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Christina Mann was the top female finisher at the 19th Annual PACC 5K. Read about the race results in Tidbits on page 6.

Habitat for Humanity Requests Waiver Of Impact Fees for Poolesville Townhouse Development

By Rande Davis

John Paukstis, executive director of Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, Maryland, Inc. (HFH-MC) attended the October 4 Poolesville Town Commissioners' meeting to present plans to build seventeen low-income townhouses in the town.

Habitat for Humanity-MC, established in 1982 and an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, is staffed by fourteen people and supported by over two thousand volunteers from the area from businesses, faith groups, schools, service clubs, youth groups, as well as individuals. The nonprofit organization has built fifty-six homes since 1986.

The site for the development is the 2.1-acre lot at the corner of Wootton Avenue and Fisher Avenue next to

Poolesville Elementary School. The sales contract for the property was signed on September 7, 2010 by HFH-MC and Charles H. Jamison Real Estate. The property had previously been approved by the town for townhouse development, and both parties to the contract hope to come to full settlement by December 15, 2010 with a target date in late spring for ground breaking.

The homes to be built will be three-story townhouses with garages and will have three bedrooms and two full baths. Eight of the units will be sold to qualifying buyers for \$216,000 while the other nine are priced at \$295,000. Mr. Paukstis told the commissioners that it is their objective to find qualifying families who already reside in the Upcounty. Qualified buyers will have to submit an application to the selection committee demonstrating their need for housing, willingness to partner in the building of the home (giving



Seventeen low-income townhouses are being proposed for Poolesville by Habitat for Humanity Montgomery County.

two hundred to five hundred "sweat equity" hours), ability to pay the mortgage, undergo credit report checks, provide tax returns, and submit to criminal background checks. Buyers must also be permanent legal residents or U.S. citizens.

Mr. Paukstis, in reviewing the plans, asked that the commissioners approve waiving the \$10,000 to \$11,000 impact fee per unit in support of the low income housing project. The over \$170,000 waiver of

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From Courtroom to Classroom: Mike Shannon Makes His Case

By Heidi Rosvold-Brenholtz

Mike Shannon teaches from experience. Now in his fourth year as a member of the Poolesville High School (PHS) Social Studies Department, Mr. Shannon enlightens his law class with insight from a twenty-five-year legal career, including extensive experience as a trial attorney.

One practical lesson he offers is how to talk to a police officer—should his students

find themselves in front of one. "Basically, it's about overcoming the anxiety of the approach of the officer, the uniform, the gun," explained Mr. Shannon. "It's important to be polite and be respectful. I heard a judge once ask how the defendant spoke to the officer involved in the case. It does make a difference. The best thing is to agree in part with the officer's observation."

These tips are designed to help students understand



Teacher Mike Shannon brings his career as a lawyer to his law class at PHS.

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Family Album



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The Barnesville School team participated in the fundraiser to benefit Lymphoma Research. Left to right: Kevin Kelliher, Alex Collins, and Mark Waksberg. Team member not present for the photo was Ryder Warehall.



Alan S. Bandy, PhD (right), from Oklahoma Baptist University, was one of the seminar speakers at a conference held at Poolesville Presbyterian Church this past weekend.



The Rev. Ruth Everhart (left) and Cynthia Bolbach, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA), cut the ribbon opening Connection Café, a meeting place with internet facilities for public use at the church.

The winner at this year's annual Monocacy Lions golf tournament was the team from Micros. From left to right: Pete Celli, Gary Kaufman, Brad Gilmore, and Craig Holmes. The event chairman, Ed Rothenberg (right), congratulates the team.



In the Garden

The Soft Light of Autumn

By Maureen O'Connell

After early to mid spring, autumn is my favorite season in the garden; July is my least favorite. Almost overnight, I find myself telling my garden helpers, Sam and Tom, that "there is a hint of fall in the air." The high days of summer can be frenetic and hurried; fall days are slow and calming. Many of summer's flowers have ceased to bloom, while others, like dahlias, asters, and chrysanthemums, provide soft, muted colors well into late October. Along with early June, fall is one of the best times for my hybrid tea roses. The cooler and less humid weather discourages fungal diseases, and the bug population is waning. It will be a sore day in hell if the new pests on the block, the ubiquitous stink bugs, develop a taste for my flowers. Now, is the time to take a break; linger a little longer in the Adirondack chair. Heavy-duty chores can wait awhile.

For my garden chores, October is an odds and ends month. It is still warm enough for my herbs to keep growing, my tomatoes to hover between overripe and green, and there are enough flowers to fill a vase or two for the house. It is too early to chop down the non-blooming perennial plants; there is still a tinge of green to them, and many of them

can add interest to the winter scene in their skeletal frames. There are, however, some light chores you can do now in the garden and in your house.

Pull up and dispose of any dead annuals. Let the starring fall flowers have center stage. If you moved any houseplants outside for a summer vacation, prepare them now to return to the climate of the house. Firstly, give them a good bath to remove any insect pests. The best and cheapest cleaning solution can be made with liquid dishwashing soap. Apply liberally, making sure to cover the backs of the leaves and flowers. No hitchhikers allowed in the house. Look out especially for the stink bugs, who would love to move indoors for the winter. If you have any perennial plants in outdoor containers that are too large to bring indoors or would fare better in a protected shed for the winter, choose the ones you want to save now for next year. I have had mixed luck with saving such plants. Experiment; you might get some free plants next spring.

With this summer and fall's heat and drought conditions, we might not have a brilliant fall leaf display. The leaves might just fall off without much change of color. When they do, chop them up with the lawnmower and save them to spread over the gardens in November. This is the best and cheapest fall compost you can get.

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Youth Sports

PHS Girls' Volleyball They Are Back

By Jeff Stuart

"Say It! Mean It! Do It!" reads the caption under the girls' volleyball picture on the Poolesville High School athletics website. The 2010 season is under way and, as usual, the Falcons are doing quite well (4-0). Seniors Paige Sekerak, Alayna Hendrix, Lauren Rocco, Abbe Guertin, and Christine Antonsen, and junior setter Karishma Patel are the starters. Freshman Sarah Kenneweg is the libero (a libero is a designated defensive specialist who may enter or exit the match without affecting the number of substitutions her team is allowed).

Sekerak, moving to hitter this year to make way for Kenneweg at her old libero position, likes her new spot. She had twelve

kills in an opening 25-15, 25-16, 25-13 sweep of Northwest at PHS on September 7. Paige was named to the Washington Post's All Met Volleyball, Second Team in 2008 and 2009.

On September 13, the Falcons swept an up-to-then undefeated Whitman as well. Two days later, the girls faced Wheaton in their first away match, recording another sweep. On Monday, September 20 at Seneca Valley, they won again, 25-11, 25-15, and 25-2. Antonsen had an early kill and Rocco had two to give the Falcons a quick early lead in the opening game. The Lady Eagles trailed only 7-6 in the first game before Karishma served five straight. A hit by Lauren made it 24-10, and after a side out, an Alayna Hendrix hit won it. Kenneweg served out the second game, starting at 21-15. The pesky Eagles came back from a 7-2 deficit to cut the PHS lead to just 9-8. A hit by Hendrix won it. Game three was marked by two long service runs. Karishma served the first eight points of the

game, and Abbe Guertin served the last thirteen. A hit by Antonsen finished out the match.

"Alayna Hendrix has not necessarily surprised me; however, she has improved considerably since last year," said Coach DuVall, commenting on what she has seen from her team so far. "She is a force in the middle. The youth I was looking for came through. I kept four freshmen and two sophomores. They are developing nicely." In addition to Kenneweg, the freshmen are Rosie Barry, Becca Chittenden, and Sophia Coates. Haley Davison and setter Alice Xie are sophomores. Also contributing are juniors Valery Leng and senior Shivani Patel.

"I am looking forward to the last half of our season. We have some solid teams to play. I am looking forward to being tested—and we will be," said the coach. The Falcons play a tough B-CC team at PHS on October 12, Gaithersburg away on October 14, and Wootton away on October 19. Their final home games are on October 22 against Blake and October 28 against Damascus. They finish the regular season at Clarksburg on November 3.

The Class 1A state champion two seasons ago, Poolesville reached the Class 2A West Region final last year. All the usual suspects are back with the exception of All-Gazette setter Kelly Rosenberg. In the region final loss to Century, there was just a six-point difference in the entire four-game match.

The PHS varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams have joined with the Side-Out Foundation again this year in Digging for a Cure for Breast Cancer. The event is Friday, October 22 at PHS when the Falcons host Blake High School. There will be raffles, door prizes, great food, and probably a full house. All money raised will go directly to Dig Pink breast cancer charities. To learn more, please visit www.side-out.org. You can also donate through the Poolesville Falcon fundraiser page.

The JV match starts at 5:00 p.m. followed by the varsity match at 6:30.

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Christina Artinsen (27) and Alayna Hendrix team up to help the Falcon girls' volleyball team get off to another dominating year.

Tidbits

Poolesville Day 5K Walk/Run Winners Announced

The top winners of the annual PACC 5K on Poolesville Day 2010 were:

Overall Male: Eric Holmstead (16:29), Jordan Snyder (17:19), Joey Werble (17:39)

Overall Female: Christina Mann (19:40), Mari Hornyak (21:52), Chelsie Pennello (22:21)

Masters: Male/Female: Leo Bassett (19:26), Ellen Onderko (23:00)

Seniors: Male/Female: Peter Clardy (20:43), Paula Galliani (23:05)

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20-29 Male/Female: Jonathan Issler, Martha Marrazza

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80-89 Female: Betty Hauck

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Eric Holmstead won the 19th Annual PACC 5K race.

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School News

PES PTA Wins Award for Outstanding Volunteer Program

The Poolesville Elementary School (PES) PTA was awarded Outstanding Volunteer Program Award for its dedication and outstanding volunteer contributions for 2009-2010. This is the second consecutive year that the PES PTA has won this award.

Accepting the award on behalf of the PTA was Lynne Rolls, President of PES PTA. The award was presented by Dr. Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of the Montgomery County Public Schools, and Patricia O'Neill, President of the Board of Education, along with MCPS officials at the third annual Back-to-School Fair in Rockville, Maryland.

"This award is truly an honor and a testament to the dedication of PES PTA volunteers. Special thanks go to Jennifer Kasten, Volunteer Coordinator, for manag-

ing the volunteer program and ensuring that there is volunteer coverage when—and where—it is needed," Rolls explains.

Poolesville Elementary School was one of eleven schools in Montgomery County accepting this award. Award criteria were based upon number of hours and timeliness of reporting the hours to MCPS.



PES PTA receives award. Pictured from left: Dr. Jerry D. Weast, Superintendent of MCPS, Patricia O'Neill, President of the Board of Education, and Lynne Rolls, President of the PES PTA.

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Youth Sports Coyote Girls' Volleyball Looking to Take The Next Step

By Jeff Stuart

The Clarksburg girls' volleyball team was 5-1 at home at one point last season. Though they ended the season at 6-10 overall, they did post their first ever playoff win, defeating Einstein at home. The girls who anchored the program during its first four years (Taylor Randall, Alexa Walker, Cynthia Alfaro, and Michelle Sloan) are gone. Nonetheless, this year's team is off to a good start with a win at home and two on the road. This year, the task is to take the next step and post a winning record and make it deeper into the playoffs. They will take more if they can get it. "We have five

returning players with only three being seniors," says Head Coach Terri Tippet. The returning seniors are Anna Williams (OH), Jenetta Beckley (MB), and Lexy Meyer (MB). This year's starters include Williams, Meyer, senior Kelly Stock (6'3") (MB/OH), setter Susan Yang (Jr), and talented sophomores, Shannon Skellchock (S/OH) and Sophie Bukenya (DS). The libero is sophomore Logan Wroblewski.

Melissa Kolb-Hauck (DS), a foreign exchange student from Germany, a junior, only arrived in Clarksburg right before school opened. She missed the late summer practices and only practiced once a week in Germany. "But she is doing a good job," said Tippet.

On Tuesday, September 21, Clarksburg traveled to Kennedy and won the match, three games to one, running their record to 3-1. They trailed 11-4 in the first game before Coach Tippet, in frustration, called a time out. Following the time out, a nice dig by Meyer kept a rally alive and

helped get the side out. Meyer's block tied the game at sixteen. A hit by Yang pushed the score to 24-17 and another by Skellchock won it. Shannon had three service aces.

The second game featured a twelve-point service run by Skellchock. With an 11-3 lead, Kelly and Lexi collided with each other running off the court to keep a ball in play, indicative of the hustle and intensity the Coyotes have shown this year. The Cavaliers won the third game, 25-19. "I wanted to win that third game but they got it done," said the coach. The Coyotes rebounded to win game four, 25-14. Kelly Stock had some key hits. The game ended on a missed serve by Kennedy.


On September 7, the Lady Coyotes began their season with a tough loss at home to 4A powerhouse Wootton in a three-game sweep. In the first game, the girls were down by six twice but fought back to within one each time before the Patriots put the game away. In the last two games, the ladies had four-point leads but let both games get away from them. Lexi Meyer had an outstanding game with seven kills and a block. Skellchock delivered three kills. Bria Johnson (MB) added two blocks and two kills.

On September 13, the Coyotes won their first road match taking Seneca Valley three games to one (25-17, 15-25, 25-17, and 26-24). Clarksburg trailed 17-9 in the fourth game, but they tied the game at twenty-three and eventually put it away. Stock

had seven kills, two blocks, and four aces. Johnson and Meyer had six kills each. Bria had four blocks. Lexi had eight service aces. Yang had sixteen assists. Williams added five aces and five digs, and Shannon had three aces and nine assists. Jenetta Beckley also had three aces. Lyndsey Bryant added a block. Sophie Bukenya added a kill. Christin Houston also had a block. Logan Wroblewski added several blocks. Melly Kolb-Houck made her debut for the lady coyotes in the second game saving several tips from the Eagles and touches off blocks.

On September 15, Clarksburg beat Watkins Mill at home, sweeping three games. It was their first ever victory over the Wolverines. Meyer led the team with five kills, followed by Anna Williams and Jenetta Beckley with four each. Kelly Stock had three, including the decisive game winner in game three. Susan Yang recorded eight aces.

"We are hosting Quince Orchard on October 11 in our Dig Pink game—Digging for a Cure for breast cancer," reminds Coach Tippet. The event is Monday, October 11. The JV match starts at 5:30 p.m. with the varsity to follow at 6:30 at CHS.



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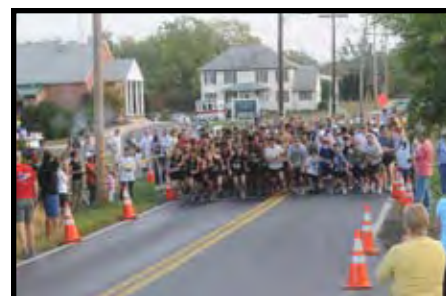
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The 20th Anniversary of Poolesville Day

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

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Theft: 22800 block of Mt. Ephraim Road

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Past Crimes

October 8, 1942 Montgomery County Police, armed with riot gear, spent an hour outside a Poolesville farmhouse calling for a forty-six-year-old man to surrender. He had been seen going into the house with a rifle as police approached to serve a warrant. Finally, the officers kicked down a door and found the man asleep in an upstairs bedroom.

October 8, 1950 Leroy Bowie, a twenty-three-year-old Boyds resident, was killed when the truck in which he was riding, went out of control on Route 28, and struck a tree. Police said that the truck tried to pass a station wagon, struck a telephone pole, careened wildly for several hundred feet, before striking the tree. **October 18, 1949** Three men were injured seriously when their car ran off the Boyds-Germantown Road and knocked down an electrical pole.

October 21, 1906 Mrs. Emma Brengle, of Frederick, was arrested for thrashing her husband. It was alleged that Thomas Brengle was in the habit of beating his wife and had chased her through the streets on several occasions. When Mr. Brengle became loud, his wife seized a club and beat him over the head.

"Soft Light" Continued From Page 3.

If you have bought spring flowering bulbs, don't forget to plant them. Don't laugh; many of my gardening friends, me included, often find little brown paper bags in a corner of the garage in January when it's too late to plant bulbs. You should be safe planting them up until Thanksgiving.

This has been a banner year for basil, and I am presuming that we will not have had a frost by the time you read this article. Many years I make basil pesto and freeze it in ice cube trays for use during the winter, but I was a little lazy this year and streamlined this recipe. Gather basil leaves, wash and dry, purée them with a tablespoon or two of olive oil, and freeze in ice cube trays. It is very easy and fast, and you can savor the flavor of fresh basil all winter.

Now is the time to buy or order bulbs for forcing for the holiday season. Remember, you get what you pay for. Buy from reputable garden centers and

select large, firm bulbs. Paperwhites take about four to six weeks to bloom. Amaryllis takes a good two months; look for South African amaryllis. Bulbs grown in the southern hemisphere mature sooner in the year, so you can plant them in October, and they will bloom in time for the holidays.

A fun project for you and your young children this time of the year is to gather pine cones and dried flowers and grasses from the woods. They make interesting and inexpensive decorations in the home for the fall and winter holidays. This year, there was an unusually large amount of pine cones. I searched for a scientific reason for the increased number, but I could find none. If you have one, let me know.

Enjoy the fall garden.



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how to manage the interaction, according to Mr. Shannon. “It’s not about me telling students what to do and what not to do.” In fact, Mr. Shannon reminds his students that if they are questioned about a crime, they aren’t required to answer the questions; however, this right to silence can possibly make a person of more interest to a police officer.

What’s key, according to Mr. Shannon, is that his students learn their rights and responsibilities as citizens and how to assert them. He stresses that these finer points are really what he hopes his students remember about his class. “Someone who knows and appreciates [his] rights and freedoms as [an American] will ultimately be more inclined to accept the responsibilities that come from being an American,” stated Mr. Shannon. “Freedom doesn’t come easily.” For example, his students learn that in order to honor freedom of speech, they must also honor what other people say, despite sometimes not liking their statements. “Being an American is hard work,” he explained.

When asked to identify the major similarity between classroom and courtroom, “Drama,” was Mr. Shannon’s response. “Juries like to be involved in the stories.” Surprisingly, according to Mr. Shannon, the proper joke at the right moment will win the case as much or more than the facts, in some cases.

As a teacher, Mr. Shannon explained, “You also have to be responsive to the crowd, not entertaining them necessarily, but providing a hook that carries the message that you want the kids to learn.” His courtroom war stories help.

Each of Mr. Shannon’s students must play the role of mediator between two opposing parties at some point during the semester. This active involvement helps emphasize to the students that the law is everyone’s responsibility. By the end of the

semester, the students have learned some aspect of alternate dispute resolution. To further engage them and help add rigor to the class, his students also are expected to read case law and opinions he researches and hand picks for them that aren’t too overwhelming or too complicated.

What has surprised Mr. Shannon about PHS students who take his class? “Several of the students have a real lawyer’s instinct about how to analyze issues. They already seem to have a lawyer’s knack. I can tell they have already begun thinking as lawyers.”

His advice to these aspiring lawyers: First, you don’t necessarily need to major in a law-related field to get into law school. Many law schools are more interested in students who have passion and enthusiasm about something, drama and music, for example. Second, take time off before going to law school and get real-life experiences. “You’ll be a better lawyer if you do.” Third, do his readings and his homework for his classes!

Mr. Shannon also teaches advanced placement world history, a class he calls a delight and an honor to teach.

In his free time, he continues to play a sport he loves after twenty-eight seasons: ice hockey. He is a former chief executive officer of Hockey North America, an amateur hockey league of 12,000 players. Mr. Shannon was the head of business operations and head of the league, and determined issues of discipline and competition. “Now, I play against men who weren’t even born when I started the league. I have to be tricky to get around the twenty-one-year-olds.”

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Things to Do

Every weekend, enjoy the frightening but thrilling Markoff's Haunted Forest. After October 15, the Markoff's Enchanted Forest for youngsters opens on weekends. See Focus on Business this issue.

October 7, 8, 9

Fall Rummage Sale
St. Peter's Church
20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville
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Thursday: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
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Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

October 9

Clarksburg Cluster PTAs'
1st Annual 5K Fun Run/Walk
The 3.1-mile course runs through the Milestone community with the start and finish lines at Gibbs Elementary School. The 5k Speed Run for serious runners will go off first, with a 1K fun run/walk

for others. Visit the Clarksburg High School website link to the PTA or email treeisgone@verizon.com.
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Michael Hoover Concert "A Tribute to Elvis"
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October 13
Author Book Signing
Kay Meredith: Author of Affair at Borland Springs
The Surrey
14120 Darnestown Rd, Darnestown
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

October 14

Margaret Kerry, aka Tinker Bell, returns to Poolesville at Finders Keepers, the gift shop across from the Poolesville Post Office. She will be available to greet and talk with youngsters of all ages. Bring your camera and have a photo taken with a Disney icon. She will also be signing colorful photos for a \$20.00 donation to the Breast Cancer Fund. Additionally, she will be making several appearances at the Dulles Expo Center in Chantilly, Virginia during that weekend. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, come out and show Tinker Bell that Poolesville does care.
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 16

Forest Grove Methodist Church
Route 28 and Greenfield Road
Community Yard Sale
Baked goods and lunch
Table space available - 301-349-5416
8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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7:00 p.m.

October 18
Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting
Town Hall
Open Questions/Answers of Charter Revision Vote
7:30 p.m.

October 18-22
Poolesville Elementary School Book Fair
"Reading Saves the Day!"
Monday - Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to

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Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Additional hours of shopping:
Wednesday: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
FAMILY NIGHT

October 22
Falcon Volleyball: Digging for a Cure
The Poolesville High School varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams have teamed up with the Side-Out Foundation to offer Digging for a Cure to benefit breast cancer research. Join in the fun as the mighty Falcons host their county rivals from Blake High School for two exciting volleyball games and a fundraiser to help fight cancer. The JV game starts at 5:30 p.m. and varsity at 6:30 p.m. There will be raffles, door prizes, great food, and a rocking and enthusiastic full house in the gym! The best part is one hundred percent of all money raised will go directly to Dig Pink Breast Cancer Charities!

To learn more about Dig Pink's role in raising money for breast cancer charities, please visit www.side-out.org. To donate through the Poolesville Falcon fundraiser web page, please go to www.side-out.org/application/teams/team_page/1771.



October 22 and 23
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fees will be discussed during the October 18 town meeting, and area residents are encouraged to attend to voice their opinion on the waiver request. The impact fees are designed to offset the infrastructure costs incurred by the town for permitting the development of new housing or other facilities. A waiver of impact fees was approved by the town in gaining approval by the county to build John Poole Middle School.

Additional information is available at the organization's website: www.habitat-mc.org.

Tidbits of the Past

October 5, 1944 A large airplane, identified by Montgomery County Police as an army transport plane, crashed between Germantown and Boyds. Fire departments from Rockville and Gaithersburg rushed to the scene. Cpl. Roy Bodmer reported that the pilot, an army captain, had parachuted to safety. The pilot was the only occupant of the plane. Wreckage was reported strewn over a wide terrain.

October 2, 1949 Madeleine Kneppelhout van Sterkenburg, the former Comtesse du Chastel de la Howarderie of Belgium, purchased Stoney Castle located on the road to Edwards Ferry. The former owner was Dr. Byron White whose family had owned the property for generations. The sale price was \$80,000.

October 2, 1944 Mrs. Edna Hudson of Boyds received news that her husband, Pvt. James W. Hudson, had been killed in action in Italy while serving in the armored division. Before going overseas, Hudson was a member of the Rockville Fire Department.

October 4, 1952 News was received of the death of 2nd Lt. Fred Hays of Barnesville. His family received word that Lieutenant Hays was leading his patrol in Korea when he was killed. He had returned to duty just a few weeks before after recovering from earlier wounds.

October 4, 1949 Three women

led a protest against the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad complaining that the railroad cars they rode in to their jobs in Washington were not air conditioned. Lois Hering and Helen Keifer of Poolesville and Es-lie Judd of Barnesville took a thermometer to work and measured the temperature in their cars. One day, the temperature reached 106 as they passed through Boyds and 102 when they arrived at Barnesville.

October 4, 1950 Two new polio cases were reported in Montgomery County. One involved a five-year-old girl who lived in Poolesville. She was admitted to the Children's Hospital in Washington.

October 11, 1944 W. R. Winslow, of Poolesville, was awarded \$400 after two of his cows died of rabies. He had asked for \$500 and claimed that his cows were attacked by stray dogs.

October 21, 1947 The first women in Montgomery County's history were called to jury duty. Among the prospective jurors were Jennie Fulton, Sarah Sellman, and Zelda Bodmer of Poolesville.

October 27, 1951 Montgomery County farm values were the highest in history. The only exception was in the Poolesville district where prices had fallen slightly. Among purchases that year was a 219-acre farm at Darnestown for \$50,000 and another in the same area that had sold for \$15,000 in 1947 but sold in 1951 for \$54,000. Drew Pearson, noted columnist, purchased a farm near Potomac for \$84,000.



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**Be Scared,
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By Randé Davis

It's October, and in the nighttime, the forest off of Martinsburg Road in Dickerson will be filled with blood-curdling screams and shrieks. The terrifying echoes through the trees belie the truth. The truth is the screams are from the thrill of the fright and not from persons in danger. They are the sounds of Markoff's Haunted Forest (MHF).

For the past seventeen Octobers, the Markoff family members have been perfecting their haunted extravaganza with resounding success, achieving a ranking in the top five, nationally.

In the beginning, it was simply a Haunted Bus driven to schools and used as a fundraiser for Calleva Outdoors, the edu-

cational and leadership camp, headquartered at Riley's Lock. Eventually, they switched from the bus to their Dickerson farm and, year after year, began making improvements and adding other innovations.

We recently got a tour of the grounds from Matt Markoff, and even in broad daylight, walking one of the trails raised the hair on the back of my neck. Of course, a big part of the success of the haunted trails is that they surprise you with the unexpected, so it wouldn't be appropriate to discuss in detail what we saw during our tour. I can tell you that the Markoff family and employees work hard to keep the experience fresh and new. Even for the veteran haunted forest-goers, the experience is sure to catch them off guard.

Nick Markoff works year round on the haunted forest with an eye to creating new and even more exciting venues along the paths of panic. Employing over one hundred workers each night, MHF and Calleva Outdoor combined are the largest private-

sector employers in the Poolesville area.

Markoff's Haunted Forest has two trails through the woods, each taking about twenty to twenty-five minutes to walk. Both trails have thirteen spine-tingling stops along the way. Upon arrival and purchase of your ticket, you will have to wait until your group number is called.

There is one way to jump the line. If you have dinner at Bassett's Restaurant or Cugini's, you will be able to purchase an advance ticket that allows you to skip the wait and go straight to the front of the line.

Before or after the trail walk, you will want to participate in the many things to do while at MHF. In fact, the party-like venue not only offers a concession stand with pizza, snacks, hot cider, and cocoa but has live music and entertainers. Don't be surprised if some "deceased" Civil War soldiers or headless



Even for those who have to wait to enter Markoff's Haunted Forest, there are plenty of activities to keep everyone entertained.

horsemen make the scene. Other times, you might be entertained by costumed dancers performing to Michael Jackson's "Thriller."

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The forest is not advised for those under eight or others with an uncertain threshold for features of fright. For the younger kids, Calleva's Enchanted Forest opens mid-October

and is a journey into the stories of our youth where the kids become a part of legends while walking from one enchanted moment to another.

Remember, this is a fully outdoors adventure, so dress for the weather and wear footwear appropriate for hiking through the woods. We know you think you are pretty tough, but MHF has proven at least one undisputable thing: even big men can scream like little girls.



A fire broke out at last Saturday at midnight at the abandoned house on the north side Route 107 near Partnership Road. As an abandoned home, the fire department monitored the burn to prevent it from spreading. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

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Local News

Familiar Candidates File to Run For Town Commissioner

By Rande Davis

There are two positions on the Poolesville town commission up for election this November. Commissioner Jim Brown will run for reelection while Commissioner Lori Gruber has decided not to seek reelection. Two other candidates filed to run and both have sought the position in the past: Chuck Stump, who ran in 2007 to fill the seat vacated by former Commissioner Roy Johnson, and Jennifer Kasten, who ran in the special election in May 2009

to fill the seat vacated by Tom Yeatts. Mr. Stump has been a volunteer member of the town's planning commission and had previously served on the Poolesville's Board of Elections. Originally from Hagerstown, Maryland he attended Virginia Tech, obtaining a B.S. in computer science, and is a managing director of software engineering for a financial services firm. Jennifer Kasten grew up in a small town in Northern Illinois, is a senior project analyst and public administrator, and holds a Ph.D in Public Administration from the University of North Carolina. She is currently a board member of the Poolesville Elementary School PTA, serving as its volunteer coordinator and liaison for the student government. She is also secretary for the Poolesville Athletic Association.

Mr. Brown won election to the town commission in 2007 in



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a special election to fill the seat of Roy Johnson. He is a graduate of Salem College with a B.S. degree in business, an executive in the printing industry, and a licensed realtor. He has been a leader for ten years in the youth Poolesville Basketball Association, having served as its president for seven years.

and while the town election will be held on November 2, voting for town commissioner is held in the town hall and not at Poolesville Elementary School or John Poole Middle School.

The Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce will host an open forum of candidates at the town hall on Sunday, October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Residents have until October 12 to register to vote with the county. Voter lists for town elections are derived from the county list of voters,

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10/8	Soccer - Girls	Watkins Mill	7:00 p.m.
10/9	Field Hockey	Wootton	3:30 p.m.
10/11	Tennis - Girls	Walter Johnson	3:30 p.m.
10/12	Volleyball - Girls	Bethesda-Chevy Chase	6:30 p.m.
10/13	Soccer - Boys	Kennedy	7:00 p.m.
10/15	Football	Watkins Mill	6:30 p.m.
10/18	Field Hockey	Whitman	7:00 p.m.
10/20	Soccer - Boys	Northwood	7:00 p.m.
10/22	Volleyball - Girls*	Blake	6:30 p.m.
10/22	Soccer - Girls	Wheaton	7:00 p.m.

Date	Sport	CLARKSBURG	Time
10/11	Volleyball - Girls	Quince Orchard	6:30 p.m.
10/12	Field Hockey	Seneca Valley	7:00 p.m.
10/18	Field Hockey	Blair	7:00 p.m.
10/19	Volleyball - Girls	Richard Montgomery	3:30 p.m.
10/19	Soccer - Boys	Wheaton	7:00 p.m.
10/22	Football	Paint Branch	6:30 p.m.

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