



It's basketball season, and you can read about the Clarksburg Coyotes on Page 9, and the Poolesville Falcons on Page 12.



Tristan Collier, pictured here with his mother, Denise, and event organizer Don Patti, was the Boys' Age 8 winner at the Knights of Columbus Basketball Shootout. Read all about it in Local News on Page 7.



There was plenty of action at the John Poole Middle School Science Fair. Read about it on Page xx, and see the pictures in the Family Album on Page 10.



Larry Froehlich, President of Kehilat Shalom, uses a traditional feather quill to write letters on the parchment of the synagogue's new Torah. Read all about it in Local News on Page 8.

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## Frederick Planning Board Delays Decision On Global Mission

By Kristen Milton

After more than ten hours of testimony over two weeks, the Frederick Board of Appeals ruled January 28 that a proposed church complex on Sugarloaf Mountain deserves another look. The board remanded the case of Global Mission Church back to the Frederick County Planning Commission, which rejected the plans in October citing concerns over water usage and emergency access.

"GMC plans to proceed with its site plan and is grateful to the Board of Appeals for its courage, wisdom, and appreciation of the unfairness to which GMC was subjected at the October Planning Commission hearing," Global Mission attorney David Severn said by email January 29.

## Clarksburg's Williamson Named Army Strong Wrestler

By Doug Fiedler

The U.S. Army Baltimore Recruiting Battalion recently named Chris Williamson, a senior at Clarksburg High School and member of the wrestling team, the US Army Strong Wrestler of the Week. This elite honor is bestowed upon the best of the best among high

"I think it was the right decision, and the commissioners have spoken that Global Mission Church deserves a second chance and we appreciate that," the church's project director Man Bae Kim said after the hearing. "We don't consider this a victory or anything...The system is working."

Opponents of the project are more concerned about the complex's septic system working.

Plans submitted by Global Mission, an English/Korean Southern Baptist congregation based in Silver Spring, included a 1,160-seat sanctuary as well as sixty-seven meeting rooms, a dining hall, and a gymnasium on acreage straddling the Montgomery/Frederick County line. Frederick planners initially expressed support for the project but later said the sewage needs would exceed the 4,999-gallons-per-day allowed under the county's water and sewer plan. Planners declined to amend the plan in 2008.

In remanding the case January 28, members of the appeals board questioned

school wrestlers in Maryland and qualifies Williamson for the prestigious Army Strong Wrestler of the Year award.

"We practice as a team really hard every single day. My coaches have instilled in me the need for hard work and I take it very seriously," said Williamson. "Winning the Army Strong award shows that someone out there is noticing your success, hard work, and determination."

Williamson aspires to continue wrestling in college but has not decided on a school yet. While deciding on a college,

whether the church had been given enough time to respond to the planning board's changing concerns. Representatives for the church have argued that water-conserving fixtures would reduce consumption by toilets and faucets and requested a continuance in October that was denied.

Caroline Taylor, executive director of Montgomery Countryside Alliance, said the board's decision to return the case to the planning board was not a surprise although she believes it was mistaken.

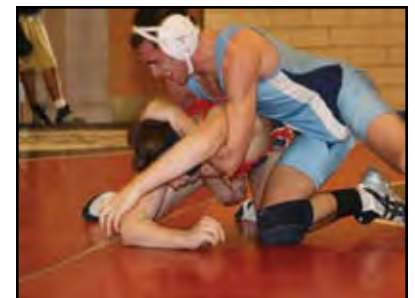
"It delays the inevitable," Taylor said. "Does Global Mission Church think there will be some arm twisting where someone will say, 'We were wrong, it's not so big after all?'"

Taylor worried that negotiations between the church and health department would be behind closed doors and not before the public, which has shown its concern for the case in letters and testimony over the last six months.

"We are going to work with the health department diligent-

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he is continuing his wrestling career, recently winning big matches against Poolesville and at the Tuscarora Tournament, where he was named most outstanding lightweight wrestler.



Chris Williamson

**Remembrance**  
**Laura Conlon**  
**Jamison: The**  
**Power of Yes**  
**– A Selfless**  
**Availability to**  
**Serve**

By Rande Davis

Mrs. Laura Conlon Jamison, the wife of the late Charles H. Jamison, died on January 24, 2010. Mrs. Jamison more recently was a resident at Buckingham's Choice Retirement Community in Adamstown.

Born on September 19, 1918 as the first child of four to the late Thomas A. and Laura G. Conlon, she enjoyed athletics and, as a young teen, excelled at running. Her musical abilities were encouraged at Theodore Roosevelt High School in Washington, D.C., where she graduated in 1936. After high school, she went on to graduate from Mary Washington College in Freder-



*Laura Conlon Jamison with her only great-grandchild, Monica Anne Griffin*

icksburg, Virginia.

Prior to her marriage in 1942, she was employed with the Montgomery County Board of Education as a secretary. She later resided in Dickerson, Maryland, and taught at Poolesville High School. In 1950, the Jamisons moved to their home farm in Poolesville, where they raised their six children and established Charles H. Jamison Real Estate. Mrs. Jamison was secretary/treasurer in their Poolesville business until her retirement in 2000 at the age of 82.

Being a strong proponent of the importance of education,

Laura, for many years, actively participated in and financially supported the Poolesville schools' PTAs, the PHS fine arts, and sports programs. She was a strong supporter of not only her parish at St. Mary's in Barnesville but also of Our Lady of the Presentation in Poolesville. Her community involvement also included leadership roles in the Upper Montgomery County Soroptomist International, and the St. Mary's Choir and Sodality. Laura generously supported the Poolesville community, the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department, and the Buckingham's Choice Retirement Community.

The family recalls that Laura's passion in life were her family, church, music, reading, and basketball. They also fondly recalled her love for buying cars and collecting coffee pots. As regards the former, her motto "choose quality over cost – in the long run, best is cheapest" was humorously remembered as one not necessarily shared by her husband, Charles. There was no

explanation for the coffee pots.

Along with her husband, she had shared a reputation for intriguing, poignant, and often humorous bits of philosophy cherished by her children. Daughter Laura Jamison Griffin shared a few in a remembrance to her mother: "If you can't get along with your own family, who can you get along with?" What family can't find value in that? Other sayings reflected her strong belief in education such as "reading is the window to the world" and another, "education doesn't stop just because you get a diploma."

Perhaps no other community organization was more important to her than her church. Laura was a strong supporter of both her home parish, St. Mary's in Barnesville and Our Lady of the Presentation in Poolesville. Father David Brault, founding priest for Our Lady of the Presentation, and Father Lawrence Frazier from St. Joseph's in Buckeystown both remembered her as "the yes

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## In the Garden Winter Reading, Winter Dreaming

By Maureen O'Connell

For gardeners, this is the season of garden catalogs. They used to start to arrive in a deluge about the first of February. Now, they compete with Christmas cards as they flood our mailboxes in mid-December. I don't like all these catalogs. Many of the ones that I receive never leave the post office; they go straight to the recycling bin that Barnesville postmistress Maureen strategically places near the counter. I can spend hours shopping garden catalogs. I study, I sift, I ponder, I select, I reject, and I do it all over again in my vain attempt to keep my plant wish list reasonable for the amount of space in my gardens and the strength and stamina of my aging body. During the winter, I can create fantastic Gardens of My Mind that I will never actually see, but they can be as rewarding as the actual successes of a good summer of prolific and healthy blooms. The cabin fever of the winter months can do that to you. I don't buy all of my plants from catalogs. I think it is important to support local nurserymen and garden centers. I resort to catalogs for rare or exotic specimens and new plants that are only available in selected catalogs.

Many plant catalogs advise to order early to avoid disappointment, if limited supplies are sold out. First they cajole, and then they use bait. Order before February 10 and get a \$25.00 discount or three extra roses. Now while I can dream in January of plants for the Gardens of My Mind, it is hard to actually fill in those little order blanks while it is sleeting outside, even if indoors there are twenty-five garden catalogs blooming. I have no knowledge at that time as to what rose will survive the winter. The dilemma is, if I wait until April or May, all the choice roses will be gone.

Garden catalogs have a personality of their own. For many of them, their advertising slogan could be "Bigger and Better," which could actually mean "Change for the sake of Change." In describing plants, superlatives are de rigueur. They are "remarkably super," "spectacular," "extravagantly tricolor," "jumbo," "the most brilliant white," and "dazzling." Madison Avenue has a good client in garden catalogs.

Is change always good? Why can't we leave what God created alone? Now, must we have zinnias that look like chrysanthemums, dahlias that look like cactuses, or something else that looks like a rose? Well excuse me, if you want a rose, buy a rose. I like chrysanthemums, but why make a zinnia look like one, you already have a perfectly good original. After having commented negatively about some trendy transmogri-

fications, I will admit that many changes are for the better—roses that bloom all summer and are resistant to black spot and powdery mildew, daylilies that stay open longer, lettuce with less tendency to bolt, and string beans with no strings. Plant hybridizers are responsible for all of these changes. Thomas Jefferson may or may not have liked all of our "onward and upward" trends in the garden, but everyone has a different definition of progress.

The year 2010 marks the sixtieth anniversary of my favorite garden catalog, White Flower Farm (WFF) in Litchfield, Connecticut. Since 1950, their basic pursuit has been the same: finding, testing, growing, and delivering the very best of ornamental and edible plants. Their long-standing mission statement was: "While gardening fashions, cultural practices, horticultural nomenclature, and even the climate have changed dramatically over these six decades, the fact remains that there is no substitute for good plants, well grown and shipped at the right time for planting, and accompanied by detailed information for their installation and care. That's what we do." (WFF 2010 catalog)

White Flower Farm has an interesting history. The nursery was founded in 1950 by William Harris and his wife Jane Grant. Her first marriage was to Harold Ross, and together they founded *The New Yorker* magazine. Both William and Jane worked in the New York publishing world, so they promoted

their new garden business under the name of their manager to make it more personal, but, as in many businesses, hired managers sometimes have short tenure, so Harris, an editor for Fortune magazine and a Wall Street investment banker, started writing the nursery's catalogs under the alias of Amos Pettingill. In the first several pages of the booklet, he would pen a lengthy letter to his customers about his plants and their care and about the daily life at his farm in Litchfield. Harris sold White Flower Farm in 1976 to Eliot Wadsworth, who built it into the nation's second largest mail order nursery with over 300 acres of production. To this day, Amos still writes his homey letter in the catalog.

The White Flower Farm catalog is more than a catalog; it is a garden how-to booklet that gives accurate advice regarding plant height, spread, light and food needs, and disease and pest resistance. What Amos says will happen to a plant usually does happen to it. It shows plants, shrubs, and trees in real life gardens, the gardens at the farm in Litchfield. For me, it is the most beautifully-illustrated catalog of all of those on the market. Happy sixtieth birthday White Flower Farm. May you continue to inspire and motivate gardeners for many more years.

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## Commentary

# My "I Had a Dream" Dream

By Rande Davis

While some people opine that town government news is a nightmare, I, on the other hand, dream of better days. One such dream was of a town meeting so compelling it would have been hard to keep the residents away.

State of the Town Report  
– January 19, 2010

Say what you will, you gotta hand it to Eddie Kuhlman for the neat touches he added to this year's state of the town report. The meeting got off to just the right tone when Wade Yost stood in the back proclaiming, as Eddie Kuhlman entered: "Ladies and gentlemen, the president of Poolesville" – and there he was, Eddie, with great fanfare and the twinkling lights of flashing bulbs, worked his way through the boisterous crowd, pausing to shake hands along the way. What a night. I couldn't help but notice how Conrad Potemra sat in an aisle seat just so he could be seen shaking Eddie's hand as he passed by.

I especially liked how Jim Brown and Lori Gruber sat side by side behind the podium to smile, applaud, stand, and sit after each department head spoke. This was nothing short of a stroke of genius. There were two downers though. First, every time Jerry Klobukowski found something to applaud, Link Hoewing sat grimly with his hands folded. Not to be outdone, whenever Link applauded, there was Jerry with both hands over his ears and humming loudly.

The other downer was the lack of transparency. I looked everywhere. Not a C-Span camera in the place.

Of course, that didn't matter so much because the members of Poolesville's fourth estate sat in their press box, diligently taking notes, wondering how many times in an hour one person could glance at the clock. Megan Tierney from the Gazette was there speedily writing things in shorthand just to make the rest of us feel like amateurs. Ray Hoewing of Poolesville Online, who still dutifully attends nearly every meeting, sat silently, observing carefully just in case he was pulled from the bullpen to set the record straight. Once again, Stan Janet and I were attending different meetings together. I perched in the front row and Stan Janet sat in his preferred spot close to the exit door (not sure why). Then I caught him angrily eyeing Klobukowski for using his hands to cover his ears thinking "how dare he steal my act." Then I realized I was wrong, heck, Stan wasn't even at the meeting at all.

Of course, I spent most of my time fumbling to find one pen out of ten that might work, wondering why I left the battery to my camera at home, and pretending to drop my tape recorder to the floor in a ruse to cover up my nodding off to sleep. I used to bring a coffee to help me, but my wife (I love her dearly) gave me a quota on the number of spilled cups in a day I am allowed, and I usually make that by 8:22 a.m.

Actually, this meeting was no sleeper. Like department heads reporting at the annual stock-brokers' meeting, each speaker

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## Commentary

# It's Lonely in The Middle

By John Clayton

I've been trying to understand the continuing and deepening gridlock of the U.S. Congress. It's not new, it's just continuing. The form changes, but not the result. The recent election of a Republican to a Massachusetts U.S. Senate seat, which has cost the Democrats their sixty-seat supermajority has really not changed anything, as far as gridlock goes. The sixty-seat situation was a curse – a cruel joke. Having access to sixty votes just meant you had sixty senators with the power of life and death over anything you wanted to accomplish. The only question was how many members were bold enough to use it.

Like most Americans, I consider myself middle-of-the-road

politically. The middle is where there is supposed to be consensus, where things are supposed to get done, and where problems are supposed to be solved. The country as a whole, as we all know, is a center-right country. Anyone who serves as president should have a sticky note on his or her bathroom mirror reminding him/her of this every day. The middle, however, is no fun, because you get it from both sides. Obama is a socialist to the crazy right and a sell-out Bush clone to the crazy left. Can this really be the same person? Sure it can, and he's surrounded by people on all sides who, if they can't get one-hundred percent of what they want, will simply prevent anything from being done at all. The record speaks for itself.

Our elected officials in Washington operate by what is called the scorched-earth policy, which means your opposition isn't going to meet you halfway and help you achieve any of your agenda,

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## Local News

# Clarksburg Town Center Developer Fined

By Kristen Milton

The developer of Clarksburg Town Center was fined \$22,000 this month for a plan submittal so riddled with errors, planning staff wondered if the blunders were deliberate.

"We really began to think there was some direction here not to submit a complete site plan," Rose Krasnow, chief of the Development Review Division, said January 14 of the October 12 plans submitted by Newland Communities; however, Newland's representatives said the company had every intention of moving forward with the long-delayed plans for a 270-acre development located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway and blamed the inaccuracies on multiple consultants working on a project that has generated hours of hearings and reams of documents.

"We certainly didn't mean to create controversy," said Newland vice president Douglas Delano. "We really want to see it done."

Corrected site plans were submitted in time for the January 14 status hearing, but commissioners voted unanimously to impose the fine. "I don't find the complexity argument very convincing," Chairman Royce Hanson noted. Site Plan Supervisor Robert Kronenberg said the October submittal had contained major deviations from conditions painstakingly reached over the last five years, including material changes like converting granite to concrete.

Work on the development largely stopped when area residents noticed that construction did not match approved plans. After hearings, court challenges, and policy changes, it was decided that the building violations would be addressed with a Plan of Compliance negotiated

through mediation in 2006 and committing Newland to various concessions and amenities.

Attorney Steve Kaufman said Newland had no reason to delay the site plans further. The plans are needed to complete sale agreements, "which would show some activity up there and provide some needed revenue," as well as to get financing or to market the retail core.

Krasnow said although there were minor issues to work out with the new submittals, signed plans could be in hand by the end of January. A key modification discussed January 14 was the necessity for an amendment allowing Newland to build six more than the approved number of townhouses.

Hanson hoped for smooth sailing for the project in the future. "I hope to see record plats in record time and see dirt flying in Town Center in record time because people have waited a long time to get this going," he said.

The Clarksburg Town Center community is planned to include a library site, recreation center, and retail options as well as residential development.

### Tower process to speed up

With eight cell tower applications on the way and a new federal law limiting the length of the approval process, planners worried January 14 about preserving the public's right to speak.

A recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) ruling specifies that no more than 150 days may elapse between an application for a new cell tower and its rejection or approval, Planning Board lawyer Carol Rubin told planners at their January 14 meeting. While there is still uncertainty over when the clock starts, Rubin said, "There's a fairly lengthy process in Montgomery County" that will need to be adjusted.

The county's current process begins with a need analysis by the Tower Committee, moves on to the planning board for a recommendation, and ends with the Board of Appeals, which issues a

special exception. There is some urgency to streamline the process, Rose Krasnow, chief of the Development Review Division, said January 14, since T-Mobile Communications declared its intent to submit eight applications for towers in coming weeks.

While Krasnow did not identify sites for the towers, in a phone interview, Caroline Taylor of Montgomery Countryside Alliance said preliminary discussions indicate many will be proposed for the Upcounty, with five located along rustic roads. Towers need to be limited in the Agricultural Reserve to prevent "death by a thousand cuts" of the area's rural character, Taylor said, declining to say more until the applications were officially submitted.

On January 14, Krasnow suggested confining the board's portion of the tower approval process to no more than ninety days and bringing only applications that dealt with forest conservation or park land before the commissioners. Otherwise, a

recommendation from planning staff sent to the Board of Appeals could suffice, she said.

"I suspect that the public will not be happy," Krasnow said, "but the fact of the matter is they will still have a chance to be heard at the Board of Appeals since that part cannot be skipped, and we don't have a choice here."

Chairman Royce Hanson was not opposed to the concept but said, "If we can squeeze the hearing in [do] because it is traditional and people expect it, and cell towers are often very controversial in a neighborhood." The Board of Appeals can be more forbidding for citizens, he said.

Krasnow will summarize all received applications for the board so a final determination can be made on the need for public input.

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## Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Davis:

I read with much interest your recent commentary "The Trials and Tribulations of My Trial and Tribulation" in the *Monocle* of January 22, 2010.

On behalf of the Montgomery County Circuit Court and as Jury Commissioner for Montgomery County, I want to thank you for your jury service. Each and every day, I and my staff greet and orient prospective jurors and attempt to relay your comments as to "strengthening faith in our deliberative judicial system."

Your service was a bit unusual as to experiencing the

court closing to be followed the next day with a bomb threat. As you witnessed with respect to the bomb threat, our Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, as well as Montgomery County Police, responded with professionalism and expediency to ensure the safety of all occupants in and around the courthouse.

Again, thank you for your jury service, and it is our hope that your "newfound sense of American pride" continues for a long period of time.

Sincerely,  
Maria G. Vogel

## Local News

### Town of Poolesville Government Report

By Rande Davis

At their February 1, 2010 meeting, the Commissioners of Poolesville voted to set a public hearing for proposed changes in the town charter, to accept a county revenue sharing proposal for funds from speed cameras, and to consider recommendations from the Ethics Committee, CEDC, and Planning Commission. They also voted unanimously to adopt the state language on a new forest conservation ordinance.

#### Public Hearing of Town Charter Changes Set for March 3

The commissioners have been going through hours of review of the Town Charter since adoption in 1982. In this first comprehensive review of the charter, the purpose was to modernize the language in describing how town business is conducted, to update the changes made in tax collection methods, to improve the verbiage on election processes, and to update the boards and committee section.

The commissioners were pre-

sented a red-line version showing which items were deleted and added to the new charter. This thirteen-page document is available at the town hall.

While most changes were mundane in nature, there were some that may be of public interest. The highlights of changes presented in the new charter are as follows:

#### Compensation for Commissioners

Compensation for commissions may now be allowed. Should the commission choose to establish compensation, it would only apply to commissioners elected or reelected after a compensation package is adopted. While this would allow compensation, it does not require it, and the current commission has voiced opinions opposing salaries for the foreseeable future.

#### Supervision of Town Employees

This formalizes the role of the town manager directly supervising town department heads and employees.

#### Recall of Elected Officials

This clarifies the requirements for the submission of a recall petition.

Board of Elections  
Changes the name from Board of Supervisors of Elections

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## Letter to the Editor

### Opening Remarks by Commission President Eddie Kuhlman State of the Town Report – January 19, 2010

The following statement was read by Eddie Kuhlman at the opening of the State of the Town meeting and is reproduced verbatim.

Welcome to the second annual State of the Town meeting. Tonight, we will hear from the town auditor, department heads, and the chairs of the Planning Commission, Parks Board, and Community Economic Development Committee. They will recap their work and projects of the past year and inform us of what they hope to accomplish this coming year, but before we begin, I have something I feel a need to finally say:

In past years, the commissioners have sat silent regarding accusations of violations of Maryland law, half truths, misleading rantings, and poor management. Well, I, for one, feel the time has come to speak out on these issues. First, The Bulletin alleges, "2009 was, for the town, an economic and financial disaster...the commissioners run out of money." This is totally false. As you will hear tonight from the auditor, Poolesville has several millions of dollars in the bank.

We are accused of refusing to release the town audit. This audit report is a public document and is available at Town Hall for anyone to pick up. Never once have we refused to provide this report to anyone as the Bulletin charges. Also, the auditor gave a verbal report last year at the State of the Town meeting. The Bulletin's allegations are false.

Another accusation, shifting of monies or misuse of monies. Yes, from time to time, budget amend-

ments are called for and such amendments follow a legal, prescribed, open, and transparent procedure. No one has a crystal ball to predict the future. At times, during the course of a budget cycle, things unforeseen come up, equipment breaks, etc. When this happens, it becomes an agenda item for a commissioners' meeting. The amendment is discussed publicly, comments from citizens are given consideration, and then the amendment goes to a vote. A budget amendment takes the yes vote of four commissioners. This is not willy-nilly shifting and definitely not misuse of town tax dollars. To be accused of misuse of town tax dollars is completely wrong and inappropriate.

As for the ramming through of Resolution 008-09 that will supposedly "enable the town to borrow tens of millions of dollars in future years, in secrecy, and can be carried out without informing the taxpayers until well after the fact," the resolution the Bulletin refers to was a State of Maryland mandate. By letter from the state, dated September 11, 2009, Poolesville was mandated to adopt an ordinance by October 1, 2009, defining our borrowing powers and procedures. We copied word for word what has been in the Town Charter since 1982 and submitted that to the state. No public hearing is required by law, and the resolution was openly discussed at a public commissioners' meeting, then adopted.

My colleagues and I strive to handle town business in a proper, open, legal, and transparent way. I invite any citizen to call me or visit town hall with questions, comments, or concerns regarding our town. As always, the commissioners and staff will be happy to have a conversation with you over concerns and provide answers to your questions.



## Local News

# Champion of Champions at K Of C Event

Over two dozen children and adults attended the Knights of Columbus Basketball Shootout at Poolesville Baptist Church to take their shots at the free throw line and to earn the 3-on-3 crowns being handed out by Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901.

In the Free Throw Championship, there were outstanding performances by Ally Marie Johnson, Tristan Collier, and Logan Bartolomeo, who all shot better than fifty percent en route to victories in their age brackets, each landing eight or more shots out of fifteen. Taylor Ramirez and Megan Roldan also turned in strong performances, sinking nearly fifty percent of their shots.

In the 3-on-3 tournament, teams vied for the inaugural event's title by playing round-robin games followed by a championship round. Led by Begonia Zapata, Taylor Ramirez, and Ally Marie Johnson, a team aptly named the Devils played close in all matches but fell just short of the top three. In third, the Hornets, led by Dylan Therriault, Mateo Zapata, and Mark Johnson hustled their way to a winning record, just missing the championship round.

Just ahead in second, the Old Timers team of David Therriault, Don Patti, and Tom McCartin

showed that an over-forty team can compete with the best, but in the end, it was the Light 'Em Up team led by Dru Corbeille, Steve Corbeille, and Megan Roldan (with Dmitri Agnew off the bench) that won the tournament with a perfect record.

"I was very happy to see so many competitors, not only for our Annual Free Throw Championship, but also for the first year of the 3-on-3 tournament," said event organizer Don Patti. "When I held this event a number of years back in another part of the state, 3-on-3 doubled in size almost every year, so this is a promising beginning."

Based on their performances in the Free Throw Championship, Madeleine Trainor, Dmitri Agnew, and Dru Corbeille will be moving on to the district competition being held on February 20. Winners at the district level will qualify for the Maryland state and international competitions in March.



*Team Light 'Em Up, 3-on-3 Champions. Pictured from left to right are: back row, event organizer, Don Patti, and Mrs. Agnew; front row, Dmitri Agnew, Megan Roldan, Dru Corbeille, and Steve Corbeille. Photo credit: Carlos Contreras.*

## Free Throw Championship

Boys Age 6: Thomas Roldan, first; Owen Trainor, second  
Boys Age 7: Tristan Collier, first; Matthew Contreras, second; Aidan Trainor, third  
Boys Age 8: Logan Bartolomeo, first  
Girls Age 8: Ally Marie Johnson, first; Taylor Ramirez, second; Megan Roldan, third  
Girls Age 9: Begonia Zapata, first  
Girls Age 10-12: Madeleine Trainor, first  
Boys Age 10-12: Dmitri Agnew, first

Boys Age 13-14: Dru Corbeille, first; Dylan Therriault, second

## 3-on-3 Tournament

First Team: Light 'Em Up (Dru Corbeille, Steve Corbeille, and Megan Roldan, Dmitri Agnew), 5-0  
Second Team: The Old Timers (David Therriault, Don Patti, and Tom McCartin), 3-2 (qualified for championship round on points, lost in championship round).  
Third Team: The Hornets (Dylan Therriault, Mateo Zapata, and Mark Johnson), 3-1

## Tidbits

### New happenings at the Comus Inn; First Recipe Contest: Poultry

The Comus Inn at Sugarloaf Mountain has announced its first-ever recipe contest. This contest is open to everyone and revolves around poultry, whether it be chicken, duck, Cornish hens, etc. Anyone interested in entering is asked to locate that recipe that's been challenging them for years or the one that they just can't bring themselves to tackle, their own creation, or maybe the one that they long to prepare to impress that Certain Someone!

The winning recipe will be chosen on February 17 by the restaurant's executive chef, Jose Molina, and the winner will spend Wednesday, February 24 in the kitchen with Chef Jose learning how to prepare his dish to perfection, along with tricks of the trade and chef secrets. When the restaurant opens for dinner on February 24, the winning dish (also named by the winner) will be featured on the dinner menu as the special through Sunday, February 28.

Email your recipes by February 10 to [info@thecomusinn.com](mailto:info@thecomusinn.com); only one submission per person. The winner will also receive two gift certificates for family or friends to join him on Wednesday, February 24 to enjoy this

very special dish.

This is just the beginning of things to come with cooking classes, secret dinners, wine and jazz, art shows, and much, much more.

### Thought You Would Never Ask

Actually, it's the other way around. Many people have asked why a couple from Richmond, Virginia would bring their entire wedding party to Poolesville at the historic bank building in town. (*Monocacy Monocle* – January 22, 2010.) None in the wedding party had ever been to Poolesville before the wedding date. Here is how it came about. The couple, knowing the groom was scheduled to return to Afghanistan, decided to move up the wedding date and get married before he deployed. Their original plan was to find an old one-room schoolhouse. In researching such locations on the web, they eventually got in contact with the Historic Medley District. When it was learned that such an event could not work out at the school, the idea of using the old bank (and old, old town hall) came up. They liked it, they did it, and just as importantly, they recommend it.

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# Local News

## Montgomery Village Synagogue Commissions New Torah

Kehilat Shalom Synagogue in Montgomery Village is embarking on a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity by commissioning the writing of its own brand new Sefer Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament painstakingly inked on parchment and attached to two wooden rollers. With the rich experience of facilitating scribe, Rabbi Menachem Youlus of the Jewish Bookstore in Silver Spring, and under the watchful eye of Kehilat Shalom's own Rabbi Mark Raphael, Kehilat Shalom celebrated the commencement of its Torah Program, "Mitzvah 613: Elevating our Spirit, Energizing our Congregation," on Sunday, January 24, 2010.

Writing a Sefer Torah, according to the great twelfth-century philosopher and rabbi, Maimonides, is one of the 613 commandments of the Jewish tradition. Mitzvot (mitzvahs) are the rituals, ethics, and spirituality by which a Jew feels God. In a letter to his Kehilat Shalom congregation and community, Rabbi Raphael explained, "The very last mitzvah in the Torah is to write a Torah scroll. By [writing and] endowing a letter, word, or sentence for yourself, your children, family members, and friends, it is as if you have written your own Torah scroll...Despite millennia of upheaval, not one of the Torah's 304,805 letters has [ever] been changed. The words we read in the synagogue today are the same [ones that we have read] throughout our long history." So the inking of these letters can connect us to

past "simchas," or happy events, and loved ones as well as helping to ensure the future of Torah in our community. Rabbi Raphael continued, "It is amazing to realize that you, your children, and your grandchildren will be reading from this [same] scroll for the next two hundred years or more."

Over the next nine months, for Kehilat Shalom, this will be what promises to be a remarkable, educational, and spiritual journey for its entire Upper Montgomery County community, as they write their very own Sefer Torah. Following the January kickoff, Rabbi Youlus will visit monthly providing educational programs and Torah-writing opportunities for congregants, families, and friends in the community. Rabbi Raphael also said in his letter, "Through these programs, we will have the opportunity to experience the holiness of our sacred scroll. Powerfully, in [Kehilat Shalom's] new Torah, thousands of letters will be outlined, but not filled in. We will be [allowing]...individuals and families to spend [time] with Rabbi Youlus to actually fill in [those] letter[s]."

The *Monocle* will report on future events marking important parts of this remarkable journey. If you would like more information about these future events or would like to attend, please call the synagogue office at 301-869-7699.



*The facilitating scribe, Rabbi Youlus, instructs Larry Froehlich, President of Kehilat Shalom, on writing on the parchment of the new Torah as his family looks on. Pictured are: Seated: Rabbi Menachem Youlus, Kehilat Shalom President, Larry Froehlich, Shelli Froehlich. Standing: Robin Froehlich, Justin Binder, Jaime and Jason Froehlich*

### "My 'I Had a Dream' Dream" Continued from Page 4.

presented his or her achievements of the year and spoke of his goals and needs for the coming year. The town personnel, both paid and unpaid volunteers, kept the crowd in an awesome state of appreciation as each presented her under-reported level of personal pride in her work. When it was over, I worked my way to the lobby for a few interviews with area pundits, and I hit my knee on a chair

which woke me up. (The real *Monocle* report on the State of the Town may still be read at [www.monocleonline.com](http://www.monocleonline.com).)

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## Youth Sports

### Hard Work Pays Dividends for Clarksburg Boys' Basketball

By Jeff Stuart

It is a sign of the maturity of the four-year-old Clarksburg Boys' Basketball program (6-5). Head Coach Cliff Elgin is seeing more of the type of games he likes to coach. The January 13 win over visiting Seneca Valley (3-8) was just such a game. The Coyotes led by nine,



35-26, at the half but led by only a point after three periods. Detric Hodge opened the fourth with a layup. The back-and-forth play was even until the two-minute mark. With his team leading by three, Elgin called the first of several timeouts. The overall strategy was to hold the ball for an easy shot or to make the Eagles foul and take his chances at the free throw line—and set up his defense on inbound plays.

Chris Viqueira was fouled with fifty-one seconds left. He made the first, but he fouled Seneca's Chris Williams on the rebound of the missed second shot. At the other end, Williams missed the free throw and fouled Clarksburg's Domonique Boone on the rebound. With thirty-one seconds left, Boone missed the first and made the second. That gave Clarksburg a 62-58 lead. That would be the final score because Sam Collins grabbed a big rebound off of a Seneca Valley shot with fourteen seconds left, and the Coyotes ran out the clock. Viqueira was a key factor for the Coyotes on the night, moving the ball around and hitting five three pointers. Chris led all scorers with twenty-

four points. Boone had twelve. On this night, the Coyotes got key rebounds, passed well, and made big shots, both from the field and the free throw line.

"We start three seniors, Collins and Boone, and two juniors, Viqueira and Barron White," says Elgin. "Collins and guard David Yancey are our captains. David has been one of the best captains I've seen in a long time. He has a tremendous amount of respect from his fellow players and is a young man I really admire. Sam Collins,

Ace Clark, and Andrew Mulinge have all been in the program for four years. These three guys have definitely left a mark and contributed to establishing this program with hard work and a never-say-die attitude." They are the first four-year seniors in the school's history. The highlight of the year for the coach was the win at Magruder on December 8. A steal and bucket in the final seconds allowed the Coyotes to edge

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Girls Age 9 winner Ally Marie Johnson pictured with her Father, Mark and event organizer Don Patti at the Knights of Columbus Basketball Shootout.

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**Clarksburg to Have its Own Relay for Life**

The Clarksburg Student Government is planning its first-ever Relay for Life to benefit the American Cancer Society for the Clarksburg Community on May 22. They held their first informational/recruiting meeting on December 29 and are now looking for those interested in participating, serving as a team captain, and/or helping with the planning process. Email [chsrelayforlife@gmail.com](mailto:chsrelayforlife@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.relayforlife.org/clarksburg](http://www.relayforlife.org/clarksburg) for more information.

**Historic Medley Annual Meeting**

On January 24, the Historic Medley District held its annual meeting at the Poolesville Museum. President Steven Goldberg was pleased with the successes of the Medley's ongoing projects, especially the Seneca Schoolhouse. During the past year, many schools held field trips to the site. The local television media covered several of these outings with excellent reviews. The HMD would like

to see an increase in the Medley's membership for the new year to help with continuing existing projects and to expand into new ones. Anyone interested in joining this group dedicated to preserving the heritage of Western Montgomery County should visit its website ([www.senecaschoolhouse.com](http://www.senecaschoolhouse.com)) or call 301-972-8588.

**LTC Sean Davis Home from Iraq**

U. S. Army Lieutenant Colonel Sean P. Davis, Poolesville High School graduate of 1989, has returned home from his year of service in Iraq. He serves with the 1st Calvary Division. This was Lieut. Col. Davis's fifth tour of duty in the Afghanistan/Iraq theater. Prior to leaving Iraq, he was awarded a Bronze Star. His wife, Camille, and kids, Alexandra, 10, and Joshua, 6, reside at Ft. Worth, Texas. The parents of the couple, Rande and Laura Davis, and Gary and Janet Hartz, would like to express their appreciation for the support and prayers offered for Sean and his family by area residents throughout his deployment.

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they are going to work to defeat your agenda so that they can defeat you in the next election. Solving problems for the good of the country is way down on the to-do list. It really doesn't matter anymore who is to blame for this or who started it. Both sides can recite numerous offenses against their virtue, chapter and verse, and in the end, we would be right back here and no better off for any of it.

The recent election in Massachusetts is hopefully a step towards the middle and some sort of compromise that actually solves some problems. Both parties have now each received a healthy shot of the same message. The Republicans were punished for their incompetence in the last election, but in case no one noticed, the approval ratings of the Democratic congress were low then and have stayed low, even going down some. Now, in a

series of increasingly dramatic and supposedly shocking elections, the Democrats are paying for their performance. To say it another way, any Republican that thinks Massachusetts was a ringing endorsement of the Republican Party is as deluded as any Democrat who thought that all those independents who voted their way in the last election had magically become liberal Democrats. The country hates all of you—and for pretty much the same reasons. There, now you have something in common. Can you build on that and actually work together? Probably not, but there's always hope.

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# Youth Sports

## Band of Brothers

By Jeff Stuart

Before facing Springbrook in a Holiday Tournament at Springbrook on December 28, Poolesville senior guards Kevin Baker and David Schramm talked about this season and their careers. "I've been with a lot of these guys since my early elementary school years. Our eighth grade team went undefeated the



The Poolesville Falcons huddle up.

whole season, and we won the championship and everything. That was a very fun moment. It's been awesome to be with all these guys for this long. They are almost like brothers," said Baker. "Offensively, we are a lot better than last year. We've got a lot of guys that can put the ball in the hoop. We are trying to run a little bit more this year, but we are still trying to be smart. Last year we slowed it down. We were very deliberate. We are looking for fast-break opportunities off the dribble this year because of the personnel on the team, but really it is the same offense."

"I have played with Baker and McFall since third grade," said Schramm. Noting that Springbrook was bringing a forty-game winning streak into the upcoming game, David said, "We have a tough schedule, so we will pick it up as the season goes on. We have a lot of experience coming back. We have five seniors and a bunch of juniors on the team." His favorite PHS Basketball memory? "I had a buzzer beater against B-CC in a

Christmas tournament at Quince Orchard in 2007. I actually air balled the shot, but one of our seniors at the time, Matt Robillard, caught the ball in the air and threw it back up." Poolesville won the game, 44-43, and the tournament, having defeated QO in the opening round. It says a lot about David's unselfishness that he only scored two points in that game, but still counts it as his favorite moment. David has had a number of twenty-point games and has been a regular contributor since that air ball. Both Schramm and Baker are considering college options. "I have been accepted at Florida State down there in Tallahassee," said Schramm. "That's my number one choice, so I will probably go there."

"Some schools are obviously looking at me," said Kevin, "but nothing definite yet. I am still in the decision-making process."

Head Coach Tom Lang also talked about this season before the game. "We are trying to put our best foot forward every

game," he said. "This is a tough tournament." The participants in the opening game, which was underway, were Thomas Stone, which had lost to host Springbrook in last season's 4A State final, and St. Stephen's-St. Agnes. Have any results in the early season surprised Lang? "Not really. We started the season with a good win against Magruder. We rallied from thirteen down against Blake to tie the game in the fourth quarter, and they are definitely one of the best teams in Montgomery County. We had a good win against Walter Johnson." Is this the best team Lang has had in his four years at Poolesville? "No, no, I can't say that. Last year's team worked hard. They went 17-1 after starting out 2-4. We lost to Brunswick in the region semifinal. We will see about this year. Each team is a little different. We're trying to find an identity. We might work on something one game. It might look a little different the next one. It is early in the season. We are trying to find out what works for us."

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lady— a person they admired for her selfless ability to serve." As further testament to her, Father Vincent Rigdon of Our Lady and Deacon David Cahoon of St. Mary's assisted in the celebration of her funeral mass, and Father George Reid also came to pay his last respects and appreciation for her life.

Daughter Laura recalled fondly her mother's singing ability as a high soprano in St. Mary's choir and fondly recalled days of listening to her and her sisters harmonize at family gatherings. At this time of loss, she asked the family to find strength in the advice her mother always gave them during times of difficulty, words to remember and to live by as Laura Jamison was laid to her rest: "We go forward from here."

She is survived by her six children: Charles "Jamie" (Kathryn), Laura (Patrick), William (Pamela), Aimee, Robert (Susan), Franklin (Octavia), twelve grandsons, four granddaughters, one great-granddaughter, and numerous nieces and nephews.

The Jamison Family extended their thanks to the Buckingham's Choice staff for their dedicated care and support during the past ten years while recommending that those wishing to might make a

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# School News

## 2010 JPMS Science Fair Results

### Science Expo winners:

#### Seventh Grade Physics

First: Suzanne Creedon; Second: Ryan Olsen and Steven Johnson; Third: Nic Fisher

#### Honorable Mention: Ryan

Shorts, Jake Clements  
Seventh Grade Chemistry  
First: Max Dahlen and Matt Psaltakis; Second: Kathleen Eader; Third: Megan Fedders  
Honorable Mention: Mateo Zapata,

#### Eighth Grade Physics

First: Brian Habib; Second: Justin Lee and Tony Ventura; Third: David Jorge

#### Honorable Mention: Kelsey

Wilson, Jesse Stevens

#### Eighth Grade Chemistry

First: Christopher Thompson; Second: Lura Auel and Sarah Onderko; Third: Josh Swerdlow and Joey Ingler

#### Honorable Mention: Parker

Anthony, Johnny Fetchko, Eulalio Carranza, Danté Caballero

**Winners from the following combined (grades seven and eight) categories are:**

### Environmental/Earth/Space

First: Thayer Seely; Second: Annie Gillespie and Lacey Williams; Third: Whitney Carmack

**Honorable Mention:** Sarah Kenneweg, Chris Novel, William Durr, Ian Kenton, Olivia Jackson, and Kaitlin Aaby

### Botany

First: Dylan Blanc; Second: Jaime Eeg and Sarah Poole; Third: Morgan Brashear

**Honorable Mention:** Christina Christou and Carly Stoliker; Danielle Melton

### Biology/ Human Health and Psychology

First: Megan Lockett; Second: Rosie Barry and Marie Jankowski; Third: Jen Grimes

**Honorable Mention:** William Stamm; Madeline Poss and Julia Potts; Rebekah Chittenden and Courtney Holston; Vincent Guanciale and Mitchell Poe; Anne Murgia; Denise Larson

### Consumer Science

First: Sophia Coates; Second: Haley Johnson and Morgan Sartschev; Third: Danny Martinez and Chris Convers

**Honorable Mention:** Matt Schramm and Zach Khalil; Haley Wilson; Katie Dahlin; Kayla Carey; Mason Dominici  
Best of Show: Thayer Seely

### "CHS Boys' Basketball" Continued From Page 9.

the Colonels, 57-56. "We need to get better defensively," says Elgin, but the defense was solid that night. The Coyotes outscored the Colonels (0-2), 17-12, in the final quarter. Barron White and Domonique had a team-high fourteen points apiece.

The boys opened their season by defeating Blair, 45-34, away on December 4. Ace Clark led all scorers with twelve points. Boone had nine. Clarksburg shot eighty-two percent from the free throw line. It was the Coyotes' first opening-night victory ever.

So Clarksburg took a 2-0 record into its home opener against Rockville on December 11. They posted their first-ever home opening win as well, besting the Rams, 57-54. Boone led all scorers with eighteen points. Viqueira had sixteen. Following their first loss of the season, at Gaithersburg, 63-51, the Coyotes won two more. They scored their highest point total of

the season in a 69-65 win over Kennedy at home. Boone had nineteen. The boys followed that with a 49-33, away victory at Boys' Latin over the holiday break. After the break, there were losses at Poolesville to a dominant Falcons team (Sam Collins led the Coyotes with eleven) and to Quince Orchard at home and Watkins Mill, away.

Last season ended for the Coyotes with a determined upset bid in the playoffs. Clarksburg, the eleventh seed, fell at Middletown, the sixth seed, 47-44. A Detric Hodge's three-pointer and a Sam Collins's free throw pulled Clarksburg to within reach at 45-42, but the Knights hit two free throws with ten seconds remaining. Hodge's floater with less than three seconds remaining wasn't enough. "They kind of dug down deep and did a real nice job battling back," said Elgin. That experience and the effort and determination carried over to this year.

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## Things to Do

Simple, Decent, Affordable Homes in Clarksburg  
 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County (HFH-MC) will have application information sessions for homeownership opportunities in the Clarksburg area of Montgomery County. Each information session will include a pre-screening session. Only applicants who meet preliminary qualifications will be admitted into the information session. The information session will provide interested applicants with detailed information about HFH-MC, the application process, and criteria. Attendance at an information session is mandatory to receive an application and attendees must register in advance.

Requirements for Habitat homeownership include: a demonstrated housing need, ability to pay a monthly mortgage, legal permanent U.S. residency, lived or worked in Montgomery County for the past year, a willingness to partner with Habitat throughout the homeownership process.

Upcoming information sessions are on the following days: Thursday, February 18, Saturday, February 20, Wednesday, March 3, and Saturday, March 6.

February 6  
 Commissioners' Budget Work Session

Town Hall  
 9:30 a.m.

February 7  
 Super Bowl  
 Cugini's and Bassett's  
 Open throughout game  
 Kickoff is 6:30 p.m.

February 9  
 CEDC Meeting  
 Town Hall  
 7:30 p.m.

February 10  
 Planning Commission Meeting  
 Town Hall  
 7:30 p.m.

February 11  
 PACC 2010 Annual Dinner Meeting  
 Cocktails: 6:30 p.m. (Cash Bar)  
 Dinner: 7:30 p.m.  
 Cost \$40.00 per person, \$70.00 per couple  
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 Please bring your business cards  
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February 12 to 15  
 The Great Backyard Bird Count  
 Here's a chance to take a break from the winter blues simply by looking out your window. Join the thirteenth annual Great Backyard Bird Count. It may not be spring, but it is still a great season for a relaxing time to enjoy nature while also being part of a very important study. The Great Backyard Bird Count will help better

define Upcounty bird populations, migration pathways, ranges, and habitat needs. You can join in the fun as an individual or as a class, family, or group by counting the birds at your bird feeder or other locations. Those tallies are then reported online through the BirdSource website at [www.birdsource.org/gbbc](http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc).

The BirdSource website is a revolutionary partnership between citizens and scientists. It gives participants almost instantaneous feedback through graphics, animated maps, and other regularly-updated information. Wild Birds Unlimited in Germantown is a major sponsor of this joint project which brings people and nature together. For more information, call 301-540-3300 or stop by their location at Kingsview Village Shopping Center at 18311 Leaman Farm Road.

February 14  
 Valentine's Day  
 Daytona 500 Party  
 Bassett's Restaurant  
 1:00 p.m.

February 16  
 Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting  
 Town Hall  
 7:30 p.m.

Mardi Gras Party  
 Bassett's Restaurant  
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February 18  
 Poolesville Library  
 Twos Storytime  
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 10:30 a.m.

February 19  
 Poolesville Relay for Life  
 Movie Night  
 Poolesville Elementary School  
 7:00 p.m.

February 20  
 Cugini's Entertainment Night  
 Winter Moon: Local High School Band  
 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
 Matt Fitzwater : Singer/Songwriter  
 9:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  
 Mike Campbell: Singer/Songwriter  
 10:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

February 22  
 The community focus committee, Poolesville Pride, is hosting an internet safety meeting for all families. The evening's agenda is keeping our children safe on cell phones and the internet with

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# Mystery History

## Amen to this Defense of the President

By Rande Davis

The world of the media is abuzz with many commentaries at the end of the president's first year in office. We don't like to boast (most of the time), but just in case you missed the commentary in that infamous local community newspaper whose initials just happen to be MM, I thought we would repeat, in an abbreviated version, some of the more insightful comments made therein:

*Observations on the President's First Year in Office*

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*the freedom of the world while at the same time working to restore peace.*

*We must not talk to the right people or live in the right communities, because we do not find people talking as those prophets of gloom. From what people tell us, we believe that the national news media and TV are working hard to create what they describe as a presidential credibility gap. We think the President is doing extremely well under the most difficult circumstances and after inheriting from the past two administrations as difficult a general domestic and world picture as could have been put together.*

*We are unable to understand this myriad of national reporters and commentators who so regularly misrepresent the news and so consistently over-emphasize the positions of the agitators.*

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*"Things to Do" Continued From Page 15.*

information on how to deal with cyber-bullying. The meeting will be held at Poolesville Town Hall at 7:30 p.m., and the featured guest speaker will be George Simms, Assistant State's Attorney, from the Maryland State's Attorney's Office. This meeting is designed for parents and adult community members. Some of the information shared may be graphic and is not intended for elementary-age kids.

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*"PHS Boys' Basketball" Continued From Page 12.*

The boys have definitely grown as a team, improving from eight to sixteen to eighteen victories over the past three seasons. Baker and senior forward Brendan McFall have become Poolesville's Go-To guys. "We have other guys who can score," said Lang. "We will try to run a little bit more and score a bit more, but helter skelter is not our style." Has anyone stepped up and made an impression on him this year? "I've got two seniors: Kyle Bredice and Kevin Cabrejas. I've got three juniors: Zack Zapata, Dylan Wohnhas, and Derek Miller. They are filling some roles that were opened up by the graduation of Dane Hanscom and Chris Soper. They are giving us good minutes. So far they have done a pretty good job."

In the game against Springbrook, PHS trailed only 8-7 after a quarter, but the Blue Devils did some damage in the second quarter. An acrobatic block of a Kevin Baker shot by Senior Samni Ogunjobi (6-6) seemed to energize the home crowd, but

Poolesville rallied from twelve down to come within a point in the final moments. The rally fell short. Springbrook won, 46-42. Baker led all scorers with sixteen points. Wohnhas had nine. The Falcons lost to St. Stephen's in the consolation game.

But Poolesville opened 2010 with a convincing win at home over Clarksburg, 62-34. The improving Coyotes were 5-1 at the time, and PHS won five of their next six to bring their record to 8-5.

"Poolesville is a very good team with a very good coach and very good players," says the former B-CC Head Coach, Steve Thompson. If they can keep the injuries away, they will have a great season and nice run into the playoffs this year." Thompson might remember David Schramm's 2007 air ball.

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## Remembrance

### Paul Kelley, Businessman And Public Servant, Dies

Paul Kelley of Boyds passed away after eighty years of serving the community as a businessman and as a public servant. Born on March 3, 1930 in Washington, D.C., he was the son of the late Thomas C. and Catherine M. Kelley. Paul served his nation during the Korean War while in the air force and then came home to serve his community. He was

a member of the Monocacy Lions Club for forty-seven years and one of its past King Lions (president). As a veteran, he was also a proud member of the American Legion Post 105. Many will remember Paul as the co-owner of Anderson-Kelley Auto Parts in Boyds.

Family members surviving him are: Justin H. Kelley and wife Kathleen, Christopher M. Kelley and wife Dawn, Kurt A. Kelley, Katie E. Soeder and husband Gregg; one sister, Elizabeth L. Kelley, seven grandchildren,

and one great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lions Club Eye Bank.



Paul Kelley

### "Planning Board MegaChurch" Continued From Page 1.

ly and make sure that the health department is satisfied," Kim said. "We have a lot of work to do."

Kim said, depending on the guidance given, everything from the size of the complex to other changes are possible.

There may be other challenges to the proposal ahead.

Severn said some opponents to the site plan have said the Frederick County Attorneys' Office would appeal the remand. "Whether the county has that legal option or intention to appeal is unknown to us at this time," he said.

Besides the potential impact on area water supplies, citizen complaints about the plans have focused on the effect an eighty-five-foot structure would have on the scenic mountain and traffic on Old One Hundred Road (Route 109) in Montgomery County, initially proposed as the sole access to the property.

"We'll see where it goes," Taylor said. "Our concerns remain the same."

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# Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

## Current Crimes

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Drug complaint: 20600 block of West Hunter Road.

## Past Crimes

February 8, 1945 A resolution that would change the workings of the Juvenile Court was proposed. Under the new law, no juvenile would be arrested. Juveniles would be declared homeless, without supervision, delinquent, or feeble minded.

February 8, 1953 Four people were killed at the Summit Avenue grade crossing in Gaithersburg when their car was struck by a B&O express train. The

occupants had all left a nearby tavern shortly before the wreck. A watchman who normally protected the crossing had gone off duty a few hours before.

February 11, 1936 Four men were sentenced to terms in the House of Corrections for stealing chickens that belonged to the police commissioner. Judge Howard Smith sentenced one of the four to only sixty days because "he told the truth."

February 11, 1950 A twenty-three-year-old woman suffered serious injuries when her automobile sideswiped six guard posts and then crashed into a bridge abutment. Peggy Lew Davis had been driving on Esworthy Road near Travilah when the accident occurred.

February 14, 1945 Frederick police called off their search for a fifty-two-year-old Doubs man who had apparently jumped off the Point of Rocks bridge into the Potomac River. He had been missing since January, and his coat and gloves had been found on the bridge.

## "Town Government" Continued From Page 6.

to Board of Elections. Assigns duties to the Town Attorney previously held by commissioners in providing to candidates information of election law. It also establishes that any town resident who is registered to vote in the county is also registered as a town voter.

### Town Manager

This new section establishes the town commissioners' overall supervision of the town manager while giving the president of the commission immediate supervisory responsibility for overseeing the town manager's work.

### Powers of Commissioners

Removes outdated or unnecessary duties and verbiage. For example, removing commissioners' power to establish a town band or regulate dogs—the former as unnecessary and the latter falling under the county laws. It also removed reference to industrial zones as the town does not have any industrial zones.

### Preparation of budget, taxes, and guidelines for referendum

Current town regulations require a 120-day delay in approving a final town budget to allow for a referendum by residents should proposed tax-rate changes result in an increase of town revenue of seven percent or more. Under past regulations, town budgets often had to be finalized before county and state revenue-sharing information was reported. The new language will permit the commissioners to waive the 120-day delay by voting in advance that the tax rate changes will not exceed the seven percent guidelines. This change in regulation will allow the commissioners more time to await more accurate figures from the county and state prior to finalizing a budget

### Powers of Commissioners as to water and sewage systems

Removes some powers of the commissioners to allow private wells or septic systems. It also no longer allows polluted wells to be used for non-drinking purposes

such as watering lawns, washing cars, etc.

### Sales Tax and Tax Collection

The county performs all sales tax and tax collection; therefore, previous regulations on the role of the town clerk on such matters have been deleted. It also removes the town option to mandate jail time for those convicted of failure to pay fines or taxes. The town does not have a jail and debtor prisons are no longer in vogue.

### Boards and Committees

Removes the option to pay members of the Planning Commission or Board of Appeals, changes some powers reserved to the President of the Commission and extends them to the commission as an executive body. Changes the name of the Board of Zoning Appeals to Board of Appeals. It also establishes regulations for the Community and Economic Development Committee.

### Other Town Matters

A recommendation presented by the Ethics Committee to automate the financial disclosure statements was tabled as the \$7,400.00 bid was considered too high for the thirteen town residents required to fill out the disclosure form. The commissioners requested that further options be explored to determine if the proposed costs could be reduced. Of more concern was the Ethics Committee report that five of the thirteen volunteers failed to meet the January 31, 2010 requirement to submit an updated disclosure form. Possible removal from office of the volunteers may result.

The county has initiated a speed camera revenue-sharing proposal to give the town fifty percent of net revenue from sums raised through speeding tickets. The amount, by state law, cannot exceed ten percent of the current town annual revenue. The commissioners voted to accept the proposal.

A recommendation to broaden Wootton Avenue near the new skateboard park was rejected.

## VARSITY SPORTS HOME GAMES

Date	Sport	POOLESVILLE	Time
2/5	Basketball - Boys	Seneca Valley	5:15 p.m.
2/5	Basketball - Girls	Seneca Valley	7:00 p.m.
2/12	Basketball - Girls	Northwood	7:00 p.m.
2/16	Basketball - Boys	Richard Montgomery	7:00 p.m.
2/19	Basketball - Boys	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	7:00 p.m.
2/23	Basketball - Boys	Hedgesville (WV)	7:00 p.m.
<b>CLARKSBURG</b>			
2/5	Basketball - Boys	Damascus	5:15 p.m.
2/5	Basketball - Girls	Damascus	7:00 p.m.
2/9	Basketball - Boys	Northwood	7:00 p.m.
2/12	Basketball - Girls	Einstein	7:00 p.m.
2/19	Basketball - Boys	Walter Johnson	7:00 p.m.





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