



Hillary Templeton portrays Belle, the spirited lass who falls for the Beast. Read about her in School News.



A local landmark now has a Sunday open house. See Local News on Page 8.



Wilson Wims of Clarksburg with the CHS baseball team. See Youth Sports on Page 10.



Some members of the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra performed at the benefit for the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre at Alden Farms. Look for more pictures inside.

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

Keeping An Eye On Local News

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## Large Polo Event Comes to The Upcountry

On Friday, May 8 and Saturday, May 9, the America's Polo Cup will come to the Capital Polo Club's polo grounds on Hughes Road outside of Poolesville, near the intersection of River Road. In addition to a polo match between the United States and Australia for the America's Cup World Championship, the event will also feature the parachuting in of "the largest flag in the world," a hound hunt demonstration, Australia's Jay Hoard Band, the U.S. Park Police's Mounted Unit, "Rockin the Runway" (a nationally-recognized fashion show featuring America's Next Top Model winners), a live musical performance by American Idol star Michael Johns, antique U.S. and Japanese aircraft from the Battle of the Coral Sea, a U.S. Marine Corps precision Silent Drill Team, Land Rover's drive

experience, and fireworks both nights.

Some of the performers previously reported will not attend, including musical group Huey Lewis and the News, and actor and filmmaker Robert Duvall. The major television networks will not be onsite, and there will be no Blackhawk overflights or F-18 simulators or U.S. Navy divetanks.

An America's Polo Cup representative said that First Lady Michelle Obama is expected to attend, along with a host of other dignitaries including Gov. Martin O'Malley and Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett. Captain Luther Reynolds of Montgomery County Police Special Operations would not confirm the first lady's visit, but said that his unit has worked well with the Secret Service on past high-profile events, like inaugurations and the pope's visit.

Jason C. Sickles, who is managing much of the event, told the Monocle that he expects 8,000 to 10,000 visitors. Captain Reynolds estimates 2,000 to

5,000, and Mike Rubin, owner of the property, suggested 20,000 guests.

The very size of the two-day event has generated controversy. The issue was raised at the recent annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, and Sugarloaf President Gary Valen cautioned the county council members in attendance to determine if large-scale events can be conducted in harmony with the purposes of the Ag Reserve. Sugarloaf and For a Rural Montgomery (FARM), another Upcountry advocacy group, were two of the strongest voices in the county a decade and more ago when organizers used the polo grounds to routinely host events that drew 5,000 to 10,000 or more. Mr. Valen told County Executive Leggett that he is "extremely concerned about any effort to circumvent the rules that govern the Agricultural Reserve. We do not believe that we have the facilities, roads, or infrastructure in place to host massive public events. We understand that this event is going to happen, but our members will be monitoring the

problems, the challenges, and the impact on the Ag Reserve as a result of

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## Gruber Wins Special Election

Lori Gruber, a twenty-five year town resident and a 1988 graduate of Poolesville High School, won the May 5, 2009 special election to fill the remaining eighteen months of former commissioner Tom Yeatts's term of office. Roy Johnson, a former commissioner who served for ten years, took second place. The remaining candidates in order of the vote count were Kasten, Pierce, Breiner, and Maisel.

For this election the town had 3,337 registered voters  
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Newly elected Poolesville Town Commissioner Lori Gruber

## Jam Fest Rescheduled

The Poolesville Library Spring Jam Fest scheduled for May 2 has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 9 at Whalen Commons in Poolesville from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Family Album



The Family Album is sponsored by Selby's Market Your IGA Hometown Food Store



The John Poole Middle School Leo Club helped out at the Our Lady of the Presentation Yard Sale.



Alden Farms hosted a fundraiser for Personal Ponies. Owner David Therriault is pictured with personal pony Grace and pony caretaker Olivia Meyers, a third grader at Darnestown Elementary School and a regular visitor at Personal Ponies in Barnesville.



At the St. Peter's Rummage Sale, Marcia Jacobs, Katie Andreassen, Carol Baxter and Carol Baxter help a customer.

Shoppers were lined up for the opening of St. Peter's Episcopal Church's Spring Rummage Sale.



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# In the Garden The Queen of Flowers

By Maureen O'Connell

Throughout the history of civilization, from the earliest times to the present day, the rose has been the most well known of flowers. It appears in Greek mythology, Roman legends, and all the faiths of the world as a symbol of love and beauty. The earliest known representation of a rose was found in Crete, dated somewhere between 2000 and 1700 B.C. We find roses in paintings and sculpture, on pottery and fabrics, and as a decoration of all kinds.

In our Monocacy area, we will soon be coming to the most beautiful month for roses—June. The weather is usually pleasantly warm with low humidity, pesky gnats have not yet engulfed the gardens, and pests and diseases have not yet troubled the roses. Many people

tell me that they would love to grow roses, but they feel that they demand too much care. That can be somewhat true, to a degree, but if you follow some simple guidelines, they can require no more maintenance than many perennials. The rose is the most practical of plants, often flowering intermittently or continuously from early summer to the coming of the first frost. Once planted, it can live for many years. In my garden, the hybrid tea rose 'Mr. Lincoln' is twenty years old and the rugosa rose 'Roseaie de l'Hay' is twenty-five years old, and they have been blooming for all those years. I can't say that I have any perennial flowers with that longevity. I particularly enjoy my evening garden walks with Tom and Sam when the roses are in bloom, for they are seldom quite the same on any two days. From the opening bud to the fall of the flowers, you see a different face with every turn of the petals as they unfold.

If you don't have any roses in your garden, plan now to include some, even if you only have space for one. If you already have a rose garden, look at some of the new ones on the market now.

The first thing to consider is to choose the right rose for our climate, making sure also that its size and growth habit will suit its position in your garden. Today's roses are much more versatile and varied than ever before. There are climbing roses, bushy English roses, long-stemmed hybrid teas, cluster-flowered floribundas, larger-flowered grandifloras, landscaping or shrub roses, and miniature roses. Each is quite different in size, growth habit, and flowering times. Some roses look more at home in their own separate beds, while others can mingle very well with annuals and perennials, and there are others that look best planted en masse to form a hedge. I have four formal rose beds planted with hybrid teas, floribundas, and short, compact David Austin English roses. Ones that have done very well are Mr. Lincoln,

Peace, Chicago Peace, Tropicana, Caroline of Monaco, Princess Grace, and Just Joey. I also have four informal borders that are planted with a mixture of David Austin roses, Old Roses, and tree roses. The following have proven to be very reliable, hardy, and relatively disease free: Queen of Denmark, Comte de Chambord, Blushing Knock Out, Graham Thomas, Gertrude Jekyll, Heritage, Winchester Cathedral, Mary Rose, Iceberg, Pat Austin, and Glamis Castle.

It is important where you

plant your roses. Select a site where they will get at least four to six hours of sunlight a day. The roses in the Knock Out series can deal with a little bit of shade. In our area, I find that the hybrid teas hold up better if they receive shade from the strong afternoon sun.

Soil Preparation. Roses will grow in a wide range of soils, but they will fare better in good, enriched soil. When preparing a

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## Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

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## Commentary

# Longer Shrift in The Upcounty

By John Clayton

In our last issue, I talked about a concern or perception that some people in the Upcounty don't want to let other people use the Ag Reserve for any large event. I expressed this in the context of a discussion of the permitting process for large Upcounty events at the annual meeting of the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association. I also expressed the not uncommon opinion that some events may even be beneficial to the preservation of the Ag Reserve. I have received various comments on this, had several good discussions, and I don't think anyone really objects to this as a reasonable position in and of itself; however, in choosing this particular meeting and issue to make my point, I gave short shrift to the very real topic of how such events are permitted—and the risks and costs of not controlling them properly. On this point, I received more pointed feedback.

The issue at hand is whether Upcounty residents' interests are being served by the permitting process for Upcounty events. Presently, events may be approved via the Special Benefit Performance Permit, which provides for very little review of zoning and other impact criteria once they are issued. In fact, the primary purpose of the provision is to temporarily bypass land use restrictions. As Caroline Taylor, who spoke to this issue at the meeting, told me recently, the process suffers from a lack of information. There is very little information given to landowners and homeowners about what type of event to expect, about security requirements, traffic and noise, etc. She said that more consideration has to be given to the quality of life of those in the surrounding area, an opinion with which I think any reasonable person would agree.

The Special Benefit Performance Permit was established to "allow non-profit organizations to conduct a performance for the

benefit of a charitable organization." Examples given include "outdoor or indoor carnivals, fairs, picnics, dances... [and] similar activities to which the public may be invited..." Once the permit is granted, the organization is exempt from whatever "land use restrictions" may otherwise apply to that particular property. Poolesville attorney Bill Roberts generously provided me some history and perspective on the Special Benefit Performance Permit as it now stands. Originally, the permit required that the members of the organization conduct the benefit performance themselves, without paid professional assistance. Subsequently, then-county councilman Steve Silverman (now director of the county's Department of Economic Development) successfully introduced a text amendment that removed the requirement that the members of the charitable organization perform the labor. Obviously, this opened the padlock doors to all sorts of applications of this particular permit, and forms the crux of objection here in the Upcounty.

The current event in question, the America's Polo Cup, featuring a match between the United States and Australia on Hughes Road outside Poolesville, clearly has the support of the state, the county, and the local business community. Jason Sickels, who is managing this event, told the Monocle that the event has been very well received, and various groups and individuals have been very supportive, noting in particular the Montgomery County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Governor's Office of Sports Marketing, and our local Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC). In short, this is a great business opportunity, and the groups that we expect to encourage such things are following through. Tom Kettler of the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce and the CEDC said that he and several members of the CEDC met with event representatives a few weeks ago. Mr. Kettler said that while they only learned of the event that short time ago, it was still an improvement over times when the business community had

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very little warning at all. All in all, Mr. Kettler indicated that they had better contact for this event—that they at least got some warning so that local businesses and the CEDC could gear up as necessary. The polo group (yes, this event is for charity, specifically the Journey for the Cure Foundation) is also offering reduced admissions to Poolesville residents, although this isn't winning them any friends in Barnesville. I asked Mr. Sickels if his organization planned to hold the event near Poolesville again, and while he indicated they hoped to come back, he said that right now he was just focused on this event this year, taking it "one day at a time."

That warm feeling one gets from advance notice and concern for one's needs may be part of what is missing for many people who live in the Upcounty. The very people who may be adversely affected by traffic or other issues on that particular day did not receive any advance notice or an opportunity to weigh in on the appropriateness of the event. There

doesn't seem to be any mechanism or a desire to support such a process.

So whether or not one believes that events such as these should be allowed to operate in the Upcounty, having this particular ordinance on the books makes us sitting ducks for pretty much any event that can fit under the charitable benefit umbrella. As Mr. Roberts also noted, there isn't a lot of specificity about what constitutes a benefit. How convenient.

I continue to believe that large-scale events on open property are inevitable in the Upcounty and can be to our own benefit as a way of helping the rest of the county, the county council, and the state government appreciate and value the unique nature of the Ag Reserve. To do this, we have to be able to work with them to manage these events. The problem is, with permits such as this available, they really don't have any need to work with us. That's not good.



**Youth Sports**  
**No Errors Today**  
**Seniors Lead**  
**Poolesville Baseball**  
 By Jeff Stuart

Ten games into the season, the Poolesville High School baseball team is coming together. "Pitchers are throwing strikes," says Head Coach Ted Gardiner. "We are playing very solid defense—no errors...offensively, we are hitting line drives. Dane Hanscom, a senior, made a couple of nice plays in center-field...and hit a home run which was nice." Gardiner commends his players for the little things as well: great base running, stealing, and bunting. "Our seniors are doing an outstanding job," Gardiner continues, "Kevin McNealy, our catcher, pitched the bottom of the seventh and struck out the side to end it. Danny Young, our shortstop, was a home run short of hitting for the cycle. He hit two off the wall, so he was close to hitting that



homer."

Young has signed a Junior College Letter of Intent to play at Montgomery College-Rockville next year. McNealy will attend McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland) in Westminster next fall, but on the unseasonably warm Saturday afternoon of April 25, at Wheaton, it was a freshman, Zach Reiziss, who started and picked up his first varsity win. It was his birthday, too, celebrated with cupcakes. The Falcons scored early and often and beat the Knights, 13-3, to even their record at 5-5. A car alarm horn sounded from the parking lot beyond the third base

area beeping for about fifteen minutes in the fourth inning, annoying fans, players, coaches, and even umpires—but it could not spoil the day for the Falcons. In case you haven't noticed, it's been raining quite a bit this year, forcing back-to-back games and scrambling pitching rotations. Poolesville was playing its first game in eight days.

Coming off a nine-win season from last year, the Falcons' expectations were high at the beginning of the new season with the return of Hanscom, McNealy, Young, junior pitcher/first baseman Drew Karlin, and junior/third baseman David Schramm. Karlin led the team with a .421 batting average through the first seven games.

Poolesville posted an opening day, 13-2 (five-inning) win over visiting Watkins Mill on Saturday, March 21. Karlin had two hits and three RBI in the opener. Jimmy Tyler also had two hits, including a triple. McNealy and

Hanscom each had two hits. Young gave up one run in three innings to pick up the win, striking out seven. Three days later, the Falcons were on the other side of things, dropping a 14-3 (five-inning) game at Richard Montgomery.

The Falcons got two hits from Young and another from Karlin. Patrick Lott had two RBI, but Karlin took the loss as the Rockets put the game away with a seven-run second inning. Things only got worse two days later as host Whitman scored ten runs in the first en route to a 19-1 (five-inning) win. Hanscom had one of just two Falcon hits, stole two bases, and scored the only Poolesville run in the final inning. Tanner Werkmann had the other hit; he also stole a base. On March 27, the Falcons returned to Poolesville, downing Rockville, 2-1, in a full seven-inning pitching duel that held each side to four hits. Karlin and Young both doubled for the Falcons. Karlin

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## School News

# Beauty and the Beast Rocks the PHS Stage

By Ralph Hitchens

"A tale as old as time..." — and what a retelling on the part of the Midnight Players of Poolesville High School. It was another over-the-top musical extravaganza, with capacity crowds enjoying four marvel-



Claire Jones and her brother Bubby were enchanting as Mrs. Potts and her son "Chip."


ous performances featuring impressive stagecraft, inventive costumes, and the wholehearted enthusiasm we have come to expect from Gail Howard and her youthful charges.

Stunning performances were turned in by a number of veterans and rising stars in the Midnight Players. In the former category was Preston Henry, a standout on the gridiron for the Poolesville Falcons as well as on the musical stage, his voice booming as the insufferably vain Gaston. Another veteran performer, Scott Turner, closed out his distinguished career with the Midnight Players in the magnificent comic role of Lumière, delivering a dead-on French accent and sounding for all the world like a young Maurice Chevalier. Dual-cast in the role of Belle were juniors Hillary Templeton, an actress whose range expands with every performance, and Bailey Kerr, she of the golden voice. The role of the Beast was shared by senior Billy Lewis and junior Matt Dicken, two of the most talented and versatile singer/actors in the Midnight Players. Among the many standouts in the sup-

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## The Wingerts

*in concert*



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## Business Briefs

Listo Para Comida Mexicana  
If your Hispanic skills are not up to snuff, our headline says, "Get ready for Mexican food." That's right. The new owners of the former Corner Café on Fisher Avenue in Poolesville are gearing up to offer a menu of Mexican fare. Poolesville's Marcos Bonilla, the manager, will still be offering the coffee and sandwiches from the previous management while he and the owners are working on the transition to the new menu. The goal is to have their new menu in place by the middle to the end of May. The Poolesville Community Economic and Development Committee market study showed that the number one new business or service that residents wanted in Poolesville was Mexican food.

We wish the new owners success or should we say, "Nosotros deseamos que te superes"?

A Sign of the Times?

Dave Ashley Signs has expanded from his operation in Comus to include an additional location in Hyattstown at the corner of Routes 109 and 355. When you get to the location, don't worry about an exact address, there will be plenty of signage to grab your attention. Joining Dave in the location is his wife Sarah, owner of Canvas Art by Sarah Ashley. She specializes in turning photographs into art on canvas. In bringing memories to life on canvas, she offers a wide variety of sizes to the consumer.

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# Center Stage

## The Perfect Garden Party

By Dominique Agnew

Although the weekend had been hot and sunny (a welcome change for many), by the time the evening of Sunday, April 26 had rolled around, the weather was perfect—perfect for a Garden Party—and what better place to

host a garden party than on the beautiful grounds of Alden Farms in Beallsville.

Alden Farms owners, David and Sandy Thierrault, graciously hosted this fundraiser to benefit the Hope Garden Ballet Children's Theatre, a nonprofit performing arts offshoot of the Hope Garden Ballet School, both run by artistic director Fran Ichijo. It turned out to be one of their most successful events ever.

While poised dancers in leotards circulated amongst the guests and visitors with trays of cheese,

crackers, and fruit, local supporters of the arts browsed the greenhouses and the quaint gift shop sipping glasses of wine or homemade lemon-lime soda. "It was good to see so many friends and business owners of Poolesville coming out to support the arts," says Gus Creedon, HGB Board President. "The Children's Theatre is a great opportunity for our youngsters to get up on stage and share their talent. I hope to see a great turnout at the spring concert on May 29 at Poolesville High School."

At 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., dancers from the Children's Theatre gave performances with the help of professional male dancer Brook Uruquart. "[He] danced so kindly and beautifully with the girls, giving of his time and energy to lift them all—all nine of them," says Fran Ichijo. Also, at 6:00 p.m., members of the Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra performed various selections in support of the HGB Theatre's efforts.

Mrs. Lynn Miller, HGB board member, had asked the PYSO to join them, also giving the musicians a platform. "I just think we need to work together...as both organizations have such similar objectives and audiences," says Lynn Miller.



*Dancers from the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre performed at the benefit garden party at Alden Farms.*

Fran Ichijo adds, "We are all involved in the arts and with kids."

The mission statement for the HGB Children's Theatre says it all: To provide performance opportunities for the young aspiring ballet dancer and to enhance the cultural atmosphere of the audiences who enjoy the performances. We seek to educate and enlighten through dance and classical ballet, both for the dancer and for the observer.

The beautiful evening turned into a charming event where gardeners and artists of all ages could come together in support of the arts, their community, and each other. It was a Garden Party in every sense of the words, promoting growth in many gardens, both literal and figurative.

## Focus on Business


### Monocacy Monocle Blog Goes Online

A new weblog makes its debut as this issue of the *Monocacy Monocle* hits the street. The new blog will feature news and commentary on events and

issues around the Upcounty and provide one more way for people to weigh in with their opinions on any number of issues.


The blog can be accessed at [www.monocleonline.com](http://www.monocleonline.com), or by linking to it from our website, [www.monocacymonocle.com](http://www.monocacymonocle.com).

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## Local News

### Boyd's Negro School to be Open To the Public

By Kristen Milton

Nearly a year after completing an eighteen-month renovation, the Boyd's Negro School is reintroducing itself to the community with regular Sunday open houses that began in March. "We have to kind of regenerate the knowledge and interest in our facility since it was dormant for awhile," said Boyd's Historical Society president Elaine Fors-MacKellar. "We're trying to beef up our activity schedule."

In recent months, volunteers from the historical society have staffed the monthly open houses as well as home-schooled children's field trips, a book signing, and a visit from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club in hopes of drawing more attention to the out-of-the-way site. "People stop

by if the door is open and say, 'I've always wondered what this was,'" said Ginger Gibson, as she and husband Steve manned the one-room school during the April 26 open house. "It's a little surprise down White Ground Road that people don't know about."

During the months the site was closed to the public, volunteer labor from Clark Construction and Our House Youth Home was hard at work installing vintage floors and joists to replace floors that had become bowed due to termites and rot. There was also a new paint job, installation of a cupboard for the archives, placement of a donated handicapped ramp, and the creation of a brochure that features twenty Boyd's-area historic sites. The renovated school was unveiled in June 2008 for the county's Heritage Days celebration.

"We had the painting, but the floorboards more than anything brighten it up; the old ones were dark and grimy," Gibson said, admiring the golden gleaming new floor underfoot.



Members of the Boyd's Historical Society in the Boyd's Negro School: Steve Gibson, Candice Wilson, Arthur G. Virts, Jr. Seated at desk: Ginger Gibson.

Visitors to the school can pick up the driving tour brochure, view a video that includes

interviews with former students and their teachers, and browse or buy books on Boyd's history. The school has been restored to its circa-1900 appearance, and various items from the time period, including toys, are on display. Children are encouraged to use slate boards at the desks or make button necklaces.

The first open house in March drew a handful of people, Fors-MacKellar said. She hoped that warmer weather would attract more local families as well as bikers and others who travel the area as the event becomes known. "It's just to establish a consistent presence in the community," Fors-MacKellar said.

The Boyd's Negro School served African Americans in the

Boyd's area from 1895 to 1936. It later became a private residence before being purchased by the historical society in 1980. A wood-burning stove used for heating bean soup and a sewing machine for teaching sewing to female pupils are among the items students remembered at the school, and they are featured in the current tableau along with a brass bell and a shiny apple on the teacher's desk.

"People should see what a school used to be," Steve Gibson said.

The Boyd's Negro School, located at 19510 White Ground Road, will be open from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. More information can be found at [www.boydshistory.org](http://www.boydshistory.org).

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### "Town Election" Continued From Page 1.

with a 15% turnout. The actual vote count and percentage for each candidate was: Gruber - 215 (42%); Johnson - 96 (19%); Breiner - 81 (16%); Kasten - 64 (12%); Pierce - 42 (8%); Maisel - 18 (3%). Voter turnout for the last special election in 2007 was 15%. In the election cycle years of 2006 and 2008 the turnout was

32% and 35% respectively.

Shortly after the results were posted, Gruber told the *Monocle*, "I am very excited and honored to have been elected. Spending the whole day among all the candidates, I was impressed to find that all of them had their heart in the right place wanting the best for Poolesville. We all were gratified to have heard so repeatedly from the voters how glad they were to have so many candidates to choose from."



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## Police Blotter

### Present

Police have issued a warning concerning property crimes that begin to happen in the spring-time. While spring is welcomed with its warmer temperatures and longer hours of daylight, the season can also bring an upsurge in residential burglaries and thefts.

Burglaries to homes with open and unlocked garage doors always increase this time of year. Homeowners and families involved with lawn mowing, gardening, and bike riding have a tendency to leave garage doors open and/or unlocked. Last spring, communities in North Potomac and Rockville were regularly victimized by these types of burglaries.

Keeping garage doors closed and locked and locking all vehicles can greatly reduce these types of crimes. Home windows may also be left unlocked and open to allow for air circulation during the warmer months, but those open windows can provide easy access for burglars. Burglaries can also occur while a victim is working in the yard or has just left home to take a walk or run a quick errand. In many of these cases, entry is made through an unlocked door, but forced entry has also been used. Keeping doors and windows locked even while outside gardening can prevent these crimes.

Montgomery County Police Officers investigated thefts at the following locations in Poolesville: 17400 block of Hoskinson Avenue, Poolesville High School 17500 block of West Willard Road, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road, 20600 block of West Hunter Road.

Police responded to the following locations for complaints of disorderly persons: 17100 block of Spates Hill Road, 17400 block of Hughes Road, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road, McDonald's at 19630 Fisher Avenue, 17300 block of Seneca Chase Park Road, and the 16900 block of White Ground Road, Boyds.

Commercial Burglary.

Chevron, 17700 Elgin Road in Poolesville, between 11:00 p.m. on April 8 and 5:00 a.m. on April 9. Forced entry, property taken.

Residential Burglary. 17100 block of Kohlhoss Road in Poolesville, at 10:22 p.m. on April 11. The suspect tried to pry open a front window and then fled when observed by the homeowner.

### Past

**May 9, 1951** A twenty-four-year-old, who had escaped from Gallinger Hospital in Washington, robbed the Bank of Bethesda in downtown Bethesda and escaped with \$1976.00. After robbing the bank, he fled to Baltimore where he was captured by the FBI who had tracked him to a hotel. Before the robbery, he had been staying in a Bethesda tourist home under an assumed name.

**May 16, 1943** Montgomery County Police were involved in a lengthy car chase with speeds that reached over ninety miles an hour. A twenty-two-year-old, who had been sought in the hit-and-run death of a Bethesda woman, was spotted on East West Highway in Bethesda. He fled up Connecticut Avenue, then west towards Rockville, back down Wisconsin Avenue, and into the District of Columbia where the District Police took up the chase. The police lost his trail in an alley on Hamilton Street where he nearly ran down a two-year-old boy. The week before, he had outdistanced Park Police officers on motorcycles in another spectacular chase.

**May 18, 1956** Twenty sticks of dynamite were stolen from a construction site in Wheaton. Police were fearful that the dynamite had fallen into the hands of juveniles who could accidentally kill or severely injure themselves.

**May 19, 1905** Mrs. William Bennett, the wife of the Rev. William Bennett, was arrested at her home in Boyds and charged with assaulting Mrs. Hawkins. It was alleged that Rev. Bennett had made numerous nighttime trips

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## Youth Sports

### Brothers Milligan Double Trouble For Clarksburg Opponents

By Jeff Stuart

As you glance at the stat sheet for the Clarksburg High School baseball team, two names jump out at you: Brendan and Brody Milligan. Brendan, a senior third baseman-pitcher-outfielder, is hitting .419 with six doubles and fifteen RBI. His RBI single gave the Coyotes a 1-0 lead at B-CC (5-5) on April 23. Brody, a sophomore first baseman, is hitting .514 with four doubles, two triples and a home run and fourteen RBI on the year. He doubled twice and drove in four runs leading the Coyotes to a 13-5 win. His fourth



inning two-out double broke the game open for the Coyotes, who trailed 4-3 after three. Brendan followed by singling him home. The Coyotes scored six times in the inning. Senior left fielder Brady Lyles (.304) was 3-4 on the day. Senior Joey Nelson hurled a complete game five hitter. Junior catcher Derek Hall threw out a runner at second in the bottom of the fifth. He also had a single and an RBI. "Josh Creighton has been injured (able to play, but not catch) and Derek Hall has filled in very well for him," says Head Coach Will Gant.

The Coyotes, at 5-5 on the year, have lost four of their games by just a single run.

The Coyotes opened the 2009 season on the road on Saturday, March 21, scoring eight runs in the first inning, but Churchill won, 10-9, in extra innings. Three days later Quince Orchard literally rained on Clarksburg's home opener. Coyote Pitcher Creighton held the Cougars scoreless for two innings, but then QO scored single runs in the third. The Cougars scored seven times in the top of the seventh. Brendan and Brody Milligan had the only hits for the Coyotes.

Against visiting Damascus (9-0) on March 31, the Coyotes fought their way from a 7-1 deficit before losing 8-7. Pfeiffer launched his first career home run in the bottom of the second to tie the game at 1-1, but the Hornets scored three in the top of the third and three more in the top of the fourth.

Just two days later at Rockville, the Coyotes suffered a 7-6 loss, falling behind, 4-1, in

the first inning. Then Clarksburg scored three in the third and two more in the top of the fourth to take a 6-4 lead. Brendan Milligan had three of the Coyotes' seven hits and an RBI. Lyles had two hits and an RBI. Cox had a single and two RBI. Brody Milligan had the other hit.

On a sunny, windy April 4, the Coyotes finally broke through with their first win at Gaithersburg, 10-6. They trailed 3-1 after three, but scored four in the top of the fourth. The game was tied at 6-6 after five. Nelson picked up the win in relief, hurling 3 2/3 innings of one run ball. Junior Derek Hall caught several innings, threw out a base runner, and pitched 2/3 of an inning. Martin had two hits on the day. Brendan Milligan knocked in the go ahead run in the top of the sixth. Sophomore Justin Pfeiffer added a clutch two-run single in the top of the fourth.

The Coyotes returned from spring break by exploding for nine runs in the top of the first at Watkins Mill on April 15, en route to a 24-0 win (five innings).

Pfeiffer picked up his first varsity win on the mound, throwing four shutout innings and striking out eight. The Coyotes were led by Creighton (2-3 1B, 2B, 3 RBI), Martin (2-2 1B, 3B, 4 RBI) and Brendan Milligan (2-2, 3 RBI).

Clarksburg won its third in a row against visiting Wheaton on April 17, trouncing the Knights, 11-1, (five innings). Community leader F. Wilson Wims threw out the first pitch at the field named for him. Pitcher/3B Cox picked up his first win of the season, allowing just one run in his three innings of work. Jimenez had a pair of hits and stole a base.

On April 18, the Coyotes raced out to a 5-0 lead after two innings but could not hold on, losing another one-run game, 6-5, at Seneca Valley (6-3). Creighton drove in two runs with a double and then scored on a Seneca error in the first. The Coyotes added two more in the second on an RBI double by Brendan Milligan who later scored on a groundout by brother Brody Milligan.

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### Jasper "Jack" Lambert, Jr.

Mr. Jasper "Jack" Lambert, Jr., 55 of Mt. Airy (formerly of Poolesville), passed away suddenly on Wednesday, April 29, 2009. He was the husband of Laura A. Lambert. Born on January 18, 1954 he was the son of Edith Lambert of Poolesville and the late Jasper T. Lambert, Sr.

Surviving besides his wife and mother are his children: Brian Lambert of Bethesda, Evan Lambert of Mt. Airy, one step son, Justin Hopkins of Mt. Airy; two sisters Sherri Farr and husband Donald of Poolesville, Catherine Angell and husband Robert of Brunswick and three nieces, Karen Monroe, Angela Best, and Kimberly Farr (also his Goddaughter). While attending Poolesville Jr./Sr. High School, Jack started dedicating his life to the Fire and Rescue Services of Montgomery County, starting off as a Volunteer Firefighter/Rescuer at the Upper Montgomery VFD (station 14) and retired as a career Captain and Station Commander/Manager of the Cabin John Park VFD (Station 30). Viewing and services were held on May 3 and May 4 2009 at the Hilton Funeral Home. Interment was at the Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville, Maryland. Donations may be made in Jack's name to Hero's, Inc., P.O. Box 1860, Washington, DC 20013.



*"Queen of Flowers" Continued From Page 3.*

new bed, dig the ground up fairly deep, turning it over several times to loosen it. Mix in a generous quantity of peat moss or garden compost before planting. With existing beds, every fall, I add a layer of ground-up leaves to the top soil; it is the best thing I do for the soil.

Should you buy bare root roses or roses potted in a container? Roses from catalogs are bare rooted, while the ones at most local garden centers are potted. I buy from a catalog, such as Wayside Garden or White Flower Farm, if I cannot find the rose locally. They have more of a variety than garden centers. With bare root plants, you should plant them as soon as possible; you don't want the roots to dry out. If you have unpacked the plants and do not have time to plant immediately, soak them in water, wrap them back up, and store in a cold but frost-free location until you are ready to plant. There are pros and cons to buying roses in containers. If the buds are open, you can see their color

before you buy, and you also have more time to get the rose into the ground—but be careful to check that the rose has been properly cared for. If you buy it from a big box store or a garden center that does not move its inventory quickly, it might be root bound or the roots might be dried out. Always buy from a reputable store. When planting either the bare root or the container rose, the base of the canes (bud union) should be about four inches below ground level in very cold winter areas, and at ground level for areas with milder winters. For our area, I plant the base about one to two inches below ground level. Water well until the rose becomes established.

Feeding. Roses are hungry plants. They need a generous amount of nutrients regularly throughout the growing season. Starting in April, or when the rose starts to put out leaves, I apply one cup of Rosetone fertilizer around the base of the rose and scratch it into the soil and water well. Do this each month up until September. This makes a big difference; the roses will be healthier, more

floriferous, and better able to resist diseases.

Mulching. As soon as my roses set out leaves, I rake out most of last year's mulch, which might be harboring disease spores which overwintered in the mulch. Add a two- to three-inch layer of fresh mulch. This will keep the weeds down, conserve water, and keep the roses' roots cool during the hot days of summer.

Pest and Disease Control. The best way to keep your roses free from pests and diseases is to choose disease-resistant varieties and to grow them as well as possible by following the above guidelines. Sometimes, like last year, no matter what you do, your roses get attacked. There are many organic and chemical sprays on the market that work quite well. I use a mixture of both. I use as little as I can, and I spray early in the morning when the bees are not out and about. Perhaps the biggest problem for roses is black spot. Few roses are completely resistant. It might be said that this probably is the greatest single drawback of the rose. To stay ahead of the

game, start spraying with a good fungicide early in the season. Most problems start in a quite small way but quickly multiply. It is easier to prevent a disease than it is to cure it. For pest control, I don't spray until I see damage.

Pruning and Deadheading. Pruning is not a once-a-season practice. I prune my roses all summer. Cutting back eighteen inches to two feet encourages quick repeat flowering and also helps maintain a desired plant height. At times, I have done some major pruning in July to remove diseased canes; you won't damage the rose. It will bounce back. Deadheading is the removal of spent flowers. This makes a tidier and more attractive rose bush, and it also encourages repeat flowering.

Growing roses, be they Old Roses, English roses, hybrid teas, or climbing roses, is not difficult. You can make it difficult by choosing the wrong rose for our climate and planting it in the wrong spot. You can achieve very good success with little more than common sense and a little bit of attention. Now, go plant a rose garden.

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## Local News

# WUMCO Help Ponders a New Year

By Rande Davis

Western Upper Montgomery County Help, Inc (WUMCO), the not-for-profit organization whose mission is to provide timely assistance to persons in need in the Monocacy region of Montgomery County, recently held its annual meeting at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Poolesville. Jane Stearns, the executive director, reported that while grant money was short from previous years, the organization managed to assist all those who needed help without any further cutbacks from the previous year.

In times of personal crisis, individuals and families are helped with the payments of rent and mortgage, utilities, medical, or other critical expenses; in transportation to and from medical services; and for medicine when insurance, government, and other private support is not sufficient. They also have a food bank stocking essentials to help fill in when emergency food shortages occur and by providing holiday meals and toys. When financial assistance is required, WUMCO funds are not given to the client, but the creditor is paid directly.

With the economy undergoing unusually difficult times and with intensified competition for grants, especially from larger organizations, Mrs. Stearns cautioned the board and attending membership about concern for the coming year. She was quick to add that donations from local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals have been excellent and that food donations have remained very strong. She did point out, however, that the need for food is a year-round endeavor even though much attention is given around the holiday times.

In a summary report, the board reported that in this past year, thirty clients received medi-

cal service assistance and WUMCO helped with 279 prescriptions. Through WUMCO's transportation help, 201 clients (most often senior citizens) were assisted in getting to and from their doctor visits. In 2008, WUMCO spent \$44,064 in housing-related assistance which includes rent, mortgage, and utility bills. Often, WUMCO can help simply by gaining additional time and cooperation from creditors by reassuring them that WUMCO will assist if needed.

Mrs. Stearns emphasized that their service is not an entitlement program; none of their clients is entitled to assistance. Each request is evaluated separately, and a judgment call is made based on need. Of course, WUMCO has established a set of limitations. For example, family living expenses for any family are capped at \$500 over a twelve-month period and not more than \$500 for any single occasion.

Emergency food donations of primarily non-perishable and frozen items provided 13,308 pounds of food to 223 families in 2008. During the holiday season, 267 families (911 people) were given a true holiday meal, and 235 children were beautifully enriched with toys and gifts thanks to scores of individuals and especially from donations from the Toys for Tots project of the Marine Corps-Fort Detrick, Covanta Energy and its employees, Monocacy Lions, and many individuals and churches. One of the most appreciated instances of assistance in 2008 came from Jamison Realty when they secured a heated and well-lighted space for storing, packing, and the distribution of Christmas packages. In the more recent past, WUMCO often worked out of non-heated, dimly-lit locations. Other key sponsors of WUMCO were area churches, United Way of the National Capital Area, Fannie Mae Foundation, Mirant Mid-Atlantic Corporation, Covanta Energy Corporation, the Interfaith Works, and Calleva, Inc.

The board of directors Nancy Allnut (president), Tracey Forfa (vice president), Angela Drum, (secretary/treasurer), Renee



*WUMCO honored its volunteer drivers at the annual meeting: Wendy Smith, Ron Luther, Kirsten Lewis, Rev. Bryan Fleet, Jane Stearns, Willis Van Devanter, Sue Emnis, Lori Kocur, Sandra Thomas. Drivers not present: Eleanor Bateman, Catherine Beliveau, Barbara Payne, Roger Powers, Ray Reese. Also not present was James Venable who was honored for his contribution in servicing the food pantry.*

Brooks (executive assistant), and Ray Hoewing, Mike Plummer, Cherise Praniewski, and Rande Davis.

WUMCO is almost entirely run through volunteers having only one part-time employee. This

arrangement ensures that funds and food donated go to beneficiaries and not to organizational overhead.

Gifts to WUMCO are fully tax deductible (pursuant to Sec. 501(C)3 of the Revenue Code). WUMCO understands that funds from grants are subject to limitations set forth by the grantor. Beyond financial assistance and food donations, there are many opportunities for volunteers all designed to blend with the time restrictions of each volunteer. Persons wanting to join in, even for brief periods of assistance, can call 301-972-8481 or write to P.O. Box 247, Poolesville, MD 20837.

Perhaps the most pressing concern for Mrs. Stearns is grooming her successor. What WUMCO is looking for is a retired individual looking to fulfill a spiritual need to contribute to those in need.

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and McNealy scored the runs. The Falcons pushed across a run in the bottom of the seventh for the win.

Losses in back-to-back games on March 30 and 31 followed. At Paint Branch, the Falcons scored three in the top of the seventh to go ahead 8-7, but the Panthers came back with two in the bottom half to win. Karlin had three hits and two RBI for Poolesville. McNealy had two hits and three RBI. Young had a double. The next day at Poolesville, Seneca Valley proved too strong for the Falcons, though the game was competitive through five innings. Karlin singled home Young, who had walked earlier, with the Falcons' only run in the bottom of the sixth. McNealy had the only other hit.

On April 2, Poolesville posted a 12-8 win over visiting Northwood. Schramm was a perfect 4-4, tripling, doubling twice, and driving in three runs. The Falcons ran wild, stealing fifteen

bases on the day. Werkmann stole three. Karlin allowed just three hits and struck out seven in four innings of work.

Because of the weather and spring break, it was more than two weeks before the Falcons played again. In back-to-back games, they lost 14-1 (five innings) at home to B-CC on April 17, though they did manage a lead-off single. Then the Falcons beat Einstein at home, 6-1, on April 18.

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**Tidbits of the Past**

*By Jack Toomey*

May 5, 1927 Barnesville, Beallsville, Dickerson, and Poolesville were scheduled to have electric current for lighting and other purposes as a result of a contract signed with the Potomac Edison Company. One hundred and twenty residents would benefit from the contract that was negotiated by a board headed by Harold Spurrier. The electric line which ran from Buckeystown cost \$36,000.

May 10, 1926 Members of the faculty of the Poolesville High School, assisted by several students, presented the comedy, "Come Out of the Kitchen." The show was held in the school auditorium. In the cast were Professor Thomas Pyle, Mrs. Webb Hersperger, and Misses Ruth Beall and Ethel Garner. Students William Beall and Miss Dorothy Morningstar also appeared.

May 13, 1934 Mrs. Joseph Allnutt entertained at an old-fashioned quilting party. Her guests were Mrs. White, Williams, Clagett, and Williamson.

May 21, 1930 Berry Clark, clerk to the county commissioners, was told to write to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and urge them to hasten the construction of the Boyds underpass. The commissioners had been told that the underpass had been scheduled for construction some time in the past.

May 24, 1925 It was estimated that about 2000 citizens

of Montgomery County, some of them prominent, had failed to pay their dog tax. Twenty-two people, most living in the Poolesville district, appeared in Police Court and Judge Riggs fined them between one and twenty-five dollars.

May 28, 1931 The Silver Spring High School team defeated Poolesville, 9 -3, at the Silver Spring field. Rubel and Reed had two hits apiece for Poolesville, while Hersperger and Ball each had one hit.

May 30, 1934 Decoration Day ceremonies were held at Monocacy Cemetery in Beallsville. In one ceremony, the American Legion decorated the graves of all veterans of United States wars. In a separate ceremony, the United Daughters of the Confederacy decorated the graves of the Confederate soldiers buried there. Music was provided by the Poolesville band.

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Looking to the challenge of 2009, Mrs. Stearns states, "We still have faith that when the need arises, we will be given the means and the know-how to meet that need. We attribute this to the One who put us here to do this work for the community. Therefore, we give Him special thanks."



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porting cast was the sister/brother team of Claire and "Bubby" Roland Jones, the former, a PHS junior, and the latter, a second grader, in the endearing roles of Mrs. Potts and her son, Chip.

The choreography under the direction of Michelle Orey and Annie Ruhl was spectacular, with more than sixty actors overflowing the stage into the aisles in many of the best-loved numbers from this Disney classic: "Be Our Guest," "Gaston," and the moving "Transformation/Finale." Great credit is also due to the orchestra under the direction of Darryl R. Clark—thirty-two students and adult musicians brought together for this production and playing with tremendous enthusiasm.

Lastly, but far from least, the set design and costuming deserve the highest praise. High school productions must of necessity get by on the skimpiest of budgets with whatever material they can scrounge, assembled by volunteer labor, but no one who saw this production could fail to be impressed by the intricate and beautifully-painted sets, designed and assembled by Matt Johnson, Beth Fayard-Jones, and Jeff Jones leading a host of willing student and parent volunteers. It's impossible to heap too much praise on the creative and resourceful Nanci Niebauer, costumer extraordinaire. From the villagers' attire to the Beast's head to the furniture, dining utensils, and household items brought to life in the Beast's castle, everything was a marvel of inventiveness—"not one rental," so this reviewer was told. The Midnight Players are surely one of the crown jewels of our fair town, and their spring musical productions never fail to astonish.

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## Tidbits

### Rebuilding Together Team Helps Dickerson Residents



*Ray Hoewing, Elmer Frohlich and Link Hoewing, get ready to install some kitchen cabinets.*

More than twenty-five individuals joined together on April 25 to help an area resident with home improvements. The volunteers are part of Rebuilding Together, a national organization that organizes volunteers to come together for one day to make home improvements for persons not able to afford to do

## Local News

### Winderbourne: A Boyds Mansion

By Art Virts

Mary Howe Totten and her husband Enoch Totten built the upscale Winderbourne mansion about 1878. Mary Howe was the daughter of Senator Timothy Otis Howe of Wisconsin. Senator Howe inherited a fortune of about thirteen million dollars from inventor Elias Howe that he amassed by the invention of the lock stitch device he called a "bobbin winder." He collected five dollars on each sewing machine sold. When Elias Howe died in 1867, he left his fortune to his cousin, the senator from Wisconsin.

The Tottens built Winderbourne to be their summer home, but spared no expense. Some of the features were a huge fireplace with four flues, hidden rain spouts leading to an underground cistern, a room suspended over the entrance foyer, and a grand Queen

so on their own. Often, recipients are senior citizens. In the Poolesville area, the volunteer group comes largely from area churches with Memorial United Methodist Church providing the primary number of participants. The home repairs included an entire new kitchen, replacement of the roof, safety features in the home, and the painting of four rooms.

### Local Equestrian Novelist Publishes Second Book

Poolesville's Mary Ann Powell has recently published the sequel to her popular first book, *Emerson*. Her new book, *Prince Alley Em*, is a delightful horse story that takes place at Loafing Hills Horse Farm, in the foothills of Sugarloaf Mountain. The new book offers lots of exciting horse adventures such as Combined Training, polo games, rescue farms, miniature horses, riding for disabled students, pony club

events, and much more. The best part is that the novel is based on true experiences. You may reach Ms. Powell at M.A.Powell@com-cast.net.



### Poolesville High School Teacher Honored With Toyota TAPES-TRY Grant

Toyota and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) each awarded Poolesville High School teacher Teresa Petralli-

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Anne porch. They built a gazebo on a hillside in the woods overlooking Seneca Creek. At that time, Ten Mile Creek and Little Seneca Creek merged nearby.

Tragedy marred the beauty and elegance of this place. Three of the Totten children contracted typhoid fever. One died, and two suffered permanent hearing losses. A child died later in a fall while sliding down a long banister on the staircase. This child was the adopted child of Edith Totten who was one of the two children who had suffered the hearing loss years before. Another death occurred on November 16, 1917, when several boys from Boyds were playing soldier on the grounds. The boys used the pump house as a guard post where they kept a hidden weapon. One boy who had arrived first challenged the others. He pointed the weapon that he thought was unloaded. The next boy to arrive did not give the password soon enough, and the first boy discharged the gun killing Daniel Webster Shorb. A mystery still exists about who actually fired the gun. Some said the boy firing the weapon was Harold Lewis, better known as Howdy. Others have said that Earle Hoyle fired the

gun. We will never know the truth as all the witnesses are dead.

Edward K. Pickrell, Sr. brought the property about 1929. He was a railroad detective. His wife Beulah Pickrell was my first-grade teacher at the Boyds one-room school nestled on the corner of Ten Mile Creek and Ganley Roads. Mr. Pickrell died about 1958. Mrs. Pickrell died in 1990. A daughter Joan died in 1997, and Edward Pickrell, Jr. died in 2004. A son, Paxton, survives.

Winderbourne now sits alone with the memories of its earlier elegance and tragedies. The silence is broken only by wandering deer. The golden rays of the setting sun beam through the trees, and for a few moments, the windows of the lonely old mansion shine in the fading glow. The rays of the setting sun fade, and darkness descends, cloaking the ravages of time and weather. Will Winderbourne ever be returned to its place of elegance and beauty, or will it sit quietly as a relic of the past in the woods on the hillside overlooking Little Seneca Lake?

The preceding was excerpted from *Boyds: A Character Study* by Arthur Virts and friends.

## Things to Do

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### May 8 and 9

Clarksburg High School Spring Play  
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CHS Auditorium  
7:00 p.m.

### May 8

Charlie Chase Shorts  
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Featuring Mighty Wurlitzer  
Weinberg Center for the Arts  
8:00 p.m.

### May 9

Lions Pancake Breakfast  
The Monocacy Lions will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Proceeds will benefit the Monocacy Lions Foundation and the many local service projects that the Monocacy Lions sponsor. Tickets are \$7.00, children ten and

under \$4.00, and children under two are free. Tickets are available at the door or by contacting Gary Burdette at 301-916-3098.

### Arc of Montgomery County's 3rd Annual Beat the Odds Event

Tickets are still available for this special evening on the campus of the Universities at Shady Grove, 9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville. The gala is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the county's largest organization assisting individuals and families affected by developmental disabilities, and will include music, live and silent auctions, raffles and gaming of all types. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner and gaming from 7:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. "Winings" from the evening will be exchanged for eligible chances in a raffle at the end of the evening. Ticket prices were reduced from previous years and this year are priced at \$75.00 per person. All attendees must be age 21 or over. Catherine Leggett, wife of Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, and Marianne Mardiros-

sian, wife of business leader Aris Mardirosian, have agreed to again serve as co-chairs of this year's Beat the Odds event. Information about Beat the Odds, including how to purchase tickets, can be obtained at 301-984-5777 ext. 244 or [dougg@arcmontmd.org](mailto:dougg@arcmontmd.org). Admission and raffle tickets also are available by visiting the Arc's website at [www.arcmontmd.org](http://www.arcmontmd.org) and clicking on "Casino Night."

### Poolesville Youth Fishing Tournament

The Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament will be held rain or shine from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Collier Circle Pond. The cost is \$1.00 for ages six to sixteen. Prizes to be awarded.

Community Yard Sale for a CURE Poolesville Relay for Life Wave Runner team is holding a community yard sale at the corner of Routes 28 and 109 (the old Staub's Restaurant site) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost for vendors is just \$10.00 per space and any items left that vendors prefer not to have back will be given to Hands of

Love. Mark May 9 on the calendar. To reserve a space, contact Kristen Lewis at 301-330-5128.

Community Plant Swap Gardeners, looking for ways to save some money in garden supplies and, at the same time, support our Monocacy community? Come out to the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association's First Annual Plant Swap. It will be held, rain or shine, at Linden Farm (Sugarloaf Barn), 20900 Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can buy, sell, swap, or give away seeds, seedlings, vegetables, plants, flowers, or any other garden-related item. Are your hostas in need of division? Dig some up; it might be just what your neighbor is looking for. Is your garage overflowing with unused flower pots? Bring them along too. Free compost bins and composting information will be available. For a small donation to the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association, you can get Leaf Gro, one of the best composts you can add to improve your garden's soil. If you don't have anything you want to buy, sell, or swap, come anyway.

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It will be a good time to pick other gardeners' brains about what grows best (or worst) locally. You can also swap tales about the monster zucchini you grew last year. Hope to see you there.

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**Haitian Festival**

St. Mary's Catholic Church of Barnesville presents a Haitian Festival, featuring authentic island cuisine, silent auction, and the chance to sponsor a child or teacher. This fundraiser at the St. Mary's Pavilion from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. will raise funds for St. Mary's twin parish, St. Joseph's, in Carcasse, Haiti. Buffet prices are \$15.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children aged five to fifteen. Reserve your seats by May 5. For more information, contact Jack Reid at 301-943-8962 or jcr57@aol.com.

**Kathy Mattea**

The Grammy-winning singer of such classics as "18 Wheels and a Dozen Roses," "Where've You Been," and many other hits performs with her acoustic band in their Moving Mountains tour at the Weinberg Center for the Arts at 8:00 p.m. Kathy Mattea's fresh look at Appalachian music touches on one of the most important topics facing America today — coal — which is also the title of the singer's latest release and a heartfelt tribute to her West Virginia mountain heritage. Ticket prices range from \$25.00 to \$35.00. For more information, visit [www.weinbergcenter.org](http://www.weinbergcenter.org) or call 301-600-2828.

**May 15, 16, and 17**

Art of the Rural Landscape Curlew Castings Studio of Walter Matia in Dickerson and the Simpson Gallagher Gallery of Cody, Wyoming will again host a benefit art show, "Art of the Rural Landscape," at the Potomac Hunt Clubhouse in Dickerson. This year's show will benefit both the

Potomac Hunt Club and the Montgomery Countryside Alliance. The show hours are Friday and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**May 16**

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**May 18**

2009 Conservation Awards Evening  
The Bethesda-Chevy Chase (BCC) Chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America is proud to host a conservation evening showcasing six senior projects from the Poolesville High School's Global Ecology Studies Program at 7:30 p.m. in the chapter's conservation farm, which is located at 20601 West Willard Road, just four miles south of Poolesville, Maryland. Family, friends, invited guests, and the Poolesville community are invited to see these winning projects presented. A check for nine hundred dollars will be given

to each of our award winners. These young leaders in the fields of conservation and ecology need your encouragement to continue in their respective fields of study, and your presence will give them this needed support. If there are any questions, contact Roger C. Sears at either 301-972-8942 or [rogercsears@aol.com](mailto:rogercsears@aol.com)

**May 22 and 23**

PHS Post Prom party is in need of adult hosts for various activities for their annual festivities to entertain the students all night after the prom. If you would like to be of help, you may contact Tim Brown at 301-972-8733

**May 24**

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## School News

### JPMS Has Many Surprises at Career Day

By Rande Davis

The annual Career Day at John Poole Middle School had some surprises this past April 23 that really excited the students. This year's event was expanded from a half day to a full day of activities and presentations. More than fifty parents offered their time to provide their career perspectives to the students as they begin to consider their choices in high school and how those choices might impact their future careers.

The highlight had to be the



Town of Poolesville Councilman Jim Brown addresses JPMS students at Career Day. Attorney Roger Hayden also spoke.

arrival JPMS teacher Patrick Stevens. Mr. Stevens is also a helicopter pilot in the Maryland National Guard. On Career Day, teacher Stevens was Warrant Officer Stevens, and he commuted to work by helicopter. As the eighth graders gathered to greet him upon his arrival, they cheered in awe as he floated the craft just short of landing and maneuvered horizontally in a daring display of flight control.

Radio personality Dan Stevens and NBC meteorologist Tom Kieren were on hand for both the noon time assembly and the smaller group seminars later in the day. The Washington Freedom's soccer stars, Jill Gilbeau and Claire Zimmerck, attended and provided an eye-popping exhibition of ball control.

Representatives were on hand to present and answer student questions on a wide variety of career choices, such as: business ownership, science and computers, police, engineering, sales management, law and politics, fire and rescue, health and wellness, military, broadcasting and media, athletics, and the arts.

## Local News

### Planning Board Helps Preserve Portion of Thompson Farm

By Kristen Milton

A chunk of a Boyds farm once at risk for development has been acquired by the Montgomery County Planning Board through a \$2.7 million purchase and contingent donation in what one commissioner called a sign of the times.

Portions of the 434-acre Thompson Farm, located on Slidell Road, were approved for inclusion in the Legacy Open Space program in September. The program is intended to preserve land with historic, cultural, or natural value.

The board's April 16 vote secured the recommended 173 farm acres, 97 through purchase and 76 through donation, which connect three existing parks in the area. "It makes a very appropriate and important addition to the Ten Mile Creek watershed," land-acquisition specialist Bill Gries said.

The decision also closes a chapter on a long contentious development process for the site. A string of civic and conservation groups, including Boyds Civic Association, Sugarloaf Citizens Association, and For A Rural Montgomery (FARM), expressed support for the county's purchase.

The farm is currently harvested for hay. Plans to construct seven-

teen homes in three groupings on the property were approved and rejected in conflicting appearances before the planning board in 2002, 2003, and 2004, eventually leading to a court case where the plans were allowed to stand; however, the Jamisons, a family of farmers and real estate brokers who own the land, nominated it for inclusion in the Legacy Open Space program. They have sold other properties to the county in the past.

Bobby Jamison said in September the siblings who own the land had decided to "give them [subdivision opponents] their shot."

In an April 29 phone interview, Frank Jamison said, "We're very happy; we're enthusiastic," but declined further comment pending settlement with the county.

Just before the unanimous April 16 vote, Commissioner John Robinson said the route taken to preserve the Thompson Farm was indicative of efforts to preserve the Agricultural Reserve as a whole as farming becomes increasingly rare. "All farmers seek to maximize the return on their land, and they have the right to do that," Robinson said. "It [the purchase] is a symbol of the times."

According to the agreement, eight Thompson Farm lots will retain their development rights. The property is near the Thompson Corner Estates and Branch Hill subdivisions and between the Bucklodge Forest Conservation Park and Black Hill Regional Park.



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the America's Cup Polo event."

Mr. Sickels highlighted the charitable purpose of the event which is a requirement for securing a Special Benefit Performance License through Montgomery County. U.S. Polo Team Captain Tareq Salahi and his family have created a beneficiary, Journey for the Cure, a charitable foundation which supports children-related charities, according to their website. The Special Benefit Performance License only requires one area of pre-approval: the agreement of neighboring property owners within 600 feet. It does not require disclosure or pre-approval on the projected number of attendees; it does not obligate the charity to contribute a set amount or a set percentage of proceeds; it does not require the submission or approval of traffic plans, fire safety plans, evacuation plans, food and sanitation safety plans, and so forth. Such events can occur in any zone in the county, and licenses can be acquired rapidly and easily.

Events planners suggested that Montgomery County might reap three to four million dollars

from the event, mostly in tax revenues. America's Cup's previous host, Morvan Park, in Virginia, was told that their event would generate multi-million dollar revenues for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Events Manager Pedlar has stated that this did not occur.

Tom Kettler of the Town of Poolesville Community Economic Development Committee (CEDC) told the Monocle that several members of the committee met with the event organizers to plan for the event and make sure that the town was ready for any increase in visitors. He said that they were "doing what they can to make the event work," and that his group had experienced better advance contact for this event than had often occurred with other events. Mr. Kettler also said that he doubted much of the crowd would work their way up to Poolesville, as most attendees would probably arrive via River Road to Hughes Road and then return same way. He said the CEDC would make information about Poolesville available, with materials such as the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce's map of "Historic Poolesville and Surrounding Areas." An additional

map for future events is under development, according to Mr. Kettler, although it is not ready for this event.

Tickets are available starting at \$150.00 at [www.americaspolocup.com](http://www.americaspolocup.com). Mr. Sickels notes that the organizers wish to make "this a safe and secure event," and that they have reached out to the community to "inform, educate, and involve Poolesville residents and businesses." Mr. Sickels notes that America's Polo cup has "extended a warm welcome by offering Poolesville residents a discount package if they enter pool on the website to purchase tickets for the event. He also notes that after 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, all Poolesville residents can come into the event for the fireworks and concert

free of charge. Mr. Sickels has also characterized "the event as free to children under the age of fifteen (with a ticketed adult), with activities such as face painting, a concert, and the fireworks."

The Monocle suggests that if you attend, you should get there early, as a heavy Virginia presence via White's Ferry (open two hours later until 1:00 a.m. on both days) is expected, according to Captain Luther Reynolds of Montgomery County Police's Special Operations. Virginia residents will be directed onto the grounds via Route 107 and Hughes Road. Individuals coming from the east are directed to use River Road.

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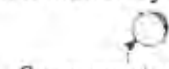


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to the home of Mrs. Hawkins and that Mrs. Bennett had taken exception to her husband's actions. The next time she saw Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. Bennett struck her about the head.

May 21, 1970 A nineteen-year-old Rockville girl was arrested by Montgomery County detectives and charged with the possession and manufacturing of LSD. Police found enough material in her house to produce five million doses of LSD.

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Mallow a \$10,000 Toyota TAP-ESTRY grant for excellence and innovation in science education. Petralli-Mallow was honored on March 20 at the NSTA National Conference on Science Education in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Petralli-Mallow's winning program allows students to become trained in the construction and operation of a classroom microalgae bioreactor, which produces a biodiesel precursor eventually used to create an alternative energy source. The program is conducted in conjunction with the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg. As reported in our April 24 issue, this project was awarded a grant by the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association at that group's annual meeting.

**Poolesville Girl Selected for Elite Hockey Camp**

Poolesville resident and former PHS student Beth Hanrahan was recently selected to attend the USA Hockey National Player Development Camp in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Ms. Hanrahan was

one of four girls in her age group selected from the southeast region of USA Hockey, which covers twelve states. Ms. Hanrahan attended Poolesville Elementary School, John Poole Middle School, and was a freshman at Poolesville High School before leaving for the National Sports Academy in Lake Placid, New York, where she is now a sophomore. As a fifteen-year-old, she was one of the leading forwards on her U19 team, playing the highest level of competition in the United States and Canada.

**PHS Teacher Wins Environmental Award**

Dan Savino, a teacher in the Global Ecology Studies Program at Poolesville High School is the winner of the 2009 James B. Coulter Award, sponsored annually by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Maryland Petroleum Council (MPC). The award is named in honor of James B. Coulter, who served as Maryland's second secretary of the Department of Natural Resources from 1971 to 1983. The award recognizes Mr.

Savino for having gone above and beyond his duties in an effort to improve Maryland's environment.

**Poolesville Resident Biking for MS**

John Harris of Poolesville will be participating in Bike MS on June 6 and 7 in Loudoun County, Virginia. He will be riding 150 miles in two days. Mr. Harris states on his fundraising page: "I've made a commitment to ride one hundred miles on Saturday, June 6, followed by fifty miles on Sunday, June 7. This ride for Bike MS takes place in the very hilly terrain of Western Loudoun County, Virginia, and its difficulty is symbolic of the persistent challenge those affected by MS endure every day." The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will use funds from 2009 Bike MS to not only support research for tomorrow, but also to provide important programs and services which address the challenges of people living with MS today.

**CHS Choral Gains #1 Rating**

Congratulations to the CHS Madrigal Singers and their director Mr. Everett Williams on receiving straight "#1's" by the judges at the Maryland State Choral Festival held at Morgan State University. Choral groups must first obtain a superior rating at the local school district festival in order to be eligible to perform at the state level. He expressed in the Clarksburg High School Madrigal Singers for their success in very first year of existence. Bravo to the CHS Madrigal Singers.

**Jake Kalski graduating with a BFA degree**



*Jake Kalski, BFA, in his studio.*

Scott and Linda Kalski are proud to announce the graduation of their son, Jake Kalski, a 2005 graduate from Poolesville High School, from the Otis College of Art and Design in Los Angeles, California on May 9 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA). Jake's major is in Painting with minors in Illustration and Graphic Design. Otis is a top-ranked private art college which was established in 1918 in Los Angeles. Jake received a four-year scholarship (partial) to attend Otis. He plans to pursue his career in the field of painting and graphic design in the greater Los Angeles area, an area noted for its "creative economy."

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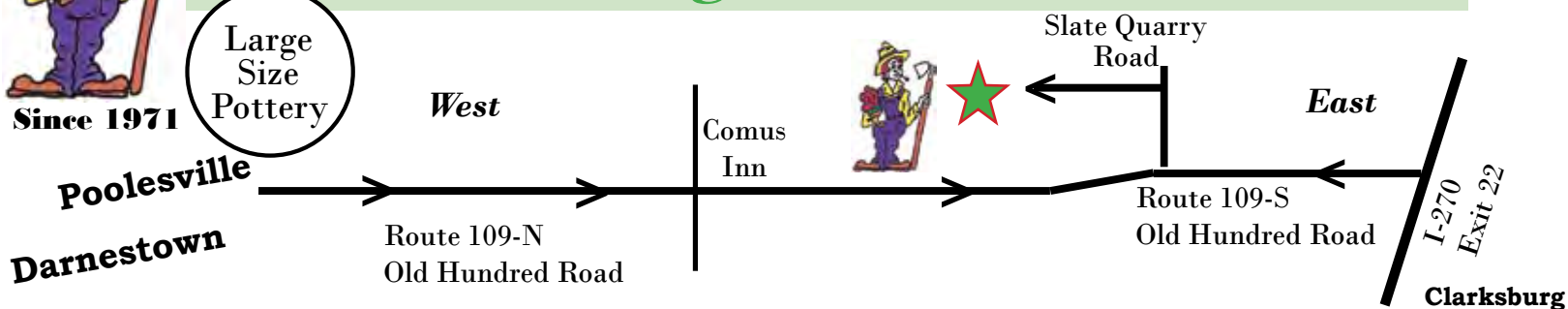
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