

Charles Doherty, after thirty-nine years, leaves one final lesson on the chalkboard at Poolesville High School. Read about him on Page 14.



The Poolesville Relay for Life was held recently. More pictures are on Page 10. (Photograph by Hilary Schwab Photography)



The Class of 2010, Monocacy Elementary School, was ready for summer. More spring pictures are in the Family Album on Page 2.



Green leaves are good—brown leaves, not so good. For a deeper understanding, please turn to the Garden on Page 3.

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Leggett Reviews Budgetary Concerns at Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

In his opening remarks during his first visit to a Poolesville commissioners' meeting, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett reviewed the county budgetary challenges of the past three and half years and discussed those of the future. He also answered questions from the commissioners and attendees.

Leggett stated that fiscal concerns have been his priority since his taking the helm in 2007 and pointed out a budget he inherited which had a 14.1 percent growth in spending as compared to his most current budget projection of a six percent reduction in spending. He noted that eighty-three percent of that change came from spending reductions while seventeen percent was a result of increased revenue. Through various measures, the Leggett administration has reduced the county labor force by 1100 employees, about ten percent.

He also said that the current five to six percent of the budget held in reserve is targeted to increase to ten percent in the coming years at a .5 percent increase in reserves each year. County income tax revenue, which was projected to be reduced by 12.5 percent, actually came in at nearly seventy percent below projections, was one cause for the twenty to twenty-five percent reduction in revenue to municipalities even though the county had projected a reduction of only five percent.

While the degree of reductions to Poolesville is not anticipated to be as high as it has in the recent past, he stated the further cuts are becoming even more difficult since many options have already been exhausted.

Mr. Leggett discussed the new Montgomery County 311 Call Center designed to facilitate communication between county personnel and residents. The service is a non-emergency operator-handled system that helps callers connect with the correct county departments and services sought.



Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett attended the June 21 Poolesville Town Commissioners' meeting.

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Fox Morning Show Coming To Poolesville

By Rande Davis

The WTTG Fox 5 Morning News is taking the show on the road and coming to Poolesville on July 23. In a special summertime broadcast feature, Hometown Fridays, the program will explore various communities in its viewing region and encourages viewers to visit those locations. This summer, Hometown Fridays will go to Leesburg (July 2), Leonardtown (July 9), Fredericksburg, Virginia (July 16), and Greenbelt (July 30).

Coming to Poolesville from



The WTTG Fox 5 Morning News team will broadcast from Poolesville on July 23.

the popular morning show are Tony Perkins and Allison Seymour (both natives of the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area), Steve Chenevey, Holly Morris, and Gurvir Dhindsa.

The morning team will broadcast locally from 6:00 a.m. right up to 10:00 a.m. with plans calling for up to ten segments devoted to life in Poolesville. While the broadcast is still in the early stages of development with final story lines and sites to be determined later, they are expected to broadcast from Whalen Commons in front of the town hall and in various other locations around town. Sites under consideration at this time are the Dr. Dillingham Park with the skateboard park which is scheduled to open July 10, the Historic Medley District Inc.'s John Poole General Store, and the Old Town Hall Bank Museum.

Fox welcomes the entire town to stop by during its broadcast at Whalen Com-

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Family Album



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Center Stage Getting the Party Started

By Dominique Agnew

Are you looking for angst? Do you want someone to wallow in your tears with you? Maybe you're angry and need to rage against the evil machinations around you. Well, some groups provide the songs and the emotions to commiserate with you, but don't expect any heavy lifting from the Galt Line. Guitarist Willie Gammell remarks, "We don't talk about our feelings very much." His cohort in crime, Blythe Crawford, sums it up succinctly, "We're just trying to throw a party."

Getting people moving is what they're all about, and moving around is what they've been doing a lot of, as well. Both Willie and Blythe hail from the Poolesville area, but lately, they've been everywhere but Poolesville. About three years

ago, they had separately made their way to New York seeking individual opportunities, Willie with his guitar and possible session work, Blythe with the theater. Fate brought them together, and the music grew. "We didn't know what it would be," says Blythe, "but we pushed towards the music we liked." With Blythe contributing vocals, the ukulele (she acquired one from a production of "Sex! Drugs! And Ukuleles!"), and leg percussion that she wears made out of bottle caps, the duo have created a unique American style—"a conglomeration of all American styles," adds Willie—fusing the blues, jazz, gypsy jazz, honky-tonk, country, bluegrass, and more.

With their desire for the touring life, Willie and Blythe decided that being in New York wasn't as important as they thought and that Poolesville could be an equally effective home base. When they perform in the area, Brian Truesdale joins them on bass and Mary Kate Schneider on the bodhran. While on tour, they call on people in their touring area

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for backup instruments; however, they've expanded their call to include more instruments, hoping to go for the large dance band feel. They've announced openings for horns and keyboards, as well as percussion and bass.

The dynamic duo has just finished a successful tour of the Midwest and the South, and after playing the D.C. metro area for the summer, they plan to start another tour in September.

They will be performing at Cugini's on June 26 from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Catch them

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Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to the Monocacy Monocle and the Poolesville Community

The June 11, 2010 issue of the *Monocle* included a paid advertisement by the Sugarloaf Citizens' Association with Calleva as its main subject. While Calleva has not submitted a zoning text amendment (ZTA) proposal to the County Council, SCA's advertisement is worthy of a response.

We are pleased that SCA likes what we do. We love what we do! We are passionate about getting kids outdoors to learn, grow, and experience the blessings of teamwork, adventure, and tradition. As SCA noted in the ad, many in our community admire Calleva. Families all over Montgomery County can point to specific ways that Calleva has benefitted them and the community at large:

Calleva helps kids conquer fears and self-doubt to become leaders in their own right (many of our graduates have gone on to careers in environmental science, design, and education); Calleva helps teens to set goals and pursue excellence; Calleva donates to other organizations that empower youth or support environmental stewardship; Calleva offers adventure experiences to support veterans, scouts, and drug rehabilitation groups; Calleva complements science curricula through experiential education that reinforces classroom teaching (Calleva is a certified Maryland Green Center); Calleva supports local community events like Poolesville Day and the Germantown Oktoberfest; Calleva supports local families by employing two hundred seasonal workers and fifteen year-round staff members, many of whom live in the Poolesville area; Calleva is cultivating a new generation of citizens who understand the importance of buying fresh, locally-grown produce; Calleva teaches sustainable farming methods (farming without fertilizers or pesticides and following the Polyface Farm principles for animal husbandry); and Calleva

provides tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships/pro bono programs for youth and adults in Montgomery County and the greater Washington, D.C. area.

We are proud of our work, and we believe that what we do enhances the quality of life in our community. In fact, Calleva's mission supports the preservation of the Agricultural Reserve as an important part of Montgomery County's culture and economy. We agree with SCA that it's important for young people to learn about farming and environmental conservation. Calleva's programs accomplish this learning while at the same time empowering the next generation of leaders to protect and preserve resources, like the Agricultural Reserve, that are essential to the continued health of this community. At Calleva, we believe that leadership comes through education and empowerment—we work hard to integrate the two.

Calleva's programs depend upon maintaining our 165-acre farm as it is for decades to come. We intend to keep our cultivated acres productive and our woodlands wild. A ZTA could be the first step in our effort to accomplish this vision. We would like to talk with stakeholders like SCA about Calleva and our draft ZTA before we move forward in this process. We feel that it's important for those of us who live and work in the Agricultural Reserve to collaborate in order to create a future for our community that upholds the values that have brought us this far.

The Agricultural Reserve is a resource worth preserving. While we may not agree on every detail, it's important for us to work together to protect Montgomery County's scarce open land. There are some who would like to construct homes, strip malls, and office complexes on vacant land in the Reserve. Calleva, on the other hand, seeks to help urban and suburban families appreciate the value of our farm as it is: open, cultivated, and beautiful.

Alex Markoff
Executive Director, Calleva

This letter is to address the notice posted by Sugarloaf Citizens' Association regarding Calleva.

My children were involved with Calleva, first as campers and now as camp counselors. As campers, they learned life skills through backpacking, fishing, Leaders In Training, kayaking, etc. These activities are all incorporated in an atmosphere of fun, team-building, and challenging experiences. This, in turn, has taught them a love and appreciation of nature, LNT (Leave No Trace), and that there are amazing and wonderful resources available to them in their very own backyard.

Now, as counselors, they are confident young adults and love being involved with Calleva, sharing all they have learned with the next generation of young campers. As a parent, I cannot sing the praises of Calleva enough and appreciate the phenomenal impact they have had on the lives of my children! I am forever grateful that this is how they choose to spend their summer vacation.

Lisa Thuro

Editor's note: The Sugarloaf Citizens' Association has informed the *Monocle* that they will respond to the letters we have received in response to their newsletter advertisement in our July 16 issue. We appreciate the responses we have received on this topic and will continue to provide space for further discussion.

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Commentary

A Reflection On Celestial Mechanics and Mr. Mids

By John Clayton

On a recent Sunday night, I found myself sitting outside and enjoying the sight of Venus and the moon working their way down the western sky. The moon was but a small white sliver, becoming pale orange, not unlike a setting sun, as it worked its way closer to the horizon, and Venus was still well up in the sky, as it is at dusk, setting much more slowly. The sun had recently set over the same horizon, so it was fun to picture how it was that the configuration would lead to that thin edge of the moon being illuminated, and just for a short time after sunset before an early moonset, before it had even become dark. I am simply grateful for what I can appreciate, even if

not fully understand.

I often sit outside at night, where we are blessed with a beautiful panorama of countryside sky, for any number of reasons, but on this particular evening, it was to reflect on the imminent passing of one more of those animals in our lives to whom we have given our familial heart. In this case it was a cat, an all-black cat named, what else, Midnight. He had been ill, the prognosis was unpromising, and he was in serious decline—clearly at his end. He is a pet, a member of the family, so in the morning, if he lasted that long, I knew I would take him to the veterinarian for a graceful coup-de-grace (actually, he didn't make it and died at home). He is my second Midnight: the first when I was a child, and now him. The first Midnight's nickname was Middy. This did not fit Midnight II; he was quite clearly a Mr. Mids. I'm not sure I could explain it, but if you knew him you would agree.

My relationship with Mr. Mids reminds me that I will

probably never be a true Up-county country person. We have never been able to pull off the barn cat thing. Even when we tried, the barn cats have worked their way indoors and become indoor-outdoor cats, and at their convenience, not ours, I assure you. Even the neighbor's barn cats tried to become our house cats—they know a soft touch when they see one.

Watching the sliver of the moon disappear, I couldn't help but think how ridiculous it is that we think we know or understand these animals. They are in their own worlds, and they work themselves into ours. When we suspend or moderate the incredible indifference and cruelty of which we are so capable, mutually satisfactory relationships can ensue. I realize that I knew about as much of Mr. Mids's world as I can see of that sliver of a moon setting on the horizon. Animals are all around us, and how we relate to them and how we view them says a lot more about us than it

does about them. Venus will be in about the same place tomorrow night, at the about same time as it was last night, but it will be without Mr. Mids. It would be maudlin to suggest that I will think of him every time I see Venus or an orange sliver of a moon, so I won't tarnish his memory in that way, but I will think of him every time I step on cat litter in my bare feet.

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mons. There is even consideration of possibly doing an aerial picture of residents at the broadcast similar to the picture taken for the November 1959 National Geographic. If you or someone you know were in the National Geographic picture and still reside in the area, please contact the *Monocle* with names and contact information.

Those attending the broadcast should provide their own seating and understand that should the weather become severe, the program would be rescheduled.

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In the Garden

Insect and Disease Control

By Maureen O'Connell

Trees and shrubs are a substantial investment in a homeowner's landscape. They are especially expensive to replace if they are mature specimens. In addition to their beauty, they are often used for a specific purpose in the overall landscape design. Imagine your patio or deck without the pleasant canopy of the maple or oak tree. How would the front of your house look without the varying small shrubs that are the foundation plantings that anchor your house to the ground and soften its lines? Would your backyard be an inviting place for your children to play in if it had no shade-giving trees on the perimeter of the grassy lawn to cool it on hot summer days? At one time or another, many ornamental trees and shrubs are susceptible to damage

from a host of pests and diseases that can weaken or eventually kill them. Don't take the risk of losing any of them; periodically inspect them for any signs of damage. If the trees or shrubs are not too big or tall, you can handle the problem with a hand sprayer. If they are beyond your reach or are expensive specimens, use a professional tree expert company. As I have many large, mature trees and shrubs that I would hate to lose, I deal with a local tree company every year. They inspect them in early spring and summer, and they treat any of them that have problems. Their treatment program has saved several of my most beautiful trees. Here are some potential problems you may encounter this summer in our area and suggestions for managing them.

Fire Blight. The development of this disease, caused by a bacterium, is influenced primarily by seasonal weather. When you have temperatures in the range of 75° and 85° accompanied by intermittent rain, conditions are ideal for disease development.

It is a common disease of fruit trees, especially pear, quince, apple, and crabapple trees. Several weeks ago, I noticed on my Bradford pear tree scattered sections of dead, blackened leaves, giving it a scorched appearance, hence the name. To manage this disease, first prune out any diseased branches. Then, start a spray program with a fungicide that controls this. I use Bayer Advanced Insect, Disease, and Mite Control. Orthene and Gardens Alive also carry products that will help. Carefully read all directions to reduce any harm to the environment.

Scale. Scale insects are the most serious pests of many ornamental plants. Soft scales and mealybugs excrete honeydew, a sugary-rich sticky substance, which provides a medium for the growth of a black fungus called sooty mold. It looks like a layer of black soot covering the leaves. This year my osamanthus shrubs had large sections deep within its branches of this mold. You can try to manage it by removing the damaged branches, but my shrubs were too heavily infested. You can use the above-mentioned sprays to try to control this disease.

Woolly Adelgid. If you see conspicuous, white cottony masses on the trunks and undersides of the limbs of white, Scotch, and Austrian pine, this indicates the presence of pine bark adelgids. They may also appear as white flecks at the bases of the needles. This aphid-like insect causes injury to the tree by the sucking of the tree's sap, thus reducing

the vitality of the tree. Systemic insecticides are more effective than contact insecticides and insecticidal soap. Natural biological controls, such as lacewings, lady beetles, hover flies, and parasitic wasps also work very well in controlling this insect. If the infestation is small, prune out and destroy the infested branches.

Aphids. These tiny bugs may be green, yellow, orange, or black. They cluster on stems and under leaves. They cause more damage than any other insect, and they are not picky eaters. There are few plants or trees that they don't like. They first look like a small cluster of tiny, black beads on the leaves. Then, the invested leaves curl and turn yellow. They can be controlled by the above-mentioned biological methods, insecticidal soap, and a disease and insect systemic spray.



Fire blight on a Bradford pear tree



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Planning Board Supports Idea For Ag Incubator

By Kristen Milton

With technology and life science incubators already taking root in the county, the Planning Board recently examined the potential for an agricultural incubator where budding organic farmers could be nurtured. The concept of a small farm incubator was included in a March report by the Green Economy Task Force and received the support of the county executive without any funding. In response to the executive's request, a planners' roundtable May 27 discussed potential sites for the program.

Chuck Kines of the Park Planning said according to preliminary plans, the incubator would use county land and

personnel to guide and train potential farmers over three to five years. The goal would be to eventually send those pupils to purchase or lease their own land to produce locally-grown "table food." Kines said the county currently leases 935 acres under thirteen contracts, but renters are generally large commodity farmers with crops like soybeans rather than produce and livestock intended for local tables.

Planning staff identified three potential hubs for an organic agriculture incubator. The Darby House and Store in Beallsville was the first choice with Ovid Hazen Wells Recreational Park in Clarksburg and the Holland/Red Door Store in Sandy Spring as other alternatives.

The Darby House and Store, located at the intersection of Darnestown and Beallsville roads, were acquired by the county in 2004. Both the general store and the white two-story home date from the early 1900s.

Kines said since stabilization and relocation of the historic buildings have received approval and Legacy Open Space funding, the sites could provide housing, office space, or meeting rooms for the incubator project while the surrounding area would yield 127 acres for possible farming.

Both capital and operating funding would be needed for the project, Kines said, to cover fencing, utilities, personnel, and tools and machinery, among other costs. Kines said the board's guidance was needed for a next step.

"My advice would be to start," said Chairman Royce Hanson. "It's okay to start small...let the demand guide us further." Hanson suggested staff develop a PDF to apply for supplemental funding as well as basic requirements for potential farmers and return to the board before its August break. "In the spring of [2012] it seems to me you ought to be ready to get people in and planting," he

said.

Ginny Barnes, co-chair of the Legacy Open Space Advisory Group, said the program could serve as a facilitator for those looking for land and property owners who didn't have a use for the twenty-five acres required by Agricultural Reserve zoning. "Having a door to knock on makes all the difference in the world," she said.

Other supporters also emphasized the importance of networking in the community to find both land and farmers. "You will have immediately people who will want to enroll in this program," promised Caroline Taylor, executive director of Montgomery Countryside Alliance.

Hanson suggested that potential participants be required to provide some capital, but the possible cost of the program to either individuals or the county is not yet known.

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Local News

Craig Rice Joins Race for Vacated County Council Seat

By John Clayton

With District 2 Montgomery County Councilman Mike Knapp's recent decision not to run for reelection, the contest for the Democratic Party nomination for County Council has moved into high gear with the announced candidacy of District 15 State Delegate Craig Rice. Mr. Rice is completing his first term as a state delegate after defeating the Republican incumbent, the late Jean Cryor, in 2006. He will run for the council in lieu of running for reelection to the state legislature.

Mr. Rice joins Sharon Dooley as a candidate. Ms. Dooley kicked off her campaign back in

March 2010, directly challenging the incumbent, Mr. Knapp. Ms. Dooley also ran unsuccessfully against Mr. Knapp in 2006.

Before serving in the House, Mr. Rice worked for Marriott International and Aramark Corporation and served as a business development manager for the Puerto Rican Government. In Annapolis, he serves on the Ways and Means Committee as well as the Montgomery County Delegation's Land Use and Transportation Committee.

In his press release announcing his candidacy, he said, "I'm looking forward to this campaign, and I am ready to continue discussing the issues and concerns of our Montgomery County residents, helping our county maintain its status as a great place to live and work."

Sharon Dooley helped start the Olney Farmers' Market, served with the Storm Water Partners Group, and said in a release that she believes in transit over roads as a solution to many of our conservation concerns.

As founder of Upcounty Action, she has taken the lead on many issues that protect our watershed, the Sugarloaf vista, and advocated for environmentally friendly Planning Board decisions. Ms. Dooley has already received the support and endorsement of several well-known Upcounty political activists.

Charles Kirchman of Germantown has also registered to run for the seat, according to the Montgomery County Democratic Party website.

On the Republican side,

Robin Ficker of Boyds is also a candidate for the District 2 seat. Mr. Ficker's successful anti-property tax amendment in 2008, Question B, requires that the council vote unanimously to raise property taxes.

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By Jack Toomey

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Past Crimes

June 26, 1955 Howard Spurrier, former mayor of Poolesville, was seriously injured in an automobile wreck at Dickerson. Also injured were his wife Ethel Spurrier and their companion Bessie Grubb. The wreck happened in front of the home of county policeman Donald Brooks who

pulled the three elderly victims from the car. Brooks said at the time that the Spurrier car crossed the center line and struck a car driven by Idell Fry of Poolesville.

June 28, 1927 Two men were arrested and a large still was confiscated by Montgomery County policemen in a dawn raid at a small island in the Potomac River near Poolesville. Clarence Jenkins and Curtis Jenkins of Virginia were held on \$5000 bond.

June 29, 1905 The air brakes of an empty Baltimore and Ohio passenger train failed, and the train ran backwards off the tracks in downtown Frederick. The rear cars eventually ran across Market Street where they struck a building. No one was hurt.

July 2, 1984 Montgomery County police charged a Poolesville television reporter with driving while intoxicated and failure to drive on the right side of the road. Kelley Burke was driving north on River Road near Violets Lock Road when his car crossed the center of the roadway and struck a car driven by

Dennis Crouch also of Poolesville. Crouch was taken to Suburban Hospital where he died.

July 2, 1931 A powerful thunderstorm swept through Montgomery County at about 5:30 p.m. The storm knocked down trees, downed power lines, and caused fires when lightning struck buildings. A farmhand, Christopher Stagmeyer, was killed when a bolt struck him while he was leading horses out of a pasture.

In addition, a peculiar incident happened on the Darnestown Road. Clayton Mareum, who had just been released from the hospital with a cast on his leg, had just left the Rockville courthouse with his fiancée Mary Biser of Barnesville. They had almost reached Darnestown when the storm broke. Their automobile skidded out of control and struck a tree. Mr. Mareum broke the other leg, and he and Miss Biser were taken to the home of friends near Barnesville.

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June 28 to July 2
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Morning and afternoon sessions
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July 4
The Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department's Fourth of July Celebration once again will be at the Polo Grounds on Hughes Road in Poolesville. The event will get started as usual at 6:00 p.m. with food, games, and music entertainment. The fireworks display is scheduled for 9:15 p.m. If there is rain, the fireworks will be postponed until Monday, July 5. Admission is \$5.00 per car for parking, please have the exact amount. There will be two entries: one for

Poolesville attendees on Hughes Road near Sugarland Road and another for traffic coming from River Road. Parking on Hughes Road is illegal; cars will be ticketed.

The very popular Jim Bowie Band will once again perform, starting at 6:00 p.m. Food and drink vendors will be there including the Mexican Grille, Smokin' Ray's Barbeque, ice cream bars, funnel cakes, soft drinks, and water. Calleva Poolesville Boosters will be selling 3-D firework glasses and their spirit bands.

Visitors may bring a picnic or their own drinks, but coolers and alcohol are strictly forbidden. Guests bringing chairs and blankets cannot set up in the parking areas for safety reasons. In case of lightning, visitors will be directed to their cars. Sponsors of the event are PACC, Town of Poolesville, Mike Rubin, Jamison Real Estate, and Selby's Market.

July 5 to July 9
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Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

July 12
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

July 12 to July 16
Town of Poolesville Recreational Program
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Poolesville Planning Commission Meeting
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"Town Meeting Ike Leggett"
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As a point of identification with the residents of Poolesville, Mr. Leggett noted that he was raised in a farming community in Louisiana and currently lives in an eastern section of the county having a similar rural-like setting. He brought up a leasing issue between the Historic Medley District, Inc. and the Department of Parks as a concern he shares with the town, agreeing that any loss of the John Poole General Store and museum would be a serious setback in the identification and uniqueness of Poolesville.

After opening remarks, he took questions from the commissioners and addressed all questions asked by the audience. Commissioner Jerry Klobukowski addressed the closing of Monocacy Elementary School and library cuts as his major concerns. Mr. Leggett stated that he puts forth a "real zero-based budgetary process" that holds education and public safety as its priority, but the process "leaves it up to the departments to determine where the reductions will come from." He voiced confidence that this process allows the libraries the flexibility to address specific concerns such as those of the Poolesville Library. After the meeting, Mr. Leggett voiced support to the notion that rural schools in the Ag Reserve should not be held to the same population standards of the rest of the county.

Link Hoewing asked Mr. Leggett to offer his perspective about a *Washington Post* article that criticized Montgomery County vis a vis Fairfax County, Virginia in fiscal management. Leggett maintained that most of that article did not take into consideration the more recent budgetary actions in the county, especially those budgets under his control.

Jim Brown asked Mr. Leggett to explain large financial incentives offered to attract companies like Costco at a time of such budgetary restrictions. Mr. Leggett defended those actions as designed to pay off within two and half years in jobs, benefits, taxes,

and helping to solve a twenty percent vacancy rate in a shopping center in Wheaton.

Residents voiced concern in a variety of areas including protesting Montgomery County police chief actively opposing the new Arizona laws concerning illegal immigration, appreciation of the county executive for his attendance at the meeting as a way to improve citizen involvement and to reduce voter apathy, and traffic problems emerging in the down county with the shifting of the Walter Reed Medical Center facility from the District of Columbia to Bethesda.

Commander Didone Addresses Policing Issues

District 15 Montgomery County Police Commander Thomas Didone attended Monday's meeting and answered concern about lack of policing services in the town. He pointed out that under his command, for the first time, the county does assign a minimum of one patrol car to Poolesville every day throughout the week. Maintaining confidence that the expressed public concern is more perceptual than real, he acknowledged nevertheless that the department needs to do more to address the perception of lack of service. He reported that a study on bicycle usage on county roads is underway to provide guidance to the county on how to improve public safety of both bicyclists and vehicle drivers. He further encouraged residents to work with the town manager and his (Captain Didone's) citizen advisory board to further facilitate improvements in policing services.

Catherine Mathews, Upcounty Regional Center Director, introduced herself and also promoted the new 311 call center and encouraged residents to join her citizen advisory board since it currently does not have a Poolesville resident participating.

Miscellaneous Town Matters

The announcement was made that the petition drive to reject the changes in the town charter has proven to be successful in having a sufficient number of town resident signatures and that the commissioners will con-

tinue to meet in executive session in the coming weeks to develop the ballot verbiage and then schedule the issue for resident voting. While it has not been officially determined, it was made clear that the commissioners will not be producing an up or down ballot but rather will develop one that allows the voter to approve or reject each of the twenty-four changes in the charter previously approved by the commissioners.

Karen Michaels of the Community and Economic Development Committee asked for commissioner approval for the CEDC's proposal for a 2011 Springfest event to be held next May. The music, food, chili contest event also has a beer and wine tasting scheduled which would be held in Whalen Commons. Alcohol usage in town parks is not allowed, but the CEDC is asking for special exception permission to have the tasting at the spring fest next year. Liability concerns and worries about establishing a precedent for allowing alcohol use were raised by Klobukowski

and Kuhlman. The town attorney provided assurance that the town insurance company can provide the proper liability insurance as they do for other townships for similar events. The commissioners addressed other options in the process of serving the alcohol and requested that the CEDC look into those changes prior to returning in August for a final request for approval.

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Youth Sports

Jeffrey Sullivan Takes Over as AD at Clarksburg

By Jeff Stuart

On July 1, 2010, Jeffrey Sullivan will officially become the new athletic director at Clarksburg High School, replacing Mike Riley, the school's first and only athletic director, who stepped down on April 30 to take the same position at the Charles E. Smith Jewish Day School, a Rockville private school.

Sullivan hopes to help Clarksburg continue its strong tradition of athletic excellence. "In my short time at Clarksburg, what has impressed me the most is the wonderful people in the athletic department, school, and community. The athletic department has quickly emerged as a top-notch program, and I am looking forward to working with the all-star coaching staff. Additionally, the Clarksburg Athletic Booster Club is a phenomenal organization that supports our athletic department in so many ways. James Koutsos, our principal, is an inspiring leader, and I am excited about working with the dynamic staff and students. I recently moved to Clarksburg in December of 2009. My wife Kristen and son Mason recently welcomed the newest member of our family,

our baby daughter, Regan. She was born May 20, 2010."

Sullivan always wanted to go into sports administration. "In 2003, when I was hired as AD at Paint Branch, I was the youngest athletic director in Montgomery County. I started my coaching career as an assistant coach with Heather Podosek, girls' varsity basketball coach at Paint Branch in 1998. The last four years, Heather has been my assistant athletic director at Paint Branch and will now be the new athletic director at Paint Branch."

"Jeff has laid the groundwork over the past few years and left everything in good shape," said Podosek. "It is going to be tough for me and the PBHS athletic administration, but it will now be our job to continue to keep the kids motivated and show school spirit."

Mr. Sullivan was born in Annapolis, Maryland in 1977. He attended Annapolis High School, then went on to attend the University of Maryland at College Park, where he majored in Physical Education. During his senior year at Maryland, he was a volunteer coach with the PBHS varsity girls' basketball team. After graduating, he was hired as a physical education teacher at PBHS. As JV girls' basketball coach, Mr. Sullivan assembled a record of 58-13. He was also assistant varsity girls' basketball coach, helping Podosek win many games, including the four county championships, four

regional finals, two regional championships, and the 3A state championship in 2001.

Jeff directed the varsity girls' soccer team to a 7-7 record with their first playoff game win in 2001. As the JV softball coach, Sullivan led the team to a record of 33-9 in three seasons and also worked as the assistant varsity volleyball coach in

1999 and assistant JV

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Tidbits

Fallen Hero Has Poem Published

Ed and Marti Kirkpatrick of Dickerson recently learned that USO's quarterly publication, On Patrol, has selected a poem by their late son, Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, to be published this summer.

Sergeant Kirkpatrick was killed in action during an ambush in Iraq, on August 11, 2007. Scott's poem, Night Patrol, was a creation stemming from his great passion for poetry—slam poetry—to be specific. Slam poetry is original work, spoken and performed by the poet. It is street-wise and can be irreverent, humorous, angry, and controversial. Through his natural acting abilities, his poetry readings (performances) were delivered with strength far greater than simple reading. In 2000, Scott's talent was recognized when he won the District of Columbia Slam Poetry Championship and subsequently went on a national

tour with other winners from the various states.

The USO has started a series of articles featuring poems written from the war zones. This first issue has, in addition to Scott's piece, a poem from a Vietnam prisoner of war and a veteran of World War II.

NASA's Space Center Appoints Internship

NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston has selected Joey Goode, the son of Joe and Laurie Boothe Goode, as one of 368 high school students to participate in a summer internship at the space center. Joey's mother Laurie is a 1989 graduate of Poolesville High School, and Joey is also the grandson of Larry and Betsy Boothe, formerly of Poolesville. Students completed ten web-based assignments during the school year, maintaining a ninety average to qualify for internship. They will apply what they have learned in working with NASA engineers and astronauts and design a mission to Mars while at JSC. The family is currently liv-

ing in Harker Heights, Texas as father Joe is posted at Ft. Hood with the U.S. Army.

Dean's List Awardees

Four Poolesville residents achieved the honor of Dean's List for the spring 2010 semester at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland: freshman Kristyn D. Kirschbaum, daughter of Ms. Kathy Kirschbaum, sophomore Samantha A. Marton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Spear, junior Timothy J. Friedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot M. Friedman, and senior Melanie R. Showers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Showers. Mount St. Mary's University, founded in 1808, is the second oldest Catholic university in America.

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School News

Charles Doherty: Thirty-Nine Year Veteran at PHS Retires

By Rande Davis

Poolesville High School math teacher, Charles Doherty, has retired after forty-three years of teaching. Even more remarkable is that for thirty-nine of those years he has taught at PHS.

We asked Mr. Doherty to share his thoughts with us on his very last day as a teacher. He chose to paraphrase Mae West, "The good days were all very good, and the low days were all very good still." After teaching literally thousands of students over so many years, it is not surprising that many of his students are the children of past students. "Back to school night was always especially fun with former

students coming in as parents themselves." Interestingly, this unique perspective taught him that the "apple really doesn't fall far from the tree."

This native of Brooklyn went to college at the University of Maryland but found his first teaching job in Kentucky. After moving back to Maryland to teach three years in Baltimore, he came to Poolesville and never left. Asked what was the best thing about PHS, he immediately responded, "It was here I met my wife, Beth, who worked in the library at the time."

In reflecting on how he could have stayed in one place for long, he noted that it was primarily due to the kids. "The students here are first and foremost basically really good human beings who are down-to-earth good people." The support of the parents has always been a key ingredient to his appreciation of PHS, and not just in the sense of backing him up. "The support also comes in the way they raise their kids, which has made teaching here

so rewarding." The professionalism and personal kindness of the faculty and administration have also played a large role in his longevity.

In 1971, PHS was a different school in many ways. One of the more humorous remembrances was the time he was teaching a geometry class next to the Ag Shop, an agricultural class taught by Dale Nestor. In the middle of the math lesson, the distinct sound of pigs squealing interrupted his lesson. There was a window that gave a clear view into the Ag Shop, and peering into the classroom, the cause of the noise became most apparent. It seems that day's lesson was on the castration of pigs.

Another lighthearted reminiscence was the time he stopped into the auto shop to get new headlights put in prior to leaving on a trip to Virginia. All was fine until nightfall. Then when the need for headlights arose, he found that the angle of the lights was great for the treetops but not so good for the roadway.

Now living in Middletown, he and Beth are both looking forward to retirement as she is also retiring from Frederick County Public Schools this year as a special ed aide. Their son, Charles, will carry on the family tradition as a music teacher in Damascus. They have no immediate plans other than to enjoy having the entire summer off, something he has not experienced since he was in grade school.

Linda Loomis, head of the math department, expressed the sentiments held by students, parents, and faculty alike in saying that he will be sorely missed because "he is so beloved, he has always been so kind and caring, and always takes the high road. In all the years, not once has anyone ever said a bad word about him." The *Monocle* joins in this farewell to a dedicated public servant in thanking him for his four decades of hard work, professional achievements, and for being such a "good guy" and super role model for the kids.

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Remembrances

Roger D. Strippey

Roger Daniel Strippey, age 57, of Poolesville passed away at home on June 9, 2010. Roger worked for the Montgomery County Public Schools for thirty-seven years. He devoted himself to the cause of wounded military and was a founding member of the Poolesville Military Support Group which sponsors the Walter Reed Medical Center picnic and outdoor day at White's Ferry. Born on May 31, 1953 in Bethesda, he was the oldest son of the late Eugene and Bonnie Strippey. He was preceded in death by his brother Michael. He is survived by his wife of twenty-six years, Janis, son Matthew and daughter Mary. He also leaves behind his brother Donald and wife Susan; sisters Carolyn Moton, Nancy King and husband Melvin; and sister-in-law Barbara Strippey.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to Fisher House Manager, WRAMC Fisher House #56, 6900 Georgia Avenue, Washington, DC 20307.

Kathryn Anne Thaxton

Kathryn Anne Thaxton (Bishop) of Boyds, passed away early Sunday morning, June 6, 2010 after a long fight with cancer. She was thirty-seven years of age. Kate is survived by her husband Timothy Thaxton, her father Eugene Bishop, and brother Steve Bishop. She was preceded in death by her mother Joyce Bishop (Atkinson) and her grandfather

Leonard Atkinson.

The family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network at www.pancan.org or the Casey House of Montgomery County Hospice.



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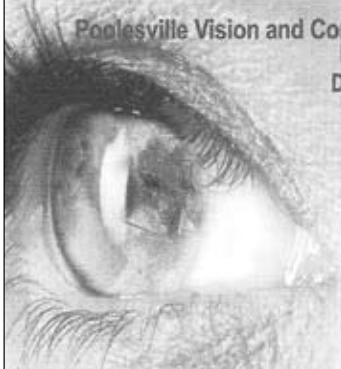
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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

June 2, 1912 Mr. Thomas Fyfe returned from Baltimore where he had been conducting business for several days.

June 8, 1913 Miss Mary White of Barnesville and Mr. William Lankford of Pocomoke, Maryland were married at the Christ Church at Barnesville.

June 11, 1911 Miss Retta Willard of Knoxville, Maryland visited Lula Hoskinson at her Poolesville home.

June 14, 1914 T. Randolph Hall, prominent merchant of Poolesville, and family visited Mrs. Hall's parents in Rockville.

June 17, 1954 Graduation ceremonies were held at Poolesville High School. Those receiving academic diplomas were Henry Griffith, George Menke, Louise

Clark, Patricia Siegel, Mathilde Wade, and Betty Ann Wisner.

June 20, 1951 Five new cases of polio were reported in Montgomery County. Also, there were four cases of spotted fever, one each in Poolesville, Seneca, Boyds, and Darnestown.

June 24, 1917 Mr. and Mrs. G. Robert Gray returned from their honeymoon and took up residence in Poolesville.

June 30, 1947 The centennial of St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the 200th anniversary of St. Peter's Parish were celebrated. More than three hundred worshipers heard the Right Rev. Angus Dunn, bishop of Washington, address the morning service. In the afternoon, following a luncheon at Poolesville High School, the crowd saw Frances E. Poole Williams, aged descendant of Poolesville's founder, unveil a memorial plaque at the church.



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School News

PHS Makes Top 100 in Nation

Poolesville High School is ranked fifty-ninth on *Newsweek's* list of the top hundred public high schools in the nation.

The 2010 America's Best High Schools List ranks schools based on their efforts to provide all students access to rigorous classes, such as Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

courses. Students who succeed in such classes are more than three times as likely to get a bachelor's degree than those who do not, according to college completion data.

Among MCPS students in the classes of 2001 through 2004, only twenty-five percent of those who did not take an AP exam earned a bachelor's degree. Among those students who took at least one AP exam, sixty percent earned a degree, and among those who scored three or higher on at least one exam, seventy-six percent earned a bachelor's degree.

"CHS Athletic Director" Continued From Page 12.

baseball coach in 2000.

During his tenure heading the athletic department at PBHS, he implemented an Academic Advisory Program and the Athletic Leadership Council for student-athletes, mentoring student-athletes, particularly freshmen, and helping them keep up their grades. The successful programs addressed the problem of athlete ineligibility. "The majority of athletes don't play sports in college," he says. "Academics will help them for the rest of their lives." Mr. Sullivan has also overseen major facility improvements on the Paint Branch campus.

Sullivan earned his master's equivalency from the University of Maryland in the fall of 2008 and his Certified Master Athletic Administrator from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in June of 2008. He was named District 2B Athletic Director of the Year by the Maryland State Athletic Director's Association

for the 2006-2007 school year. Paint Branch won the 2008-2009 MCPS Sportsmanship Award. Other honors Mr. Sullivan has earned include: US Lacrosse-Montgomery County Man of the Year, 2010, Most Influential Staff Member, Paint Branch Top-Scholars Ceremony, 2008, 2006, and "Gold Star" Outstanding Staff Member, Paint Branch High School, 2004. Jeff was the featured speaker at the Maryland State Athletic Directors Conference in 2007 and is a curriculum writer and instructor for the MCPS Coaching Fundamentals Course. He served on the Maryland State Athletic Directors Association Executive committee from 2005 to 2008.

Mr. Sullivan states that the most challenging part of the AD job is time management. He can't be everywhere all the time. Following in the footsteps of Mike Riley is a daunting task, but Sullivan, with an impressive resume of his own, is confident in walking his own path and in meeting the challenges that await him at CHS.

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Business Briefs

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard Wins Prestigious Wine Awards

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyard headlined the Winemasters' Choice Awards Competition held Thursday, May 27, winning nine prestigious awards. This competition was an in-state competition for Maryland wines. It took place at the Marriott on Inner Harbor. Around fifteen wineries participated, and a number of winemakers were among the twenty-five or so judges.

Sugarloaf's 2007 Comus Red won Best in Show, Best in Class—Dry Red Blend, and a gold medal. The vineyard also won two additional gold medals for its 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve and its 2007 Cabernet Sauvignon, a silver medal for its 2007 Evoe, and three bronze medals for its 2008 Cabernet Franc, 2009

Pinot Grigio, and its 2007 Chardonnay.

The vineyard also competed successfully in the 2010 International Eastern Wine Competition held in Watkins Glen, New York in May, winning six prestigious awards: silver medals for its Cabernet Sauvignon Reserve 2007, Cabernet Franc 2008, and Comus Reserve 2007, and bronze medals for its Evoe 2007, Pinot Grigio 2009, and Cabernet Sauvignon 2007.

The International Eastern Wine Competition is one of the oldest and largest competitions in the United States. This competition is held each May in the Finger Lakes region of New York with over 2,200 entries in recent years from sixteen countries and thirty-four states. Distinguished judges are wine-knowledgeable professionals, media specialists, and winemakers who represent major East Coast markets from

Miami to Toronto.

Sugarloaf's dedicated winemaker, Carl DiManno from Napa Valley, has been blending wines at SMV since 2004. The winery is family owned and operated. Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards, part of the Montgomery County Agricultural Reserve, includes over 20,000 certified French clone vines. Five Bordeaux grapes: Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Petit Verdot, and Malbec, as well as two white varietals, Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay, are grown in the vineyard. Sugarloaf produces over 4,500 cases annually.

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