure, but a figure on the verge of becoming our next POTUS—number forty-four, to be precise.

He burst into the national consciousness with a speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, of all things, and he has followed this with a message of hope and change. These are somewhat nebulous concepts, but he has had impressive success at sustaining this magic against two formidable opponents. He has championed and personified these concepts successfully. After intense scrutiny of his record and performance by the media (to varying degrees) and his opponents, it is clear to all but his most earnest opponents that there is legitimate substance beneath the rhetoric. However, I think that it is also clear to all but his most ardent admirers that this is not really supported by a significant record of achievement. He is convincing, eloquent, conversant

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## Daytripper

# The Appalachian Trail in Maryland

By Frederick J. Roehner

After the sweltering heat and humidity of summer subside, autumn offers an invigorating change in climate, spurring the transformation of the leaves and inspiring day trippers all over Maryland to take advantage of the many hiking trails in the area. One of the oldest and most popular of these paths is the Appalachian Trail which extends through Maryland along South Mountain, from the Pennsylvania border to the Potomac River, where it meets the C & O Canal before crossing into Harper's Ferry. Along the way, the Appalachian Trail (or just the AT, as many hikers call it) juts off to many side trails, bringing visitors to secluded scenic overlooks like Maryland Heights, and winds directly through many beautiful Maryland State Parks like the Washington Monument State Park near Boonsboro.

Although the Maryland section stretches for forty-one miles, it is just a small segment of the vast AT which meanders for 2,174 miles from Mount Katahdin, Maine all the way to Springer Mountain, Georgia. The AT was envisioned in 1921 by forester Benton MacKaye, and by 1925, the plan for a trail from Maine to Georgia had captured the imaginations of enough people that

a conference was held in Washington, D.C. with the result being the creation of an organization, the Appalachian Trail Conference (ATC), to handle the grand undertaking. After the establishment of the ATC, progress on the trail stagnated until the early 1930s when the project was taken over by Myron Avery and Arthur Perkins. MacKaye left the ATC soon thereafter over a disagreement with Avery about how to handle commercial development along the trail. By 1971, construction of the AT was finished when permanent trail markers were completed, although maintenance work and small route changes occur to this day.

The Maryland section of the AT is considered to be the second easiest section of the entire trail, ranking behind the segment located in West Virginia which consists of only two miles of trail. However, because the Maryland Heights trail is technically a side trail and not part of the formal AT path, its strenuous terrain does not factor into this ranking. While most of Maryland's section of the AT is rather flat, with an altitude fluctuation of less than 1,000 feet, the trail leading to Maryland Heights is difficult, at times becoming steep, with rocky terrain throughout. But the reward for any hikers who challenge themselves on this trail is well worth the effort: a stunning view of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, as well as the mountains of West Virginia and Virginia. This scene is a wonderful culmination to any day trip at Maryland Heights, but especially so at this time of year as the changing colors of the leaves adds to its splendor.

Another destination along the AT with spectacular views is the Washington Monument State Park. Many people are aware of the brilliant white monolith located in our nation's capital, but less well known is the original tribute to our first president which can be found at the Washington Monument State Park. Situated directly along the AT about four miles east of the town of Boonsboro, Washington Monument State Park is a great place for day trippers to visit, both

for its historical meaning and natural beauty. The thirty-four-foot granite tower on top of South Mountain was originally built by the patriotic citizens of Boonsboro in 1827 in honor of George Washington. It has had to be rebuilt twice since then, once in 1882 and again in 1936. As part of the restoration undertaken in 1936, the area around the monument was made into a state park, originally comprising forty acres but since then growing to its present form of 108 acres of trails, picnic tables, and overlooks.

The fall season has always been the best time of year to take a trip on Maryland's section of the AT. Summer's heat and humidity keep many day trippers away from the trail, but the cooler temperatures of autumn and the bright colors of the changing leaves make the AT a very attractive destination. The best part is that it doesn't cost anything to hike any of the AT in Maryland; however, to hike all forty-one miles would most likely be more than just a day trip.

For more information on the Appalachian Trail in this area, contact the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.



The view from Washington Monument State Park on the Appalachian Trail.



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## In The Garden

# Skeletons in the Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

There is a feeling now that winter is not too far away. When you wake up in the morning, there is a bone chilling nip to the air, and there is hoarfrost on the fields and meadows of Monocacy country. Flowers in the garden have taken on a skeletal profile. The lawn's grass has just about stopped growing, and it has started to take on a touch of brown. In the vegetable garden, you might find one or two lemon-sized, green tomatoes hiding amongst the withered vines. Here and there, a few red, green, and golden leaves desperately hang on to their mother tree. Yes, winter is just around the corner, but there is still some work to be done in the garden.

Winterizing our lawns and gardens serves two purposes: an aesthetic one and a practical one. Our flower gardens now look a bit untidy and neglected, and the once bright, green lawn is looking a tad anemic. If you leave your garden in its present state, you will have a large cleanup job in the spring. Leftover debris in your garden can also provide a place for pests and diseases to hide and survive the winter. They will then infest new plants next spring. The wonderfully-scented lily flowers have shriveled and dropped to the ground; the bushy, white flowers of the Shasta daisies and the proud, upright heads of the white 'David' phlox are past summer memories, and the blush has long been off the rose. It is time to put our gardens to bed. Winter can be a lackluster season in the garden; but it doesn't have to be. If you have designed and planted a garden for winter interest, it can shine.

One of the first things you should do now is clean all the debris from your gardens. Don't insist on cutting everything down, leaving your garden a

bare expanse of earth. We don't have to put the entire garden to bed. If you do, you will miss seeing your garden in a different dress. There will not be the bright, vibrant colors of flowers. Instead, there will be a touch of shimmery frost or snow on tall spikes of Russian sage or on delicate, lacy, dried hydrangea flower heads. I love to walk through my gardens right after a snowfall, before Sam, Tom, and the horses have broken through the seamless, expanse of white, velvety snow. It is magical, like a field of brilliant diamonds. The boughs of the many towering, white pines on the edge of my gardens bend down to kiss the white ground. The large, flat flower heads of the sedum plant 'Autumn Joy' provide little tables on which delicate, little snow crystals sit.

What plants do you remove and discard in the flower beds? I always pull up the dead annuals. They are leggy and very droopy by now, and they will add little interest to a winter landscape. I am always amazed at the number of annuals that reseed every year and come back beautifully and vigorous every summer—four o'clocks, cleome, verbena, lantana, and Johnny-jump-ups, to name a few. If you planted any heirloom annuals last summer, don't be too quick to pull them up and discard. You can save some money next planting season by collecting the seeds from these plants now. Place the gathered seeds in an envelope, label it, and then store the envelope in an airtight container with a layer of silica gel or powdered milk on the bottom to absorb moisture. Store the container in a cool, dark location for the winter. Just remember where you put it. Many times I have put things away for next season, and by spring, I haven't a clue where they are.

Don't pull up perennial plants. They are hardy enough to survive our winter conditions and rebloom again next year. Their skeletons provide good silhouettes and architectural interest against the barren winter landscape.

I place my perennials into

two categories when it comes to their care now—autumn clearance or healthy neglect. Some need to be tidied up now, and some can, or should, wait until the spring. Most early season perennials, such as delphinium, dicentra, aquilegia, campanula, and lupines, should be cut back to the ground now. Their floppy stems and brown foliage are not attractive in the winter. The candidates for healthy neglect are those with, as they would say in the modeling world, good bones. They will add interest to the winter garden. Plants that endure warm, wet winters, such as many Mediterranean plants, provide good winter profiles. Very often, they have woody, stiff stems that can stand up to blowing winter winds. Lavender, rosemary, oregano, Russian sage, coreopsis, santolina, and Artemisia are a few examples. Other perennials that I leave alone now are those that have good seed heads, pods, or hips, which will provide food for birds and small animals all winter. Coneflowers

(*Echinacea*) are probably the best example. The dried flower heads leave a thimble-like cone supported by an Elizabethan-like collar that provides seeds for birds for months. In our area, juncos, sparrows, and goldfinches eat the seeds of ragweed and native species of sunflowers, mints, and thistles. In addition to perennials, many of the berry-producing shrubs and small trees native to our region, such as viburnums, sumac, dogwood, and the deciduous winterberry holly, produce abundant fruits that serve as an important source of food for birds well into early spring. If you cut everything back now, you create a hostile wasteland for hibernating insects, bees, birds, and small animals. You can't leave your entire garden intact, but you can refashion it into its winter clothing.

Many people ask me what they should do for their roses at this time of the year. Nothing much is the answer. I start my major pruning around Saint

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# Equestrian

## A Safer Winter for Your Equines!

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

Six key ingredients will help safeguard your equines' health and well-being this winter: adequate shelter and windbreaks, routine veterinary and dental care, buying the best feed, keeping water between forty-five and sixty-five degrees by installing water tank heaters, using a feed scale, and a \$2.59 weight tape.

Yet another atrocious case of equine neglect near Poolesville was reported in the last issue of the Monocacy Monocle. Animal control officers and equine rescues are bracing for a difficult winter ahead, as a reeling economy tips marginal caregivers and some equine owners into insolvency. More animals have already been suffering the past

two years. Many overgrazed and over-stocked pastures don't bode well for animal safety unless the public steps up its vigilance and reports suspected cases of animal neglect to animal control.

Why are equines and other large mammals at risk? The biggest threat to mammals, among them the horses, cattle, goats and deer, is maintaining body temperature. If fed well, horses and ponies have large fat reserves that help keep them warm; like humans, equines need to store extra fat and calories in the fall, winter, and spring to maintain their body temperature. Judiciously increasing hay and grain rations in the fall and winter helps horses and ponies stockpile fat reserves.

Consult your veterinarian about adjusting your cold weather feeds, as the needs of all animals will vary. Differences in breeds, feeds, animal size, genders, work levels, length of coat, age, outdoor temperature, and the type of available shelter will all affect the type and amount of extra feed required. As a general

rule of thumb, your horse's hay ration should increase by ten percent for every ten degrees Fahrenheit (six degrees Celsius) below freezing. You will also need to work out your equine's energy needs for maintenance and production (breeding, lactation, or work). Just as we consult our physicians before making changes in human diets and exercise level, you should consult with your veterinarian before you make a cold weather adjustment and do it very gradually, over two to three weeks. You could inadvertently induce colic. Remember: it can take the gut microbes up to three weeks or more to adjust to a new diet.

How can you tell if your equine is developing adequate fat reserves to keep him/her warm this winter? Our good friend Kathy Schwartz-Howe of Days End Farm Horse Rescue kindly provided two Body Condition Scoring charts developed by veterinarians that will go a long way toward helping all equine owners and caregivers ensure adequate cold weather nutrition. Animal

control officers and veterinarians often use a standard system created by Don Henneke, Ph.D., whose illustration and 1-9 Body Condition Scoring chart (categories range from 1 = Poor to 9 = Extremely Fat) with an assessment of neck, withers, loin, tailhead, ribs, and shoulders first appeared in the Equine Veterinary Journal in 1983. All equine owners and stable managers would benefit from keeping these charts at the ready. Most equines should be maintained at a condition score of between five (moderate) and six (moderately fleshy).

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## School News

### FCPS Teacher Award Leader of the Year



The Maryland Council for the Social Studies recognizes one person annually as statewide Social Studies Leader of the Year. Michael Bunitsky, social studies curriculum specialist for grades six through twelve at Frederick County Public Schools, earned this year's award for contributing exceptional service to Maryland social studies programs and exhibiting outstanding professional qualities working with students, colleagues, and the community.

Mr. Bunitsky received the prestigious award and plaque October 17 at the council's

statewide convention in Prince George's County, where he began his teaching career more than thirty years ago. Little did he know then that he would one day supervise Frederick County's secondary school social studies program and teach at a local college.

In 1980, Mr. Bunitsky came to Frederick County to teach at Gov. Thomas Johnson High School. There for sixteen years, he also chaired the TJ social studies department and coached baseball and Mock Trial. In 1995, he was appointed halftime countywide social studies curriculum specialist and continued as halftime teacher at TJ. The following year, Mr. Bunitsky was promoted to fulltime social studies curriculum specialist, the position he has held since 1996.

"No one knows how many hours and selfless energy he puts into everything he does, with no fanfare or thought of accolades," says social studies teacher specialist Seth Roberts, who nominated Mr. Bunitsky. He does it, says Mr. Roberts, because he cares about the quality of student learning and supporting the teachers. Young teachers and experienced teachers alike have benefited from his leadership, but best of all, he says, the

enough level to also earn an AP Scholar Award.

The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performance on AP exams.

At Poolesville High School, five students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by earning an average grade of four or higher on a five-point scale on all AP exams taken, and grades of four or higher on eight or more of these exams. These students are: Michael Chamberlain, Michael Haggblade, Neha Patel, Zachary Russ, and Varvara Zemskova.

Michele Abbaticchio, Brooke Atwell, Marshall Betz, Cecilia Blanc, Corey Burke, Shannon Campbell, Phillip Chang, Kyle Corfman, Margo Cortijo, Ardalan Dorost, Misagh Dorost, Thomas Emery, Carolyn Engels,

students of Frederick County public schools are the ultimate beneficiaries.

Mr. Bunitsky began the regional Model U.N. simulation, now in its fourth year. He supervises a great many student activi-

ties including student government, selection processes for the Maryland Page Program, and the student member of the Board of Education, National History Day, and Mock Trial, among others.

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## School News

### Poolesville High School Announces Advanced Placement Awards

Seventy-three students at Poolesville High School recently earned Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program provides motivated and academically-prepared students with the opportunity to take rigorous college-level courses while still in high school, and to earn college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About eighteen percent of the 1.6 million students worldwide who took AP exams performed at a high

Kiley Fisher, Ashley Funk, Carly Gayle, Theresa Ginley, Alexa Greenberg, Alisha Harris, Jacob Harris, Grace Jackson, Ashika Jayasekera, Sonam Kapoor, Tyler Lang, Robyn Lott, Joseph Mackie, Robert Pines, Michael Rapkiewicz, Annie Ruhl, Zach Samuelson, Catherine Schur, Katherine Stamm, Leben Tadesse, and Lisa Trope qualified for the State AP Scholar Award. The designation of State AP Scholar is granted to the one male and one female student in each U.S. state and the District of Columbia with grades of three or higher on the greatest number of AP exams (at least three exams), and then the highest average grade (at least 3.5) on all AP exams taken.

Twenty-four students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades

of three or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are: Allyn Auslander, Rebecca Berger, Brett Bowers, Michael Chamberlain, Stephen Dessel, Brian Dresser, Ashley Gunsteens, Michael Haggblade, Brennan Keegan, Kerianne Lartz, Amanda Lyon, Joseph McHale, Neha Patel, Gregory Pfister, Peter Psaltakis, Ursa Remondi, Max Ricker, Zachary Russ, Michelle Sadler, Wenceslao Shaw-Cortez, Chari Stump, Kobena Waters, Enrique Zaldivar, Varvara Zemskova.

Fifteen students were Scholars with Honor. Those students were: Sarah Bean, Samuel Brockdorff, Sharat Buddhavarapu, David Capozzi, Holly Defnet, Sruthi Domalappally, Gregory Douglas, Garrett Frost, Amanda Lee, Kevin McCarthy, Karl Mihm, Sarah Minkoff, Ryan Pike, Jared Schneider, and Edward Sullivan.



## Youth Sports

### The Outlaws of Frederick

Written by Curtis A. Osborne

Fall is upon us, and for a lot of local sports fans, these are the best times of the year. For seam heads, the remarkable run by the Tampa Bay Rays is culminating in an interesting Fall Classic. For fans of soccer, the MLS playoffs are about to begin, without the most successful franchise in the

league, D.C. United. For NASCAR nation, the chase is winding down in unspectacular fashion. Regardless, for many, this is the best part of the sporting calendar. The Wizards have generated excitement, even without Gilbert Arenas, with a core of talented young players, and Bruce Boudreau and Alex Ovechkin have the town thinking Stanley Cup.

But local football fans are especially giddy with excitement as they eagerly listen to Redskins Radio on WTEM. With 24/7 coverage of the Redskins and the around-the-clock burgundy

and gold news cycle, the town is frothing with delight. The addition of new coach Jim Zorn, who is winning over skeptics with a tie for the NFC East lead, and the addition of injured all-pro defensive end Jason Taylor, have added to the anticipatory frenzy. Further up I-95, the town of crab cakes is all excited over the Ravens who are playing a brand of hard-nosed football and winning games with unflappable rookie QB Joe Flacco. Everyone in the Washington-Baltimore corridor is dreaming of an NFL championship for their team. One can only dream.

In Frederick, Maryland, championship football has been around for a long time, with very little fanfare. The Frederick Outlaws are a spring season minor league football team that traces its history back to the semipro heydays of the late 1960s and 1970s. Originally, the team was founded circa 1963 as the Frederick Falcons. They developed a huge following when Frederick was a quaint little town and went

on to the championship of the Continental Interstate Football League on numerous occasions. They gained national recognition as one of the best semipro football teams of their era, all the way through the 1980s.

The team folded in the 1990s and reorganized as the Frederick Outlaws in 2003, still honoring the Falcons' history by maintaining the team colors of green, black, and white. This motley group of Outlaws is owned by Chuck Bennaugh, with coaches including Rick Reeder, Dave Fant, Kent Bryant, Brian Thompson, and Marty Rutledge. Unlike their NFL and AFL counterparts, these guys, like the guys playing Division III college sports, do it for the love of the game. This year's team consisted of about forty players mostly in their twenties, though sometimes they get players in their thirties. Most may not be NFL caliber, but they feel as though they can still compete and are not yet finished. Some, both coaches and players, feel that this is

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## Youth Sports

### It's the Little Things

By Jeff Stuart

"Our motto on our T-shirts this year is 'It's the little things,'" says Clarksburg Head Volleyball Coach Teresa Tippett. "It's a little mantra I've used with them for three years now. I think it's sinking in. The kids realize they have to work at the fundamentals in order to turn it into being a competitive team. The kids are just gelling better at this point. We've given some good teams a bit of a struggle, namely Northwest, QO, Churchill, and B-CC, so they are feeling pretty good about their abilities and chances of being successful. Our record isn't indicative of how well we can play. We play with enthusiasm, intensity, spirit, and hustle—all the intangibles you need besides the skill to be successful. We've actually been playing really well since the Northwest game, but have been playing some tough teams. The girls started doing those little things, getting serves in, passing up to the setter instead of making her run all over the court for the ball, jumping on hits. Little things add up to playing better. We won in four in our last match over Einstein, but it wasn't our best effort—but we played well enough to win. We go into playoffs on Friday against Middletown on a good note. Alexa Walker is serving and hitting well. Katherine Ziemke is a big presence

in the middle blocking. Taylor Randall is setting like a champ. Cynthia Alfaro is hitting outside well also." Other returning players include setter Megan Ramos (senior) and middle back-middle hitter, Michelle Sloan (junior). "These girls are my leaders," says the coach.

The Coyotes had a disappointing start to the season, losing to visiting Northwood on September 8, 0-3. "We beat ourselves," said Alfaro, "because we are so much better then how we played that game. We have been working hard."

It is hard work playing girls' volleyball in Montgomery County. In 2005 and 2006, the county sent an average of three teams a year to the state semifinals and came away with back-to-back state championships, when Gaithersburg and then Sherwood won Class 4A titles. Wootton was runner-up, dropping a five-game match to Broadneck in the 2007 state final.

"We are not yet a Poolesville (12-0) or Magruder (18-1)," said Coach Tippett, "but we are getting more consistent." Their win-loss record is not there yet, (the Coyotes won only one match last season), but there is clearly improvement. In their third year as a varsity program, the Coyotes are continuing to develop the foundations of a program. "Passing, passing, passing, that's what we need to work on," Tippett said. "If we can get the ball to our setters, that will translate to more hits, which leads to more points and more wins."

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## Big Board

### Community Game Night

Clarksburg United Methodist Church is hosting a community game night on Friday, November 7 at 7:30 p.m. There will be board games for all ages. Whether you enjoy Chutes and Ladders, Monopoly, or Scrabble, bring your favorite game, meet your neighbors, and have fun.

Sunday worship services are held at 10:00 a.m. with Sunday School (from pre-school to adult), at 9:00 a.m.

Clarksburg United Methodist Church is located at 23425 Spire Street, near the intersection of Routes 121 and 355 in Clarksburg, near exit 18 (Clarksburg/Boyd) off I-270. For more information: 301-972-2203, Clarksburg.umc@comcast.net, or <http://clarksburgumc.com>

### Relay for Life Kickoff 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.

### Christmas Bazaar at United Memorial Methodist

The 2008 Christmas Bazaar at Poolesville United 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.

### Scouting for Food on Saturday, November 8

Scouting troops will be going door to door to gather canned food to help restock the food bank of WUMCO Help, the local community assistance program

for those in need in upper Montgomery County. The troops will gather at Poolesville Elementary School at 8:30 a.m. to begin their assistance program. Residents are encouraged to place their canned food donations in a bag and place them on their front porch. This is an important charity for the upper county. Scouting for Food is one of the main resources for WUMCO.

### Sell Your Stuff or Shop 'Til You Drop

The Clarksburg High School PTSA's Post Prom committee has scheduled a community flea market to help raise funds. Vendors offering yard sale items, furniture, kitchen items, baked goods, collectibles, crafts, toys, etc. are invited to set up by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 8. Reservations for vendor space is not necessary. The \$20.00 vendor fee goes to help the Post Prom Committee with its work.

The flea market will be at the CHS front parking lot which is at the corner of Route 355 and Wims Road. Vendors will need to bring their own tables, tents, etc.

For shoppers, the flea market will open at 9:00 a.m. and run to 1:00 p.m. For more information, email [MelaneKHoffman@aol.com](mailto:MelaneKHoffman@aol.com) or call 301-972-6430.

### United Memorial Methodists Church Schedules Special Worship and Celebration Events

MUMC of Poolesville has scheduled its eighth annual Donors' Sabbath worship celebration which this year has Lori Brigham, the CEO of the Washington Regional Transplant Community, as the featured speaker. As head of the Washington, D.C. area's Organ Procurement Organization, Ms. Brigham has witnessed the physical and spiritual awakenings that come from the transplantation process. All are welcome, especially those who are organ recipients or know of others who are recipients or on waiting lists

Donor Sabbath will be celebrated on November 9, 2008 at Memorial United Methodist Church, 17821 Elgin Road,

Poolesville, at 10:30 a.m. Following the service and coffee hour at the church, there will be a reception at the Michael Garrett home in Poolesville for lunch, socializing, toasting, and frivolity. You are to RSVP for the Garrett reception by calling 301-916-3323.

Then on at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 16, they will offer a special Veterans Day Memorial service which will offer special remembrance and prayers for those from our area who have given their lives in service to the nation in the Afghanistan or Iraq War theaters. Special remembrance and appreciation will be given for the sacrifice made by Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick and Cpl. Kirk Bosselman (USMC), both of Dickerson.

### Biathlon and Family Fun Ride Fundraiser for Poolesville Elementary School PTA

The Poolesville Elementary School PTA will hold a biathlon and Family Fun Bicycle Ride on Saturday, November 15. Participation is open to the community. The biathlon will begin at John

Poole Middle School at 10:00 a.m. Participants will run two miles to Poolesville High School, then bicycle on West Willard Road to River Road, then back to Poolesville High School for a total bicycle ride of eight miles. Participants must be pre-registered to enter. The fee is \$15.00 per person, or \$25.00 per team.

The Family Fun Ride will begin at PHS at 11:30 a.m. and will be a 2.5 mile ride. There is a minimum donation of \$10.00 per family required with all proceeds benefitting Poolesville Elementary School. West Willard Road will be closed for both rides. Deadline for entries is November 7. For more information and entry application, please go to [www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesvillees](http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/schools/poolesvillees).

### Veterans Day Concert

Evangelical Lutheran Church will have a Veterans Day Concert on Wednesday, November 12, at 7:15 p.m. in the Frederick Sanctuary at 31 East Church

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## Local News

### Cattlemen Host Wounded Soldiers And Marines

By Rande Davis

In a pre-Veterans Day event, wounded soldiers and marines from Walter Reed Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Medical Center were bused to Ft. Detrick in Frederick for a family day of barbeque, music, children's games, and good conversation. While heavy rain caused the picnic to go inside, spirits were not dampened in the least.

Major General George Weightman, commander of the U. S. Army Medical Research and Materiel command, welcomed the soldiers and marines by reading a letter of gratitude from President George Bush. The general also thanked the members of the Maryland Cattlemen's Association and their volunteers, the motorcycle escort team from Nam Knights of America (who

road their bikes even in the downpour), and the community at Ft. Detrick who turned out to greet the heroes. Also on hand to share his appreciation was Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, who left the campaign trail long enough to join in the festivities.

The Maryland Cattlemen's Association hosted this event which was organized by Dr. Scott Barao of Hedgeapple Farms in Buckeystown and Lt. Commander David Staten of the Public Health Service. Mr. Barao is MCA's executive director. MCA board members, Chip and Chris Smallwood of Smalltime Farms in Dickerson, catered the feast with their famous brisket and pork barbeque and their "almost as famous," apple crisp dessert. Beer for the event was sponsored by a team from Barley & Hops restaurant in Frederick. The musical entertainment was by Chris Dominici (keyboard), Bruce Bloom (drummer), Doc Bodine (lead guitar), Kevin Armstrong (bass guitar), and Frank Emma, Jr. (guitar).

With a small army of nearly

fifty volunteers, MCA has been preparing for the event for over a year, and despite the cold rain-storm that picked up intensity as the soldiers, marines, and family arrived, the reception inside was warm, emotional, and genuine. As the honored guests made their way into the gymnasium, the volunteers and other guests established a pathway through the crowd while providing a rousing standing ovation which was amplified inside the facility. The honorees, in witnessing this warm and appreciative welcome, were obviously humbled by the reception. While scheduled close to Veterans Day, the festivity really was more like Thanksgiving.

Those volunteers were from a wide variety of backgrounds including former NFL defensive end Regan Upshaw. Upshaw attended solely to help out, coming early to help peel apples, set up tents, and carry the heavy loads where his 6'-4" frame came in handy quite often.

Lt. Commander David Staten, one of the organizers, observed, "How great a country we



Lt. Commander David Staten welcomes wounded warriors for a celebration in appreciation of their service to the nation.

have when people can drop everything they are doing to donate time and resources to true heroes. Watching the newly-discovered camaraderie and bonding taking place, especially between the wounded warriors and members of the Nam Knights of America, the escorting motorcyclists, who themselves are war or police vets. It just made me feel honored to be participating."

The day was summed up by Scott Barao, "It was such a wonderful opportunity for folk who I consider the salt of the earth, farmers, to step out and support and honor those who keep us safe and free."

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## Local News

### The Short Sale, An Alternative to Foreclosure

By Laura and Tom Yeatts, Realtors

In this time of financial uncertainty, it pays to know your options. One thing we've discovered over the past several months is that there are a large number of people who don't know their options when it comes to getting out from under a mortgage payment they can no longer afford, whether due to job loss, divorce, mortgage rate resetting on an adjustable mortgage, or any other reason.

Once the value of their home falls below what they owe on their mortgage, most people mistakenly assume that the only way out of that mortgage payment is to allow the home to go into foreclosure. There's a much better alternative: the short sale.

A short sale involves your home being sold for a price less than what you owe on your mortgage (or mortgages). In order for you to sell your home without bringing money to the closing table, your lender must be willing to allow you to "sell short" and accept less money than you owe on the property as payment. This is also known as requiring "third party approval" – the buyer and seller are two parties in the transaction, and the bank is the third party who must allow the property title to transfer.

The most critical step to selling your home in a short sale is communicating with your real estate agent and your mortgage company. You will be required to document your hardship, fill out many forms, provide detailed financial information, and be persistent and patient throughout the process.

We can tell you, definitively, that you are better off selling your home in a short sale than allowing it to go into foreclosure. Here's why:

1. While a foreclosure stays

on your credit history for seven to ten years, a short sale is not reported on your credit history at all. There is no specific item to report a short sale, so the loans are typically marked "paid in full, settled" or "paid as negotiated."

2. A foreclosure will lower your credit score anywhere from 250 to 300 points and will continue to impact your credit score for over three years. A short sale may lower your credit score as little as fifty points if all other payments are current, and this affect may be as brief as twelve to eighteen months.

3. If your home is foreclosed, you must disclose the fact on any future loan applications with mortgage companies. This could affect your future interest rates for seven years. There is no similar disclosure for a short sale.

4. Foreclosure is a serious issue if you have a job requiring security clearance. A foreclosure on your record, in nearly all cases, will cause your clearance to be revoked and your position terminated. A short sale on its own does not affect most security clearances.

5. Many employers can legally require credit checks for their job applicants. A foreclosure is one of the most damaging items that can be found on your credit report, and may prevent your future employment in some positions. A short sale is not reported on your credit report and, therefore, not an issue to future employers.

It's easy to see how a foreclosure can cost you much more in the long run than just losing your home. That's why it's important to work with a knowledgeable professional real estate agent to assess your situation, define your options, and work with you to avoid foreclosure. Look for an agent with the "Certified Distressed Property Expert" (CDPE) designation. That agent has the knowledge to safely guide you through the complicated short sale process.

In the long run, you'll be happy you made that effort.

[Author's note: this article is based on information obtained from the Distressed Property Institute.]

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with the issues, and extremely credible. Now we shall see what this buys us.

My main thought about John McCain is one voiced by many: What possessed him to move to the right during the general election, in a contest that was unquestionably being fought in the center? If he wins, I guess he's a genius, but it certainly appears that the electorate's fascination with the clarity, focus, and simplicity of the right-wing agenda—cut taxes and be tough on the bad guys—had collapsed under the weight of its own ineffectiveness in solving problems over the last eight years. This too shall change in time.

Going forward into the presumed (I'm such a chicken) Obama administration, one of his fundamental daunting tasks, in my humble opinion, is this idea of bipartisanship. That has been everyone's favorite word in this election, with the exception of Sarah Palin who has

been working in another key entirely. From what I understand of bipartisanship, and from what we have seen when it occasionally raises its head, the peacemaker (or conciliator for lack of a better word) gets hammered from both sides. The conciliator particularly gets hammered from his or her own side. Why are you dealing with those people? Don't you remember what they did to us? Let's get even. What's wrong with you? I suppose the congressional leaders of both parties, who have been engaged in no-holds-barred cage matches for the last umpteen years, are ready to make nice now. This will be the new chief executive's challenge. I'd like to see him take it on, and I think that's what many of us voted for.

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**Message from the President, Gary L. Valen**

Many visitors are drawn to the Agriculture Reserve in the fall to enjoy the colorful vistas, the final harvests of the season, and the sightings of migratory birds and other wildlife. All of us who volunteer for SCA are again reminded why we work hard throughout the year to protect and preserve such a beautiful area of Montgomery County. This edition of our monthly newsletter indicates some of the issues that are now on our agenda as we consider future challenges in the Reserve.

On October 22 the staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission presented phase 2 for the Woodstock Equestrian Area on highway 28 between Beallsville and Dickerson. We were informed that funding has become available for some modest improvements, including restoration of the historic structures, expanded parking, and two event fields. Although more work is needed to determine the availability of water and required septic systems, the present plan appears to be the kind that will enhance the public enjoyment of the park without creating unwanted traffic congestion and a degradation of the environment that would result from some of the more extravagant proposals in the Master Plan.

An area of concern is the construction of a new stack at the Mirant plant outside Dickerson. The building activities have created some traffic problems that are only partially mitigated by the new temporary stop lights on highway 28. Residents in the area are also inconvenienced by noise and light pollution and we would encourage residents to report problems to Mirant at 301-601-6521.

As we witness the constant pressure for new housing and other projects in the Agriculture Reserve, we are reminded that there is often a lack of appropriate County code enforcement. We have talked with some of County officials about recent cases but we have not yet been able to understand whether the lack of enforcement in specific cases is a budgetary or political problem. County officials continue to remind us that the public plays a special role in reporting activities in the Reserve that may violate county codes. While not encouraging neighbors to spy on neighbors (which would not necessarily remove the safety concerns and other problems resulting from code violations) the Sugarloaf website provides links to the appropriate county agencies: For zoning or building permit violations call 240-777-6259 and for housing code violations call 240-777-3785.

# CHS Pep Rally





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One of the things she likes best about being an artist is the flexibility in her life. She's an artist; she's a mom to her kindergarten son, Ethan; and she's a member of the Library Advi-



*"Blue Irises Four" by Lynne Rolls*

sory Committee, the Poolesville Elementary PTA, and the Healthy Air Alliance. "I like being involved in the school, the community," she says. "It's really the perfect career for me."

Lynne's art has been the feature of shows in Poolesville, Frederick, West Virginia, and New York. For the month of May, she'll have a solo show at Studio 11 in Frederick, but if you can't wait until then to view her work, she'll have some pieces on display at the "Peace on Earth" show in December at Studio 11 featuring a consortium of local artists.

## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present

Police are investigating thefts at several locations in the area: the 19500 block of Wootton Avenue, the 19900 block of Wootton Avenue, the 18900 block of Peach Tree Road, and the 19500 and 19600 blocks of Fisher Avenue.

### Past

**November 9, 1956** The Montgomery County Personnel Board ruled that a police sergeant can hold public office. Sergeant Gorman Butler had been elected to one of the three Poolesville commissioner posts, but his election, by Poolesville's seventy voters, was disputed because of rules about political activity by county workers.

**November 9, 1943** Two people were killed in automobile wrecks as a violent rainstorm, accompanied by a tornado, struck Montgomery County. The tornado struck the Washington Grove area and destroyed a house, a garage, and several automobiles. Strangely, light snow was forecasted for the next day.

**November 10, 1949** A forty-nine-year-old Barnesville man was sentenced to 120 days in the county jail for a series of alcohol offenses. The man had been charged with illegally selling whiskey from his car, possession of untaxed whiskey, and driving drunk.

**November 12, 1947** A custom that was 171 years old was broken in Montgomery County. For the first time, women were selected as jurors to serve on both the petit and grand juries for the fall term of the Montgomery County court. The break in tradition resulted from a law that had been passed by the General Assembly that authorized female jurors.

**November 20, 1984** Police were investigating the bombings of two abortion clinics in Montgomery County. Bombs, placed against the outside walls of the two clinics, exploded during the night, heavily damaging the buildings. One clinic was in Rockville, and the other in Wheaton.

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Street, Frederick. The concert will feature the renowned Heritage Brass Quintet. The concert, which is free to the public, will span more than 250 years of musical tradition. The group's repertoire includes a wide variety of chamber works as well as popular and patriotic pieces. The Heritage Brass quintet, formed in 1973, is part of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band, a sixty-member band stationed at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia. The group performs Air Force community relations music programs at concert halls, schools, retirement homes, churches, and theaters throughout the eastern United States.

**Wine Tasting to Benefit Star  
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Star Gazing Farm is a non-profit charity whose purpose is to provide a safe haven for unwanted, abused, and neglected farm animals. For directions and more information, visit [www.stargazingfarm.org](http://www.stargazingfarm.org).

**Just a Little Pillow Talk**

The Poolesville High School drama team organized as the Midnight Players will present their rendition of "Pillow Talk" taken from the 1950s movie starring Doris Day, Rock Hudson, and Tony Randall.

This fall presentation opens on Thursday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. and will run on Friday, November 14 at the same time. Saturday, November 15 will have

two presentations with a matinee at 2:00 p.m. and the evening show at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5.00 for students and \$8.00 for adult. Sellouts often occur, so to reserve tickets, go online by emailing Mrs. Lisa Templeton at [jlh.temp.verizon.net](mailto:jlh.temp.verizon.net). The box office will be open starting November 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and then in the afternoon from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

**UMCVFD Auxiliary Basket  
Bingo on November 14**

Come for a fun evening and help support your local fire department. Beautiful Longaberger baskets, filled with additional great prizes with a Christmas theme, will be the bingo prizes. There will be raffles, door prizes, and special bingos. Refreshments are available for purchase including great homemade food and desserts. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the games begin at 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$15.00 for those who have a reservation; \$20.00 at the door.

To reserve a spot, call 301-605-0548.

**Christmas Attic Sale**

Another great Christmas Attic Sale is just around the corner at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, on Friday, November 21 from noon to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come shop for one-of-a-

kind and vintage Christmas decorations and ornaments. There is Christmas in every way you can think of from cookie tins, candles, stuffies, linens, cards, ornaments, trees, wreaths, lights, ribbons, mugs, dishes, clothing, stockings, and every decoration imaginable! There will also be a Bake Sale (think Thanksgiving too!), and fresh-shelled pecans will be available in one-pound bags. Donations of new and used Christmas items are gladly accepted from November 15 to November 20. So get in the Christmas Spirit and go to St. Peter's at 20100 Fisher Avenue in Poolesville. For more information, call the church office at 301-349-2073. HO, HO, HOpe to see you there!

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A final thought worth noting: we humans have created the artificial environment that has produced animals at risk, and we have a direct responsibility for ensuring that they are cared for properly. Wild equines roam miles each day, with much of their time spent eating. The wild herds choose their food from a wide variety of grasses, herbs, bushes, and brush, and eat small bits for sixteen to twenty hours each day. This creates a var-

ied and highly-nutritious diet; however, domestic horses in confinement and/or on restricted pastures face uniformity in grasses, are allowed to graze for only short periods, and are fed large amounts two or three times a day. Because today's horses and ponies are not allowed to select their own feed or to graze at will, and are often at work, their energy needs are much higher. We have an obligation for ensuring daily that they receive the food they need to build fat reserves for cold weather.



## Local News

# More Seats for Soccer

By Kristen Milton

More than two thousand additional seats and other facilities expanding the South Germantown SoccerPlex Championship Stadium in Boyds were recently approved by the Planning Board as the site prepares to welcome professional women's soccer.

The Soccerplex will increase its permanent seating from 3,200 to 5,600 seats as well as adding new restrooms, box office, press box, and six-foot decorative fencing in order to host the Women's Professional Soccer league's Washington Freedom team starting in April 2009. Speaking at the October 23 hearing, Trish Heffelfinger, executive director of the Maryland Soccer Foundation, called the improvements "a tremendous enhancement."

Planners unanimously ap-

proved the plans, noting that seating up to 7,500 had been anticipated in a 2006 lease amendment. "Be ready, be ready for enthusiastic crowds," Commissioner Jean Cryor said.

Heffelfinger said construction on the improvements would likely begin after the Thanksgiving holiday and in the event that winter weather interfered with the work, a Plan B of temporary facilities was anticipated. Special Programs division chief Terry Brooks said this would include everything from temporary stadium seating to "portable upscale restrooms," which would allow the season to begin.

Heffelfinger said the Freedom would play at least seven home games on Saturday evenings between April and August. The games would not overlap with league matches at the park, she said. A contractor will manage parking in the park's approximately 2,200 spaces during Freedom events, Heffelfinger said, but attendees will be warned to expect a forty-five-minute exit time. According to the Freedom website, tickets will be \$20 to \$24 plus a

parking fee.

In addition to enabling the Freedom games, the expanded seating will open up the potential for other events including National Collegiate Athletic Association games.

Commissioner Joe Alford asked if the \$2.6 million project, funded by longtime Soccerplex supporters and Freedom owners John and Maureen Hendricks, would result in more revenue for the commission. The answer was not directly, but Heffelfinger and Cryor said there was economic benefit in the facility's partnership with the county's Conference and Visitor's Bureau and the fact that visitors ate and shopped locally while in town. "This works big time for Montgomery County," Cryor said. "The numbers are just there."

The Maryland Soccerplex, which operates on county-owned land, is a public/private partnership dating back to 1999.

Final Site Plans for Clarksburg Town Center

Years of Clarksburg controversy were to culminate November 6 in what was expected to be a marathon Planning Board hearing allowing Clarksburg Town Center to move toward completion.

The board scheduled six hours to review project, preliminary, and

site plan applications covering the entire 270-acre development to be located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway. Both residential and retail development is planned. The hearing took place too late for the Monocle's deadline but will be covered in a future issue.

The history of the Town Center plans stretch back more than a decade, but development was largely stopped when area residents noticed that construction did not match approved plans. Building violations were to be addressed with a 2006 agreement called a Plan of Compliance, which committed the developer, Newlands, to various concessions and construction of amenities such as parking garages and a community pool. Planning staff estimated the value of the improvements at \$14.4 million minimum in a recent press release.

Prior to the hearing, planners recommend approval of the Town Center plans, but specified various conditions. A key change in the latest plans involved changing a three-story parking garage to two levels and cutting a second garage. Planning staff recommended requiring the construction of the second garage to allow for more retail parking.



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## Local News

### Downed Electrical Wire Causes Traffic Disruption

By Jack Toomey

On October 25, a tranquil Sunday afternoon was disrupted when an electrical wire in the 19800 block of Fisher Avenue separated, fell to the ground, and caught on fire. A passing motorist noticed the wire burning and phoned the fire department. An off-duty member of the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) used his personal vehicle to block traffic and directed passersby away from the dangerous wire. Traffic was diverted from Fisher Avenue onto Wootton Avenue and then back to Fisher.



Firefighters from the UMCVFD block traffic as the wire burns on the ground.

Fire equipment responded and awaited the arrival of Allegheny Power workers who arrived within an hour and repaired the broken wire. Allen Staggers, a spokesperson for Allegheny Power, said, "Often when we have a slow soaking rain after a long dry spell, the moisture seeps into the damaged equipment, the water

heats from the flow of electricity, and the heat subsequently causes the wire to crack and fall."

Captain Tim Thorne of the UMCVFD said, "My concern for the public is to treat any downed wire as energized." He also noted that a wire lying on the ground, even though not on fire, could become energized at any time, causing harm to the public.

## Local News

### First Jody Brooks Memorial Tournament Held

On October 17, 2008, the first annual golf tournament in memory of Jody Brooks of Poolesville was held. In celebrating the life of Jody Brooks, his friends used the occasion of remembrance to gather in a way that would be most appropriate. The golf tournament was perfect for two reasons. First, it was a fundraising event supporting local youth sports, a personal passion of Jody. Secondly, using the golf tournament to do so was a celebration of Jody's favorite pastime.

The proceeds went to support PAA, UMAC, and the PHS Booster Club. In perpetual commemoration, a plaque was placed on the eighteenth tee box in memory of Jody. Known well for his caring and jovial spirit, all agreed that Jody would smile at the epi-

taph on the plaque: Born to golf, Forced to work. Poolesville High School athletic director, Fred Swick, shared kind memories of Jody and exalted his competitive spirit.

A committee is forming for next year's tournament to be held in August, and anyone interested in helping on the committee can contact Chris Giarratano at 240-994-5408. This year's committee wishes to thank all of the volunteers and local businesses for their generous support.



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On the Greenberg side, plans are underway for the construction of a beginner novice cross country course. Access to this course will be off Route 28; there will be no access from Hunter Road. There will also be an expanded parking lot on the east side of the park. An old stone barn on the property, which housed Jeb Stuart's soldiers during the Civil War, will be stabilized for now, with future plans to restore it. Currently, the park has sixteen miles of trails open to the public for hikers and horseback riders. Several people in the audience at the meeting expressed their pleasure at the availability of these trails.

A concern threading through this meeting and past meetings was input from neighbors regarding the size and scope of the park. Mary Bradford, Director of Montgomery County Department of Parks, said that her office welcomed any questions from area residents. There were several questions from the audience regarding the number of horses and events the park could host on the property. No sanctioned events or overnight shows are planned. The size of the facility and water and sewer capacity will dictate the type and size of future events. Several people in the audience referred to the original Master Plan, which had laid out very extensive plans for an indoor arena and large capacity attracting events. David Tobin, the county's equine resources coordinator, answered this concern by saying that everything in a Master Plan is not always built, "A Master Plan is conceptual." It will go through many phases, which could reduce the scope of a project. It also ultimately comes down to the funds available at the time of proposed construction target dates. There is always a need for more planning, market analysis, and money. The bottom line now is that the Park Commission does not envision anything more than a passive use park, not a sophisticated, state-of-the-art equestrian, multi-use facility. Mr. Greenberg said that he and his family were very

committed to building a facility that would accommodate the needs and concerns of the area residents.

The overall feeling of the meeting was positive. Local horse-woman Mary Muldoon said that she was very pleased with what has already been built at the park. She believed that the cross country course would fit into the local scenery and would provide a needed facility for local eventers. Priscilla Hoffman, president of Trail Riders of Tomorrow, said that it is very important for everyone involved with the park to come together to formulate a park design that will be of use to many people in Montgomery County.

Mary Bradford admitted that an equestrian park was something new for her office. They are very excited about future plans, but they are also realistic and acknowledge that money is slow coming. The pie has to be cut up to satisfy many people. "We try to bite off one piece at a time. One might be frustrated with this approach, but it is reality."

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### November 11

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### November 12

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Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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Heritage Brass Quartet  
7:15 pm.

### November 13

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### November 13, 14 and 15

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Saturday Matinee: 2:00 p.m.

### November 14

UMCVFD Basket Bingo  
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### November 15

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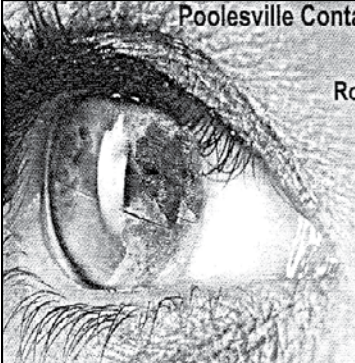
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## Local News

### Up County MARC Stations Face New Service Reductions

By Kristen Milton

In an ironic twist, Up-County MARC stations, once imperiled by too few riders, are now slated for service cuts as the Maryland Department of Transportation deals with budget shortfalls due to increased ridership. In a September press release, the agency noted that recent high gas prices have led drivers to cut back on consumption and reconsider their vehicle choices. "While this is healthy for our nation in the long run, it dramatically affects transportation revenues," Transportation Secretary John D. Porcari said in the release. The agency will receive \$115 million less than projected this year due to the downturn in the motor fuel tax, vehicle titling tax, and other fees.

The Maryland Transit Administration has proposed dealing with its loss of revenue largely by cutting MARC Train and Commuter Bus services. Locally, this would mean the elimination of the train that leaves Union Station at 1:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. Commuters statewide would also share the loss of the ten-day ticket and service on federal holidays and the days after Thanksgiving and Christmas among other changes. The changes would be effective January 12.

Miriam Schoenbaum of Boyds, vice president of Action Committee for Transit, said the idea that increased use of public transportation may lead to cuts is "absurd, but that is something MARC can't fix."

However, local riders discovered two years ago they can act to prevent potential threats to Up-County stations, Schoenbaum noted. In January 2006, the state transportation department

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accounting to landscaping, said Hercules Pinkney, provost of the Germantown campus; however, several commissioners seemed unconvinced that the hospital was a good exchange for forested acreage hosting hundreds of specimen trees.

David Capp, chief facilities officer for the college, said that while the college had considered making the park's buildings taller and closer together in a smaller space, they preferred to "maintain the suburban nature of the campus" by using the forested tract for the development. Objections to the plan at the hearing went beyond the environmental. Commissioner Amy Presley described the proposed hospital as "somewhat of a force fit" that would have negative impacts on the medical campus Adventist is planning for Clarksburg's Cabin Branch development.

Attorney Bob Harris, representing Adventist, said the company had invested time and money and worked closely with

the community since purchasing its proposed hospital site in 2002. "Out of fairness," he said, "there is one site for a hospital in Up-County that's already been approved through the land use process, and that's Cabin Branch."

Holy Cross Hospital President Kevin Sexton said the company had already applied to the state for approval of its plans while Harris said Adventist planned to do so shortly.

In addition to the questions of the hospital and forest, the three-hour October 20 hearing addressed an extension of Observation Drive through Montgomery College campus. College officials preferred a western alignment cutting through the forest while the board chose an eastern alignment.

The update to the Germantown Master Plan, meant to direct the vision for the area in the coming decade, was scheduled for at least two more work sessions though November. It will eventually be forwarded to the County Council for final review.

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suggested closing the Boyds and Dickerson stations before public outcry halted the plan. Schoenbaum hopes riders will speak out again. While ridership of the mid-day train is light on any given day, she said, most commuters have likely made use of it at one time or another to return home for emergencies, doctor's appointments, or family commitments. "People feel more comfortable taking the train knowing they have the flexibility to take the mid-day train," she said.

Save Maryland Area Rail Transit (SMART), formed to fight the station closures, has been revived for the latest battle and has adopted a platform advocating preserving service, even if it requires fare increases, and continued discounts for regular but non-daily riders in the form of ten-day tickets. If the mid-day train is indeed eliminated, the group would like to see the 3:35 p.m. train stop at the Dickerson and Boyds stations rather than speeding through.

Carol Oberdorfer of Dickerson, who serves on the MARC Riders Advisory Council, said she will suggest similar solutions as the council formulates its own recommendations. She believes public response may make a difference. "I got the distinct impression it's not just a formality; they really do want to hear from people," Oberdorfer said.

Oberdorfer said SMART

members had hoped to see service to Up-County stations increased in the near future, and riders might be ready to accept an increase in fares, the first in five years, rather than see the trend go in the opposite direction. Meanwhile, Action Committee for Transit is looking for volunteers to pass out fliers in the week before November 17 hearings on the cuts encouraging MARC riders to attend. The time commitment would be minimal, Schoenbaum said, about ten minutes before train departures, but the impact could be significant.

"I think people are just more aware that MARC service is something they can affect," she said, adding in an email, "MARC had to listen to us three years ago, and we kept the Boyds and Dickerson stations open. Now, let's make sure they hear our voices again."

To get involved, public hearings on the proposed MARC service cuts will be held noon to 2:00 p.m., November 17 at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Training Center in Washington, D.C., 777 North Capitol St. and 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., November 17 at the Council Office Building in Rockville, 600 Jefferson Plaza. Written comments will be accepted through December 26. For more information see [www.mtmaryland.com](http://www.mtmaryland.com). To volunteer to pass fliers at area stations a week prior to the November 17 hearings, call Miriam Schoenbaum at 301-528-6650.

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a step to a higher level, whether it is playing in the Arena League, being invited to an NFL camp, or as a training ground to become a college or pro coach. Some players have been good enough to get a look from the Arena Football League and the AF2 League.

At this level, there are no million dollar bonuses, no network television contracts, no packed stadiums, no endorsement contracts, and no agents. Most of the time, girlfriends, friends, and family are the only ones in attendance at the games. These guys have to pay for their own equipment and gear. The economics of the game is different too. The owners just hope to break even financially. For the Outlaws, a search is on for a title sponsor which would help them financially. It would assist in defraying travel costs and other amenities.

Little things that NFL teams don't have to worry about, minor league teams do. For example, while NFL players go through voluntary workouts in climate-controlled gyms and indoor practice bubbles in the winter, the Outlaws practice outdoors in the dead cold of winter to prepare for the spring season. With the fickle weather in our area, it can sometimes be brutally cold in February and March and other times, the weather has a spring hint to it.

This past spring season, the Outlaws had an issue with playing fields. For the past several years, the team's home field was at Heritage Farm Park in Walkersville while they occasionally practiced at McCurdie Field or Max Kehoe Field in Frederick, but due to circumstances beyond their control, the 2008 team lost its home field. They searched in vain for a new field, and they were not successful. Hill Street Park was the perfect spot for them to play, but they were unable to come to an agreement with the City of Frederick. So they had to practice sometimes in Montgomery County and even had to relocate their home games to Ridge Road Recreational Park in Germantown.

Those little drawbacks have not affected their winning tradition. The Outlaws have won five straight conference championships from 2004 to

2008, including the last three in the East Coast Football Alliance. They won back-to-back league championships in 2005 and 2006, and lost by a field goal in 2007. This year, they finished the regular season 9-1, then defeated the Atlantic Coast Patriots 17-14 in the playoffs, finally defeating the Annapolis Thunder 34-13 going all the way to the Alliance II Championship in Richland, New Jersey, the Super Bowl for their league. On June 28, they defeated the Ocean County Pit Bulls 22-15, winning it all and finishing the season 12-1 and ranked fourth nationally by the Minor League Football News.

The organization has created a winning attitude to go along with its winning tradition on the field. The Outlaws are now gearing up for the upcoming 2009 spring season with tryouts and public appearances. They are also always on the lookout for new sponsors and alliances.

The future is very bright for the team and organization. Sometimes there is an enticement to consider possibly moving to a traditional fall league or to the Continental Indoor Football League, competing with other local teams such as the Chesapeake Tide which makes its home at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro. As seen by their run of championships, the Outlaws truly go by their motto: "What do Outlaws do? Anything we want."

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nothing at all was going wrong." The caption to picture from the Truman campaign: "Truman speaks to a nearly empty auditorium in Omaha. This picture widely reproduced in newspapers dealt a serious blow to his campaign."

He even had a number of gotcha moments like the time he dedicated an airport: "I'm honored to present this wreath to the parents of the brave boy." When it was whispered to him it was not a boy but a girl, he said, "Well, I am even more honored to dedicate this airport to a young woman who bravely gave her life for our country." He was interrupted one more time, "No, no, our Wilma, aged 16, was killed right here." Said an aide to Truman, "Somebody shoulda briefed the boss."

Television, make-up, and gotcha moments—the modern political experience was born. Yet, as you read and think about the results and the days ahead, I want to point to another big event in November. With little fanfare, minimum public awareness, and near-total amnesia in our public schools, the Poolesville American Legion Post 247 will hold a ten-minute celebration at Whalen Commons on November 11 at 11:00 a.m. It is Veteran's Day or as it was known in 1948, Armistice Day.

In talking to a young veteran marine recently, we stood

together outside of a gymnasium under a flimsy tent during a rainstorm awaiting the arrival of other wounded soldiers and marines coming to be honored and feted. Our differences could not be more stark. I am a senior citizen, he is young. I have two arms and legs, he has only one arm and one leg. While most stayed home, out of the cold, he came to greet others who have shared his path. He was asked about what happened and after the telling of the story, he simply concluded, "I am just lucky." If you ever wondered about the semper fidelis slogan of the U.S. Marines—always faithful—and where it came from, look no further.

So whether or not we have a clear winner in the election, we can all exalt in the commonality that we are all winners only because we have individuals like this young marine who believed he was lucky to serve his country, lucky to serve in a cause he believes in, and lucky to still be able to stand in the cold and rain just to be able to give thanks to others.

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Led by the serving of Alfaro and the setting of Randall and Ziemeke, the Coyotes won their first match of the year at Division III Seneca Valley, in four games, winning 25-19, 25-12, losing the third game 25-19, and clinching the match by winning the fourth game, 25-15. "I think that our players have improved since the summer with our serves and hits," said senior Katherine Ziemke, a transfer from D.C.'s St. John's College.

But it was not until October 16 at Wheaton that Clarksburg was able to record another win.

The future looks brighter because Clarksburg's JV finished the season with a 9-4 record. "We started the season 5-0 before we lost a game," said Coach Dawn Dickinson. "The team continued to improve on their skills throughout the entire season. The key will be how many players commit to playing in the off season. If these players continue to improve, Clarksburg will be a top contend-

er. Five players served eighty percent or better for the entire season: Lexi Meyer, Ava Omidva, Jenetta Beckley, Sampada Koshatwar, and Kelly Stock. Meyer, a setter, moved up to the varsity team with four games left in the season. Other sophomores are Lindsey Ferry, captain, all around, and Lizeth Sivila, back row. Freshman back row players are Kiara Astello, Miriam DeLeon, and Maria Feeney. Marne Garrestson, middle hitter, and Natalie McClain, all around, are also freshmen.

The twenty-five girls' volleyball teams in Montgomery County are divided up into three divisions. Clarksburg and Poolesville are in Division II (White Division) along with B-CC, Gaithersburg, Northwest, Quince Orchard, Richard Montgomery, and Rockville, but strictly based on school size, the Coyotes will compete in the state 2A playoffs and Poolesville in the 1A playoffs. Clarksburg is quickly growing in size and will probably move from 2A to 3A.

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## Local News

### Washington Celebrates Fifty Years

By Maureen O'Connell

This year marked the fiftieth anniversary of the Washington International Horse Show (WIHS). It just finished its run from October 21 to October 26 at the Verizon Center in downtown Washington, D.C. The show was a witness to many historic moments in the Washington area and holds memories of a kaleidoscope of events, celebrated riders, and celebrated horses.

The Washington Inaugural Horse Show was held October 10 through October 15, 1958 at the D.C. National Guard Armory on East Capital Street opposite RFK Stadium. Its first president was Maj. Gen. William H. Abendroth and Arthur Godfrey was vice-president. Roughly 350 horses competed in jumpers, hunters, saddle horses, harness horses, and walking horses classes. It was truly an international show



Austin Kiplinger and Wyatt Stewart.

as there were riders and horses from Mexico and Germany competing. Through 2001, the international status continued with teams from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Ireland, Great Britain, Italy, Chile, West Germany, France, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Belgium, and Switzerland. Each year featured three or four international teams. The awards ceremony for the winning teams was always a poignant moment, as the air of the indoor arena was filled with the sounds of the winning nation's national anthem, and that country's flag flew proudly

overhead.

Being an indoor show, WIHS was a different type of horse show. It was part of the Eastern circuit—Harrisburg (Pennsylvania), Washington, New York, and Toronto (Canada). The last three shows were called "The Three Sisters," and only they had the honor of hosting competitions for international teams in their country.

World jumping records were set at these shows, and great riders and great horses from all parts of the globe thrilled show audiences every year. All the great names of the equestrian world showed at Washington. It was the place to ride and be seen. There was Frank and Mary Chapot, Kathy Kusner, Rodney Jenkins, Melanie Smith, Barney Ward, Conrad Holmfeld, Joe Fargis, Robert Dover, Katie Monahan Prudent, Hap Hanson, Bezie Patton, and McClain Ward, to name a few.

Back in the early days of the show, Washington was a sleepy, southern town. Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, Ford, and Reagan attended the show. In 1966, the Budweiser Clydesdales delivered WIHS tickets to the White House. (Security was less tight around the White House.) In 1970, dozens of horse-drawn carriages joined the WIHS Carriage Marathon to the White House, where First Lady Pat Nixon was given a ride around the South Lawn of the Executive Mansion. Remember the streakers of the seventies? In 1975, the show had its own. An unknown rider, his head encased in a plastic pumpkin, rode into the ring naked. He made one pass around the ring and jumped all four fences on the outside while officials were judging the conformation horses in the middle of the ring. No ribbon for him. In 1988, at the thirtieth anniversary show, Zsa Zsa Gabor rode her million dollar Tennessee Walker stallion Silver Fox in the ring to the delight of the crowds. Bo Derek rode for several years at the show. A favorite crowd pleaser to this day is terrier races. No matter how many times you

watch these scrappy, little canine hellions chase a fox tail, you still root for your favorite.

In 1975, the show moved to the U.S. Airways Arena outside the beltway in Maryland, but it was still called "The Washington Show." The size of the facility and parking area allowed for the setup of a mini horse village. With the closing of the arena, the show moved in 2000 to the MCI Center (now Verizon) in downtown Washington. Over the years, WIHS has contributed many thousands of dollars to local and national charities. In 2007 and 2008, Autism Speaks was the selected charity recipient.

A horse show of this size and scope does not happen alone. It is dependent upon financial sponsors, a board of directors and staff, and hundreds of volunteers. This year being the fiftieth anniversary, WIHS honored the show's past presidents for fifty years of volunteering their time for this outstanding equestrian event. On Friday, October 24, ten of the show's eighteen presidents were thanked in the center ring: Harvey Spear (1960-1961), Austin Kiplinger (1967-1970), Bruce G. Sundlun (1971-1975), David B. Lamb (1983), Julian B. Heron, Jr. (1984-1985), Wyatt A. Stewart, III (1986-1989), Gregory W. Gingery (1992-1994), Joseph T. Prendergast (1995-1996), Maureen O'Connell (1997-1998), and Jorge Carnicero (1999-2001, 2007-2008).

Today, we seem to be losing a sense of continuity and tradition in many events and moments of life. May the Washington International Horse Show continue to provide its touch of tradition and excellence in the world of equestrian competition for fifty more years.

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## Focus on Business

When Gary Harney and wife, Gibbie, first considered moving their Virginia-based lock and key business to Poolesville in the spring of 2006, their primary objective was to be closer to family and friends in the area. Calling the business Pro-Tech Safe & Lock Service, they set up in their current location between Poolesville Hardware and the Getty Station and almost immediately began to work toward broadening their services.

With his father, Bob Harney, and brother Paul already here, Gary and Gibbie were well aware of the warm and caring community in which they chose to establish their business. Their faith-based priorities have been a guiding force in running the business, and while they still are looking to the day when they can move here from Falls Church, they couldn't be more pleased and already are building roots for the future within the community.

Gary and Paul Harney joined together to establish Harbro Protection Solutions, Inc. This family-owned business brings together three businesses: Pro-Tech Safe & Lock Service, Window Film Solutions (WFS), and an automobile window-tinting firm they opened this past spring in Annapolis that they soon plan to relocate to Poolesville. Window Film Solutions offers Solar Gard films, 3M Clearshield paint protection, and even tint removal service.

Gary has been a locksmith for over thirty years and also retired after a fifteen-year career as a sheriff in Virginia dealing with matters of the courts, jails, and civil issues. With their three children, Emily, Lindsay, and Jason, now grown, the timing to establish their future in Montgomery County was right. For them, the most difficult part would be moving away from their church family in Falls Church, so for now, and until they finally make the residential move, they still remain active and participating



*Brothers Gary and Paul Harney of Harbro Protection Solutions, Inc. have combined their knowledge and experience in the locksmith and window film business to establish their family firm.*

members in their community and Friendship United Methodist Church in Falls Church.

In starting the business, they immediately began to get involved in the community by participating in Poolesville Relay for Life, an organization that Chontelle Hockenbery and Paul and Chrissie Harney established just a little over four years ago. Great things can happen from tribulation. Chrissie's mom, Glenna Dorrough passed away from lung cancer and after attending a Damascus Relay for Life, Chontelle and Chrissie passionately led RLF to become the single most successful charity drive in the area. The PRFL 2009 kickoff breakfast is Saturday, November 8, 2008 at the Poolesville Baptist Church. As they begin their fourth year, PRFL invites everyone in the area to participate.

Pro-Tech Safe & Lock services goes beyond "just making keys." They also offer free home security surveys which include an in-home inspection for total security to help determine the needs of the home (or business). Gary's locksmith expertise and security background provide the basis from which he can recommend product features and explain to homeowners different security grades in product and can make recommendations ideal for each residence or firm.

They offer a long list of security services from key making/rekeying to lock repair, sliding

door security, re-screening, window security, panic bars, door frame replacements, personal safety products, child ID programs, and high security restricted locks.

Paul operates the Window Film Solution (WFS) division of Harbro Protection Solutions. Offering both residential and commercial service, WFS features solar, safety, and decorative film solutions which have many benefits beyond personal intrusion safety. Once in place, the film prevents an intruder from being able to smash into a home through a window or windowed door. The heavy gauge film offers significant benefits from natural disasters (high winds and tornadoes), vandalism, "smash and grab" crimes, and even bombings. The film comes in many decorative

designs as part of the solution and even provides health benefits of ninety-nine percent ultraviolet (UV) light reduction, fade protection from sunlight protecting furniture, carpets, draperies, wood, etc.

Paul Harney and Chrissie have been in the area since the early 1980s and are raising their three children, Loran, Megan, and Morgan. Chrissie is the attendance secretary at Poolesville Elementary School, and daughter Loran pitches in by working at the business after school.

As the brothers look to the future with their plans to expand, they will continue giving their customers personal attention with their goal "to provide affordable, professional, and personal service to each of their customers."

## Local News

### A Boy's First Fish

By Jack Toomey

On a sunny fall morning a Monocle reporter was out taking photographs of fall scenery. His journey led him to Boyds and then to the lake at Black Hills Regional Park. After taking a few photos of boaters out on the water he noticed a group of three people standing at waters edge. The visitor parked his car and walked down the hillside and realized that two Latino men and a child were fishing. Immediately the intruder noticed fear in the faces of the men. No doubt that it was caused by the police/fire radio scanner and camera carried by the reporter. Knowing very little Spanish and realizing that the men knew hardly any English the first moments were awkward. After using hand gestures and some simple English words the men seemed to relax and they allowed



*Success!*

the reporter to take photos of them fishing. Then something remarkable happened. The child, a little boy of about four years old who

was holding a toy fishing rod, hooked a fish. The men became excited and began giving him advice. The boy started jumping up and down all the while bringing the fish to shore. In no time a tiny bass was scooped up into a small net and displayed for all to see. Juan, the little fisherman, then took care

to keep the fish alive by keeping the fish in the water inside the net. The two men, a father and brother, slapped the reporter on the back and indicated that good luck had been brought to the family by the outsider who had happened upon their fishing party. With handshakes all around the reporter departed and drove off.

A stranger with a radio and a camera, two Latino men, a child, a cultural divide, a boy's first fish, all were dynamics that came together that Sunday morning to forge a trust that might not have ever happened.

## Tidbits

### Zoberbier-Kessler Wed

Ms. Meg Zoberbier, of Poolesville, and Alan and Donna Zoberbier, of Frederick, are delighted to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carri Ann, to William F. Kessler, son of Donald and Rachel Kessler of Davis, California. Carri is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gollan of Bethesda, Maryland and the late Jessie and Roy Zoberbier of Rochester, New York.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of James Madison University. The groom is a 1995 graduate of the University of California

at Berkeley. The evening wedding took place at the Inn of the Seventh Ray in the Santa Monica Mountains, on Sunday, August 10, 2008.

Rev. Charles Kessler, uncle of the groom, officiated. Friends and family traveled from all parts of the country (and world) to attend this joyous event. Bridesmaids included: Bess Denney of Wilmington, Delaware; Kate Hard of Chicago, Illinois; Laura Serico of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Victoria Welch of Los Angeles, California; and Courtney Zuleger of Advance, North Carolina. Serving as best man was Garrett Lowe, currently residing in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Groomsmen were Jim Dubensky of Los Angeles, California; John Kessler of Yakima, Washington; and David PUBLow of New York, New York. The couple honeymooned in the Dominican Republic and are currently residing in Los Angeles, California.

### St. Peter's Announces Winners

The Women of St. Peter's announced the winners of their fall raffle to benefit WUMCO and the building fund of the church. The winners were: Ellen Kirkpatrick (bird feeder), Vicki Patterson (fall basket), Leana Witmer (doll house), Inez Brown (Longaberger basket), Meg Zoberbier (quilt), and Gelda Leveau (afghan).



Poolesville's Carri Ann Zoberbier and William F. Kessler wed this past summer.

### Electric Scooter Found – Looking for Owner

An electric scooter was found and turned into Bob's Bikes of Poolesville since it had a sticker from the bicycle shop on it. If you or someone you know has lost or had stolen an electric bike, contact Bob at his shop behind Poolesville Hardware or call 301-349-2453.

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Patrick's Day. For now, I cut back by about one half any stalks that are very tall to prevent damage from blowing winter winds.

Most of my hybrid tea roses are very tall by now, so they usually get the pruning job. I leave my shrub roses alone. I deliberately leave dead flowers on the plants, as they will become hips that the birds love to eat.

Clean up your vegetable garden plot of all debris, old leaves, roots, and stakes. It is also a good time to make plans for next year's garden. What plants did well this past year and which ones are you not going to invite back. Make notes of plant locations so you can rotate their spot next year. For those of you who hate to mow the grass, the end is near. Continue mowing until the grass stops growing. If you have a large buildup of leaves on your lawn, remove them now. The grass underneath the leaves still needs light and moisture. Don't suffocate it with a blanket of leaves. If you have a small lawn area, you can easily rake them into piles. Bag them for trash pickup, or better yet, add them to a compost bin. For bigger jobs, invest in a blower/vacuum machine. It not only removes the leaves, but it also shreds them into good compost, which you can use as mulch. Another

easy method is to mow over the leaves. The remaining chopped leaves can remain on the grass and add a good dose of nitrogen. The best soil conditioner I use is the shredded autumn leaves.

After your last mowing, winterize your lawnmower or tractor. Run the gas out of the mower, change the oil, pull out and inspect the spark plug. Before you replace the plug, add a few drops of five-weight oil to the hole, and pull the start cord a few times. The oil will lubricate the engine and ward off rust.

Don't forget to winterize your garden tools. Good tools are expensive, so don't leave them in a corner of the garage caked with dirt or covered with rust. Clean them with a wire brush, apply a small amount of linseed oil, and wipe the wooden handles and metal blades. To protect them further, store them over the winter in a bucket filled with sand and oil, either motor oil or boiled linseed oil. This mix will keep your tools lubricated and clean until next spring.

You can now rest until the next planting season.

Then may you shoulder spade and hoe,  
And heavy-booted homeward go,  
For no new flowers shall be born  
Save hellebore on Christmas morn...

*The Land* by Vita Sackville-West

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