



Brice Halbrook and Bridget Burke of the Poolesville Day Committee met with the Town of Poolesville commissioners to discuss 2011 plans. More details are in Tidbits on page 11.



A young man, with questionable prospects for future success, at the core of the Daytripper on page 6.



Monocacy Lion Bill Jamison (right) installed the new leaders of the PHS Leo Club. See more Family Album pictures on page 2.



Falcon swimmer Alley Jacob. Read about the PHS Swim and Dive Team on page 9.

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Modification Of Cell Tower Profile Sought

By Kristen Milton

With two new cell towers proposed for the area and more likely on the way, a local conservation group is hoping community communication can make them less intrusive.

T-Mobile recently applied for a 120-foot tower on West Offut Road south of Poolesville and a second 150-foot tower on Mt. Ephraim Road near Sugarloaf Mountain. Both would likely be "stealth towers," camouflaged to better blend in with surroundings. A third tower for Wasche Road is being considered for the near future.

Elsabett Tesfaye, the planner coordinator assigned the West Offut tower, said by email that the site was recommended

for approval by the county's tower committee on February 3. Leslie Saville, the planner for the Mt. Ephraim site, said the application was one of several still being discussed.

At press time, Montgomery Countryside Alliance (MCA) had scheduled a February 17 public meeting with T-Mobile in Poolesville to discuss community concerns with the chosen locations. Approximately a dozen residents signed up to attend within a day of the meeting being announced.

Caroline Taylor, executive director of MCA, said the telecommunications company was quick to agree to the meeting, and she was hopeful that compromises could be found. Towers provide both a community service and a way for farmers to get extra income from their land, she said.

"We understand that people need to communicate, and the preferred option is cell

phones," said Taylor, herself using a mobile phone in a phone interview. "We're trying to think outside the box: what can we do? Is there a silo or other high tower or a place to co-locate?"

The MCA website features photos of site "balloon tests," when T-Mobile flew red balloons to the height of the proposed towers, but Taylor is hoping there will be a second test with community notification so that residents can see for themselves the potential impact on their views. A letter requesting such a test was signed by sixteen people representing a half dozen Upcounty groups, and Saville said she would like to see it held.

The Mt. Ephraim site is of particular concern, Taylor said. "It would just be another industrial use that would mar the vistas and public enjoyment in that area," she said.

Hope Garden Dancers Make Their Mark

By Dominique Agnew

This past January, five dancers from Poolesville's Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre (HGCBT) made the presence of our small town company felt in international competition.

On January 14, Veronica Contreras, sisters, Suzanne and Ellie Creedon, Kimora Maier, and Hannah Wills competed in the Youth America Grand Prix International Ballet Competition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dancers come from all around the world to compete in this highly-esteemed event,

the largest ballet competition in the world, founded by Bolshoi dancers. This is the second year for HGCBT to send dancers. Last year, three were ready, this year, the five.

"The girls did very well, even better than last year," says Fran Ichijo, founder and artistic director of HGCBT. Veronica, Suzanne, and Hannah competed in the twelve-to-fourteen age group, with Suzanne making the top twelve in the division. Kimora and Ellie competed in the nine-to-eleven division, with Ellie also placing in the top twelve. The top three in each division compete in New York in March. "From a little thirteen-year-old ballet school, it's a great accomplishment," says Fran. "Next year, we will do even better."

The girls gave up their



Dancers from Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre who competed at the Youth America Grand Prix International Competition in Philadelphia, from left: Kimora Maier, Veronica Contreras, Danielle Creedon, Hannah Wills, and Suzanne Creedon.

winter breaks to work in the HGCBT studio at Healthworks. "They looked very beautiful," adds Fran, and they worked very hard. Suzanne and Veronica performed contemporary and classical pieces, both being necessary to show the versatility required for New York. Anton Wilson from the Baltimore

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Local News

Forestation Ordinance And Wastewater Capacity Report are The Primary Focus of The Poolesville Town Meeting

By Rande Davis

The town meeting on February 7 was abbreviated to allow for an executive session on budget preparation.

The main topics addressed during the meeting were a submission of changes to the town's forest conservation ordinance (Ordinance #122) and to receive from the town manager the annual sewage capacity report.

The changes to Ordinance #122 covering Forest Conservation have been submitted to meet the requirements of the State of Maryland Natural Resources regulations. Specifically, it covers rules of reforestation and afforestation and the establish-

ment of Forest Bank guidelines or establishes a fund by property owners as a set aside to cover costs of the town in meeting its Forest Conservation requirements elsewhere. Reforestation is the restocking of existing forests and woodlands which have been depleted in order to improve the quality of storm water runoff, to soak up absorb pollution and dust from the air, and to rebuild habitats and ecosystems. Afforestation is the conversion of bare or cultivated land into forests.

The ordinance is available at town hall, and the public hearing on the matter is scheduled for the March 4 town commissioners' meeting.

In its annual Sewage Capacity report, it has been noted that the town is permitted the annual capacity of 750,000 gallons per day (GPD). Using a three-year rolling average discharge calculation, the town uses 628,081 GPD. Of the 121,919 GPD available capacity, 77,025 gallons are required to complete approved building plans. An additional 60,578 gal-

lons are required to fulfill the total allocation list, which leaves a shortfall of 15,684 GPD. It should be noted that while Maryland Department of the Environment uses 250 GPD per household as its guideline, the Town of Poolesville estimates 325 GPD in calculating its estimates. Ongoing sewer repairs, which will decrease the amount of flow to the sewerage plant, are expected to reduce the rolling averages over the next few years and to absorb the shortage keeping the town within its capacity requirements.

Prior to adjourning to an executive session for preparatory work on the 2012 budget, the commissioners voted to appoint Harald Ehrentraut to the Planning Commission and Jennifer Kasten to the Ethics Committee. The commissioners also received a request from the current chairs of the Poolesville Day Committee, Brice Halbhook and Bridget Burke, for continued sponsorship from the town of \$10,000 for the festival. The larger portion of the town contribution covers

the costs associated with tents and the children's entertainment, including the various moon-bounce-type attractions and the railroad train.

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School of the Arts choreographed their contemporary pieces.

Also in HGCBT news, Veronica Contreras and Brooke O'Connell (a former HGCBT dancer who now studies at the Kirov), both thirteen, were selected to participate in a summer program intensive in New York with the Bolshoi of Russia. From there, they could be invited to dance in Moscow, as well. Congratulations from the *Monocle* to all the dancers.

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Commentary

The End of the World

By John Clayton

March 4 approaches. The *Monocacy Monocle*, if the world survives that long, will publish another issue on that date, and I believe that will happen—but the dire outcomes of March 4 loom, as two major cataclysms may occur. The Mayans were pretty sure the world would end in 2012, but we may not make it that far.

On March 4, the National Football League's collective bargaining agreement will expire, and the threat of labor strife that could imperil the next season of NFL football will become a reality. This is no laughing matter; the popularity of NFL football is at unimaginable levels. (Full disclosure: I actively support a quasi-professional team. I am a Redskins fan.)

The league recently put on its all-star game, the Pro Bowl, on the hiatus Sunday between the NFC Championship games and the Super Bowl. The Pro Bowl, and it pains me to write this, apparently exceeded its previous all-time television ratings, even eclipsing the most recent baseball World Series. The Pro Bowl is easily the worst and the most unwatchable all-star game in professional sports. Taking the best players from various teams and forming two teams for one game works reason-

ably well in other sports, but it does not work in football. This probably works best in baseball because the game, while there is teamwork involved, generally involves moments of individual effort—throwing, hitting, catching, running, etc. The absence of polished team-wide coordination is easily overlooked and not even missed, except perhaps by the true sophisticate. Basketball all-star games suffer from a lack of teamwork and perhaps lackadaisical defense, but this, in turn, opens the floor to crowd-pleasing flamboyant play. I suspect that hockey and soccer follow a similar path. Football, however, does not. The game requires that players exert themselves with ruthless abandon and bloodlust, scratching, clawing, and hitting for every yard. This doesn't work in a friendly exhibition. Nevertheless, the game sells because we are addicted to pro football. The owners of the game are well aware of this. As Super Bowl host and Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones discovered, you can charge people practically anything and seat them (or not) practically anywhere, and they will still fight for tickets. The NFL owners, alas, have the keys to the mint. This could all fall apart on March 4, and there will be no football, and a large piece of life as we know it will disappear.

Also, on the same day, the federal government will run out of money and shut down if Congress doesn't agree on a budget. I almost forgot to mention that one.

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Rande(m) Thoughts

Lamenting Presidents' Day

By Rande Davis

As we approach Presidents' Day, I think that we have missed a remarkable opportunity. By blending the birthday remembrances for Washington and Lincoln into one day, the holiday becomes nebulous, a lost chance to appreciate for and understand the contribution of each. To make matters worse, some have come to view the day as one to acknowledge all presidents rather than focusing on the critical roles of these two gentlemen.

To be sure, this would not be the United States we know if either had not been present at the time of his service. Even more poignant, it is most likely our great nation would not even exist if not for them. How rare it is that one person's contribution can have this degree of impact on so many.

Perhaps the decision to combine their birth celebrations was a pragmatic one. The accident of both being born in February and the need to limit the number of federal holidays may have made the decision to merge reasonable—but at what cost? Haven't we lost one more chance to reach back in time to rediscover that which unites us and makes us truly unique as a people and a nation? Our commemoration of them celebrates the measurement of greatness not by achievement alone but by the strength of one's character. They were not flawless leaders, but leaders rooted first and foremost in devotion to their personal integrity and principles. Has valuing good character become an anachronism, something viewed as an unsophisticated way of judging one's behavior?

Neither man was devoid of personal flaws or lacking in detractors. Indeed, all modern presidents fall short of the vitriol

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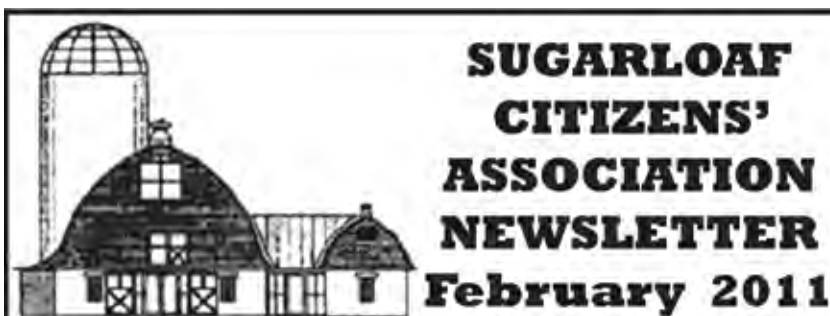
Business Briefs

Let the Fun Begin

The Community and Economic Development Committee (CEDC), which has brought you the Holiday Lighting Ceremony and, in conjunction with the Poolesville Chamber of Commerce, the Community/Business Fair, and is a great contributor to the Fall Walk-a-Thon for WUMCO, has come up with a new and exciting event. On Saturday, May 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the first SpringFest at Whalen Commons will take place with the theme: Beer, Barbeque, and Blues. With the assistance of local businesses like Upcounty Fine Wine and Beer and Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards, this festival will be a beer- and wine-tasting occasion combined with barbeque vendors and contests. Entertainment will be live performances by blues bands. The beer and wine tasting will be only for those adults aged twenty-one and older, of course, but there will be lots of fun for

children, too, including a climbing wall and games. If you are a backyard barbequer and think you have a winning recipe, plan to set up your grill on Whalen Commons and enter the amateur BBQ contest. If your business wants to sponsor events or participate as a food or artisan vendor, be sure to contact the CEDC via Cathy Bupp at Town Hall.

The CEDC is tasked by the Commissioners of Poolesville to advance community spirit and enhance economic opportunities for local businesses. This dedicated group of volunteers, with support from the town's recreational events director, Cathy Bupp, have been hard at work on other things as well. Their quarterly publication, The Poolesville Business Times, has just published their newest edition. It's a great tool to foster awareness in the business community, so if you haven't seen your copy yet, visit www.poolesville.com to read the current issue and to sign up for receiving future issues.



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Airstrips are allowable in the RDT zone as a special exception land use. Sugarloaf supports the position that when the Master Plan mentions "Airstrip, associated with farm" this means that it is **related to farm work**. The present application (S-2778), which was specifically submitted for "recreational use", received Park and Planning approval with flight limitations. However, since the FAA has ultimate authority, Montgomery County would relinquish control over the operation of this airstrip were it approved. The Board of Appeals will continue hearing this case on February 18, 2011. Sugarloaf opposes approval. Seeing the need for zoning clarification, Montgomery County Councilmembers Elrich and Craig have proposed the Zoning Text Amendment 10-15, to clarify that airstrips on farms must "aid farming operations".

1. SCA has proposed an amendment to ZTA 10-15 supporting the position that the zoning code should only permit publicly owned or operated airstrips in the R.D.T. zone. Crop dusting has become an infrequent, highly specialized service usually contracted out and it appears that private airstrips associated with farm work are no longer needed.
2. However, If the County should decide to allow private air strips associated with farm work, a provision to protect homes and nearby farming operations is vital. Therefore, Sugarloaf proposes an amendment to require a one-thousand foot buffer between an air strip for farm use and any existing home.

The County Council held a public hearing on January 18, 2011 on ZTA 10-15. Sugarloaf hopes the County Council will pass it with the proposed amendments. **We urge you to contact County Council President Ervin with your support of ZTA 10-15 with these amendments at Councilmember.ervin@montgomerycountymd.gov.**

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Coming Home

By Dominique Agnew

If you're like many of the lifelong residents of the Washington, D.C.-metropolitan area, you only visit the tourist sites when guests come to town. Of course, sometimes, you do manage to get out and take in a museum or a park when something new opens, but if you haven't been to Mt. Vernon in the last five years, it's time to go, guests or not.

The main attraction, as always, is Washington's home, purchased and owned by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association. In decades past, that was really the only attraction, the home and the grounds. Ever since the ladies rescued Washington's home in the mid-1800s, they've been enhancing it either with period redecorating and pieces or furniture and items that actually belonged to Washington. A neat little tidbit that we learned on our most recent visit is that

there is now a small staff devoted to scouring eBay in search of original furniture and artifacts that were at Mt. Vernon during Washington's life there.

These days, Mt. Vernon has become much more interactive with in-depth opportunities to learn not only what a great man Washington was (a truly incredible man), but also about his life, his property (how well thought-out were the design and implementation of various farm ideas), and the lives of those who lived at Mt. Vernon. With the addition of the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center, and the Ford Orientation Center, one visit no longer suffices to take in all Mt. Vernon has to offer. More than twenty-five theaters and galleries complement the home and fill in so many details on Washington's life. In one theater, viewers even get to, ahem, experience battle during winter, from the rumble of artillery fire to snow (as if we need to know what snow feels like).

It's also a treat to see and talk to actors in period costume in various places around the grounds.

The blacksmith uses tools to make the metal works that would have been necessary on a plantation of Washington's time in the reproduction blacksmith shop (based on years of research and archeological digs). A variety of farm workers, family members, and business associates allow visitors to see Mt. Vernon through the eyes of history. Really, what is that little gadget with all the buttons and lights that visitors keep looking at?

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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

Montgomery County Police are searching for three men who stole jewelry from a home in Germantown. Police said that two men had come to the house of an elderly couple and represented themselves as employees of WSSC, saying that it was necessary to inspect the pipes in their house. Once inside, the suspects stole jewelry from a bedroom.

The suspects were described as possibly Hispanic males: one age 55, 5'10" to 5'11" tall, and weighing 185 pounds; one age 25, 5'8" tall, weighing 145 pounds; and the other age 35, and 5'6" tall. The two suspects with the victims were wearing blue jeans and light-colored jackets. The truck was described as being in good condition, silver in color, perhaps a 2000 to 2004 model with a very wide back end.

Detectives learned that there

have been several burglaries in Pennsylvania recently using this same type of hoax and targeting elderly victims. It is believed that a transient criminal group may now have migrated to our area, and these suspects may again attempt this or a similar hoax aimed at elderly residents. This is a very plausible situation, and Montgomery County Police remind residents to not immediately open doors to strangers and to ask for official identification from individuals claiming to represent legitimate businesses.

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Past Events

February 22, 1957 Two eighteen-year-old Upcounty youths were charged with a series

of robberies and burglaries. Police said that the arrests cleared up a crime wave that affected the communities of Rockville, Dickerson, and Poolesville. At the time of the arrest, police seized six pistols and four rifles from their car.

February 24, 1958 Police charged Moses Hoes, of Boyds, with assault with intent to murder in the shooting of his common law wife. It was said that Hoes was tending bar at Musser's Tavern in Germantown when Julia Braxton entered the establishment. Hoes claimed that Braxton brandished an ax handle and came behind the bar and attempted to attack him. He then drew his gun and shot her. Braxton told police that she was shot without provocation.

February 26, 1962 Montgomery County Police were ordered to be on the lookout for joyriding youths who caused disturbances in the community. This order was announced by the police chief and was spurred by the arrest of a carload of drunken youth who had hurled beer cans at passersby as they rocketed around the coun-

ty in an open convertible.

March 2, 1955 Police in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties were scheduled to participate in a test of radar devices that were invented with the intention of catching speeding motorists. Montgomery County Police set up a test course on Georgia Avenue between Silver Spring and Wheaton. Police Chief Charles Orme was quoted as saying that he doubted that his department would purchase such devices.

March 5, 1929 Montgomery County Police were searching for two boys, twelve and thirteen, who were missing from their homes. The father of one of the boys said that he was not concerned since his son had "hopped a freight train" before and had come home when he had tired of traveling.

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| 11 - 11:30 | Brian Gross - Local Musician |
| 11:30 - 12 | Midnight Players - Sneak Peek |
| 12 - 12:30 | Bill Euler - Local Musician |
| 12:30 - 1pm | Denise Shores Dance Studio |
| 1 - 1:30pm | Hope Garden Ballet Demonstration |
| 1:30 - 2pm | Doug Bell - Local Musician |
| 2 - 2:30pm | Bob Swanson |
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of opponents as compared to both Washington and Lincoln. To think they were universally heralded at the time of their service is something with which both would heartily disagree. Neither sought personal benefit from his circumstances nor shied from the immense tribulation and the challenges of his their time. Their courage in the face of difficulties is what defined them, as it should define us today.

Through it all, both gave birth to a better future for the nation. It may be true, in the words of Reinhold Niebuhr, that "nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone," but no one in American history has achieved more virtuous accomplishments through the force of individual effort than Washington and Lincoln.

It is unlikely we will ever go back to a time of individual

celebration for these two men. In order to better recall their importance individually, perhaps we could celebrate Washington's birthday one year and Lincoln's the next. In so doing, we channel our roots as a way to give strength to our future.

This year, I wish to give special attention to George Washington. At thirteen years old, he listed 110 "Rules of Civility in Conversation amongst Men" that he copied from an English translation of an older French work—rules which guided his entire life. At this time of remembrance, lest we forget, we should recall the following quote from the Father of our Nation: "Without virtue and without integrity, the finest talents of the most brilliant accomplishments can never gain the respect or conciliate the esteem of the truly valuable part of mankind."



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Youth Sports

PHS Winter Athletes Compete on the Track and in the Pool

By Jeff Stuart

On a cold, blustery Tuesday afternoon, February 7, the Poolesville indoor track team practiced outside in preparation for the final meets of the season: the 2A West Regional

at Hagerstown on February 12 and the 2A State Championship at Landover on February 21. "We hardly ever practice inside," said senior distance runner Eric Holmstead, instead they work on basics. "I did one good mile," Eric continued, "the Montgomery Invitational (04:34.85). Indoor is when you try to lay a foundation for the outdoor. It's about not getting injured. Outdoor is more important." About winning the Poolesville Day race last fall? "It was fun. It was good to win in a race that I run all the time with all the people that I know. In the off season I run with friends when I can, but

mostly I run by myself."

"Eric is one of the top milers in the state," said Head Coach Mike Trumbull. "He currently has the third fastest time in 2A. Senior Katie Duncan has run one of the faster 500-meter times in the state in 2A. She will have a great shot at winning a state title in the event. Junior Jonique Lyles has the ability to qualify for the state meet in the 55-meter dash. She is currently seeded in the top five for the West Region."

Both the boys' and girls' 4x400 relay have excellent chances of qualifying in the 4x400 meter relay. The girls currently have the fastest time in the West Region.

In the pool, Head Coach Jonathan Leong's swim team is also preparing for the season ending meets.

Who were his team's outstanding performers? "Sophomore Diana Hansen has qualified for Metros in several different events, and has won all of her individual events this season. She has also qualified for

Junior Nationals this spring with her club, Curl-Burke. Freshman Xavier Laracuate has been the standout for the boys' team; he has



Some of the ladies on the 2011 PHS Indoor Track Team.

broken one school record and has a few more in his line of

sight. He has also qualified for metros in all of his events. He leads a very large and talented freshman class of boys that I hope will stick with the program through their senior year. In diving, senior Siobhan Kibbey has trained our talented younger divers and is, herself, competing at high levels right now. She finished sixteenth last year at Metros and is looking to improve her spot for this season. Junior Zach Greenwald is another talented diver who is one of our more spirited leaders among the swimmers and divers." The Division II Swimming and Diving Championships are

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Remembrance

Jenna Katherine Miller

On Saturday, January 8, 2011, Jenna K. Miller of Barnesville died peacefully in the loving arms of her husband Benjamin Woods. Jenna had battled an eating disorder for most of her adult life. Throughout her struggles, she never gave up, and she had planned to focus her career on helping others facing similar challenges.

She was born on November 24, 1984 to George Miller and Laura Kittleman. She spent her first twenty years in Barnesville in the homes of her mother Laura Kittleman, her stepfather Tom Yeatts, her father George Miller, her aunt Dalis Davidson, her uncle Houston Miller, and her cousins Aramin, Garrett, and Forrest.

She loved her role as big sister to Lisa and Kelly Catterton, and little

sister to Becky and Ben Neal. From Monocacy Elementary School, she moved on to John Poole Middle School and Poolesville High School, where she excelled at defense in field hockey. Lisa attributes her passion for field hockey to some good coaching from Jenna early on.

After attending Poolesville High School, Jenna graduated from the University of Maryland in College Park with honors, Summa Cum Laude, where she majored in Psychology. It was there that she met and fell in love with her future husband, Ben. She continued her post-graduate studies at UMD with an emphasis on eating disorders affecting young women. She was set to complete a Master's in Public Health in the spring.

There was a small memorial service at her grandfather's farm in Howard County on Friday, January 14. Jenna loved this spot near her granddad's grave and the pond where she spent so many hours with her family. On Saturday, January

22, there was a Celebration of Life at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville for friends and family and all who knew and loved Jenna. The large parish hall at St. Peter's was filled to capacity resulting in a standing-room-only crowd of mourners. Barnesville resident Glen Percy led the event, which was highlighted with a film by her cousin Garrett showing many remembrances of her life.

Jenna was survived by a long list of siblings, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends, each a testament to the love Jenna found for everyone. In her short life, she touched many people, always reaching out to others.

A fund is being established in Jenna's honor to help educate young people about the dangers of

eating disorders. Contributions are welcomed and may be mailed to: The Jenna Katherine Miller Fund, c/o Laura Kittleman, 3018 Kittleman Lane, West Friendship, MD 21794



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Tidbits

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WUMCO

2010: A Satisfactory Year

The WUMCO Board of Directors, at its February 8 meeting, reviewed 2010 and came away quite satisfied despite real concern this time last year. With the economy in a continued downturn and needs for assistance increasing, the board was uncertain how the year would work out. Despite loss of revenue from some grants and other sources, the community rallied in support to make up the difference. In particular, WUMCO was very pleased with the results of last fall's unscheduled walk-a-thon festival that brought in nearly \$3,000.00. The BOD was especially thankful for the efforts of Catherine Beliveau, the Community and Economic Development Committee, and a host of volunteers who jumped in to organize the event which ended up covering much of the loss of income. Demand for assistance in medical transportation, housing, heat/electric, and food continues to increase, but with so many organizations, businesses, and individuals increasing their support, the board is hopeful and

confident that the community will come through again in 2011.

The organization continues to seek new volunteers and sources of revenue. For those interested in helping, contact WUMCO at 301-972-9481.

Poolesville Day—Already?

After a few months of needed rest and recuperation, the Poolesville Day Committee will officially begin its plans for 2011 at their meeting at town hall on February 17. Coming off their most successful event to date, which celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the festival, the committee expects that fresh and energetic new volunteers will be needed. Brice Halbrook and Bridget Burke have co-hosted the event for four years, guiding it to its current level of success. While Halbrook will continue to participate, he is stepping aside as co-chair as the committee reorganizes for 2011. The festival will return to its schedule of the third Saturday in September. Both he and Bridget recently met with the Town of Poolesville commissioners expressing the need for the continued support from the town for some of the more popular attractions. Individuals wanting to become more involved in the organization and who want to participate are welcome to attend the February meeting.

Local Resident Named to William and Mary Dean's List

Lindsey Hutchison from Clarksburg was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the fall

2010 semester. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least twelve credit hours and earn a 3.6 Quality Point Average during the semester. The College of William and Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States.

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February 12 at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center in Boyds. The Montgomery County 500 Yard, Diving, and Swimming are February 17 through February 19 at the Martin Luther King Swim Center. The Metropolitan Swimming and Diving Championships are February 23 through February 26, back at the Germantown Indoor Swim Center in Boyds.

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School News

PHS Talent Show

By Chantal Agnew

On February 3, Poolesville High School's stage was graced with the talent of many of its students. This year's talent show consisted of seventeen various acts in which students from all grades participated. The majority of the performers sang, some accompanied by guitar or piano, others by instrumental recordings. There were also dancers and instrumentalists. At the end of the night, the esteemed judges had to make the decision of placing the acts, noting that their task was indeed difficult.

In third place was Smoke 'n' Mangos, a band who performed "Wagon Wheel" by Old Crow Medicine Show. The members of the band included seniors, Chantal Agnew (keyboard, vocals, tambourine), Rudy Martin (lead vocals, guitar), Sid Egly (guitar),

Josh Ballard (bass), Ben Brenholtz (harmonica, banjo), and Corey Thuro (mandolin). Unexpectedly, there was a tie for second place which went to Kimberly Thompson and Sindhu Chidambaram. Kimberly, who aspires to dance with a professional company after high school, danced the ballet to a contemporary piece "Mambo Solitario," and Sindhu performed an original Indian dance to "Dola Re."

Finally, in first place was the closing act performed by Justin Lanham. Justin won with his performance of an original rap called "Up and Away" depicting his life story. Justin's heartfelt lyrics



Justin Lanham

and talent at rapping wowed the crowd and the judges. He brought down the house. Congratulations, Justin!

Local News

Historic Properties Debated

By Kristin Milton

Planning officials had a history lesson in February as they discussed Upcounty sites to recommend for protection by the county.

The "upper Patuxent area" was the focus of a February 10 work session, specifically five sites where planning staff and the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) disagreed on a course of action. The planning board's recommendations on possible designations on the master plan for historic preservation are forwarded to the county council for a final decision.

Two of the five sites were eventually recommended for inclusion: boundary stones at Parr Spring on Ridge Road, which mark the juncture of four counties; and a home at 26130 Mullinix Mill Road that was once the one-room Mt. Lebanon School.

The board voted unanimously to not include Luther Moore Farm, located at 7201 Damascus Road, in the master plan. Plan-

ning staff said the value of the site was lessened when a rare log tobacco barn and a second building were torn down after storm damage in summer 2010.

"Without the outbuildings, particularly the tobacco barn, it doesn't read as a farm," said Sandra Youla of the historic preservation staff.

The owner of the Col. Lyde Griffith/Merhle Warfield Farm, at 7305 Damascus Road, opposed designation for his property, which is one of five operating dairy farms in the county. It contains a 1930 dairy barn among other structures.

Although planning staff said oversight would be minimal—"We aren't trying to prevent people from being farmers by designation," noted Scott Whipple—the board declined to designate the eighty-seven-acre farm.

"It's really difficult to push too hard without the HPC [support] when someone is so opposed to having it done," said Commissioner Amy Presley.

The board also declined to designate the Alfred Baker House at 28901 Kemptown Road in spite of Youla's contention that Baker (1812-1885) was culturally important as a Methodist circuit-riding minister. The designation was opposed by both the HPC and the property owner.

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February 18

PHS Girls' Basketball home game Versus Bethesda-Chevy Chase 7:00 p.m.

February 19

Cugini's Entertainment Night Featuring: Busted Taillight 8:00 p.m.

February 19 and 20

Our local Girl Scout Troops will hold their annual fundraiser by selling those delicious Girl Scout cookies at Selby's. This year we will still be selling all eight flavors even though some Girl Scout

Councils are only selling six. Of course, we will still have those famous Thin Mints and Samoas.

February 21 Presidents' Day

Relay for Life Dining Out Fundraiser

Chevy's in Gaithersburg
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February 22

PHS Girls' Basketball home game Versus Tuscarora High School 7:00 p.m.

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February 23

Community and Economic Development Committee
Poolesville Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

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February 25

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looking to sell cases of cookies to help empty their parents' cars and houses.

Cookies will be available from your local Girl Scout until mid-March. Thanks for supporting our scouting community. This is one of the largest fundraisers our troops have.

March 4 and 5

Book and Media Sale

St. Peter's is having another great Book & Media Sale on Friday, March 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Books on every subject, including fiction, non-fiction, travel, cooking, history, gardening, and loads of kids' books, will be available, as well as movies and music. Donations are welcome, drop off at St. Peter's anytime at 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville.

March 5

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Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

February 15, 1956 School Superintendent Forbes Norris proposed that a seven-room addition to the Poolesville High School be constructed. Norris said that if the school were going to be integrated, the addition was needed.

February 17, 1944 Montgomery County officials announced that the county's goal of selling two million dollars' worth of war bonds had been met. The Poolesville district reported that it had sold \$99,125 worth of bonds, exceeding its quota of \$75,000.

February 17, 1945 Poolesville High defeated Damascus, 26-24, in basketball. Paul Robinson of Poolesville led all scorers with twelve points.

February 20, 1945 The Poolesville Public Health Lay Committee purchased 5000 cod liver oil tablets for child patients who visit the Poolesville Health Center. A scale was also purchased.

February 23, 1956 Montgomery County authorities asked citizens if their homes were prepared for an enemy air attack. Joseph O'Connell, assistant director of civil defense, said that most homes were not prepared for a natural disaster let alone a nuclear attack.

February 26, 1944 A meeting to address the 1944 agricultural situation was held at the Poolesville School. February 27, 1943 Penelope Budd, of Poolesville, wrote a letter to the Washington Post in which she objected to the depiction of the Volunteer Land Army. Ms Budd suggested that instead of the Post publishing photos of "pretty girls in musical comedy slacks holding four ounces of hay on the end of a fork" that a more realistic photo should show girls in "dirty blue jeans holding piles of stinking manure."

February 28, 1957 Poolesville High defeated Frederick County High School, 49-47. Walt Stottlemeyer scored fifteen points for Poolesville.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on March 7, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 19721 Beall Street, Poolesville, Maryland for the purpose of the Commissioners of Poolesville receiving public comment on Amending Ordinance No. 122, Chapter 7 of the Poolesville Code – Forest Conservation to amend payment instead of afforestation and reforestation and add a new section to create Forest Bank rules and regulations. Copies of this proposed ordinance are available at Town Hall.



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