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Comus Man Killed in Car Accident

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Collision Reconstruction Unit (CRU) are investigating a single-vehicle fatal collision that occurred the night of July 17 in Barnesville.

The driver of the vehicle involved in this collision has been

identified as David Spring, fifty-six years old, of the 15000 block of Comus Road in Clarksburg. It was at approximately 9:18 p.m. that 5th District officers and fire/rescue personnel responded to the 23500 block of Mt. Ephraim Road in Dickerson for a personal injury collision involving a passenger vehicle.

The preliminary investigation revealed that a white Toyota Camry was traveling northbound on Mt. Ephraim Road, and, for reasons un-

known, the driver lost control of the vehicle, and the vehicle slid sideways, left the roadway, and struck a power pole. Spring was ejected from the vehicle at some point during the collision. As a result of the collision, wires fell from the power pole causing the vehicle to become engulfed in fire. Spring was pronounced deceased at the scene of the collision.

Raymond Poole of Poole General Store Passes Away

By Rande Davis

Mr. Raymond E. Poole of Poolesville died on Wednesday, July 20, 2011. Born on August 2, 1926 he was eighty-four years old. He was especially remembered by the Upcounty Ag community for the dedica-

tion he and his wife, Frances Mae "Billie," demonstrated throughout the forty-six years of operating the historic supply store in Seneca.

The Pooles were married for sixty-three years. Ray first met Billie while buying a loaf of bread at a store owned by her parents. He was so taken by her that he returned day after day after day to buy just a loaf of bread—but that early encounter led to their life together running the Poole Store, serving the community, raising a family, and making a legion of friends along the way.

As a youngster, Raymond was a member of the 4-H Club and the Poolesville FFA, serving as an officer in each. He was an avid exhibitor showing livestock and crops. Raymond worked on his father's farm until 1945. In 1947, he started work in Guy Allnutt's store at Seneca, and in 1965 purchased the business and renamed it Poole's General Store. He and his family ran the store until its recent closing. Raymond raised over a hundred head of beef cattle along with sheep and chickens to add color to the store's environment for the city folks

that would come out his way. He was also a member of the Carroll Manor Grange #406, the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Izaak Walton League, and Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church.

It's a glowing testimony to Mr. Poole that he retained so many lifelong friendships. Charlie Tipton, a member of a close and highly-selective club self-named the Four Musketeers, spoke at the funeral. The Four Musketeers were first formed while the members were in the fourth grade and included Poole, Tipton, Maynard Luhn, and Wellstood "Whistle" Tipton. Whistle was so named by the boys not because he could whistle, but because he could not. Poole was recalled by family as having a delightful and playful sense of humor.

When Mr. Tipton last visited Raymond, the closing of the store was still a recent event, and Mr. Poole lamented whether or not he had been successful in the business that he had run for more than four decades. Mr. Tipton reassured him that his sincere, caring, compassionate, and loving



Ray E. Poole, proprietor of Poole General Store in Seneca.

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Family Album



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The children of Sunny Day Child Care enjoyed a field trip to South Mountain Creamery and a petting zoo in Middletown, Maryland. Pictured are: Ella Stanley, Hailey Hubbard, Sunny Day Child Care teacher/owner Christine Rai, Oscar Elliot, Margaret Virkus, Maya Rai, Matthew and Adam Singh, Izsak, and Nagel, and Benjamin Elliott.



Children play as families enjoy Poolesville's Farmers' Market.



Rev. Patricia Dols had a successful introduction to Memorial United Methodist Church during her first Sunday succeeding Rev. Ken Fells.



DJ Boss Player (aka Thomas Agbonyitor) and producer Grvty (pronounced gavity) came to Poolesville on July 24 to shoot a rap music video at Poolesville's Dillingham Park skateboard facility. Gaithersburg's twenty-one year rapper Sir Robert Bryson Hall II (aka Logic), in the center wearing glasses, whose single "Mind of Logic" reached number one on the Indie charts, joined with some local youths in shooting the video to be released first on YouTube on August 1.




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Police Blotter

By Jack Toomey

Current Crime

- Assault** 17200 block of Hoskinson Road
- Theft** 17400 block of Hoskinson Road
- Theft of Vehicle** 19500 block of Darnestown Road
- Disorderly Conduct complaints** 17000 block and 17100 of Hoskinson Road, 19500 block, 19600, and 19700 block of Fisher Avenue, 17500 block of Kohlhoss Road, 20600 block of Whites Ferry Road, 16500 block of Darnestown Road.,
- Drug use complaint** 19700 block of Wootton Avenue.

Past Crime Incidents

July 17, 1959 A chemical test invented for detection of the amount of alcohol in the bloodstream of a human was admitted into evidence for the first time in the state of Maryland. Officers Colella and Hamm had been

patrolling on Route 355 in Gaithersburg when they saw a 1952 Ford weaving across the center markings. They stopped the car and questioned the driver, a fifty-two year old Woodbine man, who said that he has consumed four glasses of beer. Evidence was introduced that a urine test revealed a .30 alcohol content. Judge Diamond found the man guilty.

July 30, 1959 Police chief James McAuliffe announced that the police department would use unmarked cars for traffic enforcement. He said that he had been forced to take this step after numerous complaints of hot rodding youths in Silver Spring, Damascus, and the Kenwood section of Bethesda.

August 6, 1949 Police Chief Charles Orme was suspended by the county manager for making controversial comments to the press. Orme, upon hearing that the council had ordered him to deploy one-man patrol cars instead of the traditional two man units, declared that he doubted that the one-man cars would work.

August 8, 1951 Police were searching for an inmate who escaped from a work gang on the East West Highway.

August 12, 1962 Police chief McAuliffe again called for a crackdown on marauding youth who sped around the county hurling beer cans at pedestrians and insulting passersby. McAuliffe cited the arrest of four county youth the week before who were charged with hurling beer cans and shouting curses at residents as they rocketed around in a con-

vertible. He said that such actions would not be tolerated.

August 15, 1963 Police chiefs from around the area met for the purpose of deciding strategy for the upcoming March on Washington led by Rev. Martin Luther King. Chief McAuliffe expressed the view that marchers might choose Montgomery County as a staging point and that his officers would be vigilant for trouble.

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Commentary

Something Other Than the Full Truth

By John Clayton

I really hate it when our elected leaders deliberately say things that aren't true to further their particular agenda. This isn't about them not knowing any better, but about deliberate falsehoods said for effect for any number of reasons. It's quite common and familiar to both parties. What really rankles me is that the technique works—and probably always has. If you say and shout something enough times and with enough consistency, it will take on a life of its own, and a certain number of people will eventually accept it as being at least partially true. This can be enough to make a difference.

Two whoppers are present in what passes for public discourse these days, and they are hanging up the debate over raising the federal debt, which has also come to include discussions over reducing the federal fiscal deficit in a meaningful way. One is that any form of federal revenue increase, including the removal of specific tax preferences, will kill job growth, is a tax, and is therefore evil. This suggests that we can reduce the deficit without any revenue increases and that this will not damage the economic recovery, a conclusion that has not been embraced outside of extremist or at least highly-partisan circles. The other current lie is that we don't have to reduce our expenditures on Medicare and Social Security, and everything will be just fine if we leave them just the way they are. This assertion further states that we can eliminate the deficit without entitlement cuts by taxing the rich, however one might choose to categorize that particular species. This also is unsupported by the facts and values pandering to certain electoral groups far more

than it values solving our current problems. You will recognize all of these players, I am sure.

Clinging to these positions without any willingness to compromise or even discuss opposing views is beyond hyper-partisanship. It's even beyond just being good at painting and repainting an image with which to overlay the opposing point of view. This is about ignoring other viewpoints and getting in the way of an important process. Perhaps blind dogma is a reasonable description. That doesn't make it any more palatable. I can't think of a situation where dogma has accomplished something positive for the Republic.

While I'm trying to be balanced about this, one has to admit (sure you do) that the Republican tea party (are there Democratic tea partiers?) and their anti-tax stance have dominated the logjam in congress; however, this doesn't get the lefties off the hook. While the left wing is less colorful, more boring, and a good deal less effective, that doesn't make their intransigence any less of a problem. I keep wondering if their defense of unrestrained entitlements will be the final shoe that drops. Will President Obama, Speaker Boehner, and the other adults in Washington reach a deal to raise the debt limit and address the deficit in a substantial way, possibly garnering grudging support from some of the tea partiers, only to get trumped by the extremists in their own party? It's safe to say that the president is getting it from both sides. For whatever his mistakes and missteps, and he's made a few, he is paying the price for trying to stay in the middle.

Anyone can take a single platitude, embrace it, refuse to listen to reason, and avoid the hard work of solving real-world problems. Posturing and posing are easy, but no one in a position of responsibility should put the entire country's economy at risk. There is a middle ground where solutions are negotiated and problems get solved. That's what I always vote for, but I guess it isn't what everyone votes for.

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Local News

Town Places Speed Device on Wootton Avenue

By Jack Toomey

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Fox Avenue and Hughes Road.

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Darby Store

By Kristen Milton

The Darby Store has a new, safer home, and soon, Beallsville residents should see home improvements at the historic general store.

"It went as planned," Cultural Resources Planner Julie Mueller said of the store's June 29 move from the corner of Routes 28 and 109 to a location twenty-seven feet off the intersection. The only glitch, when the store was placed an inch-and-a-half off the foundation, was solved by the application of soap to the beams and pushing. "How's that for high-tech?" Mueller said with a laugh.

Built in 1910, the Darby Store served Upcounty residents until its closure in 1958. The Montgomery County Department of Parks purchased the twenty-six acres encompassing the general store with Legacy Open Space funds in 2004. Area residents have since

eagerly awaited developments at the site.

The next steps will involve waterproofing the store's new foundation and refilling the old, a project that should occur before August, Mueller said in a July 18 interview. Later in the summer, a new roof will be installed with tiles commissioned to match the current leaking roof, rotted flooring caused by the leak replaced, and other basic stabilization performed.

Mueller hopes by the fall to be seeking engineering bids for the installation of HVAC at the site.

"We do have some funding to keep it going," Mueller said. "We're hoping to get it in a position to lease or occupy."

In February, the parks department installed a well at the site to provide running water to the store for the first time. A permanent use for the store building, which may include a commercial tenant or occupancy by the parks department, has not yet been determined.



Beallsville's Darby Store in transit.



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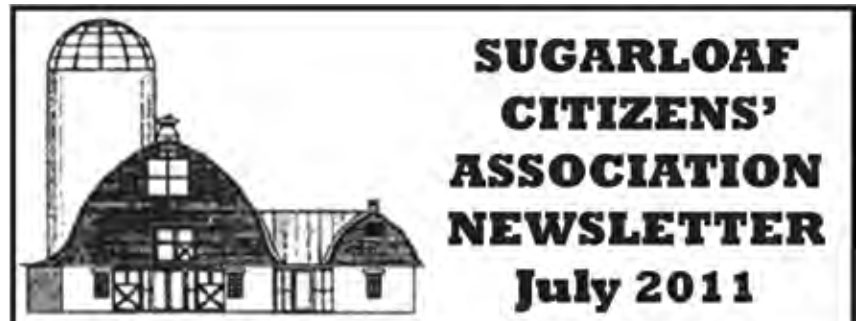
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manner made him a model proprietor. Mr. Tipton spoke for those in attendance in saying that the community will never, never forget the real success he was.

Surviving besides his wife are six children, James Poole and wife Mary Jane, Linda Willis and husband Herman, John Poole and wife Debbie, Carolyn Arnold and husband Eddy, Jo Ann Clements, Marilyn Poole and partner Allen Duckett; two sisters, Anne

Harvey and husband John, and Blanche Rippeon; ten grandchildren; and six great grandchildren. He will also be missed by many nieces and nephews.

He was interred in Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Raymond’s name to the Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 358, Poolesville, MD 20837 or R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, www.umm.edu/shocktrauma/donate.



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ENFORCEMENT OF ZONING CODES

Last year this Newsletter called attention to the lack of zoning law enforcement in the Ag Reserve in regard to Calleva Camps. Day camping and overnight camping are **NOT** permitted activities in the RDT zone, Calleva knew this before they purchased their land, yet they have continued to operate outside of the law. We all support Calleva’s activities but we want Calleva to operate where it is legal to do so. We feel that any Zoning Text Amendment to allow Calleva’s day and overnight camping on their current property would open the door to hotels, resorts, theme parks and other non-agricultural facilities in the Ag Reserve. Last October, Calleva was cited with operating an unlicensed kitchen and an illegal camp, yet these are still in operation. Sugarloaf Citizens’ Association is in communication with the new leadership in the Department of Permitting Services (DPS) to urge stronger enforcement of existing law.

Sugarloaf’s attorney Bill Roberts has written a 21 page memo addressing enforcement of the **benefits performances** section of the Zoning Code. This document makes for compelling reading - take a look at Sugarloaf’s website www.sugarloafcitizens.org to be informed about the continuing abuse of the permit for benefit performances. There are three broad categories: the “Scam Charity Scenario” (e.g., the Salahi’s “America’s Polo Cup”), the “Commercial Event Shop-a-Charity” abuse, and the “Overwhelming Event” abuse. In order to correct the present situation SCA has sent Roberts’ document to the DPS, the County Council, the County Executive and Park & Planning. SCA hopes to work with the County to find administrative and legislative solutions to prevent continuing abuse of such permits while allowing legitimate benefit performances to take place.

While emphasizing law enforcement SCA is also paying close attention to a **draft Zoning Text Amendment** proposed by the Office of Economic Development concerning “Agricultural Processing Landscape Contractors, Nursery, Horticultural and Winery in the Agricultural-Rural Density Transfer Zone.” The proposed amendment is complicated including standards for processing agricultural and forestry products (mulch and composting) on site, truck traffic frequency and access buffers for such operations. We will continue to keep you informed as we closely follow the evolution of this proposal.

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Tidbits

Poolesville Day Looming with Many New Features

Along with the standard attractions for the annual Poolesville Day, the committee is preparing to announce some surprising and wonderful new events for this special day. A few things we can confirm at this point: there will be a skateboarding contest, a Civil War display by Greg Shores, and the addition of some new local bands such as Bob Swanson, Mike Wescott, and the Dullards. Returning performers include Doug Bell, Bob Lauder Band, Rude Boys Reggae, Poolesville Band Project, and Steve Gellman.

The biggest news is that the headline band is Jah Works, a band of brothers based out of Baltimore, dedicated to writing, recording, and performing original reggae music. While rooted firmly in the tradition of authentic Jamaican roots and dancehall, the band also blends elements of hip-hop and popular music into its mix.

Jah Works has been blazing up the live music scene since 1993, averaging over two hundred shows a year, and they have eight albums to date, selling over one hundred thousand records. They are also the winner of eight Wammies (Washington Area Music Awards) for "Best Reggae Group/Duo." They have shared the stage with artists such as Shaggy, Burning Spear, Damien Marley, Stephen Marley, Buju Banton, UB40, Ben Harper, N.E.R.D. (Pharrell), Anthony B, Culture, Israel Vibration, Toots and the Maytals, Culture, as well as with their brothers in arms, John Browns Body and SOJA. Though best known on the East Coast, Jah Works has played throughout the U.S. as well as internationally in Jamaica, Canada, Holland, the South Pacific, and the Middle East. The band is honored to have taken part in Armed Forces Entertainment, which provides shows for troops stationed abroad, and they also performed in Washington, D.C.

for the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The selection of the Grand Marshal, with input from the community, will be announced in early August. We have some unauthorized information that will be coming out soon, and we have one more thing to say: Get excited, get real excited.

Montgomery Countryside Alliance Publishes Resource Guide

The Montgomery Countryside Alliance, with assistance from Montgomery County Park and Planning and Whole Foods Market, has published a new and improved Ag Reserve Resource Guide. The guide features a map of local farms, historical sites, and family fun, a great resource for all your summer adventures.

The Ag Guide is available free at all Montgomery County Whole Foods Market locations and local libraries. The interactive online version will be updated soon; the current version is available at www.mocoalliance.org. If you want to be listed or to keep some printed copies on hand, contact info@mocoalliance.org.

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On July 13, 2001, Lieutenant Colonel Sean P. Davis (PHS Class of 1989) took command of the 526th Brigade Support Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat team at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Lieutenant Col. Davis rejoined the 101st Airborne after serving with the 1st Cavalry at Ft. Hood, Texas where he more recently was the Deputy Command Officer, 4th Sustainment Brigade. He is married to Camille Hartz Davis and they have two children, Alexandra (11) and Joshua (8).

Agnew-Bays Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Agnew are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Alicia Agnew, to Matthew Bays on July 23, 2011 at Our Lady of the Presentation Catholic Church in Poolesville.

A graduate of Poolesville High School (2006), she attended Mt. St. Mary's University as a Biology major (2009) and is now a third-year veterinary medicine

student at Virginia Tech. In her free time, she raises a herd of twenty-plus goats. Matt is the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bays of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. A graduate of Cornell

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Local News

Town Government

By Rande Davis

The Poolesville town commissioners' meeting of July 11 centered on addressing proposed changes in town ordinance #184-Chapter 12 regarding definition of trailers to the restriction of on-street parking by large vehicles where there is no curb or gutter, and Ordinance #185 making it unlawful to park a vehicle on a public right-of-way in such a manner as to cause ruts, gullies, erosion, or tracking of mud onto the roadway. In the event of such damage, the property owner aligned with the public right-of-way would be required to make repair within thirty days or, in failing to do so, the town would undertake the repairs with the cost of the repair borne by the property owner.

Ordinance #184 passed unanimously on a 4-0 vote with Commissioner Stump not attending the meeting.

Action on #185 was postponed awaiting suggested change by town attorney Jay Gullo clarifying responsibility in the event such damage was not caused by the property owner but by someone else. A suggestion by Commissioner Klobukowski that Poolesville could follow the lead of other townships by removing public-right-of-way parking altogether did not gain support since many town roads are too

narrow to not allow such parking and that the convenience to the public, especially in the event of needed additional parking for special events, is strongly appreciated by residents.

Town Engineer John Strong updated the commissioners on progress for building a new water treatment facility for Wells 7 (Hersperger Lane and Fisher Road), 9 (Fisher and Budd Roads) and 10 (Budd Road). The facility would remove uranium and radon from the water. The facility, which meets Maryland Department of the Environment regulations, uses a medium that captures the radon and/or uranium. The system would be cleaned within every thirty-six months through approved methods for such removal. The bidding process is set to begin by August 31 and awarded sometime in September with an operational date of May 2012 scheduled.

The Planning Commission submitted a first draft of the new Master Plan, and town commissioners have scheduled work sessions to review the document and submit their thoughts as part of the public comment prior to its posting on the town website which is tentatively set for the end of July. A public hearing on the Master Plan is expected to be in September.

The town announced that Marci Calantonio has been appointed to the Community Economic Development Committee as a business representative. Currently, two openings for town service exist: one as a resident representative for the CEDC, and one on the Planning Commission.

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Local News

County Closes Bridge for Eight Months

By Jack Toomey

Many area residents use White Ground Road and Schaeffer Road to travel to the Soccer Plex, Germantown, and even Gaithersburg. At the intersection of those roads is a one-lane, sixty-year-old bridge that crosses Seneca Creek. Montgomery County officials announced that the bridge would be demolished, a new bridge built, and the convenient shortcut to Germantown would be closed for about eight months. Road closures are scheduled to take effect on August 1. White Ground Road will be closed at Route 28 except for local traffic.

The one-lane bridge was built in 1950 when all of the roads

in that part of the county were unpaved or even made of dirt. Officials knew that the bridge would eventually have to be replaced, but a recent inspection revealed that the bridge rated in the lower half of the safety range for bridges. In fact, the bridge condition was rated as "poor" and was ranked in the bottom twenty-five percent of all of the other county bridges. County spokesperson Esther Bowring said that the bridge foundation showed signs of erosion and loss of soil underneath due to high water velocity that happened during flooding.

In its place, a fifty-foot-long, twenty-foot-wide, one-lane bridge will be built by Rustler Construction of Lanham, Maryland. Bowring said that the new construction will realign the roadway approach to improve driver sight distance upon a driver's approach to the bridge. It will also be built higher and will cut down on the number of road closures due to high water. Because White Ground Road is considered to be

a rural rustic road, the character of the road cannot be changed, so the new bridge will also be only one lane.

Poolesville resident Steve Austin remarked, "I used to take that road to work every day. I

remember many close calls with oncoming traffic on that old one-lane bridge."

The new bridge is scheduled to open in the spring of 2012.



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Remembrance

Carol Bowman Ladd

Mrs. Carol Lee Bowman Ladd, 89, a resident of Poolesville since 1967, died June 27, 2011 at her apartment in the Aspenwood Senior Living Center, Silver Spring, of abdominal cancer.

She was born in 1922 in Oakland, California, to Charles L. Bowman and Lucile W. Sleeper. At age twelve, her family moved to Larchmont, New York. She received a bachelor's degree in Arts and Sciences in 1943 from Cornell University. Carol met her future husband, Robert Daniel Ladd, at Cornell. They married in October 1943. Eventually, the Ladds moved to Alexandria, Virginia and then to Potomac, and finally settled on their farm, Haverhill, in Poolesville.

Well regarded as a breeder of chocolate Labrador retrievers and Arabian horses, she had several of her Labrador retrievers earn the American Field Trial Grand Championships. She was a founder of the Sugarland Search-

ers Doll Club of Maryland in 1986. Her other interests included photography, genetics, and genealogy. Active in many organizations, her memberships included the Cornell Club of Washington; Congressional Country Club in Bethesda; the Potomac Hunt Club; the Seneca Valley Pony Club of Montgomery County; and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville.

Survivors include five children, Robin L. McEntire of Silver Spring, R. Daniel Ladd Jr. of Bethesda, Merle L. Silverman of Foster City, California, retired Army Col. Charles B. Ladd of Douglasville, Georgia, and Phebe L. Mertes of Helotes, Texas; fourteen grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

A memorial reception was held at St. Peter's Church in Poolesville on July 16.

Sharon M. Rensburg

Mrs. Sharon M. Rensburg, 57, of Adamstown, died on Saturday, July 2, 2011 at Frederick

Memorial Hospital.

She was the loving wife of Fred Rensburg. Born on August 27, 1953 in Gaithersburg, she was the daughter of the late Clarence and Josephine Ratliff Cox. Sharon worked at Monocacy Elementary School as a librarian for many years.

Surviving are her three daughters, Sarah McGuire of Cresaptown, Maryland, Samantha and Sabrina Rensburg both of Adamstown; four sisters, Elizabeth Grubb, Barbara Oliver, Patricia Free, and Nancy Wilner; and one granddaughter, Emily McGuire. She is also remembered by many nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, her work friends, the OPP Crew, and high school friends.

The family received friends on Wednesday, July 6 at the Hilton Funeral Home, where funeral services were held on Thursday, July 7. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Patty Pollatos Fund, Inc., 11102 Eagletrace Court, New Market, MD 21774-6704, pppfinc.org.

Local News

Bicyclist Killed by Falling Tree on C&O Canal

Detectives from the Montgomery County Police Major Crimes Division – Homicide/Sex Section are investigating the death of a bicyclist that occurred on the C&O Canal near White's Ferry during a thunderstorm at approximately 5:30 p.m. on July 3, 2011.

Two bicyclists were riding together along the canal when the victim, Neil Reich, age 56, of Forest Hills, New York, stopped to put on his raincoat as the storm approached. The second rider continued briefly and stopped ahead to wait for Reich. When Reich did not arrive, the second rider went searching for Reich and located him pinned underneath a fallen tree. He attempted lifesaving measures until Montgomery County Fire Rescue Personnel arrived, but all attempts were unsuccessful.



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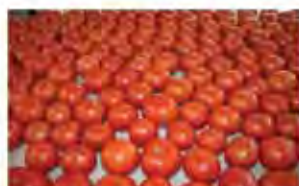
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In the Garden

Mid-Summer Garden Chores

By Maureen O'Connell

This has been a frustrating season for gardens in Monocacy country. A cool, wet spring set up ideal conditions for many plant diseases, and June brought unusual heat waves that ushered in the "dog days of August" quite early. Normally, June is the most glorious time for my roses, but not this year. In mid-May, right on schedule, the roses' bright and shiny green leaves appeared, followed by hundreds of fat, healthy rose buds ready to burst forth in all their rosy glory. They broke out into flower by about the first of June, but, almost overnight, black spot, the scourge of roses, disfigured the beautiful leaves and weakened the bushes. The deer usually do not eat my roses, but not this year. My David Austin and hybrid teas roses became their food of choice in June. I had to cut back to the ground

many of them; some have feebly started to grow back, but they are shadows of their past selves. My kudos, once more, goes out to the hale and hearty Knockout roses. In spite of the aforementioned poor weather conditions, they have continued to put out bud after bud on beautiful, black-spot-free leaves.

I must admit that my enthusiasm for gardening in ninety-plus degree weather is waning, but I can't abandon my garden now. It is the end of July, and, potentially, we still have many glorious days ahead in August, September, and October.

Dead Heading. This is a never-ending chore in the garden. Many perennials and annuals have finished their initial blooming phase, but many will rebloom if you cut back spent flowers. Besides giving the plant a more tidy look, it will increase bloom time and strengthen the plant. Phlox, dianthus, coral bells, true geraniums, gailardia, achillea, ladies' mantle, and rudbeckia particularly benefit from this cutting. This is especially important for flowers that self-seed.

Leave these "know no boundaries" plants on their own, and you will be surprised how fast they can take over a garden. Daylilies, the backbone of my perennial gardens, will bloom longer if you remove the spent flower buds.

Roses are the queens of my gardens, but Oriental lilies are the kings. These perennials require little care; give them full sun, well-drained soil, a good drink now and then, and they will bloom beautifully. They can be somewhat picky and demanding about their pruning. Deadhead the flowers as they fade; this will allow the plant to put all of its energy into growing roots and foliage, instead of seeds. Do not remove any more of the stem than necessary while deadheading or cutting for a vase in your house, or the plant's health will be damaged. Wait until the stems turn completely brown, which is usually in late summer or fall, then cut them down to ground level.

Staking. Many Oriental lilies and dahlias are now in their peak blooming time. If you haven't already staked them, do it now. Many of them have very thick stems that can reach five to six feet. Their weight can easily topple them over. Keep the stakes in the ground after pruning in the fall. Come next spring, you won't damage the bulb inserting a new stake.

Fertilize. I fertilize all my plants every six weeks, starting in early spring. Don't fertilize after September in order to give them time to harden off before the first frost. This has been a great season for my hydrangeas—gorgeous colors, especially the blues, and huge flower heads. I like to give them a little boost now with an acid fertilizer, such as Holly Tone.

Irises. There are several varieties of irises: Dalmatian, Louisiana, Siberian, and the king of the iris family, Iris germanica, the tall bearded ones. Most gardeners grow the latter variety, but they do need to be divided more often than the other varieties when they look crowded and don't bloom as well as usual. Mid-summer is the best time for this chore. Lift the rhizomes from the soil (be careful not to break their roots), wash off the soil so you can more easily

see the old, woody centers. Trim leaf fans back to about six inches and replant each division so that the rhizome sits horizontally, just below the soil surface. The bearded iris is more prone and vulnerable to damage from the iris borer. Now is a good time to check the health of your irises. The borer destroys irises in a cycle that starts in late summer or fall and ends with the plant's death in the spring. It affects irises in two ways: first, the insects lay their eggs on iris leaves in late summer. The eggs remain dormant over the winter, then in the spring, the eggs hatch into green caterpillars. Then they tunnel through the leaves on their way down into the crown of the plant, eating their way into the rhizome, the root from which irises grow. As they travel around, they spread bacteria which cause diseases like soft rot which kills the iris. How can you tell if your iris has borer damage? The leaves will turn brown and die. The crown will disappear. The most apparent sign of rot is that the rhizome turns into a mushy, smelly, brown mess. You will know it when you see it. There is a cure for iris borer. The best cure is prevention. Every fall, cut the iris leaves to the ground and discard. If you find that there is borer damage, dig up the rhizome, cut away the damaged area. Dip the undamaged part into a water and bleach solution and replant in a new garden area. Some horticulturists recommend waiting five to six years before replanting irises in the same spot.

Audit. While your garden is at its peak, look around and see where you can make improvements. If you wait until next spring, you might forget which plants were stars and deserve to appear again and which ones need the hook. If your garden has some gaping holes where early blooming annuals and perennials once thrived, fill them in with some new late summer/fall bloomers. We still have two to three good months to enjoy our gardens; don't waste them.

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Youth Sports

UMAC 11U Baseball Team Wins Ripken State Tournament

By Jeff Stuart

On July 14 at Utica Park in Frederick, the Upper Montgomery Athletic Club (UMAC) baseball team won the Cal Ripken Maryland State Championship, defeating Charles County, 13-1. There were sixteen teams in the tournament representing the State of Maryland. UMAC now advances to the mid-Atlantic Regionals in Warrington, Pennsylvania from August 6 to 10. They will play against nine other teams from New York, Delaware, and Pennsylvania.

"As eight-year-olds, we finished second, and then in the nine- and ten-year-old category, we reached the semifinals," said team manager Joseph Myers.

"This year we peaked at the right time, and our pitching was 'Lights Out' at the states. We committed only four errors in six games. Great defense starts with great coaching, and UMAC has always had that. Our goal at the beginning of the year was to give our league president, Gene Lowery, another state championship for UMAC—and we did it!"

The UMAC baseball team went 3-0 in the tournament, opening with a 10-0 win over Prince George's County and defeating Hickory, 11-1, in the semifinals. Then in the finals, UMAC lost the coin flip and was the away team. Hitting first, Brady Pearre led off with a single and promptly stole second, then third. J.P. Walsh singled home Pearre, giving the team a 1-0 lead. Marcus Brown, the cleanup hitter, walked.

With two outs and runners on second and third, Cole Carmack doubled home two more. At the end of the first half inning, the score was UMAC 3 and CCYL 0.

On the mound, Brooks

Bengtson set down CCYL, three up and three down, in the bottom half of the inning, with two strikeouts. The top of the second was UMAC's best inning of the tourney. Eleven batters came to the plate and produced five runs. Cooper Myers-Mallinger led off with an infield single. Ryo Fabre and Brady Peare then walked. Facing a full count, Bengtson hit a grand slam to deep center, and the rout was on. Bengtson and Richards combined for a one hitter with eight strikeouts in four innings.

In the semifinal against the Hickory Hornets, last year's 10U champions, J.P. Walsh was on the mound for UMAC. He and Luke Richards combined for a two hitter. The hitting stars for this game were Bengtson, Walsh, Convers, and Carmack.

In the quarterfinals against Prince George's County, Bengtson and Lucas Richards pitched a combined two hitter. Walsh was

three for three, and Carmack two for two. Others that had critical hits in the game were: Brady Pearre, Gabe Levine, Ryan Haddaway, Colin Metz, Ryo Fabre, Cooper Myers Mallinger, Colin Fisher, and Ethan Frank.

"The coaches and the boys' families are very proud of our UMAC team," said Head Coach Jody Pearre. "They played with heart and will carry the Maryland state flag to regional play. The boys have been working hard since this past winter trying to improve their game, and the extra hard work has paid off. Winning these types of events (makes) great memories for the boys. We had outstanding pitching performances by J.P., Brooks, and Luke. I am not a true fan of MVP awards, but the game played in the championship by Brooks was MVP level. Not only did he pitch great, but had a grand slam at the plate as well."

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Pictured are (back row): Manager Jody Pearre, Coach Joseph Myers, President Gene Lowery, and Coach Ricky Haddaway, (middle row) Ethan Frank, John Paul Walsh, Marcus Brown, Brooks Bengtson, Gabe Levine, and Lucas Richards, Colin Fisher, and (bottom row) Ryan Haddaway, Matthew Convers, Colin Metz, Cooper Myers-Mallinger, Ryo Fabre, Brady Pearre, and Cole Carmack. Coach Doug Metz is not pictured.

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Business Briefs

Children's Towne Academy Praised for its STEM Education Program

By Rande Davis

Congratulations to Children's Towne Academy and director/owner Ermer Jones in Poolesville for recently being recognized by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) for their one hundred percent assessment for its Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) program for their early childhood students. National educators have heralded the STEM program as a right approach to excite young learners—and improve test scores in math and science. Audrey Smith of MSDE noted Children's Towne Academy as "having a focus on math and science, and, more importantly, on critical thinking skills."

Children's Towne Academy will be celebrating its seventh year in Poolesville this September. Director Jones told the *Monocle*, "The center provides education for the whole child. By that, I mean, not just teaching them their ABCs or numbers or the things that are commonplace—which, of course, is important—but also takes into account the kids' strengths and weaknesses and leveraging those strengths to help them learn their full potential."

At the school, learning happens through practical experimentation and play, rather than just sitting in a classroom. The national consumer evaluation website, yelp.com, has Children's Towne Academy with a five-star rating based on reviews provided by parents. Mrs. Jones's husband, who is affectionately referred to as Papa Jones, assists at the school. Various comments by parents heralded the school, with one parent stating, "The Joneses are dedicated and skilled caregivers and teachers who lead the children to a discovery of their potential through both structured

and unstructured play, school work, and skill development." Another said, "My two sons have grown and thrived there. My oldest child is now in first grade in the advanced math and reading groups." Socialization is another big item recognized by the parents. "My daughter had an in-home nanny for her first two years, and she was not on a daily schedule. I had mistakenly thought that she was too stubborn to follow a plan. The staff quickly helped her...to get her onto a schedule."

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Local News

Jane Retires after Eight Decades of Service

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It may seem that this will be your typical retirement story: Girl works hard at teaching, Girl devotes all her energies to pupils and inspires them to greater achievements, Girl retires into sunset

fondly remembered by one and all. This story has a little twist. Girl doesn’t retire into sunset, she literally flies into the sunrise and is donated to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles International Airport. Also, this is a Love Story.

On June 18, Joyce Breiner Yaney of Poolesville, the owner of Plane Jane, donated the historic aircraft to the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum at its annual Become a Pilot Day event. “Technically, I own it,” says Joyce, “but the heart and soul of the airplane is really my dad. He kept it up.” Enter the Gallant Swain.

Gene Breiner grew up in Pennsylvania madly in love with



The Breiner Family, standing with their beloved Plane Jane at the Udvar-Hazy Center. From left: Joyce Breiner Yaney, her son Alex, niece Maria, sister Janet Breiner, husband David Yaney, and Gene in the plane.



aviation. He began building model airplanes when he was in elementary school. Then when he did not qualify to become a pilot in the Army Air Corps, the precursor to the air force, because of his eyesight, he trained to become an aviation mechanic. After his stint in the army, he started his own aviation business. Then he went to work for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a general aviation airworthiness inspector for thirty years. “He knows airplanes back and forth, up and down, inside out,” says Joyce of her father.

Their first meeting had been in the 1950s. Gene had seen Plane Jane at a nearby airport and had inquired about her—she wasn’t for sale. By this time, Gene knew he wanted to rebuild a plane, and he knew he wanted a biplane.

During his career with the FAA, the family had moved away from Pennsylvania, then had moved back. He again saw Plane Jane, this time hanging in a barn—still not for sale. Fate intervened, and in the late 1970s, the estate of the then-deceased owner contacted Gene to see if he wanted to buy her. “Ninety percent of the original airplane was still available,” says Joyce. “He finished rebuilding in 1985. It’s been flying ever since.”

The donation of the aircraft to the museum is significant for two reasons. Of course, there aren’t many biplanes out there anymore from the 1920s. In fact, there are only six of this make and model in existence—not all

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of them in flying condition, says Joyce. Furthermore, most of the Fleets were converted to different models. "This one was not modified," adds Joyce. Secondly, the Fleet Model 2 was the first aircraft designed and built to be a trainer for the civilian pilot. Prior to its production, all pilots trained in military aircraft. The Fleet was meant to be purchased by flight schools to teach civilian students how to fly.

When Joyce woke up in Poolesville on June 18 at 4:30 in the morning, it was pouring rain. Fortunately, the skies were clearing to the north, which would allow Plane Jane to be flown from Pennsylvania to Frederick. The pilot for that leg of the trip? Seventeen-year-old Chet Machamer flew the Fleet solo—a student, not flying solo for the first time, necessarily—just as hundreds of students did before him, learning to take to the skies.

From Frederick to Udvar-

Hazy, Gene took the controls accompanied by three other aircraft on their way to the event.

For the Breiners, the day was one filled with mixed emotions. "It was pretty exciting, a great day overall," says Joyce, but not everyone was happy. "Many people vocally expressed their wish that we would not donate it, that we would not take it out of flying," Joyce, however, feels that the decision was the right one. "It's not something I could have put up for sale," she says of Plane Jane. "This is sort of my way of keeping my dad's legacy alive. The origin of civilian flight training was something that was important to him."

The day after the donation, Joyce came to a small epiphany: "Sunday, I realized that I was the only female to fly it solo since 1985. It's possible I was the only female to ever fly it. There's no way to determine that, but it's possible."

Poolesville Farmers' Market

JULY 29, 2011
Whalen Commons

4pm – 8pm: Local Vendors selling fresh produce, herbs, artisan cheeses, sweet corn, fruits, breads, pastries, soaps, plants, dog treats and more.

5pm – 6:30 pm: Celebrate Local Artisans! Meet and talk with local artists offering an array of handcrafted items. Demonstrations include Wood Carving, Spinning, Jewelry Making, and Weaving. Green Up Poolesville – Come and meet local area green businesses!

7pm – 9pm: Ernie Bradley & the Grassy Ridge Band returns. Join us under the stars for a night of high energy traditional bluegrass!



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Things to Do

July 29

Poolesville Farmers' Market – Whalen Commons

Visit local vendors selling fresh produce, herbs, breads, and pastries. Then celebrate local artisans offering an array of handcrafted items, including a wood carving demonstration, spinning, and jewelry making. Green up Poolesville and visit local green businesses.

4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fund Drive for Tornado Victims of Joplin

The Monocacy Lions Club, Odd Fellows Lodge #97, and the Hands of Love Mission are holding a fundraising drive to benefit victims from the damage of the tornadoes in Joplin, Missouri. Representatives of these groups will be on hand from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Whalen Commons to accept donations. Come and enjoy the Farmers' Market and performance by one of the

area's most popular bands, Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Bluegrass Band. Donations by check should be made out to the Hands of Love Mission, and there will be receipts available for those making a cash donation. All proceeds will be sent to the Joplin tornado victims. Those unable to attend may send donations to the Hands of Love Mission, P.O. Box 252, Poolesville, Maryland 20837. Donations accepted up to August 15, 2011.

Summer Concert in the Park

Featuring: Ernie Bradley and the Grassy Ridge Band
Whalen Commons 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Soul Box
8:00 p.m.

July 30

136th Annual St. Mary's Chicken Dinner and Fair

Since 1875, this is one of the area's most popular community events. Once again, the festival will feature Maryland's official

state sport—jousting—with a bit of a twist, or should we say, loophole. Instead of knocking riders off their horses, the equestrian is tested by having to place the point of the jousting pole through a very small, dangling ring. Come for the food, of course, especially the infamous barbecue chicken, and other snack foods and sweets. Once again, there will be children's games, pony rides, face painting, moon bounce, and another favorite: the homemade cake wheel.

St. Mary's Pavilion, Barnesville
Noon to 7:00 p.m.

SMV Farmers' Market

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Local Produce and Artisans
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Movie in the Park

Featuring: *Shrek Forever After*
Whalen Commons 8:30 p.m.

August 1

First Annual Reed Cantler Memorial Golf Tournament

Reed Cantler, a student at Boonsboro High School, a member of St. Mary's in Barnesville, and an avid golfer, was tragically lost in an automobile accident on December 22, 2010. Many friends and family in the Poolesville area shared and cherished Reed's life. This memorial golf tournament will be held at Black Rock Golf Course in Hagerstown, Maryland with check-in at 7:30 a.m.

Proceeds will benefit the Boonsboro High School Golf Team, a scholarship fund for a member of the Boonsboro High School Golf

Team, Teen Driver Awareness Programs, and South Mountain Little League.

The cost is \$85/person or \$320/team. The format will be scramble with plenty of exciting side challenges. Entry fee includes: golf, lunch, drinks, and door prizes. Corporate sponsorship is available at different levels. Individual sponsorship is also available at \$50 per hole. If interested, please call: 301-712-6341, 301-514-2973 or email rememberingreed@gmail.com

August 5

Summer Concert in the Park

Featuring: Bill Euler
7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

August 6

SMV Farmers' Market

Sugarloaf Mountain Vineyards
Local Produce and Artisans
Noon – 4:00 p.m.

Movie in the Park

Featuring: *Toy Story*
8:30 p.m.

August 8

Town Commissioners' Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

August 10

Planning Commission Meeting

Poolesville Town Hall 7:30 p.m.

August 12

Magician in the Park

Featuring: Magician David Breth
7:00 p.m.

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