

Alicia and Eric Agnew are among many happy graduates in our area. Read about them in Tidbits on Page 27.



Austin Bennett proudly displays his winning catfish catch measuring 21.5 inches. Read Tidbits on page 27.



The United States defeated Australia 4 to 2 in the 2009 America's Cup, but there was much, much more to see. See Local News on Page 12.



Lori Gruber was sworn in as Poolesville's newest commissioner. See town government report page 24.

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Keeping An Eye On Local News

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## Clarksburg Day Right around the Corner—Despite Recession

By Kristen Milton

The historic recession is hitting even historic-themed Clarksburg Day as vendors and donations are scarce enough to make organizers question whether the festival will become a biennial event. "We're going to wait and see, but certainly options are being thrown on the table with the situation that we're facing," said primary organizer Eloise Woodfield. This year's June 6 celebration, however, is not in doubt. "We will still maintain the quality but not the quantity," Woodfield said. "We may not have as large [an event] or as many things as in the past, but we will certainly

have something to celebrate our town's heritage."

Clarksburg Day has been held annually since the community's 250th anniversary in 2002. Last year, the location moved from downtown streets to Clarksburg High School, although a free trolley ride was still provided for those interested in touring the Clarksburg Historic District. Woodfield said the new location was a hit and could not be blamed for this year's disappointing response. "Last year [vendors] were swarming...I was trying to find a place to put them," Woodfield said. The final tally was ninety-three vendors and an estimated 3,000-person



The Clarksburg Historical Society plans to have a grand Clarksburg Day on June 6.

attendance in 2008, but as of May 5, with just a month remaining before the 2009 event, only twelve vendors had committed to attend.

Only one area developer stepped forward with a donation, Woodfield said, where once nearly a dozen developers

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## The Remarkable Graduates of PHS

By Rande Davis

The graduates of Poolesville High School have shown almost no interest in Facebook or Classmates as a way of keeping in touch. In this season of Pomp and Circumstance, they are not your typical graduates, nor do they pretend to be—for these high school graduates have been through it all. They are the PHS graduates from the classes of 1927 to 1952. They prefer face to face to Facebook and personal messaging to text messaging. They prefer checking in on

## Reflections — Reunion of Graduates

PHS 1927 – 1952

By Ann Lee Tipton Pararas

Today we've come together  
To share those golden years  
When PHS days were carefree  
And our future held no fears.

Now we are much wiser  
Though memories seem to dim  
The hallowed walls of learning  
Where our lives were formed  
within.

As we recall our teachers  
Who can forget Miss Green  
Who fiddled with your buttons  
With pronouns in between?

Young Harry came to town  
With his extra ounce of wit

Later to become principal  
Which was a perfect fit.

Now Curry got her cottage  
Then Merrick his shop  
And all their lads and lassies  
Were slated for the top.

A tribute to our sweethearts  
Virginia and Miz Chiz  
Who held our hands so gently  
But still gave us THAT quiz.

The list of those who taught us  
Is endless, this we know,  
As they gave their devotion  
To help us all to grow.

Now we're young in-heart  
As we tackle Medicare  
And count each day as precious  
In this book of life we share.

But at this very moment  
Let's give a lusty cheer  
For dear old Poolesville High  
And memories, oh so dear!

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**Family Album**



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The Sullivan family of Poolesville joined in the annual fishing tournament at Collier Circle pond.




Girls in Brownie troops 2613, 3432, and 5946 gather together in celebration of moving up to Girl Scout Junior ranks.



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Members of the Dickerson Methodist Church fended off damp weather during their annual yard sale.



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A recent pancake breakfast was a new fundraiser for the Monocacy Lions. As a result of the turnout the club is planning more for the future.

## Equestrian

### The Many Virtues of Electric Fences

By Carol Rae Hansen, Director, Equine Therapy Associates

Electric fencing has been available for decades and has many benefits, although it must always be installed and used with extreme care. Horse packers use it successfully for camping, wilderness treks, and protecting tender alpine grasses from over-grazing. Any equine caretaker can fence off new grasses, marshy areas, sinkholes, over-grazed sections, and neighboring horses. Electric fences can also keep cribbers or wood chewers off expensive board fencing, while it is often used successfully to prevent horses from leaning on wire fences and pushy ponies from attempting to crawl under or push over fences. Electric fences can also keep chronic rear-end scratchers from making an expensive wood fence lean askew in wet seasons, they can isolate difficult or contagious animals, and they can protect a hay crop or orchard. Electric fences are also highly versatile, as they can be temporary or permanent, used by themselves or in combination with other types of fencing. They can be hard-wired or solar-powered, with battery back-up. Some types of simple, solar systems are easily set up by the handy, while more sophisticated, hard-wired systems are installed by master electricians with elaborate safety features. Each electric fence system, however, has common elements: a grounded source of power, wire of various widths (coated or uncoated), posts to string it on, and insulators. They all can be lethal, as well.

Safety is, of course, paramount, and numerous steps need to be taken to protect live-

stock, their owners, and wildlife. The foremost safety device is a grounding rod of copper that is driven in at least six to eight feet, where it will perpetually interact with soil moisture. A second vital safety consideration is the location of a charger in a place that animals and curious children simply cannot reach. One should only purchase pulsating chargers, rather than a steady charger, as it reduces the risk of electrocution. A low-impedance charger with a pulsating charge no longer than 0.003 second will also ensure that your plastic stake won't melt. Exceedingly high voltage is especially dangerous, although the very nature of distance and insulation ensures a tradeoff: a controller than can deliver one joule per mile (2,000 to 3,000 volts) may well be necessary for horses with heavy or shaggy winter coats two to four inches thick. A high-joule rating will deliver a stronger shock further away, and it is more impervious to the inevitable grounding of weeds, brush, and grasses. All good pasture and fence managers need to purchase, as well, a fence tester, as the box's clicking doesn't necessarily indicate that the fence is hot. You also should purchase and hang many yellow warning signs to safeguard neighbors, guests, and the innocent public.

Solar-powered temporary electric fencing for sectioned grazing is perhaps the safest and most useful application each wet spring or fall grazing season. Solar fencers contain photovoltaic cells that transform sunlight into electricity, charging the battery in the system continuously. Some of these controllers or chargers work on only three to four hours of sunlight daily and maintain their charge for up to several weeks of gloomy weather.

We were exceedingly impressed by the parsimonious, creative, and inventive nature of horse enthusiasts on the Shetland Islands when we viewed their use of electric

fencing. These storm-tossed isles, with mean summer temperatures in the fifties, are home to the venerable Shetland Ponies, descendents of Viking stock, of which there are but one thousand left on their native isles. Their hardy owners, and their even more hardy charges, engage in a moving ballet, as the owners shift their fences a foot or two—depending upon length—each day, and ensure sufficient palatable grazing to last the entire season. Their zigzag lines circumnavigate drop-offs, boulders, fjords, and country lanes, but they parcel out sufficient grass to keep their ponies in good flesh, without the risk of laminitis or colic that so plague our richly-pastured equines. Making a

virtue of scarcity, these hardy Islanders and their ponies stockpile grass at its richest and most rapid growth, without trampling it or killing the roots, as our equines are wont to do annually with forty percent of our pastures. This year, why not take a lesson from the descendents of the Vikings?

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# Health

## Poison Ivy: Don't Let It Give You an Itch

By Dr. Amar Duggirala

You were so proud of yourself. After ignoring your backyard since raking the last of the leaves back in the fall, you finally got around to taming those nasty shrubs in the corner of the yard. Two hours of pulling, digging, cutting, and sweating through your own private Amazon—but before the sweat on your forehead even dries, you feel it: an itch. You ignore it, but you feel it again. Now it can't be ignored, and within seconds, you have already scratched your arm like a cat gone wild. Then you see it, a bright red rash, and you know what it is. You dare not say its name, but you must, it's...Poison Ivy.

Poison ivy has a stem with three leaves, you remember the old saying "Leaflets three, let it be." Poison ivy is in a family of plants that contain a chemical called urushiol. It is this chemical that causes the itchy rash. The lesions of poison ivy rash are usually red and raised and are very itchy. They can turn into vesicles (fluid-filled blisters). The fluid in the blisters cannot spread poison ivy to other people. You can only spread it to other people if you don't completely clean off the urushiol from your skin, hair, and clothing. The lesions will start to appear twelve to twenty-four hours after the initial contact and may continue for two to three weeks.

When exposed to poison ivy, the first thing to do is to wash the exposed skin with soap and water. You need to wash within ten to twenty minutes after exposure. If you wait too long, the skin will absorb the urushiol. Washing the affected area with solvents that contain mineral oil (such as Tecnu or Zanfel) can remove the urushiol, but only if used within two hours of being exposed. Also be sure to wash any exposed

clothing.

If the rash still appears after washing thoroughly, some over-the-counter medications may help. Benadryl helps with itching, but be careful of drowsiness. Calamine lotion and oatmeal baths can also abate the symptoms. Over-the-counter hydrocortisone creams will help with itching and the rash, but use them sparingly, because too much may cause side effects. Be sure not to scratch the rash, this may introduce bacteria from your fingernails into the sensitive skin thereby causing an infection.

If the rash is spreading, causing a fever, getting into sensitive areas (such as the mouth, eyes, lungs or genital areas), or over-the-counter medications are not helping, contact your family doctor or allergist immediately—preferably before you scratch off a needed appendage.

The best way to not get the rash is prevention. Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, and vinyl gloves. This is uncomfortable in the summer but still better than scratching the rash for the next two weeks. Leather, fabric, and rubber gloves do not work as well against poison ivy. Applying barrier creams that contain bentoquatam (such as IvyBlock) can prevent urushiol from penetrating the skin. Do not burn poison ivy plants, the urushiol can get into your lungs and can cause breathing problems.

Always be sure to talk to your family physician before taking any medications, even over-the-counter ones, as they may interact with your medical conditions or current medications.

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## In the Garden An Annual Affair

By Maureen O'Connell

In several of my last columns, I have touted the benefits of planting perennials in your flower beds. There are many diverse varieties that bloom over the summer months, and since they reappear each season, they are economical and low maintenance. However, city parks and highway median strips are famous for their summer seasonal displays of annuals such as bright red geraniums, pink petunias, and blue lobelias. This summer, economic restraints may lead to fewer civic bedding displays in public areas, but before you sneer at these common annual plants, let's take a look at the quiet revolution that has been taking place in the diversity of summer bedding plants in the last few years.

Annuals serve a purpose in summer flower beds. Perennials bloom in specific waves of time over the summer months. Annuals,

treading their way through and around perennials, connect one perennial to another, while filling gaps with non-stop blooms. A few weeks ago, a friend asked me if I could recommend some flowering plants for his patio, other than the usual geraniums, marigolds, and petunias. Well, there is a whole new galaxy of beautiful, flowering annuals that are new stars for the summer garden stage. I have checked several area garden centers and greenhouses, and they are all available locally.

Begonias have been around for a long time. Your mother and grandmother probably kept pots of them on the porch or patio. They all had the same small, waxy green leaves with stems of small pink, white, or red flowers which opened to reveal a small dab of yellow in the middle of the bloom—nice, but boring. Well, in recent years, plant breeders have been examining the 1,500 or so begonia species in search of new patio and container plants. They came up with Begonia Dragon Wing Red, Dragon Wing Pink, and Baby Wing White. These large plants will do well in a partial

shade location. They have a spreading habit and showers of flowers. They have come a long way from Grandma's plant. Look out also for their cousins: the Volcano Series including Begonia Bonfire, the Mandalay Series, and the Doublet Series. **One of the biggest changes I have seen is in the new diversity of colors in the coleus family. They used to come in subdued tones of red, brown, and green. Check them out now. The colors are gorgeous, particularly, 'Sedona,' 'Lancelot**

**Velvet Mocha,' 'Bronze Pagoda,' 'Rattlesnake,' and 'Freckles.'** If you are looking for a spot of color in partially-shaded areas, the above varieties cover the spectrum from warm shades of rusty orange with hints of rose and burgundy, reddish purple, blends of yellow and green, dramatically-patterned tones in cream, yellow, and burgundy, peach and yellow, and peach and rose. Group several of

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# Local History

## Judge Woodward's Letter

By Jack Toomey

Eighty years ago this month, a little boy sat down at his desk and began to write. He had just received a present from his dad and wanted to tell the world about it. The kid looked out onto Main Street and probably saw a neighbor walking towards the shopping district, or an automobile might have passed by—a rare occurrence. His friends may have come by the house wanting him to come out and play in the fields that surrounded the little town. The yelping of his dog might have also distracted him, but he wrote on. Once he finished, he showed the letter to his father, a distinguished judge, who encouraged him to mail it to the Washington Post. The letter was published in the Post on May 17, 1929

The letter, recently discovered by a Monocle reporter and written by former Poolesville resident and retired Judge Charles Woodward, Jr., is reproduced here

*One night my daddy went away. In the morning when I woke*

*up I heard that Daddy had brought a bird dog. It was a pointer puppy. We named him Mac. He was born on August 18, 1928. He is white and liver-colored*

*We built him a doghouse and put a fence around it. We turn him out every day and let him run around in the next field. He is eight months old. I like him very much*

*Charles Woodward (age 10)  
Poolesville, Md*

Judge Woodward, who is now ninety years old and living in retirement in Rockville, was recently contacted. While he had little recollection of writing the letter to the Post, he had vivid memories of his dog, his house, and his life in Poolesville as a youngster. Judge Woodward related that the house that he grew up in is no longer standing. As best as can be determined, the house, a two-story home with several bedrooms, stood in the vacant lot between the telephone company building and the Poolesville Beer and Wine store. In those days, the center of commerce was situated at the corner of what is now Fisher Avenue and Route 109. Judge Woodward repeatedly referred to that location as "town." He recalled many trips to Carl Fisher's Grocery where hand-packed ice cream could be bought. Nearby was Williams Store where the family bought meat for the dog. In those

days, there was no such thing as canned dog food, so dogs were well fed, eating just about the same things as their owners did. His family rarely had to purchase milk at the store because a neighbor had a cow, and they could buy milk for ten cents a pailful.

At about that time, Charles Woodward was attending elementary school in the new Poolesville school building. He had attended first grade on the back porch of Ruth Compher's house which was located just west of the town center. If a student wanted to continue his education after the tenth grade, it was necessary to travel to Rockville and attend Richard Montgomery High School. When he arrived home from school, he would greet Mac, and then the two would romp and play in the fields and woods that surrounded the town. When it was time for homework, Mac went back to his doghouse. Judge Woodward said, "There were no house dogs in those days." A thrifty lad, Charles lost his meager savings

when the Poolesville Bank failed.

Woodward's father was a circuit court judge at the time and, by 1936, had tired of the long drive to Rockville every day. The family sold the house in Poolesville and moved to Rockville. Woodward, the letter writer, went on to the University of Maryland, graduated from law school, and then went away to war. He was awarded the Bronze Star for gallantry for his actions on Guadalcanal during World War II. He served in the House of Delegates from 1955 to 1963, and in 1974, he was appointed to the Circuit Court where he served until he retired in 1987.

Judge Charles Woodward, Jr., lives in retirement in the same house that he had moved to in 1936. While he has no recollection of what happened to Mac because the family had several dogs, he still has pleasant memories of his childhood days in Poolesville.

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# Center Stage

## Eastward Bound: Art on the Move

By Dominique Agnew

From points west they came—Wyoming, Utah, oh, and Dickerson, too—artists larger than life—to support the Agricultural Reserve. Under the auspices of the Simpson Gallagher Gallery of Cody, Wyoming, over twenty artists were represented at an art show held at the Potomac Hunt Club in Dickerson in mid-May to benefit the Montgomery Countryside Alliance and the hunt club.

Every two or three years, Sue Simpson Gallagher, owner of the gallery, along with Gallery Director Chuck Neustifter, brings a show to the D.C. area of art that reflects the West. Walter Matia, nationally-renowned wildlife bronze sculptor of Dickerson and a friend of Sue, came up with the idea to have this year's show be a benefit—"The idea of open space is on everyone's mind," says Sue—but, at the same time, he also wanted to create another life and art experience for the other artists. "These guys are all friends," Sue says of the artists. "[Walter] thought it would be great to have some of our friends come out here to see if

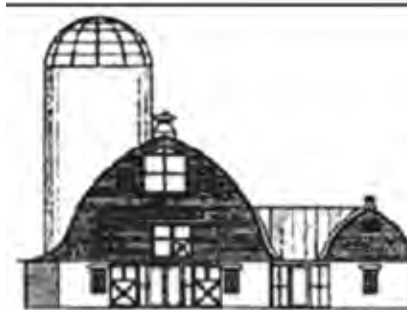
they want to paint"—which they did. When they weren't visiting area museums in D.C. or Pennsylvania, they went to local farms and painted *en plein air*—with their easels out in the open.

Of the represented artists, six were able to come from as far away as Wyoming and Utah for the show: Geoff Parker, Skip Whitcomb, Kathy Wipfler, Jim Morgan, Gordon Allen, and Dan Young. Most of them are wildlife painters, as Sue's gallery's primary focus is outdoor landscape painting. "I love the freshness of outdoor studies," she says. "Wildlife sculpture is my other focus," she adds, which explains Walter's and other sculptors' works' representation.

Ten percent of the proceeds went to either the MCA or the PHC at the designation of the purchaser.



Some of the many amazing artists represented at the Potomac Hunt Club Art Show-MCA benefit: (left to right) Walter Matia, Skip Whitcomb, Kathy Wipfler, Jim Morgan, and Dan Young.



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### Sugarloaf's Community Spirit

Spring in the Agriculture Reserve renews our spirits with astounding scenes of lush fields, emerging forests, and creative gardens. In the midst of economic turmoil, international strife and local squabbling, it is important to be thankful for what we have.

Sugarloaf Citizens' Association has enjoyed an exceptional run of great events this spring that brought both surprise and delight to the organizers. The first was the **Annual Meeting** in April when over 100 people listened to SCA programs and plans for the coming year. We were fortunate to have Council Members Phil Andrews, Marc Elrich, Nancy Floreen, and Mike Knapp in attendance. Award winners of the Piedmont Environment Foundation gave us hope and inspiration for the next generation of leaders. Most rewarding was the outpouring of concerns and suggestions providing a genuine community forum in the heart of the Reserve.

Our second success came in the form of a **potluck dinner** held in the Barn at the Linden Farm on Sunday May 3. Over 70 participants enjoyed the talents of many gifted cooks and formed connections between long term residents and new comers in an atmosphere of mutual respect and simple fun. The Gothic Barn at Linden Farm always provides an inspirational setting for community gatherings.

On Saturday May 9, Sugarloaf sponsored the **first annual Plant and Seed Swap** in the Linden Farm restored bank barn. Actually, we had no idea whether this event would draw a crowd until a few minutes after our scheduled opening when cars began to stream in loaded with plants, seeds, and people ready to help prepare for the growing season. Once again we were rewarded with a community spirit of sharing reaching back to a time when rural residents helped each other out of necessity as well as generosity.

There are many issues swirling around the Agriculture Reserve these days that raise our concerns and often draw ire. Sugarloaf weighs in on these issues when appropriate. At this time we want to spell out how much we enjoy our great fortune and our rural Montgomery County community. We invite all of you, residents and visitors, to join us at our future events!

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# Youth Sports Summer Junior Golf Tour Comes to Area

The Chesapeake Area Youth Recreation Association (CAYRA), a Frederick-based 501(C)3 non-profit organization devoted to developing youth recreational programs in golf, tennis, bowling and the arts, is forming a summer golf tour for competitive junior golfers between the ages of eight and seventeen. The tour is called the Mid Maryland Junior Golf Tour and will consist of six tournaments at various local golf courses in Frederick, Washington, and Carroll Counties including the Links at Challedon, Beaver Creek, Maple Run, Hollow Creek, and Worthington Manor. The tour is scheduled to take place on Sundays at 4:00 with one Wednesday evening tournament. There will be a skills assessment at the beginning of the season at orientation, and there will be an end-of-season tournament.

The tour is the brainchild of Jake Powell, vice president of CAYRA. He is a golf enthusiast,

but as a local soccer and baseball coach, he noticed that there were not a lot of traveling opportunities for junior golfers in the area, so after consultation with the president of the organization, the decision was made to create a tour. With assistance from Rob Jansen of the American Junior Golf Association, Charlie Hoffman of the Loudoun County Junior Golf Association, and Tommy Joyce of the Roanoke Valley Junior Golf Association, the Mid Maryland Junior Golf Tour was born—on paper. George Stem, Master Teaching Professional at the Links at Challedon, was brought in to help set up the tour, and a golf committee was formed with David Lee, Ed Kinsey, Larry Schombert, and DeWitt Osborne III. All are golf enthusiasts with many years of experience in the sport, both competitively and recreationally. More importantly, they are very passionate about golf and excited about the opportunity to grow junior golf in the area. After contacting eager local courses, the tour became a reality.

When the direction of the golf program was being planned, an opportunity presented itself. At one point, there was a summer golf program for high school

golfers in the Frederick area, but due to time constraints, the program was put on hold. CAYRA was notified, and with the advice of some local high school golf coaches, the decision was made to try and fill the void that was created. Now, high school golfers looking to sharpen their skills in a competitive tournament environment were now also welcome.

The goal of the Mid Maryland tour is to be attractive and beneficial to junior golfers and to help grow the game in the region. With committed golf professionals and managers such as Ed Coyle, Dirk Schultz, Patrick Steiner, Jeff Ellis, and Josh Ricketts, the tournament will be in good hands. Next season, the tour is slated to expand and add a few more tournaments. This is strictly for tournament play and does not have instructional camps as do some of the local junior golf clinics. The Mid Maryland Tour is strictly for junior golfers who want to compete and have a great time in the process.

Fliers and registration materials will also be available at the listed tour locations though spaces are limited. On the drawing board is a potential Ryder Cup-style competition with LCJGA. The goal is to also have alliances with junior golf groups in Montgomery and Washington Counties as well with some of the larger junior organizations in the state and nationally. The Langston Junior Golf program in Washington, D.C. will also be a beneficiary as new and previously-owned golf equipment will be donated to them so that they can advance junior golf in the city.

Registration for the Mid Maryland Junior Golf Tour runs through Wednesday, June 10 with orientation/skills assessment on June 14. For more information, contact Curtis Osborne at 301-332-3821 or send email inquiries to chesapeakerec@yahoo.com. Please visit the website at www.cayra.org for more information.

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## Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

### Present

Police responded to the following locations for the report of disorderly conduct:

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Police investigated assaults at the following locations: 17400 block of Hughes Road, 16000 block of Partnership Road, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road, and the 19600 block of Fisher Avenue.

Police investigated thefts at the following locations: 17500 block of Christer Street, 21600 block of West Offutt Road, 19300 block of Wootton Avenue, 19900 block of West Hunter Road, 21300 block of Martinsburg Road, Dickerson, and the 19800 block of Mouth of Monocacy Road, Dickerson.

### Past

May 25, 1949 A minor traffic violation led Montgomery County police officers to a fifty-gallon still and hundreds of bottles of illegal liquor. Two officers, working the midnight shift, spotted a speeding car on Viers Mill Road, and when it fled, they followed it

to Aspen Road (now called Aspen Hill Road). After stopping the car, the officers found the still in the woods. It was later determined that the liquor was being sold for five dollars a gallon. Two men were arrested.

May 25, 1908 One hundred people searched all night for twenty-one-year-old Travilla B. Duvall. At daybreak, his body was found in Seneca Creek. The coroner delivered a verdict of accidental drowning. It was said that Duvall had been left in charge of the home of Mrs. Darn at Boyds. He wandered outside in the storm of the night before and became lost and fell into the creek.

May 26, 1905 Four horses belonging to Stephen Smooth, living near Darnestown, were killed by the electrical storm that struck that district.

May 28, 1948 Montgomery County police detectives closed down bingo games that were being held at the Congressional Country Club. Club manager A. E. Martin said that the detectives acted like perfect gentlemen.

May 28, 1931 John F. Reffitt was arrested for shooting and killing his wife at their home at Burdette while their five children looked on.

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one another on a personal level and, once in a while, getting together as a group for a reunion as they did on May 9, 2009.

These PHS students were the last of the graduates who had spent their entire educational experience solely in the old, two-story, brick school which stood near the current location. In 1953, construction was completed on ten classrooms and a cafeteria/all purpose room which stood behind the old school. In 1956, twelve more classrooms and a vocational wing were added. In 1958, a gymnasium was added, and the old school was finally removed.

De Willard (Class of 1948) was the host, master of ceremonies, and, through the assistance and hard work of Dots Elgin (Class of 1937) and Ann Lee Tipton Pararas (Class of 1942), organized the event at Dutch's Daughter in Frederick. There were thirty graduates attending the event who, along with their guests, paid special tribute to Harry C. Rhodes, PhD, a past teacher and principal of Poolesville High School.

Mr. Rhodes (the graduates are just now getting used to calling him Harry) started teaching at PHS in 1935, left for four years to join the navy, and returned in 1947 and became the school's principal until 1953. Mary White Lok, editor of the 1952 school yearbook, read a tribute to him that she wrote as a dedication to him in that yearbook. Her sentiments expressed the gratitude for Mr. Rhodes for his providing "hope, truth, and understanding" and acknowledged him as a principal, counselor, and a friend. He, in turn, gave tribute to them for being the kind of people they were then and are now. His reward as their principal he believed was due to the graduates being "down-to-earth human beings, who I always thought of as a group of good lookin' kids, and [I] want you to know you still are a good lookin' bunch today."

After leaving PHS, Mr.

*"Clarksburg Day" Continued From Page 1.*

were involved in celebrating an area seeing rapid construction. It's not just the private sector that is missing. Woodfield and fellow organizer Joann Woodson lamented the loss of county support as well. Woodfield said that not only did the event receive no funding this year, the recreation department had withdrawn other types of support such as the loan of stages and portable toilets.

"The county has been very supportive, but their excuse this year was the budget," Woodfield said. "We kind of feel that they are concentrating on the new and forgetting about the old." The current fiscal 2010 recreation department budget cut over \$27,000 in "operating expenses for special events," the entire amount allowed for this item.

"As we look at reductions across the board, maintenance of our core mission functions [is] always most critical," recreation deputy director Jeffrey Bourne said. Keeping services such as recreation/senior centers and aquatics

programs going necessitated "very difficult budget decisions" such as the special events cut, he said. Clarksburg ombudsman Kathy Mitchell said May 5 that she was unaware of the depth of community concerns and would see if the county could provide more help. "All of the departments have taken a huge hit in the budget," Mitchell said, "but I doubt they would want to abandon Clarksburg Day entirely."

Meanwhile, Woodfield, a founder of the Clarksburg Historical Society, said donations received thus far will fund the free trolley rides to the historic district on June 6. "That is our first priority...so we can show our presence to the community in the historic district," she said. There will also be a display of artifacts from the historical society collection inside the school and a performance by the Clarksburg High School Band among other offerings. Food vendors will be on hand to provide edibles, and the children's variety show is anticipated to go forward. Thus far there is no money for a

moon bounce or some of the other activities that entertained children and families at past events. ***Although the official deadline has passed, vendors would be accepted until the night before the event, Woodfield said. A donation is requested but not required. Any other contributions will also be gratefully accepted, Woodfield said, pointing out that all monies are returned to the community either at Clarksburg Day or through other events such as a holiday tree-lighting. Woodfield said she would be disappointed if the festival were unable to continue as an annual event, especially as new residents are coming to fill recently-constructed homes. "This is when the newcomers would really benefit from seeing the history," she said. "They could get a background for where they live." Clarksburg Day will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on June 6 at Clarksburg High School, 22500 Wims Road. Interested donors or vendors should call Eloise Woodfield at 301-253-3807.***

Rhodes became superintendant of schools in Queen Anne County for fifteen years; served as Dean of Faculty at Anne Arundel Community College for six years; wrote three books; served on many community and civic boards of directors; was a founder of Chesapeake College; and also became a "honey-do, honey do-man" in between.

Charles Tipton, PhD (Class of 1945) spoke to the gathering about the influence teachers have on their lives. Mr. Tipton shared how Ray Zimmerman, one of his teachers, imprinted on him the value of teaching physical education which led to his career choice. He invited the audience to share a memory of a teacher either through their high school years or even in a simple moment which proved to be a pivotal relationship that affected their later years of life.

Betty Watkins in attendance representing past school personnel wrote in the program that

"after several careers, her fondest memories are those from PHS."

The attending graduate from the class of 1927, now approaching one hundred years of age, was Hilda Fyffe. After PHS, she went to Strayer College, worked for the FBI for several years, and then worked for the Finance and Accounting Office of the U.S. Army. She also worked for the University of Maryland for ten years.

Ann Lee Tipton Pararas, who has been renowned as Mrs. Hallmark for her clever and creative writing of poems and greeting cards, shared her poem, written specifically for the occasion. The poem is offered in its entirety in a sidebar with this article.

Among this distinguished group of citizens were lawyers, doctors, nurses, teachers, highly-successful business leaders, military and first responder personnel, editors, authors, professors, and many farmers, just to name a few vocations. For all their re-

markable achievements through some of the most turbulent and challenging of times, as they reflected by comment in the program, their most professed pride and pleasure was more in their families than in their careers.

While the classes at PHS from 1927 to 1952 were small, their contributions were large. This group of students represented only those who graduated. In the first half of the twentieth century, many did not finish high school for reasons of having other responsibilities thrust upon them due to the Depression, war, and obligations on the family farm. ***This reunion of PHS students who were not Falcons, or Indians, and never attended the "new" school demonstrated their humor as one cause for their long lives as they jovially suggest to one another that maybe they shouldn't wait another eighteen years to do it again. (More photos of the reunion are available on [www.monocacymonocle.com](http://www.monocacymonocle.com) then clicking on the [monocleonline.com](http://monocleonline.com) blog.)***



**Pulpit**

**Kehilat Shalom's Area-Wide Gift to the Community**

Despite the rainy gray weather, Kehilat Shalom congregants and friends were out in force to give back to the community through more than fifteen scheduled community service projects. This very special effort was called Mitzvah Day since "Mitzvah" in Hebrew means "good deed." This is just one small example of Kehilat Shalom's involvement in and concern for its wider community. Mitzvah Day Chair, Amy Pascal, pronounced the day a resounding success, "It was great to see everyone at Kehilat Shalom come together for the good of the community!"

In the synagogue building on Apple Ridge Road, residents of Kay Home in Gaithersburg joined adults and children to do crafts together. Project Linus brought middle school and high school students together to make cheerful blankets for ill children, and others made colorful artwork for Children's Hospital patients and breast cancer awareness ribbons to be donated to the Race for the Cure in Washington in June. Speaking of Washington, Team Kehilat Shalom was out in force downtown for the Brain Tumor Race for Hope 5K Run/Walk

That evening, the Watkins Mill Women's Shelter was treated to a spaghetti dinner prepared and served by Kehilat Shalom congregants. While our minds are still on food, back at the synagogue, the sandwich assembly line made 170 sandwiches for the Wells Robertson Homeless Shelter and Chase Partnership. Several people visited residents of the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes and joined in a variety of fun activities with them, including baking, playing bingo,

and learning to knit. The Bender Home residents even had a visit from a congregant's dog, a multi-poo named Kooper.

Each grade, kindergarten through seventh, at Kehilat Shalom's award-winning religious school did its own Mitzvah Day project, ranging from collections to crafts to cooking. Although the USY youth group had to cancel its car wash which was to raise funds for Israel Quest, and the landscape beautification will have to wait, flower potting for a plant sale for charity, and many collections—of food, clothing, books, and toiletries—were not deterred by the bleak weather. Items will be donated to the Manna Food Center, the Interfaith Clothing Center, Montgomery County Elementary Schools Book/DVD Drive, and Rachael's Women's Center.

Kehilat Shalom, an egalitarian conservative synagogue affiliated with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism, offers religious school and youth groups for kindergarten through twelfth grades and operates an Early Childhood Center. Working with Partnership for Jewish Life and Learning, Kehilat Shalom was selected to embark



Members of the Kehilat Shalom congregation of Montgomery Village gather for their Mitzvah Day celebrations.

on an innovative adventure, Congregational Education for the 21st Century, a process to transform learning at Kehilat Shalom in new and exciting ways for all ages and backgrounds, not confined to the classroom setting. A very active Active Retirees group joins Sisterhood and Men's Club in supporting synagogue life. Kehilat Shalom also offers a variety of adult education and social programs and is extremely active in community service at many levels. Kehilat Shalom is located near Watkins Mill High School in Montgomery Village with a 355-seat sanctuary that expands to accommodate 1,200 and a Kosher kitchen. For more information on synagogue life, please call the office at 301-869-7699 or visit their website at [www.KehilatShalom.org](http://www.KehilatShalom.org).

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## Local News

### Polo: Muddy Good Fun

By Kristen Milton

Those with patience and an appreciation of the outdoors found much to enjoy at the first Poolesville-hosted America's Polo Cup, where acres of mud and organizational glitches eventually gave way to high-end equine competition, music, and fireworks. Floppy hats aside, boots—rain, hiking, or cowboy—were the must-have accessory of the May 9 event, held at the Capitol Polo Club's six hundred acres on Hughes Road after two years in Leesburg. Those without the preferred footwear battled thick red mud caused by more than a week of daily rain in heels, sandals, plastic bags, or even bare feet.

"Embrace it," called Aaron Feldman of Potomac, whose booth for the non-profit, No

Greater Sacrifice, was yards from where a plywood walkway ended as guests entered the grounds. "I'm telling people it's therapeutic, imported [mud]." The mud did have some more serious consequences, causing tent closures and curtailed matches as well as stuck cars. David Mortz, administrator for the U.S. polo team, blamed the muck for the smaller-than-expected crowd, which he estimated at 2,500 people in a May 12 phone interview.

Other challenges cited by attendees included long pauses between entertainment, poor signage, and a lack of programs or assistance. The title match between the USA Land Rover team and the Qantas Australian team, scheduled to begin at 5:00 p.m., instead started at 6:45 p.m.



American Idol contestant Michael Johns performed before an enthusiastic crowd as part of the entertainment for the 2009 America's Polo Cup.

"It's been less polo than I expected and more event," observed Karen Untereker of Pennsylvania, when there had been only about twenty minutes of the sport by 6:00 p.m. Untereker was one of a group of ten "polo virgins" gathered for the bachelorette party of UVA student Betsy Flint. They had moved tents due to mud. Nonetheless, the group said they enjoyed the food, wine, and people-watching.

Kathleen Fraser of Arlington had a similar experience. Fraser said that after the difficulty of finding the correct entrance onto the grounds, she was unable to locate anyone to help her retrieve the tickets a friend had promised. "We just walked in," Fraser said as she took a seat at 6:20 p.m.

At half-time, however, daughter Nicole Tucker, 7, found a horseshoe during the traditional divot stomp and hours later, Tucker and friend, Alexandra Burnham, 8, screamed with joy in front-row seats for a concert by "American Idol" alum Michael Johns and Grammy-winning Mya.

Mortz said the event's safety committee had recommended waiting "as long as possible" to hold the match due to the poor field conditions, and some of the aerial entertainment was delayed by warnings from the FAA. "It's the nature of the beast when you have so many moving parts in a premier event like this," he said.

While Poolesville showed itself prepared for polo crowds with welcome signs at Whalen Commons and in front of several businesses, as well as a polo-themed display at Poolesville Library, the town saw few effects of the May 9 event.

Some residents had received letters warning of possible parking issues, but out-of-state licenses seemed in short supply as an estimated 2,500 people made their way to Capitol Polo Club on Hughes Road. Well-known names among them included reality star Omarosa of "The Apprentice" and singers Michael Johns and Mya.

Susan Goldberg of Hearthside Antiques said Saturday afternoon the store had not seen any increased traffic. "We're hoping," she said, "but I think it's just far enough away that once they're packed or unpacked they're not going to say, 'Let's go antiquing.'"

White's Ferry, which had anticipated extended hours during the two-day event was instead closed due to high river levels, diverting other potential pass-through traffic.

Even without the polo, it would have been a busy weekend in the Upcounty as several organizations held events and fundraisers. The 19th annual Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament and Poolesville Post Prom Committee car wash were among the local draws.

Kirsten Lewis, a co-chair for Poolesville Relay for Life, said the community yard sale the group held in Beallsville May 9 did well—earning about \$150 dollars in booth fees—without any noticeable help from visitors. "We didn't get a lot of questions about the area or anything that would lead us to believe that guests were new to the area," Lewis said.

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# Local News

## Town of Barnesville Gets Closer to Speed Cameras

By John Clayton

The Town of Barnesville may implement speed cameras in the near future as a culmination of the town's long effort to use the technology to control vehicles speeding through its main street. The primary focus of the cameras would be along Barnesville Road, a popular commuting route from Frederick County and other points to the west. It has not been determined whether the cameras would be on mobile units or permanently installed. The state of Maryland recently installed mobile cameras temporarily to monitor speed compliance through the town, and the test indicated that the town was in need of some form of speed

control.

As reported by the Monocle in its October 20, 2006 issue, Barnesville had attempted to become the first municipality in the state to install speed cameras but was thwarted by a requirement that they have a local police force to monitor the system. Until recently, they were unable to get that assistance from Montgomery County, but it will now be provided in part as a result of the support of Montgomery County Police Captain Thomas C. Didone, commander of the Germantown Fifth District, which provides police coverage to the Up-county. Barnesville Mayor Pete Menke said that the town had pursued an agreement with the City of Rockville Police Department to provide monitoring services, but this plan was nixed at Commander Didone's urging. Mayor Menke added that Captain Didone has been "stalwart in his support" in helping the

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these together with a center filler of Mandevilla Sun Parasol 'Pretty Crimson' and a few fuchsias in hot pink or tangerine for an eye-catching container arrangement.

Two outstanding annuals that are often overlooked by gardeners are lantana and Heliotropium 'Fragrant Delight.' I have been growing these two in containers and beds for several years with great success. They are made for Monocacy summer weather, especially the lantana. They are disease and pest resistant, drought and heat tolerant, and they bloom continually from early summer to the first frost. Lantana Landmark Peach Sunrise, Rose Sunrise, and Lantana Tropical Fruit sport pastel shades of rose, pink, lemon yellow, and peach. Do buy this annual; you will love it. The dark violet flowers of heliotrope will delight you with their wonderful scent. Deadhead often to keep it producing flowers.

Impatiens have been around for some time, but every year they

come out in more delicious colors and with improved stamina. One of the most impressive developments this year is the Fusion Series. They come in six colors from light yellow to soft peach shades. Impatiens 'Tango' is a new sun-tolerant New Guinea Impatiens with non-fading, two- to three-inch tangerine flowers and bronzy green foliage. It thrives in three-quarters sun to deep shade.

Verbena is another drought- and heat-tolerant plant that does very well in our area. 'Edith' and 'Sissinshurst' are two very reliable varieties. Petunias have changed considerably in the past several years. The 'Wave' variety is extremely tolerant of our weather, and it does not need deadheading. In the past several years, Angelonia Angel Series have become very popular bedding annuals. They are very long-blooming and low maintenance.

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*Boo Davis shares a humorous story with good friends.*



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## Things to Do

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### May 24

Wingert Family Gospel Singers in Concert  
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Route 107 and Route 28  
6:00 p.m.

### May 25

Memorial Day Tribute to Armed Forces  
American Legion Post #247

Whalen Commons – Poolesville  
11:00 a.m.

### May 26

PHS Spring Concert  
Auditorium  
6:30 p.m.

Benefit to Send Wrestler to Finland Competition  
From 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., the Smoothie King in Germantown will donate fifty cents from every smoothie sold to the "Send Chris to Finland" fund. Clarksburg Sports Association head wrestling coach and commissioner Chris Brown, who won the 2009 U.S. Veterans Greco-Roman Wrestling National Championships in Las Vegas, is hoping to go to Finland in September to compete in the World Championships.

### May 27

CHS Choral Concert  
Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

### Author Chat

The Women's Nest, an online

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### May 28

MES Variety Show  
All Purpose Room  
7:00 p.m.

### May 29

Repertoire of Life  
Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre presents its spring concert, Repertoire of Life, at Poolesville High School at 7:00 p.m. Under the artistic direction of Fran Ichijo, the dancers will present Vivaldi's Four Seasons as well as various dances illustrating the changing faces of love. Special guests will also perform. Admission is free, but a donation

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PES Spring Carnival  
Poolesville Elementary School PTA is sponsoring a Spring Carnival from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on the school grounds. They will have moon bounces, an inflatable rock climbing wall, dunk tank, cake walks, and carnival games. Cost is \$5.00 per child with a \$20.00 maximum per family. There will be Cugini's pizza, popcorn, and beverages for sale. Bring the whole family.

### May 30

Crop to Cure Scrapbooking Fundraiser for Poolesville Relay for Life.  
There are two days planned and each will run from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served along with beverages and snacks throughout the day. There will be goodie bags, door prizes, contests, and a silent auction. The registration fee

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**June 12**  
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**June 13**  
3rd Annual Poolesville Relay for Life  
The event begins with a survivors' luncheon for cancer survivors and their friends and family at 11:30 a.m. on the athletic field at Poolesville High School, followed by an opening ceremony at 2:15 p.m.

There will be activities, games, music, and demonstrations throughout the day, which culminates with a Luminaria Ceremony at dusk in honor of those who died from cancer. A final ceremony and award presentation will be at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. Food and drinks will be available for purchase, and some activities may cost money.

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"You were seeing the best polo players in the world... [and] our first priority was the safety of the horses and athletes."

Kate Izsak of Washington, D.C. successfully converted three friends, already self-described "horse people" who participate in dressage and western-style riding, to polo at the May 9 game. Izsak, who started riding about three years ago at age 28, studied at Capitol Polo School last year and hopes to return to the sport. "I dragged my friends here because I thought they would appreciate the outfits as well as the ponies," Izsak said, diagramming the rules of the game on a paper plate.

The group was initially disappointed as most of the pre-game entertainment, including the United States Marine Corps Silent Drill Team and a police dog demonstration as well as an exhibition match, took place at the opposite end of the field from where they'd set up their chairs, but once the full-field title bout

began, they were hooked. The American team won the match, 4-2, with the ball flying high in the air at points and at other times jumping the low barrier that bordered the playing field. "It was so exciting," said Andrea Deck of Rockville.

The group also said they appreciated their introduction to the Upcounty. Residents of Rockville and Silver Spring, they had never visited the Agricultural Reserve but planned to return this summer. Volunteer Nan Silverman of Washington, D.C. seconded the feeling. "It's amazing; it's beautiful," she said. "I hear there's hiking here, so I'm going to come back to go hiking."

Buddy Yonkers of Potomac, a member of the hosting club, said while some members were concerned about the impact the cars and crowds would have on the fields, he was enthusiastic about the chance to bring the competition to the Upcounty. "We donate the volunteers, the fields, simply for the goodwill

and the exposure," Yonkers said. "It's good exposure for the club."

The Capitol Polo Club will host the cup event in 2010 and 2011. The charity championship benefits Journey for the Cure, Innocents at Risk, and the National

Multiple Sclerosis Society. Next year, the American team will battle opponents from India. Mortz said plans were underway for "an exhibition of elephant polo" at that event.

**"Barnesville Speed Cameras" Continued From Page 13.**

town to install the cameras.

Mayor Menke said that Barnesville resident Jim Brown and the Town of Barnesville commissioners have also been working with District 15 State Senator Rob Garagiola to make it possible for the small town to have the cameras. Mayor Menke has testified before the state legislature in support of bringing speed cameras to small towns such as his. The Town of Barnesville considered funding the project itself, even though it would have been prohibitively expensive, although Mayor Menke did not offer an exact figure. Mayor Menke also added that the other

Barnesville Town Commissioners were in agreement on this issue, and all have been involved in the process. He added that Barnesville doesn't want the money generated from the system, "They just want to slow people down." He said that in Poolesville, the cameras made more money at first, but that now compliance is better as people have become accustomed to their presence. "The cameras do work."



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# Remembrance Roswitha "Rose" Wolfe: Caring, Patient, and Kind

By Rande Davis



Rose Wolfe

Rose Wolfe, 55, of Poolesville, passed away on May 9, 2009. She was the wife of James Wolfe; the mother of Jeffrey Wolfe married to Jamie both of Barton, Maryland, Kevin Wolfe (now living in Texas), and Jessica Wolfe of Hagerstown, Maryland; and she was the grandmother of Ashlee, Owen, and Dylan Wolfe.

Rose was born in Germany on December 20, 1953 to Otto and Anna Lustner. Her brother, Friedhelm Lustner, resides in Germany.

Her career with Montgomery County Public Schools was in school food services and began at Poolesville Elementary School. She was most recently the manager of cafeteria services at Thurgood Marshall Elementary School (TMES) in Gaithersburg. She also worked part-time at the Quince Orchard Public Library since October of 2002.

Rose and Jim met while he was with the U.S. Army stationed at Germany, and after they returned to the United States, she became an American citizen.

In all her personal and career relationships, Rose was remembered as a most giving person: positive, very friendly, and caring. Her co-workers remembered Rose as someone who took ex-

ceptional care and pride in managing the food services at TMES, often going beyond the standard to make the cafeteria warm and inviting through flowers and her welcoming personality. Rose did not allow her struggle against cancer to diminish her concern for her responsibilities at work. She made every effort to continue her work even to the point of checking on things and "getting the student lunch count" although unable, at times, to come to work.

Ginny Jones, reading specialist at TMES, in representing the staff, told the Monocle that at a staff meeting the day before her funeral, the principal held a meeting where many staff recalled memories of Rose's service and friendship. "She meant so much to the staff, and it was gratifying to learn from her family how much we meant to her. A sharing of those memories was such a tribute to her. She will be truly missed by all of us." Twice in her career she was nominated for Food Service Staff Person of the Year.

Camille Cappucci, a fourth grader, represented the students in reflecting on Rose, "She was the nicest lunch lady and was always so helpful to the kids." Her brother, Matthew, now in ninth grade shared, "I can still remember her at TMES, and she was always smiling." Student Hannah Dixon emailed staff friends and wrote, "Mrs. Wolfe was such a great person. She was one of the few people who made a difference in our lives. I will always remember her."

Time and again, friends and co-workers referred to her as a truly kind, patient, caring, and loving individual. Ernest L. Poland, Jr. of Keyser Presbyterian Church in Keyser, West Virginia (and also the father of Rose's daughter-in-law, Jamie) officiated at the funeral services. His selection of the New Testament reading of 1 Corinthians 13:4 was a bit unusual since this passage on love is used most often at wedding ceremonies. Yet, on the day before the funeral, he woke up sharply, overwhelmed by the notion that that passage was

precisely the right one in memory of Rose. He was taken back a bit when, arriving at Hilton's Funeral Home, he discovered, coincidentally, that the same passage had been already printed on the back of the remembrance card.

The words describe Rose and her life so aptly by beginning with "love is patient, love is kind" and concluding with "it always protects, always hopes,

always perseveres." Typical of Rose's humility and caring, the family requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Rose's name to a favorite charity of the benefactor.

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## Local News

### Fire Destroys Home on Hughes Road

By Rande Davis

A fire broke out in the home of James Wilkens at 16101 Hughes Road in Poolesville on Saturday, May 9 at approximately 2:45 p.m. No one was injured from the fire. Mr. Wilkens was not home at the time, and the cause of the fire is under investigation by the Montgomery County Police Department. The home, which is seventy to eighty yards from Hughes Road, is in a highly-secluded setting and not

clearly visible from the road or its neighbors.

Upon arrival on the scene by the Upper Montgomery Fire Department personnel, fire had already devastated the home. "As the first fire engine arrived, the home was already totally involved with fire coming from every window, both sides of the house, and coming through the roof. Apparently, the fire had been burning for quite a while inside before it was detected and reported," says Chief Earl Moore.

In fighting the fire, the new Compressed Air Flow (CAF) fire fighting system was used. This system creates "quick knockdown foam" which mixes with water and air. It adheres to the walls and floors helping to smother the fire and to prevent rekindling. The CAF system triples the effectiveness of using only water.

Mr. Wilkens, who has lived in the home for over twenty years, told the Monocle that he does not have family, and he was uncertain as to where he will live or what the immediate future holds for him.



Firemen work to control the fire that destroyed a home on Hughes Road.

## Youth Sports

# Poolesville Boys' and Coed Volleyball Teams Go Overtime

By Jeff Stuart

The fourth game of the Magruder at Poolesville volleyball match on May 1 went well beyond overtime. The Falcons, unable to force a fifth game, lost to the Colonels, 34-32 (25 points normally wins). Inspired by the competitive nature of the match, both teams played exceptional volleyball throughout the overtime. There were great gets, bumps, sets, and hits—and great hustle. “My guys were happy with the way they played,” said Falcons Head Coach Tara Smith. “That’s the best we played all



The 2009 PHS Boys volleyball team

year.” It was the boys’ last game of the year, and Coach Smith’s patience with her young team was rewarded with a great effort.

Perhaps it was a desire to just keep playing on their part, but the senior-laden coed team went to overtime as well in each of the first two games of their match which followed. They rallied from a 21-14 deficit to beat the Colonels, 29-27, in the first game and lost the second, 27-25. The Falcons won the match, three games to one, to run their record to 8-4 on the year. Head Coach Fran Duvall recognized her seniors in a pre-game ceremony.

“Megan Kenneweg, Jenny Better, Laura Graham, Lena Stypeck, and Lauren Rocco are the girls from this fall [state championship team]. Jenny and Megan are keys for us. Jenny joined the team after the first four matches. Jenny was huge since we did not have a real setter. Matt DuVall, Andre Martinez, and Dan Wolo-hojian have been with me for four years. They have really improved over their four years. The girls are always our ball control strength.” The coed team format gave the coach one last chance to bond with a few members of her championship girls’ team. She relished it. “Now they are done, done,” she said in the senior night ceremonies.

“This year’s coed team has been a great team to work with. Everyone is receptive to feedback and each other. I have enjoyed this team a lot. If we can pull it together, we could go far into the playoff run. We may surprise a few teams.”

Matt was a big force for the Falcons against the Colonels, taking charge with key blocks and spikes with the game on the line.

“The Magruder game was so close,” said boys’ Coach Smith. “It really could have gone either way. The scores were 22-25, 25-21, 18-25, 32-34. If we hadn’t missed just the few serves that we did, I think we could have come out on top. Wesley Johnson had some amazing blocks, Jason Chang had some huge hits. All of the guys really came together and played great as a team.”



2009 PHS Coed Volleyball Team

In the first game of the Magruder match, Emmanuel had the play of the match. He retreated behind his own baseline tracking a second hit and with his back to the net hit the ball deep into the Colonels’ side of the net. At 21-16, with Magruder ahead, there was a big block by Captain Jason to give Poolesville the serve. The Falcons rally fell short in game one, but the confidence and momentum carried over to a second game win. Early in the second game there were two kills and a block by Wes Johnson. Poolesville broke out to a 6-2 lead. Jason had a nice spike in the game to put the Falcons up 22-20. Wes had a spike for the game winner. The momentum did carry over to games three and four.

Just ten days before, the Division II Falcons had squared off at home against Division I (stronger division) Damascus. “Damascus was by far the best team we played this year,” said the coach. Against the Hornets, the Falcons played good defense. They had some great digs, but in the end,

the Hornets just had superior fire power.

“With seven graduating seniors on the team last year, this year’s team was new and young,” said the coach. “We have two freshmen, two sophomores, and eight juniors. Our returning players were Logan Wilson, Matt Hunt (Captain), Jason Chang, and Edward Wang.” Emmanuel DeJesus and Jacob Aley were outstanding all-around players. Jason, Wes, and Joe Kamali had impacts as strong hitters. Wes and Andrew Li were constantly at the net blocking. Alex Zhu, Khanh Nguyen, and Sudhir Manickarel were the Falcons’ defense, passing in the back row. “Most of the guys on the team this year were brand new to volleyball, and they all improved so much in our short, two-month season,” adds Coach Smith. “I’m extremely proud of them, and I can’t wait for next year.” The coach and returning players will remember the dramatic last game of this year.



**2 Crop Dates:**  
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**Focus on Business**

**New Services from Harbro Inc.  
At the old Staub's Restaurant**



HarBro Inc. Protection Services has relocated to Beallsville at the corner of Route 28 and Route 109 in what used to be Staub's Restaurant. With the grand opening in May, the new format will offer diversity in products and service as well as provide as a hub for community projects to benefit various civic organizations.

Gary Harney told the *Monocle* "This is a very exciting change for us and a great opportunity for the community. We think the location is perfect for a number of new products and services and we especially look forward to allowing non-profit organizations to use our large parking lot and field area for fundraising projects." A good example of the latter was on May 9, when Poolesville Relay for Life used the grounds for a Community Yard Sale to benefit RLF. Mr. Harney envisions other groups having car washes and other various projects that can help important non-profits benefit the area.

Joining them in the facility will be **Country Junction at Staub's**, which will have unique gifts, birdhouses, and other surprises for residents as well as tourists.

The entrepreneurs soon will be offering convenient items such as coffee, snacks, ice cream, and energy bars. They also look to expand in this area. "Our picnic table pavilion will be a great place for cyclists, tourists, and everyone to sit and enjoy a coffee or ice cream."

Of course, HarBro Inc. will continue to offer its **Pro-Tech Safe & Lock Services** which specializes in everything from making keys, replacing locks and deadbolts, window security, and other security needs including personal safety products.

Paul Harney will still operate **Window Film Solutions** for homes, businesses, and vehicles. The solar and decorative window film provides protection against exposure to UV radiation, reduces glare from the sun and headlights, and adds shatterproof resistance. Harney's other service, **High Impact Safety Films**, protects against natural disasters, (storm, high winds, etc.), vandalism, and smash and grab crime.

The Harneys welcome everyone to stop by for a cup of coffee or snack and check out the array of gifts available for the many special occasions throughout the year.



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## Youth Sports

# Coyote Spring Volleyball Teams Looking On the Bright Side

By Jeff Stuart

The Clarksburg Boys' and Coed Volleyball teams have nicknames on the backs of their jerseys. The coed squad opted for personal nicknames. The boys' squad opted for names referencing superheroes in general and the Power Rangers in particular (i.e. Batman, Red Ranger, Blue Ranger, etc.). Both squads enjoy playing. Both manage to have fun. Both teams made the playoffs. The boys ended up 10-2 and the coed team finished at 5-7. "First year we've both made playoffs—definitely improving," said coed Coach Terri Tippet. "We've won the most games ever of the volleyball program at Clarksburg this year, so we are very proud of that fact, as well as making playoffs. Very exciting year for us."

Tippet and boys' coach Dawn Dickinson have stressed basics for three years. In the third season of the school's existence, it is finally starting to pay off. The squads are definitely more competitive. That competitiveness was clearly on display in a coed/boys doubleheader against Magruder on Wednesday, April

15 at Clarksburg. The coed team played well in the opener, winning the first two matches before losing the final three. The first game of the match was the most competitive. Neither team could get much of a lead, but the Coyotes eventually prevailed. In the second game, Clarksburg fell behind by eight early but rallied to win. The match was characterized by some long volleys and some great bumps and digs. Game three was well played, but Magruder came from behind early to win. Game four was the only lopsided game of the set. Magruder won easily. In the tie breaker, Magruder got a small early lead and held on to win 15-13. A controversial "touch" call by the referee on an otherwise out ball with the score tied late factored in the outcome.

"Taylor Randall is...our setter," says Coach Tippet. "She has been working hard to improve her skills these past three years and continues to impress all of us. She will be a senior next year and is a natural leader." Another natural leader is Jon Vu who just started playing last year. "He's our kill leader," adds Tippet. Regarding the Magruder game, Tippet says, "I think the kids played really well at times during the game. We've definitely come a long way from our beginning three years ago." Other strong showings came from Khanita Suvarnasuddhi and Anna Williams, and Matt Setiawan hit very well. "Khanita (a tennis player in the fall) leads us in serving with ninety-eight percent accuracy and is a defensive specialist

for us." Many of the coed players also play on the girls' volleyball team: Cynthia Alfaro, senior Katherine Ziemke, Megan Ramos, Janetta Beckley, and Alexa Walker. Cody Raum is a swimmer, and Suvarnasudhii, plays tennis. Others making up the team are Moses Lahey and Connor McClune. "Moses is hitting the ball hard," says the coach. "Cody and Matt are blocking other teams' big hitters."

The coed team opened the season by defeating QO in five games and defeated B-CC in four on March 25. They swept Springbrook on April 2. Their two other losses came against Rockville on March 27 and Damascus on March 30.

The boys' team has been working hard as well. In the second half of the Magruder doubleheader, they came away with a decisive three-game sweep of the Colonels. They trailed only in the third game but had the confidence to come back and win. They played with enthusiasm and hustle. Kunal Arora played very well for the Coyotes. Derek Abbott had some key blocks, assisted by Eyoel Delessa. Other members of



2009 CHS Coed Volleyball Team



2009 CHS Boys' Volleyball Team

the team are Kevin Gu, Tai Chau, Bibu Jijo, Trong Trong, Phil Kem, Spencer McClune, Yong Yu, Jon Ko Yong, Cyril Jacob, Gerel Hall, and Sam Kim.

Blake High School leads Division III. Other division opponents are B-CC, Damascus (5-1), Magruder, Poolesville, Springbrook and Rockville.


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# Local News

## Maryland Delegation Presents Session End Report

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville Town Commissioners' meeting on May 18, 2009 began with a formal report of the town Board of Elections stating that Lori Gruber had won the recent special election for commissioner, and she was sworn into office.

Most of the meeting was dedicated to the District 15 state government representatives who were present to provide an end-of-session state legislative report. The delegation representatives are State Senator Rob Garagiola, Delegate Kathleen Dumais, Delegate Brian Feldman, and Delegate Craig Rice.

Mr. Feldman, chairman of the Montgomery County House Delegation, reported that in facing a \$1.9 billion deficit at the beginning of the session, the leg-

islature was able to "balance the budget by cutting \$850,000,000 in expenditures without raising tax rates or introducing new ones." According to Feldman, these cuts came from imposing two five-day pay furloughs on state workers, not allowing any COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment) increase, and other similar adjustments.

The primary resource to close the deficit came from the Federal Stimulus package. Since eighty percent of the state budget is for education, healthcare, and public safety, most of the stimulus dollars went toward education. He reported that since the package is offered in two-year installments, the real test will come in 2011 when the federal stimulus funding ends; especially if growth in the state economy has not turned around enough to replace the federal money.

For the Montgomery County delegation, the major challenge was to ward off two proposals which, if passed, would have hurt the county the most. One proposal floated was to shift the cost of the state Teacher Pension Fund from the state to the counties. Another proposal suggested was to

take funds from the "piggyback" tax to close the state deficit. (The piggyback tax refers to the .32% county tax calculated on an individual's state income tax which is used for local government.) Had these two proposals become law, it would have hit Montgomery County especially hard.

Kathleen Dumais reported that with 141 house of delegate members, 1600 bills were introduced in 90 days, and 800 were passed. As a member of the Judiciary Committee, she highlighted the passing of state legislation requiring all persons having a Maryland driver's license to be in compliance with the Federal ID Act. Maryland was one of only four states that did not require legal status to obtain a driver's

license. For those currently licensed drivers who do not have lawful status, they may renew their license up to the year 2015. Such licenses will be clearly noted and not allowed for use in boarding airplanes and other areas that may require lawful status of the person for enter.

Craig Rice, who is part of the Ways and Means committee, spoke about the state freezing state-college tuitions and passage of a bill he sponsored that would allow the deduction of the cost of college textbooks.

Senator Rob Garagiola, deputy majority leader of the State Senate and a member of the Finance Committee and chair

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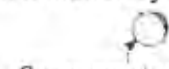


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of a Healthcare sub-committee spoke about the significance of committee work. He pointed out that once a bill is approved by a committee, a large percentage of such legislation will get passed by the legislators and that often it only requires six votes from the committee to get approval. "This results in enormous power in just a handful of legislators."

He was pleased to report his leadership and support from the Montgomery County delegation in getting a \$175,000 grant for the Poolesville town skateboard park.

In thanking the delegation for attending the meeting, Commission President Eddie Kuhlman complimented them for the their support in grants for the town hall and Parcel Lot 840 and acknowledging how helpful they have been working with the town on the town priorities.

In the town manager's report, Wade Yost reported a con-

cern with a gasoline holding vault on the property previously operated by the Getty Gas station. The gasoline holding tanks located underground are within a "vault" which is designed to hold spillage of gasoline should that occur. It came to the town's attention that rain water in the vault has reached a point that raises concern on leakage into the ground. Mr. Yost met with Maryland Department of the Environment officials on May 15 to investigate the vault. While no cracks were visible, MDE is in the process of contacting the owner (reportedly living in Colorado) and requiring them to drain the water to allow inspection and possible repair. As a precaution, the town is doing additional testing in wells #2 and #5 as well as a nearby private well to determine if there has been any impact on those water supplies. Results from that test are expected prior to the end of May.



*Senator Rob Garagiola (center) addresses a town audience on end-of-year legislative matters. With him are delegates Kathleen Dumais, Brian Feldman, and Craig Rice.*

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## Tidbits

### The Winner Catches 21.5-Inch Catfish

Congratulations to Austin Bennett for winning the 2009 Richard S. McKernon Youth Fishing Tournament at Collier Circle Pond. The Community Economic Development Committee also announced the other winners in the fun-filled competition: Ages 6, 8, 9 – Carter Hottinger (1st place) and Jared Brooks (2nd place); Ages 9 and 10 – Michael McDonald (1st place), Colin Jansson (2nd place) and Kevin Mikk (3rd place); Ages 11, 12 and 13 – Nicole Gruber (1st place), Hunter King (2nd place), and Steven Mikk (3rd place); Ages 14, 15 And 16 – Ryan Brooks (1st place), Tommy Lenz (2nd place). Congrats to all.

### PYSO Wows the Crowd in Second Concert

The Poolesville Youth Symphony Orchestra held its second annual spring concert at John Poole Middle School on May 7. Under the direction of conductor Robert Fogleman, the orchestra, ensembles, and solo performances presented a wide range of musical selection, from Schubert and Tchaikovsky to Gershwin and John Williams. Chairman of the PYSO Parent Advisory Board, Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz, welcomed the audience and prepared them for an exciting evening and Deborah Kettler, chairman of the Sandy Cameron Benefit Concert, spoke of the importance of supporting the

musical aspirations of our young people.

Sammeei Cameron is the artistic director of the PYSO, and a special highlight of the evening was the appearance and performance by violinist Sandy Cameron. The young musicians participating in the PYSO are: Violin - Mack Brenholtz, Essence Scott, Megan Souder, Dina Maita; Cello – Emma Stevens; Flute – Melinda Tsai; Clarinet – Gentrice Caruso-DiPaolo and Rebecca Delita; Bass Clarinet – Teddy Johnson; Alto Sax – Justin Lee; Trumpet – Sam Mowatt, Jacob Jesuitas, Adele Spinder, and Steven Couvillion; Trombone – Eric Lee; Baritone Horn – Dmitri Agnew; Percussion – André Agnew; and Piano – Dylan Tomares. Assisting the orchestra were Sandra Cameron and Dominique Agnew (violin); and Jeansun Lee (cello).

### Honorary Chairpersons for Poolesville RFL Chosen

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Poolesville has selected Nicholas Khalil, Donna Khalil, Danielle Nigh, Lynn Yaworski, and David Robinson to serve as honorary chairs for this year's Relay For Life of Poolesville. Two-year-old Nicholas Khalil was diagnosed in September 2008 with leukemia. Donna Khalil is his caregiver, Danielle Nigh is a brain tumor survivor of over five years, Lynn Yaworski is a breast cancer and ovarian cancer survivor, and David Robinson was a caregiver for his wife who passed away in 2006 from ovarian cancer. Cancer touches everyone in many ways.

Neither age, sex, nor race matter. Cancer can even touch your family through the pets you have. The honorary chairpersons were chosen for all these reasons. Some are currently struggling with cancer, some have conquered these horrible diseases, and some are the lifelines that keep all affected going through this challenging journey. This year the theme for the event is "Share your HOPE with the Colors of Cancer!" with each color represents a different type of cancer.

### 1st Annual Spring Jam Fest Moved Indoors

The anticipated Spring Jam Fest sponsored by the Poolesville Library Advisory Board struggled a bit this year due to weather conditions. First postponed due to heavy rain from its original May 2 scheduled date, the delayed date on May 9 still required a change of venue.

Through the gracious hospitality of Lynne and Dennis Stillson, the event moved to Cugini's, and although the grounds at Whalen Commons were damp, the spirit at Cugini's was not. The audience enjoyed the performances of Doug Bell, Drew Simms, Robbins and Geshen, Youngest Son, and the Poolesville Band Project. April Leese provided some great face painting as demonstrated by our front page picture.

### Season for Graduates

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Agnew of Boyds are proud to announce the graduations of their son, Eric Agnew (PHS class of 2005), and

their daughter, Alicia Agnew (PHS class of 2006), from Mount St. Mary's University on May 10, 2009. Both graduated from the Mount's honors program with Bachelor's of Science degrees in Biology. Alicia has been accepted into the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia and looks forward to beginning her veterinary studies in August.

### PACC Directory Time

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce is now in the process of updating the area phone directory. The accuracy of listings and advertising is of high priority. All businesses listed, civic organizations, and area residents must check their information in the previous directory and notify the PACC of necessary changes no later than June 5.

For those wanting to continue their advertising in the directory or wanting to be included in the new phone book, visit [www.poolesvillechamber.com](http://www.poolesvillechamber.com) to obtain the necessary forms and other information. Ads submitted to the PACC should be camera ready. The PACC is not responsible for inaccurate listings. Visit the Monocle blog at [monocacyonline.com](http://monocacyonline.com) for more pictures from Tidbits.



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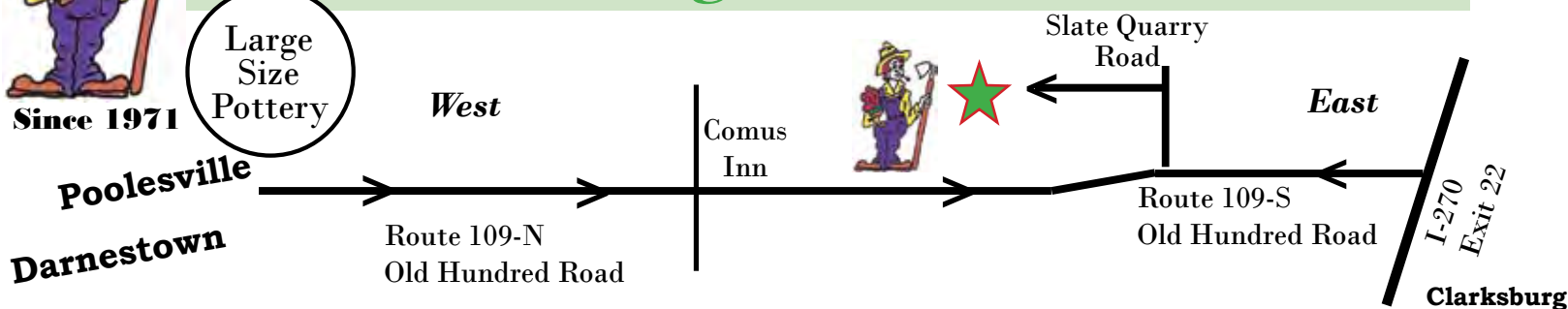
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