



Everyone had fun at the fair. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.



Anne Sturm got the meeting rolling. You'll have to turn to Local News on page 20 to find out the rest.



This is why we have a detour. Read more in Local News on page 17.



PHS Students get ready to greet a state delegate to their school. Read about it in School News on page 11.

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

Keeping An Eye On Local News

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## Poolesville Burglar Gets Probation After Conviction

By Jack Toomey

Some Poolesville residents were upset when they learned about the sentence imposed by a Rockville judge after the burglaries of their homes.

On August 17, Michael Ryan Denoon, who was eighteen at the time, was arrested after a neighbor saw him trying to break into a house on Fletchall Road. Neighbors assisted responding police officers who arrested Denoon several blocks away. Afterwards, detectives from the Germantown Station executed a search warrant at the house where Denoon was living on Wootton Avenue. They found property stolen from two other burglaries

committed a few days earlier and charged him with all three break-ins. At the time, Denoon was on bond after being indicted for Distribution of Drugs. He later pleaded guilty to Conspiracy with the Intent to Distribute a Controlled Dangerous Substance (drugs).

Denoon appeared in Circuit Court on September 9, 2011 and pleaded guilty to one count of burglary. The other two cases were dropped by the State's Attorney's Office. Seth Zucker, a spokesperson for the State's Attorney's Office, said that he did not know the particulars of the cases but said that the charges in the other burglaries were dropped because there was not enough evidence for a conviction.

On January 10, 2012, Denoon appeared before Circuit Court Judge Louise Scrivener for sentencing. Denoon was sentenced to twenty-five days in jail which amounted to the

time that he had been held on bond in August. He was also placed on one year probation. As a result, Denoon was released. Judge Scrivener also ordered Denoon to reimburse Marie Easterday for the damage that he had caused to her door when he kicked it down.

Easterday said she was "very disappointed" in the sentence. She added that she had "not seen once cent" of the reimbursement ordered by the judge. Another neighbor who was instrumental in the capture of Denoon in August and preferred not to be identified for publication asked, "When is enough? How many times do you have to be caught?"

In the meantime, Denoon was arrested in Frederick County on January 20 for Fourth Degree Burglary. Zucker was asked to comment on the latest arrest and said, "A condition of any probation contract would be to obey all laws."

## PHS Student Wins American Legion's Maryland State Oratorical Contest

Logan Jackonis, a junior at Poolesville High School in the Global Ecology Studies Program, recently took top honors in the 2012 American Legion Maryland State Oratorical Contest. The subject of the speeches had to pertain to some aspect of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. The prepared speeches are eight-to-ten minutes long. In addition, participants are required to deliver three-to-five minute speeches on a topic given at the event.

Jackonis competed against representatives from three other Maryland Districts and was judged the winner of the Maryland contest, earning \$2,500 for college.

The next step will be participating in the national contest in Indianapolis. The overall national contest winner will receive an \$18,000 scholarship. Second place takes home \$16,000, and third gets \$14,000. Each state winner who is certified into and participates in the national contest's first round receives a \$1,500 scholarship. Those who advance past the first round receive an additional \$1,500



American Legion State Commander Melvin Smullen presents Poolesville High School junior Logan Jackson with his award for winning the Maryland State Oratorical Contest.

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# Family Album



The Dorman Builders family made their first appearance at Destination Poolesville.

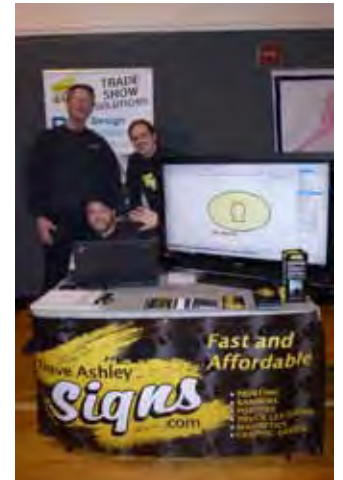


The 2012 Destination Poolesville business fair sponsored by the PACC and CEDC was a big hit with families.

Russian weightlifter Wolfgang and free-spirit Sapphire, aka Jake and Brandy Miller, won the best costume awards at St. Peter's Murder Mystery Dinner fundraiser for a youth mission trip. Son Hayden was unimpressed.



Rockland Farms was on hand with some farm animals.



David Ashley and his co-workers have made Destination Poolesville a company tradition.



Jeff Stempler, a member of the PACC Board of Directors, discussed his firm with visitors to the business fair.



New this year at the business fair were seminars by area professionals like Tom Kettler of Kettler Forlines Homes.

## Local News

### Charter Change Recommendations Move to Public Hearing

By Rande Davis

At the March 5 town meeting, the commissioners finalized their recommendations for changes to the town charter regarding boards and commissions and voted to present those changes in a public hearing at the town hall on March 19.

After previous discussions on the role of a town charter and through the recommendation of the town attorney Jay Gullo, the proposal from the commissioners is to have the charter continue to state that the town has the authority to establish boards and commissions but to leave the details of code governance of the various boards and commissions through town ordinances.

The boards and commissions affected are: Planning Commission; Board of Zoning Appeals; Parks, Recreation and Streets; Community Economic and Development Committee; and Sign Review Board. The Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will still be specifically authorized by name in the charter but, as with the others, town ordinances will be used to set town code regulating their functions.

Commissioner Jerry Klubukowski objected to not naming Parks, Recreation, and Streets in the charter, voicing concern that the change could result in its elimination as a town committee.

In explaining the change, Mr. Gullo likened the charter to a constitution in that the constitution establishes rights and roles, while it is legislation that establishes specific rules. A charter and town ordinances act in a similar way.

The Community Economic and Development Committee, which is not currently in the town charter, will be identified and established through town ordinance.

A change in process recommended regarding the Sign Review Board (SRB) is to allow town staff to approve sign applications on a routine basis, but having the SRB as an appeal panel should a sign application be denied and the applicant wishes a reconsideration. Decisions by the SRB could be appealed to the BZA.

Prior to adjourning to executive session to interview candidates for open board and commission positions, the commissioners approved a \$1500 grant to John Poole Middle School.

## School News

### Students Host Tour of PHS by State Delegate

By Rande Davis

Alex Pike and Kyria Danna are two students on a mission. As they prepare to graduate this June and move on to college, they want to leave behind a pathway for a new school for Poolesville, a building worthy of its high state and national standing. In case you didn't know, Poolesville High School is ranked first in Maryland and sixty-fourth nationally.

To that end, they invited the District 15 state delegation to tour the high school and to see for themselves the shortcomings of the facility and to solicit legislative support in gaining state funding for a new school.

Pike has worked with the



Susan Krouner, Billie Bradshaw, Eddie Kuhlman, Deena Levine, Wade Yost, Delegate Miller, Kyria Danna, and Alex Pike.

District 15 delegates as a page for the General Assembly, providing him easy access in extending the invitation to "see for themselves the deplorable conditions of the number one school in Maryland." Delegate Aruna Miller was the only one able to attend during the tour on February 27, but Delegates Brian Feldman and Kathleen Dumais sent their regrets and have promised to visit the school in April.

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# Commentary

## Reports of Death Greatly Exaggerated

John Clayton

With the closing of Selby's Market, there has been a fair amount of discussion around the Monocacy area (yes, even among people who don't live in Poolesville) about the viability of the Poolesville area for future business growth. Were the Selby's and the Organic Market closings the death knell for the local business sector?

Judging from the businesses and the crowd at Destination: Poolesville, or Community/Business Fair 2012, sponsored jointly by the Community and Economic Development Committee and the Poolesville Area Chamber of Commerce (disclosure: the former ran a paid ad for the event, and the *Monocle* is a member of the latter) the residents and businesses of the Poolesville area are alive and well.

The event was held at the Poolesville Baptist Church and when I arrived at least a couple of hours into the event, the large parking lot was jammed, the room was full, and the Midnight Players were on stage. There were seminars on business and health topics being held elsewhere in the facility, and dozens of booths and tables featuring a wide variety of local business and public services.

The fair seems to have grown over the last few years since Poolesville resident Berry Thompson produced the 20837BIZNET Business Fair in March 2009 at St. Peter's Church. Acting upon his vision, the PACC-CEDC continued the event at Poolesville Elementary School for a year, and then it migrated to its present, and more spacious, home at the Poolesville Baptist Church.

As I talked to several people around the hall, it was clear that they all realized that this sort of personal interaction is important to growing and maintaining business relationships, even in our twenty-first century world of social media. Judging from the attendance of local families, this event also provides a fair amount of fun, plus an opportunity to safely recycle those piles of old papers and obsolete electronics for free.

We saw a lot of *Monocle* advertisers there, past and present (and hopefully future), and I would expect that the organizers will consider the event a success, and will return for years to come. There's a very strong business community in our area, and a lot of people that can use their services. Maybe that and the growing strength of the economy will fill up some of the brick and mortar storefronts in the town as well. Let's hope.

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**Local News**

**CEDC  
Announces New  
Spring Event**

By Jan Schultz

Are you buried underneath too much Stuff? Have you lost Fluffy amidst piles in the garage? Is your attic jammed with your kids' toys? Are your kids now in college? Perhaps it is time to weed out those boxes in the garage, old toys, and furniture (find Fluffy), and get ready to make some money. In this economy, who doesn't need more cash? Poolesville is hosting its first Big Flea Market on Saturday, April 21. Whalen Commons is going to be *The Place* to hold your own yard sale. With others holding their yard sales in the same location, shoppers from surrounding areas will be more likely to come to Poolesville for this big event. You keep all profits from your

individual sale.

The Flea will be held rain or shine from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be forty ten-by-twelve spots for vendors/families. Vendors can bring yard sale items, handcrafted items, or both. Feel free to use this opportunity as a fundraiser for a favorite charity. Team up with a friend and share a booth. There will be a nominal fee per space. Vendors should bring their own tables, signs, tents, if they wish, and chairs. Vendors may also bring their cars onto the commons to unload, provided it isn't or hasn't rained, and will then be given preferential parking in the spots surrounding the Commons. Big Flea Shoppers may use surrounding parking lots and are encouraged to observe the parking signs in town. Food will be available from restaurants in town.

The Big Poolesville Flea was the creation of the Community Economic Development Committee as a way to attract visitors to our town. The CEDC is comprised of volunteers representing residents, town busi-

nesses, and town government. It is their hope that Big Flea shoppers will become regular visitors in the future, and by doing so will support our local businesses. Modeled after the town-wide yard sale in Purcellville, the committee wants to start with just one location and build upon it each subsequent year. Purcellville's sale is typically so large that not only are sales held in the center of town, but maps are provided for shoppers to travel to individual yard and garage sales outside of town.

Please consider being a part of a new annual tradition in Poolesville. The Poolesville Big Flea needs a few more vendors. All yard sale vendors need to fill out an application which can be found online at [www.poolesville.com/Bigflea.html](http://www.poolesville.com/Bigflea.html), or you can complete your application at Town Hall during the week or Finders Keepers on the weekends. Remember, there will only be forty spaces. Don't be left out. Remember, Fluffy needs you to do this.

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## Local News

# Poolesville Relay for Life: Facing New Challenges with Excitement

By Rande Davis

Poolesville Relay for Life (PRFL) is just beginning the planning for its 2012 two-day event June 9 and 10, and along with much excitement about changes, they face some real challenges. Participation and donations have been down the past few years, but the organizers are particularly upbeat this year.

Their excitement comes from the change in venue to Whalen Commons in Poolesville. The program originated at the high school football field and more recently was held on the softball field at the Upper Montgomery

County Volunteer Fire Department (UMCVFD) in Beallsville.

Chontelle Hockenbery, one of the founders of the PRFL, believes that some interest may have waned due to the UMCVFD location, but with it coming back into the heart of Poolesville, the expectation is that with increased public awareness, there will be increased involvement.

Their hope that they will be able to booster the success of the program comes from a number of other changes as well. They have several new committee members and a number of new teams joining the event for the first time. With new teams come many new fundraising opportunities leading up to the June event. Also, they are hoping to add bands and more activities for children and have partnered with INOVA Blood Services for a blood drive, adding even more to the overall cause.

Still, there is much room for more teams and volunteers. The reasons for helping are as varied as the number of volunteers. For Chontelle and her sister, Chris-



*Chonetelle Hockenbery, Bob Durrough, and Chrissie Harney are preparing for a great 2012.*

sie Harney, who founded PRFL in 2006, their motivation is as personal as it gets. They started PRFL in remembrance of their mother, Glenna Dorrough, and others who lost their battle to cancer. Along the way, many friends, family, co-workers, and others in the beginning stages of fighting cancer have come along. This year, they have additional reasons to work hard on raising funds for cancer research as their father was diagnosed with a Mesothelioma this past November.

Of course, as cancer has become so widespread, the personal burden of cancer is shared by nearly everyone.

Joining in the cause is very easy and can be as simple as going to the PRFL website [www.Poolesvillereley.org](http://www.Poolesvillereley.org) and selecting a team to join. People can also join as individuals or start their own team. Not everyone has the time to join a team, so they choose to help by donation or by becoming a sponsor. There are several types of sponsors ranging from team sponsorship that pays for team registration fees and T-shirts, and their activities for fundraising, or those who choose to sponsor the event that lowers the costs of operation.

Sponsors can link their websites to that of PRFL, advertising

their businesses while advertising the event. Almost all the money donated goes towards the cause as they limit expenses to no more than three percent of the total cost of the event.

Beyond the fundraising teams and sponsors, there is need for help in running the two-day program, and this involvement is limited to just the two days in June.

The organizers said that "People volunteer to work the two days just because they want to do something that makes a difference and be a part of a great organization." The organizers' confidence is up as they "feel this year will be our year for miracles and with family, friends, and a community of support, anything is possible."



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# Local News

## New Homes, Daycare, Funding, and Maybe Tax Credits

By Kristen Milton

### Once Denied, Home Now Approved

With new regulations regarding child lots in place, the Planning Board recently approved construction of a Poolesville area home that was turned down more than three years ago.

Callum Murray, rural area team leader in the Montgomery County planning department, said shrinking the size of the requested lot and new guidance provided by the Zoning Ordinance approved by the County Council in 2011 allowed him to recommend approval for a new house at 17800 White's Ferry Road.

The board voted unanimously to approve the plans at its March 1 meeting.

Property owner Phyllis Jones, who has lived at the twenty-five acre site since 1966, originally requested a four-acre child lot for her daughter Octavia Jamison. It was denied in July 2008. The newly-approved plan shows a two-acre lot with a shared driveway off White's Ferry, well, and sand mound septic system. In a statement submitted to the board, Jones said she and Jamison would continue the hay production that occupies approximately nine acres of the property.

Speaking at the March 1 hearing, Octavia Jamison spelled out her family's plan for the new house, including having her twenty-eight-year-old son move into the existing house on the White's Ferry Road property.

"It is a rite of passage in the Jamison family that you must work on a farm," Octavia Jamison said. "We are trying to guarantee that our children can afford to

live in the RDT [zone] and continue with the farming tradition."

Son Frank Jamison, Jr. seconded his mother's sentiments. "Approval of this plan will allow me to afford to stay where I grew up and teach my children fundamentals in the lifestyle I've come to love so much," he said.

Board members had no questions or objections before voting to approve.

"Enjoy it," Chairman Françoise Carrier said after the vote.

The Jones property has a scenic easement on approximately ten acres that is unaffected by the new plans and the board's Historic Preservation staff determined there would be no negative impact on the Darnall Colonial Farm, which lies diagonally across the street.

### Byrd Farm to Have New Human Home

Plans recently approved by the Planning Board will bring new neighbors for a nearly two-hundred-year-old Upcounty farmhouse.


A new single-family home for 16310 Sugarland Road was unanimously approved March 1. The 128-acre property, together with the approximately 153 acres adjacent at 16301 Sugarland Road, make up the Byrd Farm property. According to the application, the Byrd family purchased the land, including a farmhouse constructed in approximately 1836, more than 110 years ago. Both properties have agricultural easements dating to 2007.

During the March 1 hearing, Callum Murray said an eleven-acre lot being defined for the existing house included a pond, silo, barn, and other agricultural outbuildings. The new home would be on a thirteen-acre lot on the farm. Both will use well and septic systems and be accessed from Sugarland, which is designated an exceptional rustic road.

A tenant house on the property was not considered in the application, Murray said.

"It's not like you, Mr. Mur-

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ray, to recommend such large lots,” Chairman Françoise Carrier noted; however, Murray said both natural features and logistical demands made it unfeasible to “constrain” the lots any further.

**Clarksburg Day Care Plan Amended**

More Clarksburg parents will be able to access a planned preschool right away as the planning board voted this month to remove an initial limitation on the number of enrolled students.

The Goddard School, approved as a special exception use for a currently-vacant lot on Frederick Road, is required to participate in improvements to the nearby intersection with West Old Baltimore Road. A preliminary plan approved in March 2011 would have limited the school’s enrollment to half of its full 283 students until the work was complete; however, changes to traffic guidelines approved by the County Council in February make that unnecessary.

Planners voted unanimously at their March 8 meeting to adjust

the preliminary plan to reflect the new guidelines. At the same time, they approved changes that would allow a slightly larger gym and a sidewalk requested by Fire and Rescue Services for improved handicapped access and emergency exit.

Two parents whose children currently attend Goddard, which operates schools in Rockville and Columbia, testified at the hearing to the school’s quality and community standing. “You have an applicant before you who is concerned about the right things,” said Drew Raven of Rockville.

“I know how important quality day care is,” agreed Chairman Françoise Carrier, saying she hoped the project would be able to move forward quickly.

The school would be located on lots once intended to be part of the Tapestry Development. The approximately five-acre property would include a 13,000-square-foot daycare and a 7,500-square-foot facility for afterschool care as well as a basketball court, playing field, and pavilion.

**Funding Heritage Days**

The Heritage Tourism Alliance recently announced seven mini-grants to fund projects and entertainment related to this summer’s upcoming Heritage Days.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Days Weekend is scheduled for June 23 and 24 and features over thirty-five free heritage sites. Several Upcounty groups were included among those receiving \$3,925 in mini-grants: the Sugarland Ethno-History Project, awarded \$750 for a performance at St. Paul Community Church in Poolesville by the Washington

Revels Freedom Singers; Sugarloaf Regional Trails, awarded \$375 for a performance of Civil War music by Doug Jimerson at Edwards Ferry/Lockhouse 25; and Warren Historic Site Committee, awarded \$250 for the Garbo Singers to perform at the Martinsburg historic site.

In the March 8 press release announcing the awards, Heritage Montgomery Executive Director Peggy Erickson said she was “looking forward to another great Heritage Days weekend, enhanced by these entertaining programs.”

Information about Heritage Days can be found at <http://heritagemontgomery.org>.

**Own a Historic Structure? Maybe Receive Tax Credit**

The Historic Preservation Commission is currently accepting applications for county tax credits on work completed in 2011 to maintain or rehabilitate historic properties. There are over three thousand structures designated historic in Montgomery County.

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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Current Crime

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**complaints:** 17600 block of Kohlhoss Road, 19300 and 19600 blocks of Wootton Avenue, 18700 block of Darnestown Road, 17500 block of W. Willard Road.

### Past Crime

**March 20, 1948** The Montgomery County grand jury returned indictments in two cases. Sylvester Johnson

was indicted on charges that he robbed the S&S Grocery Store in Bethesda and stole \$1400. In another case, Clarence Golliday of Gaithersburg was accused of shooting his wife with a shotgun and, in the process, tearing off her arm. The grand jury also inspected the Montgomery Alms House and recommended that improvements be made.

**March 24, 1947** The Montgomery Commissioner announced that all driving tests would be conducted at the Kensington Armory on Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Before that time, driving tests were administered at county police stations. Because of congestion caused by applicants, the tests were moved to the armory.


**April 1, 1957** A seventeen-

year-old Barnesville boy was killed after he was run over by a car on Barnesville Road near Boyds. The driver of the car told police that he was on his way home at about 2:45 a.m. when he suddenly came across the boy who was lying on the roadway. No charges were placed.

**April 2, 1957** A Montgomery County judge sentenced two young men to serve three years in prison for a series of housebreakings. The defendants, one from Poolesville and the other from

Dickerson, had been linked to thirteen break-ins in the Poolesville and Rockville areas.

**April 3, 1957** Richard Montgomery High School was evacuated after an unknown caller phoned the school and said, "It's set to go off at 12:45, better get everyone out." Every available police officer in the Rockville area, including Chief McCauliffe, responded to the scene to help keep order as students milled about the outside of the school.



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## Remembrances

### Judy Strock

Judy Massey Strock, 68, of Poolesville, passed away, Thursday, March 8, 2012 at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville. Born on March 29, 1943 in Chestertown, Maryland, she was the daughter of the late Paul C. Massey and Margaret Kennedy Massey. She is survived by her husband of forty-nine years, Richard A. Strock; daughters, Kimberly A. Goodwin and Mary M. Clower; son, Michael D. Strock; brothers, Paul Curtis Massey, Jerry E. Massey, and James Alvin Massey; grandchildren, Michael and Alyssa Goodwin, Conner Strock, Amanda Clower, Mariah Strock, and Frankie Clower. She was preceded in death by brother, Don K. Massey. A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 17, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. at the St. Mark's Fellowship Center, 18313 Lappans Road, Boonsboro, MD 21713. Her nephew, Pastor Mark Massey, will officiate. A private family interment will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery in the Massey Family plot. In lieu of flowers, it was Judy's wish that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital. Donations to the Judy Massey Strock Memorial Fund can be made online at <http://goo.gl/cPXNt> or by mail to Tribute Processing Department, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142. Arrange-

ments have been entrusted to the Douglas A. Fiery Funeral Home, 1331 Eastern Blvd., North Hagerstown, MD 21742 and online condolences may be expressed at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/401643349851387/> or [www.douglasfiery.com](http://www.douglasfiery.com).



Judy Massey Strock

### Dale Ray Ferril

Mr. Dale Ray Ferril, 90, of Poolesville, Maryland passed away on February 29, 2012. He was the husband of the late Dorothy Clements Ferril and the son of the late Harry Ferril and Grace Ferril Atkinsin.

Dale attended Chillicothe Business College in Missouri until age nineteen when he was offered a GS-1 clerk position with the federal government in Washington, D.C. in 1940. He started at the bottom of the ladder, working for various federal agencies including the Food and Drug Administration and the Social Security Administration prior to entering the navy in 1942. After a three-year tour, Dale returned to the civil side of federal service, performing accounting and bookkeeping. While working full time, he went to school and graduated with honors, obtaining a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government with Distinction in Accounting from George Washington University.

In 1949, he began working in the financial management arena for

the Department of the Navy and worked his way up to a top civilian position as the Assistant Deputy Chief of Naval Material (Programs and Financial Management) in 1972.

He retired in 1976 at age fifty-five and became a full time farmer. He raised cattle and baled hay for about thirty years until he was hindered by prostate cancer. He is remembered as a gentleman with great honor and character.

Surviving are his son Dale Thomas, daughters Wanda (Carl) Shry, Terry Ferril; brother Paul (Betty) Ferril, sister Jessie (Joe) Fulgham; grandchildren Kristi (Brian) Yetter, Dale Thomas Ferril, Jr., Terry Beale; and great grandchildren Brendan and Katelyn Frazier.

Interment was at Monocacy Cemetery, Beallsville.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dale's name to the Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 358, Poolesville, MD 20837 or Montgomery Hospice, Casey House, 6001 Muncaster Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20855

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**"PHS Delegate Tour"**  
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The list of inadequacies is long, but some of the more striking failings include: inadequate lunchroom facilities, an auditorium incapable of hosting a school-wide assembly, restricted weight-room facilities with inadequate air conditioning, classrooms with no windows that pose a public safety concern in the event of power outages, a shortage of lockers for the student body, and more.

This tour took place at lunchtime, and the visitors had to weave their way around large groups of students spending their lunchtime eating lunch and sitting on the floor in the hallways.

Joining the students and Delegate Miller were Town Commission President Eddie Kuhlman and town manager Wade Yost. The students were very pleased to have the town representatives on hand to help with questions on matters regarding the town. Students were intrigued to find out that at one time, the town even used the school library for meetings, adding even one more facility to the long list of "old town halls." Kuhlman was appalled by the conditions he saw, stating, "If the Board of Education or members of the County Council had to eat lunch on the floor, something tells me they would not put up with it for a minute." He also added dismay that "for a county as affluent as Montgomery, it's astonishing to see kids eating lunch on the floor."

After the tour, Principal

Deena Levine hosted a viewing of an MCPS film on Poolesville High School that underscores the strength and value of the school within the Montgomery County Public Schools structure. Magnet School coordinator Billie Bradshaw pointed out that while the film proudly showed the unique educational opportunities for students throughout the county, it did not illustrate the infrastructure failings. The film clearly showed the advantages of PHS being uniquely positioned within the Agricultural Reserve to the benefit of the Global Ecology Studies Program providing easy access for outdoor environmental studies.

Miller expressed a feeling of shame that the school is so run down and was especially surprised to learn that no major work on been done on the school since the 1950s.

Pike and Danna have just begun their fight to solicit state support for a new renovation for PHS. In addition to the re-scheduled tour for Feldman and Dumais, they have an upcoming tour for Councilman Berliner and have a dinner meeting with the Board of Education.

The students are encouraged by their efforts since, along with this tour and others, all who visit have expressed concern on the true conditions within the school.

## Youth Sports

### Mind over Matter

By Dominique Agnew

At the Poolesville High School end-of-season wrestling banquet that took place at the Beallsville firehouse on Friday, March 9, the wrestlers all had something to say before the recognition and awards got under way. Every wrestler stood up, one by one, and pronounced a Dorseyism—each one a gem unto itself.

What is a Dorseyism? A Dorseyism is an utterance of a profound expression that aptly conveys—well, that's getting long-winded, isn't it? Let's just say that any Dorseyism is a little nugget of wisdom (or something). Here's a nice one: "We will run it again (a drill), A-G-A-N, again. What? That's not how you spell again?"

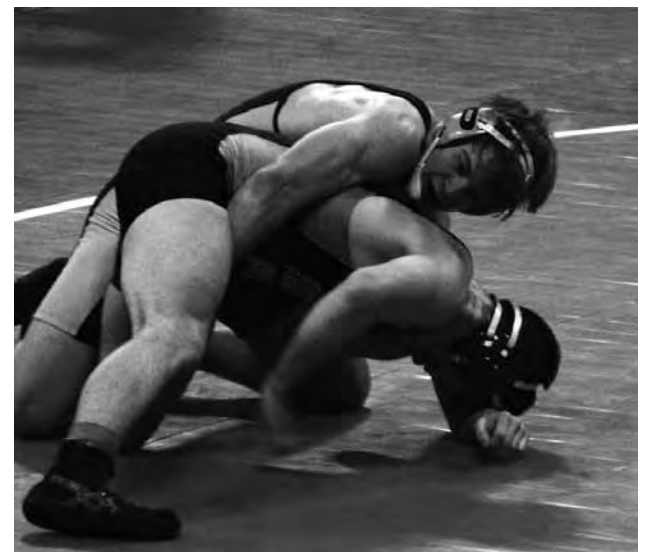
Varsity wrestling Coach Kevin Dorsey says they're generally sayings he used to hear from his grandfather, and whenever his wrestlers are tense or nervous, a little wit goes a long way towards relieving the pressure. "You look more scared than a long-tailed cat in a room full of rocking chairs."

Once the boys had all said their piece and everyone, parents and wrestlers alike, had a good chortle, Coach Dorsey talked about the success of the team—emphasis on team. They did well, finishing the season, 11-3, winning the 2A/3A/4A division for the first time in Dorsey's seven-year tenure. Unfortunately, at the very end of the season, injuries got the better of the team, and when PHS goes up against teams with two varsity-quality wrestlers per weight class,

a few injuries take their toll and upset the possibility of a team dual meet championship. Nonetheless, a number of individuals made a good showing at the county, region, and state championships—well enough for Coach Dorsey to possibly say something like, "I'm happier than a tornado in a trailer park."

At the county championship, senior Robert Winning won his second straight county title, this year at the 160-pound weight class. Senior Cesar Roque finished third in the 285-pound weight class, junior Cody Dorsey placed fourth, junior Will Korzeniewski placed fifth at 126, and Poolesville qualified twelve wrestlers for the 1A/2A South region tournament and placed three wrestlers in the top four which qualified them for the state tournament. Winning won his second straight regional title, Will Korzeniewski finished second, and senior Ali Nejati placed fourth at region tournament. At the state tournament, held at the University of Maryland at College Park, Korzeniewski and Nejati each won one match putting them into the top twelve. Robert Winning had a slightly disappointing loss to the wrestler who would become the state champion, but Robert fought back to garner the third place trophy in the 160-pound weight class.

Finally, one last morsel to tie in the title: "It's mind over matter. I don't mind, so it don't matter."



Poolesville's Robert Winning at states



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## Tidbits

### Poolesville's Pepper Qualifies for NCAA Division I Championship

Poolesville's Elizabeth Pepper, a student at Florida State University, qualified for the NCAA Division I Swimming and Diving Championship meet to be held March 15 to 17 at Auburn University. In order to qualify, a swimmer has to have one of the thirty fastest college times in the country. Elizabeth is currently twenty-fourth in the 200-yard butterfly.

Elizabeth started swimming on the Poolesville Piranhas and completed her final season on the team last summer. At the Coaches' Long Course Invitational meet last summer, in winning the 200-meter freestyle, she qualified for the 2012 Olympic Trials. She had previously qualified for the trials in the 200-meter butterfly.

In addition to being an athlete, she made the Dean's List

(GPA greater than 3.5) her first semester.

### Koenig Physics Semi-finalist

Charles (Jake) Koenig has been named a semifinalist for the 2012 U.S. Physics Olympics Team. This is a great honor for Jake, Dr. Mallow, and Poolesville High School.

The American Association of Physics Teachers (AAPT) recently announced the top students chosen to advance to the semifinal round of U.S. Physics Team selection. Approximately three thousand students participated in this first phase of the selection process, the F=ma Exam, which took place in January.

The American Association of Physics Teachers began the program in 1986 to promote and demonstrate academic excellence. The International Physics Olympiad (IPhO) is a nine-day competition among pre-university students from more than eighty nations. The 2012 Olympiad will be held in Tartu, Estonia, from July 15 to 24.

A second exam is used as the

basis for selection of the twenty members of the U.S. Physics Team. In May, these students will travel from schools all over the United States to the University of Maryland-College Park for the U.S. Physics Team Training Camp. There, they engage in nine days of intense studying, mystery lab, daily exams, and problem solving.

At the end of that training camp, five students and an

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## Daytripper

### An Albino Alligator and The Next Trump Tower

By Ingrborg Westfall

Does that title catch your interest? If so, is it the albino alligator or the name Trump? Let me guess: I'd say The Donald trumps (sorry, I couldn't help myself) the rare albino alligator. Seriously, though, you and your family can see Oleander the albino American alligator at the National Aquarium (no, not the one at the Baltimore Harbor where you can age in place while waiting in the interminable line for admittance; this one's in the basement of the Department of Commerce Building—yes, really), and not too far away is the Old Post Office Tower, a favorite with photographers

and tourists because it has one of the best views of Washington's landmarks, plus it houses a broad range of eateries and—even more impressive—plenty of places to sit and enjoy a leisurely meal. To top it all off, the General Services Administration recently selected the bid from Donald Trump's development group to transform it. More about that later.

The National Aquarium, established in 1873, has two branches. The Baltimore location is far better known and benefits from being at the Inner Harbor. The D.C. aquarium, while far more modest in scale (really, I can't help myself), shouldn't be overlooked. For one thing, there's a gift shop with a range of informative, whimsical, and practical items in all price ranges. Then there's an interactive exhibit where young and old alike can learn the importance of conserving the natural world's marine treasures. Oleander the albino alligator would be worth a visit all on her own, of course (go soon,

though, she's here only through April). Lacking pigment in her skin and eyes (they're pink!), she wouldn't survive in the wild. As a predator, her lack of protective coloration would severely limit her ability to surprise prey, and her albinism makes her very sensitive to sunlight.

Other than the attraction of Oleander, the D.C. aquarium boasts 250 species in 70 exhibits organized into four galleries: American Freshwater Ecosystems, Amphibians, Amazon River Basin, and National Marine Sanctuaries and National Parks. The sanctuaries protect more than 18,000 square miles.

Exploring both the aquarium and the Old Post Office Tower is a mini-adventure that merits a full day. The tower, at 315 feet tall, is the third tallest building in the nation's capital (only the Washington Monument and the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception are taller). Further, it offers a 360-degree view. With the Washington

Monument closed as of this writing, visitors to the 270-foot-high observation deck can still see most of D.C., including the Capitol Building, the White House, the Supreme Court Building, the Washington Monument, the Jefferson Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, Freedom Plaza, and more. Just beneath the observation deck is the century-old tower clock. The huge (315,000 square feet), beautiful, 113-year-old building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Though the final documents haven't been signed for Donald Trump's redevelopment of the Old Post Office Tower, it seems likely to happen beginning in 2013. In recent years, the tower, chronically underused, has cost District residents \$6 million annually. Under Trump's proposal, it will become a luxury hotel with at least 250 rooms. Personally, I'm

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**"PHS Student Wins"**  
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## Local News

### Barnesville Road Temporarily Closed For Repairs

By John Clayton

Recent flooding from rainstorms caused the failure of a pipe which carries Bucklodge Creek under Barnesville Road. The waters washed out much of the ground surrounding the pipe, which had rusted out, and undermined the road, requiring the closing of Barnesville Road for repairs at a point between Bucklodge and Peach Tree Roads, according to information released by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation.

As described in a letter sent to residents in the area surrounding Barnesville Road, the failed pipe is five-feet in diameter and situated fifteen feet below the road elevation. The repair requires the road to be excavated, the pipe re-

moved, and a new sixty-inch pipe installed and backfilled with compacted material around the pipe. The roadway passing above the new pipe will be reconstructed. The work also requires extensive excavation, stream diversion and the construction of new concrete end walls on each side of Barnesville Road. Project Manager Lacy Hanna told the *Monocle* that the old metal pipe would be replaced with reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) which will

greatly extend the life of the repair. Mr. Lacy said that each piece to be put in place weighs six tons, which makes it "harder to handle, and harder to work with," but that once it's in, "it's not going anywhere." He said that while it takes longer to perform the work with RCP, if and when the pipe ever fails, "you and I won't be around to talk about

it."

This project was begun in early March immediately after the wash-out and if spring rains cooperate, the bridge and the road should be reopened mid-April, as the electronic signs say. Detour signs are posted to route traffic via Bucklodge and Peach Tree Roads.



The damaged section of Barnesville Road that necessitated its closing.

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## Youth Sports

### Sneak Peek at PHS Spring Sports

By Jeff Stuart

There have been significant improvements to the baseball and softball teams. Returning players for softball Head Coach Laurie Wohnhas include standouts senior first baseman Amy Defnet, junior shortstop Kelsey Carnahan, and junior catcher Morgan Howard. Junior Kelly Hughes outfield, junior Julia Duncan, and senior Jennifer Patton also return from last year's region finalist and division championship team. Unfortunately, outstanding senior pitcher Maloney is out with a torn ACL suffered in the first half of a region semifinal basketball victory over Catoclin. "But our goal is still to win the division and win the region," says Wohnhas. New to the team this year are sophomore pitcher Madison LaManna and junior pitcher Jennifer Haller. They will share the pitching duties. Also new this year are Sarah Beaut, junior first baseman, and junior infielders Alexa Raines and Essence Scott.

Coach Ted Gardiner's baseball team featured five starting freshmen last year. They won their last seven regular season



PHS girls' varsity lacrosse coach, Kristine Augone

games to finish 10-7 overall. Sophomores Hunter Pierre, Thayer Seeley, Chris Convers, Robbie Metz, and Kyle Brown return along with seniors Billy Cartwright and Joe O'Reilly, and juniors Tyler Magaha, Cody Dorsey, and Anthony Caputo.

Hoping to continue a successful run by former girls' lacrosse coach Mark Agnew, Christine Augone takes over. Augone, the former JV girls' lacrosse and soccer coach, also coached the Future Elite Club team for two years. She played lacrosse for American University where she was Goalkeeper of the Year for the Patriot League her senior year. She played high school lacrosse on Long Island where she earned Honorable Mention All-American. She currently teaches special education at PHS. Seniors Allyson Dahlen and Bonnie Giovanetti return to a team that went 9-4 last season and has lost only twice in county play the past two seasons.

Head Coach Tom Keefe's boys' lacrosse team was undefeated in the division last year, finishing with a 9-4 record overall. Senior Jonah Hessels leads the 2012 team. Seniors Keegan Bonnet, Adam Ward, Brendan Carney, Ben Nichols, David Lee, and Erik Jansson return, along with junior Kirby Carmack.

Daniel Duvall takes over coaching duties for the boys' volleyball program. He led last year's JV team to an 11-1 record. The son of girls' volleyball coach Fran Duvall, Dan was a four-year letterman in volleyball and cross country at PHS, a two-year letter winner in indoor track and volleyball MVP four times. He was selected to the All-County volleyball first team four times.

Daniel played Division I volleyball at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut, playing setter and libero.

Distance runners will lead the outdoor track effort for Coach Mike Trumbull. Senior Jordan Psaltakis (1600m), sophomores

## Things to Do

### March 16

UMCVFD Auxiliary Basket Bingo Featuring cash, Vera Bradley bags, and Longaberger baskets filled with extras. Enjoy a night of fun and help your local fire department. Bring a friend. Refreshments are available for purchase so outside food or beverages are not allowed.

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Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

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Annual PHS Staff vs. Students Basketball Game

Fundraiser by the PHS Music Boosters

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Cugini's Entertainment Night

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March 16, 17, and 18

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PHS Track Home Meet

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### March 23

PHS Boys' Tennis Home Match Einstein 3:00 p.m.

Cugini's Entertainment Night Featuring: Jay Summerour and Eric Selby

8:30 p.m.

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**March 26**  
PHS Boys’ Volleyball  
Northwood 7:00 p.m.

**March 27**  
PHS Boys’ Tennis Home Match  
Springbrook 3:00 p.m.

PHS Track Home Meet  
Northwest 3:30 p.m.

**March 28**  
PHS Softball Home Game  
Blair 3:30 p.m.

PHS Girls’ Lacrosse Home  
Sherwood 7:00 p.m.

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**March 29**  
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Blair 3:30 p.m.

**March 31**  
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Featuring: Doug Bell  
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**Charter Amendment Resolutions**

001-12 (Sec. 82.28) to add a section addressing the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals;

002-12 (Sec. 82.29) to delete a section addressing the Board of Parks, Recreation and Streets;

003-12 (Sec. 82.30) to delete a section addressing the Board of Zoning Appeals;

004-12 (Sec. 82.31) to delete a section addressing the Sign Advisory Board. Note: The subject matter contained in these deleted sections is proposed to be addressed by the following additions to the Code:

**Ordinances**

Ordinance 188 to add Chapter 21 to the Code establishing the Board of Parks, Recreation and Streets, and the Community Economic and Development Committee;

Ordinance 189 to add Chapter 30 to the Code establishing the Planning Commission;

Ordinance 190 to amend Section 9.C. of the Code to address the Sign Review Board;

Ordinance 191 to amend Section 10 of the Code to address the powers of the Board of Zoning Appeals

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# Local News

## Local Citizens Lambaste Upcounty Zoning Proposal

By John Clayton

The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Development (DED) came to the Linden Farm in Dickerson to discuss a zoning text amendment (ZTA) being developed "to improve horticultural and agricultural uses" in the Agricultural Reserve. Under current zoning regulations, a number of agricultural and industrial activities that the DED would like to encourage are restricted. Many of these activities are now controlled by a special exception process, to allow the county to

monitor larger scale operations and protect adjacent landowners. The county's lax enforcement of current regulations in pursuit of these goals was a major objection raised repeatedly during the meeting. The proposed ZTA would allow many activities "by right" that now require a special exception. The dominant question posed during the evening was: If you can't or won't enforce the rules against illegal industrial operations now, how can we expect you to control industrial operations under relaxed zoning requirements?

The meeting was hosted by the Sugarloaf Citizen's Association and moderated by SCA president Anne Sturm. The county was represented by Steven A. Silverman, Director of the Office of Economic Development and a former at-large county council member, and Jeremy Criss, the long-time county Agricultural Services Manager. In his opening remarks, Mr. Silverman said that

he was there at the request of the County Executive, Ike Leggett, and wryly observed that while it was "good to be back," he wasn't "getting that warm and fuzzy feeling." He presented Mr. Leggett's view that since the establishment of Rural Density Transfer zoning, or the Agricultural Reserve, back in the 1980s, the nature of county agriculture has changed significantly from a predominance of family farm-



Jeremy Criss and Steve Silverman answered questions on a new Zoning Text Amendment.

ing to what he characterized as horticultural and equine based activities, and "away from the vibrancy" that characterized

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agriculture over thirty years ago. The basic goal remains “to keep agriculture in the Agricultural Reserve,” in part by supporting industries that are not technically permissible in the Ag Reserve but are already there operating. He offered winemaking as a previously prohibited activity that has, by virtue of new rules, become allowable.

Mr. Criss shed light on the special exception process, which “created flexibility for businesses that needed special exceptions” to operate, due to the nature or scope of their pursuits. He said that allowed uses must be agricultural in nature, or specifically “an accessory use to the farm,” a term whose definition is at the core of the development of the new amendment. He gave examples of successes and failures with the special exception process as examples of the need for better clarification.

When the meeting moved into the question and answer phase, the topic shifted to the enforcement of zoning regulations and well-documented cases of ongoing operations flouting county restrictions on their activities. A number of Upcounty residents and activists hammered the county’s ineffectual enforcement of Ag Reserve rules and regulations. Multiple speakers expressed the view that illegal industrial operations can’t be shut down now, and they will be even harder to control when they are able to claim that they can operate “by right,” as proposed in the ZTA. One speaker summed up

the sentiments of many that “by right” will “open the floodgates to the types of businesses that the county Department of Permitting Services (DPS) can’t control now.” It was pointed out that fines, if assessed at all, are “nominal and just a one-time thing, and have no lasting effect.”

Mr. Criss and Mr. Silverman both explained that funding of the DED and the DPS to support inspections and enforcement is an ongoing problem. Mr. Criss said that DPS enforcement resources are dependent on funding from fees, which have been affected by the down economy. Mr. Silverman also cited budget woes, and gave examples of down county zoning violations, such as “homes with twenty-six cars parked,” that the DPS has to enforce in addition to the problems of the Upcounty.

Caroline Taylor of the Montgomery Countryside Alliance, and a member of the work group that discussed issues leading to the proposed (it has not been submitted for approval as of yet) ZTA, pointed out that the Upcounty is not looking to add new uses to the Ag Reserve, but to grow agriculture. “Horticulture: yes. Landscaping: no.” This led to extended discussions of possibly illegal landscaping operations, and testimony concerning two landscaping and mulch making operations that are particularly onerous to their neighbors. Stephanie Egly, who has a farm on Mt. Nebo Road, provided graphic testimony concerning an industrial mulch making operation with streams of tractor trailers hauling construction debris to be

processed into mulch on site, an activity that no one was willing to characterize as agricultural or an accessory to agriculture. Ms. Egly documented the county’s lack of attention or action and was supported by others who have suffered from the same operation. Landscaping operators such as this took sustained beatings from a number of speakers, although it was noted that responsible landscaping and nursery operators do exist, and are operating legally in Poolesville and the Ag Reserve.

There was also extensive discussion of the technical details of the proposed ZTA such as setback requirements, minimum lot sizes, and the percentage of impermeable surfaces allowed. Mr. Silverman talked about down county and county council attitudes towards preservation of the Ag Reserve, and the “slippery slope” of measures to cut out pieces of the Ag Reserve for non-agricultural use.

President Sturm closed the meeting with a statement that the setback requirements were inadequate, and that wood processing

operations should be bonded to mitigate potential environmental impacts. The meeting closed and the ZTA went back to the drawing board.

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## Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**March 1, 1942** Because of unpaid property taxes, Montgomery County placed 1,759 parcels of property on auction. Of those, nine were in Barnesville, ten in Darnestown, eleven in Poolesville, and twelve in Clarksburg.

**March 2, 1944** Area directors of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau were elected. Wilson Poole of Barnesville and Lewis Allnutt of Poolesville were among those elected.

**March 2, 1947** A large meeting was held at the *Washington Post* building and was attended by coaches and athletic directors representing

scores of Washington area schools. The purpose was to form an area wide league in football, basketball, baseball, and track and field. Bob Finnegan of Poolesville High attended.

**March 3, 1945** Poolesville High defeated Sherwood, 33-20, while capturing their fifth victory of the year. Wendell Lewis scored nine points for Poolesville and was assisted by Martin Wise who had eight points.

**March 10, 1947** A mass meeting was held at the Poolesville High School concerning the building of a firehouse at Beallsville. Captain W. S. Parkins, chief of the department, said that he had received plans from the architect that included a

kitchen where members of the Ladies Auxiliary were expected to hold fundraisers. Parkins added that the architecture was expected to be consistent with that of the neighborhood.

**March 17, 1941** Miss Ethel Grubb was appointed as a Junior Interviewer for the National Youth Administration. She was scheduled to interview youths on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at the Poolesville School. The purpose of the NYA was to give part-time work to inexperienced youth to qualify them for full-time workers.

**March 27, 1944** About forty boys in the Poolesville, Dickerson, and Barnesville districts formed a 4-H Club. Guy V. Lewis, Jr. was elected president, Charles Tipton, vice president, Wellstood Tipton, secretary, and Kenneth Fitzwater, treasurer.

**March 30, 1948** Mrs. Charles Tipton of Poolesville was honored at a luncheon at Rockville. She was recognized for her fourteen years of service with the Public Health Lay Council. Members also celebrated the acquisition of a new station wagon that will be used to transport patients.

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Chase Weaverling (3200m) and Chelsie Pennello (1600m/3200m), and freshman Claire Beautz (1600m/3200m) all hope to build on their indoor season success.

Nationally-ranked junior tennis player Dennis Wang, a freshman, joins Coach Holly Dacek’s boys’ tennis team this

spring. The Falcons finished last season with a record of 8-3. Seniors Michael Gao and Pranav Gokhale are gone, but juniors Prateek Mechineni, Neel Viridy, Corey Latham, and Andy Neti, and seniors Rahul Raghunathan and Sean Dao return, along with sophomore Dennis Levin.

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