



JoAnn Cangelosi, Jennifer Massey, Angelika Clark, and Dr. Peter Eeg pitched in to get much needed supplies to New York and New Jersey. More pictures are in the Family Album on page 2.



The glamour and pizzazz of Tinsel Town in Poolesville. What juicy delights will be revealed in Local News, on page 18?



Did they swap any paint? Find out in Local News on page 13.



It was a big year for boys' soccer, and for girls' soccer, too. Details in Youth Sports.

# The Monocacy MONOCLE

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## Brown Elected Commission President

By Rande Davis

When Eddie Kuhlman opened his last town meeting as its president, he first called for Tom Kettler to officially announce the results of the town election. He then turned the gavel over to Commission Vice President Jim Brown and retired to the back of the room.

After Town Manager Wade Yost swore in Valaree Dickerson, Brice Halbrook, and Jerry Klobukowski, the commissions elected Brown as its new president on a 4-1 vote. Klobukowski was the sole dissent.

Commissioner Chuck Stump was elected vice president on a 5-0 vote by the panel. In making commissioner liaison assignments, Klobukowski was reassigned as the school cluster representative, Stump remained on the Planning Board, Brice Halbrook replaced Brown on the Parks Board, and Dickerson was assigned to the CEDC at her request.

In Brown's accolade to Kuhlman, he pointed out that his ten-year tenure as president was second only to Charles Elgin's.

Brown credited Kuhlman's leadership record in water resource expansion, his vision of comprehensive infrastructure improvement issues versus a "pick

and patch approach," his tireless advocacy for the town at the county and state level, and his role in pushing for key town staff leadership.

"In my attempt to fill Eddie's shoes," said Brown, "I can just hear him saying: Don't screw it up, boy."

As other commissioners thanked Kuhlman for his service, Dickerson wanted to specifically thank him for being a friend of many years, a mentor, and someone she looks up to, and wanted him to know that her decision to run was based on her desire to have a voice on town matters and was "nothing personal toward him."



The newly elected president of the Poolesville Town Commission thanks Eddie Kuhlman for his sixteen years of service to the town.

Kuhlman spoke briefly to express appreciation for the town staff, calling them "a dynamite staff and the very best;" pointed to his role in the hiring of Wade Yost as town manager, Jay Gullo as town attorney, and John

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## Fire Destroys Dickerson Home

On Sunday evening, November 11, at approximately 10:00 p.m., a devastating fire broke out in the home of George and Dana Worthington of 21170 Beallsville Road, Dickerson.

When the UMCVFD firefighters arrived, the home was

fully engulfed in flames and it took over an hour to bring it under control. The cause of the fire has not been determined. The Worthingtons have eight children, four of whom were at home at the time, and we can report that no one suffered physical injury.



The scene at the Dickerson fire at the time of the fire department's arrival.



# Family Album



The children of Claudine and Michael Valmonte offered signs and smiles to Paul Kelly, who returned home from Afghanistan last September.



PHS graduates held a multiyear reunion at Cugini's to meet and greet over pizza, beer, and cake.



Poolesville Feeds NYC/NJ team Cathy Bupp, Kelly Leach Baker, Valaree Dickerson, Martha Alvarez (Tunnel to Tower volunteer), unidentified Tunnel to Tower volunteer, Kaysie Morningstar, Kyle Morningstar, Karri Morningstar, and Patrick Morningstar.



The Poolesville Feeds NYC/NJ bucket brigade unloads donated goods in Staten Island. Donations ultimately filled the trailer to the appreciation of recipients.



Despite voting lines with over an hour's wait, poll volunteers Bill Conway and Spencer Schmidt remained jovial and helpful.



Mr. and Mrs. Bosselmann, Gold Star parents of Kirk Bosselmann, Sergeant First Class Paul Kelly, and American Legion Post 246 Commander Bob Hernandez place a wreath at the Veterans Day ceremony in Whalen Commons.

## Youth Sports

### PHS Fall Sports Final Wrap Up

By Jeff Stuart

#### Football

The Falcons football team closed out the regular season on November 2, beating Rockville on the road, 27-7, a celebration of their winning 7-3 mark, their first winning season in some time. Against Rockville, Nikolay Henze ran for 217 yards and scored three touchdowns. Henze led the team with five touchdowns for the season and 1,240 rushing yards. Quarterback Kirby Carmack, who hit nine out of fifteen passes for eighty-nine yards against Rockville, completed 74 of 125 passes for the season, twelve for touchdowns. The Falcons traveled to Walkersville (9-1) in the first round of the 2A playoffs on November 9. Poolesville tied the game, 7-7, on a Kirby Carmack touchdown pass late in the first quarter, but the Falcons were overmatched, losing 49-7. Henze rushed for fifty-seven and Carmack hit six of eleven passes.

Congratulations to first-year Coach Will Gant and his winning football team.

#### Field Hockey

Coach Gina Grubb's 2012 field hockey team finished

14-2 following a 5-1 loss to Glenelg in the state championship game. It was the Falcons' second straight trip to the state finals. Poolesville finished up the home season in a big way on October 16, defeating traditional power B-CC for the first time, 3-2, as Kelsey Carnahan took a cross from the right and drilled home the winning shot in overtime. Carnahan and Jocelyn Bodmer had first-half goals to stake the home team to a 2-0 lead, but the Barons, implored by their coach, struck twice early in the second half setting the stage for the dramatic win.

Then on a chilly Halloween afternoon, the top seeded-Falcons won their first playoff game defeating Walkersville, 7-0. Carnahan stepped up, scoring three times. Allie Greene had two and Anna Murgia had two. The girls rolled over rival Damascus in the Region final, 6-1. Madison Lamanna had nine saves. Carnahan scored again. Greene scored twice. Amanda Chasin and Kara Scott also scored.

#### Girls' Volleyball

Finishing the season 11-6, the Falcon girls' volleyball team made it to the regional semi-finals against Oakdale High School.

The Falcons won four of their last five regular season matches before rolling into the playoffs with a 10-5 mark.

They beat Middletown, 3-1, on November 1, setting up what turned out to be a season grand finale at fourth-seeded Oakdale on November 5. Oakdale won the second set, 25-23, on a service error. Poolesville won the fourth set, 25-21, to force a barn burner final game. Oakdale, however, squeaked out a victory and won 15-13 and the match, 3-2.

"The Oakdale match was the best of the season," said Head Coach Fran Duvall. "The girls played hard and well. Rosie Barry had twenty-five kills and twenty digs as well as four blocks. Allyson Convers served twenty-one points, had sixty assists, and added five kills and eleven digs. Sarah Kenneweg had thirty-four digs and serve received at ninety-six percent. Haley Davison had fifteen kills and three blocks. This was a great season. We cut our losses in half from last year and added four more wins during the regular season. We played competitive volleyball this year against everyone but Walter Johnson. I am very proud of the girls and their commitment to the team. Our seniors stepped up the leadership and play. We really missed that last year, and I appreciate them doing it."

The seniors are Elim Chao, Haley Davison, Morgan Howard, Essence Scott, and Alice Xie.

#### Cross Country

The Falcons ended the season with runners Claire Beautz and Chelsie Pennello finishing first and second in the 2A West Region at Middletown on November 2. Beautz went on to finish second in the state at Parkton while Pennello finished eighth. For the boys, an injured junior Chase Weaverling finished seventh in the state after finishing second in the region.

## Now We're Cooking

### Butternut Squash with Bacon and Goat Cheese

By Dominique Agnew



Word has it that turkey is so delicious and amazing that a country was named after it. If this were true, there would be a continent named Bacon. Bacon is not only terrific by itself, it enhances everything around it like eggs, burgers, soup—and even butternut squash.

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½ cup goat cheese,

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# Commentary

## Over at Last

By John Clayton

The election is over, all the questions have been settled, and looking at the local results confirms much of what we already knew. Maryland is a heavily Democratic state, and Montgomery County is even more Democratic than the state, but our beloved Monocacy region continues to function as a bastion of Republican hope, at least compared to the rest of the county.

While looking at the election totals for our area, I wondered about how party registration stacked up. I have always referred to our area as being extremely Republican, but looking at the registration numbers, I think I will stop saying that. It is certainly more Republican relative to the rest of the county, but neither party can claim dominance. The county is 56% Democratic, 20% Republican, and 23% unaffiliated, and the three precincts that wrap around Poolesville, Barnesville, and Dickerson are 39% Democratic, 37% Republican, and 23% unaffiliated. The two Poolesville precincts are indeed more Republican than Democrat, by only by one percent, with 24% unaffiliated. The Barnesville precinct is 44% Democratic, approximately nine percent more than the Republican registration, but Poolesville's precincts have over two and one-half times more registered voters.

Those two Poolesville precincts held the line for some, but

not all, of the Republican ticket. Romney-Ryan won 51.5% of the electorate, ahead of Obama-Biden by three percentage points, to maintain Poolesville's Republican Presidential winning streak. Republican Senatorial Candidate John David Bongino thumped incumbent Democrat Ben Cardin 44% to 39%, which should prove once and for all that it pays to march in the Poolesville Day parade. I hope word gets around. Republican congressional incumbent Roscoe Bartlett lost to Democrat John Delaney by almost two points in Poolesville. In the Barnesville precinct, all three Democrats won, but by smaller margins than they enjoyed countywide.

Finally, it is over, and things stayed pretty much the same, with a little slippage by the Republicans in the U.S. Congress. There have been many interesting articles over the last week, primarily by Republicans, over how to reinvigorate their national brand to attract a wider share of the electorate. It should be noted that Republicans have thirty state governors, and I doubt if there are many fire-breathing Tea Partiers among them, so that may be one place to start to look for a more compelling message. Locally, it will be interesting to see how our new congressman John Delaney feels about the Ag Reserve and all things Upcounty. I realize most issues are more likely to come before the county council than the congress, but when that Virginia pro-bridge-over-the-Potomac crowd fires up, it will be important to know where our new representative stands.

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## Local News

# Clarksburg Town Center Under Review

By Kristen Milton

As the Clarksburg Town Center undergoes another redesign process, planners at the project's quarterly update meeting wondered what would remain of hard-won concessions and amenities.

Representatives of Elem Street Development have held several public meetings since purchasing the bulk of the struggling project from Newland Homes for \$1 in December 2011. The plans presented to the community in those meetings showed several changes from already-approved plans, staffer Robert Kronenberg noted at the October 25 update meet-

ing. Changes were both small, the replacement of brick pavers with concrete in some areas, and large, changes to planned parking structures.

Planning board member Casey Anderson said planners needed clarity on exactly how and why the plans were changing. "What you're really saying here is, 'We can't afford to build the parking; we've got a certain style of retail we think will be easier to lease; here's why we think that's reasonable, [and] here's what you're getting in exchange,'" Anderson said.

Planning Chair Francoise Carrier and director Rose Krasnow noted the last element was especially important considering that several of the amenities now up for debate were included in the approved plans in lieu of fines that could have been imposed on Newland. "In my view...something needs to be brought to us to make up for getting rid of some

of the elements that were key to getting rid of the fines," Carrier said; however, board member Norman Dreyfuss, himself the developer of Leisure World and other neighborhoods, said the board needed to be pragmatic.

"We can dream all we want about what could have been and what was," Dreyfuss said, "but I'm looking for a solution that is a good balance and moves forward. That's where I am."

Kate Kubit, speaking for Elm Street, said retail plans presented at a September 24 public meeting were being revised for another meeting in December. "We are considering what was submitted and approved previously," Kubit said, "but we're also trying to balance that with being financially viable... The plan as it currently exists is significantly underwater."

Members of the Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee spent more than two years working to address problems at the 270-acre development located at Clarksburg Road and Snowden Farm Parkway after the citizen discovery of building violations nearly a decade ago. The currently-approved plan emerged from mediation in 2006. The town center project is anticipated to grow to include 1,200 homes.

### More Clarksburg News

The planning board approved a handful of motions re-

lated to the widening of Shawnee Lane adjacent to Clarksburg High School to enable an adjacent development. The half-mile of road will be changed from a two-lane road into a four-lane divided roadway between Frederick Road (MD 355) and Gateway Center Drive. The requirement was triggered by the anticipated construction of the Gallery Park neighborhood, a 256-home subdivision to be located at 13000 Shawnee Lane.

Bob Spaulding, representing builder Miller and Smith at the October 25 hearing, said the "\$5.7 million divided highway for a half mile" far exceeded the needs of the forecast subdivision but acknowledged the legal requirement. "If you don't want to build the road, you can wait 'til the county builds it," Carrier noted; however, Spaulding said the developer was two years behind its original timeline and preferred to go forward.

In presenting the requirements of the water quality and forest conservation plans, staffer Katherine Nelson said every effort had been made to be careful of a stream crossing while the plans "minimized forest loss in every way possible."

Planners voted unanimously to approve the roadway plans as well as a preliminary plan amendment for the Gallery Park neighborhood.



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## Police Blotter: Past and Present

By Jack Toomey

### Present Crime

**Assault:** 17500 block of Hoskinson Road.

**Theft:** 19100 block of Martinsburg Road, 20600 block of Martinsburg Road.

**Disorderly conduct complaints:** 19800 block of Beatriz Avenue, 19500 block of Wootton Avenue, 17300 block of Seneca Chase Park Road, 19600 block of Fisher Avenue (multiple calls), 22100 block of Dickerson Road.

### Past Crime

**November 10, 1910** Raymond Jenkins of Germantown had been a patient at the Freedmen's Hospital for several days, suffering from a gunshot wound. Sheriff Viett traveled to Washington to interview Jenkins and came back to Rockville convinced that Jenkins was the man who had broken into the home of James Devine of near Germantown. Devine had taken a pistol and fired it at the intruder and thought that he had recognized the burglar as Jenkins.

**November 26, 1909** The trial of Oliver Harris began at Rockville. He was charged with murdering John Henson Poole at Travilah on August 14. Trouble started almost immediately when the entire jury pool of forty-four men was exhausted when nearly every man claimed to be related to either Harris or Poole. One man was seated as a juror, but a stranger approached the judge and whispered that the juror was the second cousin of Poole. Judge Motter became angry and had the man removed from the courthouse.

He then ordered the sheriff out into the streets of Rockville to select twenty other men. At the end of that effort, three more jurors were selected and ordered sequestered in a hotel.

**November 26, 1911** Judge Joseph Reading of Rockville announced that any

man found guilty of wife beating in his court would be sentenced to be whipped at the post. In an unusual statement, Judge Reading said that now that he had made his intentions that most women would not press charges against their husbands or would not show up in court when their cases were called. On the other hand, Sheriff Viett said that there was a broad expanse of lawn in front of the courthouse and that he would erect a whipping post there.

**November 28, 1906** Edward Bradley, a former Montgomery County deputy sheriff and constable, was found not guilty by a jury of taking a bribe at Rockville. Bradley was accused of accepting ten dollars from the manager of the Rock Springs Hotel at Cabin John Bridge. The manager testified that he gave Bradley the money so he would not arrest the contestants in a prize fight that was held at the hotel. The jury deliberated only five minutes.

**November 29, 1913** Mrs. Saidee Hawkins and Thomas Garrett fought a duel at Linden (north of Silver Spring) which resulted in both parties being wounded. Mrs. Hawkins was shot four times while Garrett was shot in the groin. Both were taken to separate hospitals. When Hawkins was released from the hospital, she was arrested by Sheriff Howard who took her to Rockville.

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## Local News

### Kuhlman Not Returning as Commissioner

By Rande Davis

The November 6, 2012 town election returned Commissioners Jerry Klobukowski and Brice Halbrook and voted in Valaree Dickerson to join the commission for the first time.

Brice Halbrook was the top vote-getter with 925 votes followed by Valaree Dickerson at 867. Coming in third was Jerry Klobukowski having 855 votes followed by the now-past commission president Eddie Kuhlman with 757 votes.

While turnout at the town hall was strong, it was no way near the long lines at the other two precincts in town for the general election. In 2010, thirty-five percent of eligible voters cast ballots, while this year was down just a bit at thirty-three percent.

This year, much more than ever before, social media played a significant role in local elections. While town election turnout was down a bit, non-incumbent Valaree Dickerson, an active member of local Facebook communities, was able to maximize this and use her lifelong Poolesville connections to her advantage. Brice Halbrook is also on Facebook and has held the high-profile position in the past as Poolesville Day co-chair; however, Jerry Klobukowski joined in on Facebook late in the campaign, but Eddie Kuhlman avoided participation in using the media because, as he said in the town forum, he preferred face-to-face to Facebook.

In response to the elec-

tion results, Kuhlman told the *Monocle* that he wanted to "thank his supporters and all the volunteers who have worked so hard to make this such a great town to live in, and he wishes the new commission the best. It has meant a great deal to me to hear from so many residents in the last few days."

In response to the *Monocle's* request for a statement on their winning elections, those candidates offered the following:

**Jerry Klobukowski:** I sincerely thank all those who voted for me on Election Day and have given me the honor of serving Poolesville for another four years. I also thank those friends and neighbors who displayed my yard signs, distributed out my handbills, and those who created a Facebook page for me and helped me with my handbill.

I promise I will continue to: work hard to improve the quality of life for all town residents, help maintain our schools' excellent reputation and, in particular, promote the building of a new high school, and maintain a fiscally sound and strong town government. I am grateful and acknowledge all candidates who ran for their willingness to give of their time. Participatory government is what this country is all about. I congratulate Brice Halbrook and Valaree Dickerson on their election to the Town Commission and thank Eddie Kuhlman for his long service to the town as a commissioner and commission president.

I look forward to the next four years, which will undoubtedly be challenging, and to seeing "y'all" around the best town in Montgomery County and the state of Maryland. God bless you, your families, and the United States

of America. Thank you again.

**Brice Halbrook:** I would like to thank all of my Poolesville friends and neighbors for casting their votes for me. I would also like to congratulate Valaree Dickerson and Jerry Klobukowski for their victories and for volunteering to serve the community for the next four years. I look forward to working with Val, Jerry, Jim Brown, and Chuck Stump on the commission. I would also like to thank Eddie Kuhlman for his many years of dedicated service to the town. His leadership and undying devotion to the job will be remembered as a force for the good of Poolesville. When you see Commissioner Kuhlman, thank him for a job well done!

**Valaree Dickerson:** Congratulations to the other two candidates that won the election, Brice Halbrook and Jerry

Klobukowski. I look forward to spending this time together on the board striving to move forward. Also, a deep gratitude goes out to my friend and long-time commissioner Eddie Kuhlman for his sixteen years of dedication and hard work serving his town. Thank you for all you have done, Eddie!



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## Youth Sports

### PHS Boys' Soccer: Better at Home

By Jeff Stuart

The home portion of the PHS boys' soccer team (5-8-1) schedule began and ended with Wheaton. On September 11, the Falcons defeated the Knights, 2-0. Senior Kai Meredith scored in the first half, and junior Jerson Ortiz scored in the second. On October 25, the first round of the 2A playoffs, the Falcons again hosted the Knights. It was a fast-paced game with no scoring in the first half. Senior Chris Carney got the Falcons on the board with a goal early in the second half.

"It was lucky. It had a lucky bounce for me," said Carney, "and I kicked it in. There was an assist from Eric Galfond." Wheaton

quickly answered for the Knights, but Carney scored again just a few minutes later. "That was a big one," he said. "We handled them so easily in the regular season. This game was different. They came out ready to go." When asked about his favorite moment at Poolesville, he replied, "This one wasn't bad—scoring two goals in a playoff game—I'll take this one right here," but Chris had regrets about the results of the regular season. "It's been difficult this season. I thought we were better than a lot of teams that we lost to, but the playoffs are the important thing."

Senior Captain Brian Dillon's kick on goal from about fifteen yards out with about four minutes remaining in the playoff game against Wheaton sealed the win. The ground ball kick was not particularly hard, but the Knights' goalie made little movement toward the ball which passed to his left. The Falcons advanced with a 3-1 win.

Dillon, a starter since his sophomore year, agrees that

the playoffs are the thing. His favorite Poolesville moment was "making it to the region final last year. My sophomore year we didn't win a game, so that was a huge difference... We have a lot of guys who are really good, Tony Clements, Carney. We are strong down the middle. Galfond and I work well together."

This season, the Falcons lost five games by a single goal, including a 1-0 loss at Watkins Mill (10-2) the 3A/2A Division winner and the third seed in the 3A West playoffs. Four of the Falcons' five wins came at home. There are a lot of good soccer teams in the county and in the division. The distribution of talented players makes the competition pretty even.

The other seniors on this year's squad include Captain Sean Dahlen, Eric Lunning, and Christopher Comfort, who has been outstanding in goal all year.



Poolesville could not match its extended playoff run of last season. They fell to Liberty, 3-0, in the regional quarterfinal on October 31.

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## Daytripper

### A Zoo Where?

By Ingeborg Westfall

Readers of this column know that I have a crush on—a veritable love affair with—all things Baltimore. I can't help it; it's a result of wonderful childhood memories. I like its rough edges, its spectacular highs and lows, its hidden richness—so I was heartily embarrassed when I realized I'd never visited the Maryland Zoo in Druid Hill Park. Having been established in 1876, it's recognized as the third-oldest zoo in the country. Druid Hill Park, with 745 acres, known for its rolling hills and water features, is home to other attractions as well, notably the Howard Peter Rawlings Conservatory and Botanic Gardens of Baltimore. The zoo occupies 160 of the park's acres. The establishment of Druid Hill Park was part of the nationwide movement to provide large, spacious areas for urban dwellers. New York City's Central Park was part of that same movement, its development beginning in 1858.

First, let me be clear. Don't compare the Maryland Zoo with the National Zoo; don't expect the same kind of

visit or the extensive variety of animals. For instance, even with more than 1,550 animals representing nearly 200 species, the Maryland Zoo has no pandas, no, not even one of those chubby, bamboo-chomping bears most people find so irresistibly cute. I'm not one of those adoring masses. I'm happy with rhinos, a leopard, cheetahs, lions, giraffes, African elephants, polar bears, zebras, ostriches, and chimpanzees. The Maryland Zoo showed me those, and that's not even mentioning the warthogs, antelopes, and tortoises. Go with the expectation of a less crowded experience (in fiscal year 2012, there were 409,843 visitors), perhaps combined with a picnic and a visit to the arboretum.

The Maryland Zoo is accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. From what I could gather from informational plaques, it's committed to providing community education and outreach, along with participating in programs that foster awareness and conservation of endangered species. Its ZOOMobile outreach efforts deliver educational programs featuring live Animal Ambassadors throughout fifteen Maryland counties, Baltimore City, and elsewhere. In fiscal year 2012, 86,563 students and



*The Maryland Zoo has an excellent elephants program.*

teachers attended field trips to the zoo, 74,036 without charge, as part of a state-sponsored program.

The day I visited was one of Maryland's dreaded hot and humid August days, with a shower or two as well, but the lovely shade of many trees helped moderate the stickiness. I decided to walk as much as possible, even though at the end of the day I hadn't seen all the exhibits. The zoo provides a free tram that could have enabled me to see it all. They even have a little train that provides a tour for \$5.00 (it seemed a great hit with families with children), and although I didn't see it in action, I fell in love with their very colorful carousel.

I thought the zoo a worthwhile and charming attraction for all ages, and from the number of school groups and

families I saw, it was clear that it's a particularly-favored local attraction for children. Recognizing the importance of interactive activities for children, it provides a goat petting area and a display of farmyard animals. In addition, there are daily opportunities to feed giraffes and take camel rides. Getting exercise and an environmental education at the same time is easy no matter what age the visitor.

The website for the Maryland Zoo is [www.maryland-zoo.org](http://www.maryland-zoo.org). Its phone number is 410-396-7102. It's open March through December daily, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in January and February. Adult admission is \$16.50. Parking is free.



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## Remembrance

*Editor's Note:* In the early days of the *Monocle*, back in 2004, Herb White submitted poetry to our *Poet's Corner*, anonymously, as the Mudge. Here is a sample.

### Father, Pappy, Pop, or Dad

If you're the sort who says rawther,  
 Then I suppose you'd call him Father.  
 If you like your talk a little more snappy,  
 You might be casual and just say 'Pappy'.  
 If you like it short and efficient,  
 A simple 'Pop' is sufficient  
 To me it doesn't sound bad  
 If you call me plain old 'Dad'.

Whatever you call him, one name or another,  
 He's the guy who loves your

mother,  
 And endured with her your childhood ills,  
 And mowed the lawn and paid the bills.  
 And though maybe it didn't always show,  
 Prayed for you more than you know.

Men don't talk much about love and devotion,  
 And think it's not manly to show much emotion.  
 If he did not often hug you.  
 Sons, I say, don't let it bug you.  
 Daughters too, do not cry  
 He loves you; he's just being a guy.

The guy who was there when times were tough  
 And your troubles were more than enough.  
 Who helped you through life's bereavements  
 And helped you celebrate your achievements.  
 So this day let everyone be glad  
 Who has a Father, Pappy, Pop or Dad

The Mudge

### "Butternut Squash" Continued From Page 3.

crumbled (or more)(or less),  
 homemade is great  
 ¼ pound bacon, cooked,  
 chopped (or more)(or way, way,  
 way more as the first professional taster says)

1 T. Italian seasoning  
 ½ cup or so bread crumbs  
 Olive oil  
 Drizzle some olive oil in the bottom of a baking dish. Spread uncooked squash cubes into dish. Drizzle more olive oil on squash. Add goat cheese, bacon, and Italian seasoning. Salt and pepper if you want. Stir a little if you think it needs it. Top with bread crumbs. Drizzle with olive oil or dots of butter. Bake in a 350° degree oven for 30 minutes.

Ingredient variations: Any of the winter squashes would work: acorn, pumpkin. Rosemary would be real nice. Crushed Ritz crackers or potato chips in place of or mixed in with the bread crumbs are a nice possibility. Raisins and nuts would also make for interesting bursts of flavor.





## Remembrances

### PES Employee Passes Away



*Poolesville Elementary School seventeen-year employee, Faith Griffin.*

Faith A. Griffin, 49, an employee at Poolesville Elementary School in its build-

ing services department for seventeen years, passed away on November 5, 2012.

Born on May 19, 1963, in Olney, Maryland, she was the daughter of Ruth E. (Burroughs) Griffin of Boonsboro and the late Morgan L. Griffin, Jr.

Faith graduated from Damascus High School, was a member of the Valley Assembly of God in Hagerstown, and was a resident of Boonsboro, Maryland.

Faith began her working career as a school bus driver for the Montgomery County Public Schools, where she drove for eight years. For the past twenty years, Faith was the night manager in Building Services, also with Montgomery County Public Schools.

In reflecting on Faith's passing, Douglas Robbins, principal of Poolesville Elementary School, said, "She

was a respected and loved member of our school community. Despite some physical challenges that she had experienced through the years, she attended work each day with a smile on her face, never dwelling on the pain. Ms. Griffin's seventeen years of service to Poolesville Elementary School were a blessing to us all, and she will be sorely missed."

Otis Weeden was her supervisor but recalls her more as a friend.

"We had a great working relationship, never any problems that we could not solve together. She was a joy and pleasure to work with, always upbeat. She will be greatly missed." As he sought to handle a problem without her, he caught himself thinking of her but resolved that while she will be missed, he thought "She is at home now. Rest at

peace, Faith."

Faith was devoted to her pets and was a lover of all kinds of animals, going out of her way to help animals in need. She will especially be remembered for the many animals that she had rescued and the countless donations she made to the Humane Society of Washington County.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Humane Society of Washington County, 13011 Maudgansville Road, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740.

### Dickerson's Herb White

By Rande Davis



*Herb White, with his wife Jean*

Dickerson resident, Herb White, 80, passed away on November 2 as a result of cardiac arrest. His wife, Jean, of 58 years, survives him. The couple had five children, James, Henry, Steven, Mary Ann, and John.

Herb proudly served in the

United States Air Force then as an engineer; he retired from a career with the Naval Surface Warfare – Carderock Division. He worked specifically with its David Taylor Model Basin in Potomac, a test facility for development for ship design.

Herb devoted a great deal of time to community service, especially with his leadership and involvement with St. Peter's Episcopal Church and the Poolesville Odd Fellows Lodge #97. At St. Peter's, he had been very active in its choir, served on its vestry, and served as junior warden. He also held leadership roles with the Odd Fellows having been a past Noble Grand and for a long time, the treasurer of the civic organization.

Bill Poole remembered Herb as a man who spoke quietly, yet was a man "who

said what he meant and meant what he said, and could always be counted on to do what was asked of him." He recalled that he had a real talent for fixing things. "Give him pliers, some baling wire, and duct tape, and Herb could fix it." Spencer Schmidt recalled Herb as a true gentleman, very reliable, and was especially appreciated for his fantastic baked bean recipe. George Kephart, Jr. called Herb a spiritual anchor for the organizations he so devotedly served.

Over the years, Herb became quite locally famous for a very unique talent of poetry/lyric writing that he often offered up on special occasions and that humorously but poignantly honored certain milestones in the life of his friends.

His brother William White

of Loveville, Maryland, his grandchildren Tabetha, Tiffany, Rachel, Clarisse, Herbert, and great grandchild Nathan Williams will lovingly miss him.

His service was officiated by the Rev. Grayce O'Neil Rowe of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Point of Rocks, Maryland. He was interred in Lincoln Cemetery in Brentwood, Maryland.

## School News

### PHS Students Win State Moot Court Championship

Courtney Steininger and William Durr of Poolesville High School won the second annual Moot Court State Invitational Tournament at the University of Baltimore Law School. The team argued legal issues in front of a number of Maryland attorneys and a few sitting district court judges. Courtney and William, both juniors in the PHS Humanities House magnet program, defeated Owings Mill High School in the finals.

Courtney and William were highly praised by the judges. Christopher S. Lambert, Esquire, of the Maryland Invitational Moot Court Tournament, told the school, "I wanted to congratulate you on the wonderful job done by your students, Courtney Steininger and William Durr, and faculty coach Tim Short in the Second Annual Maryland Invitational Moot Court Tournament."

Moot court is an activity in which lawyers argue a case be-

fore a panel of judges. This year's case involved a First Amendment challenge to the suspension of two students who had exercised their free speech rights in school.

The Falcon team won a place in the final eight after two rounds of round robin competition. They won their quarter-final and semi-final matches, and then prevailed over Owings Mill, winning the state championship. The final match was judged by two members of the Maryland Court of Special Appeals—Maryland's second highest court—and a distinguished member of the Maryland bar.

Mr. Lambert added, "The judges before whom Courtney and William presented their arguments could not have been more complimentary of their preparation, professionalism, and ability. The comment was repeatedly made that their presentations would have compared favorably to those of practicing attorneys before many of our appellate courts. I can also say that Tim, Courtney, and William conducted

themselves with great maturity, class, and character, and were fitting representatives of your fine school."

### Food Drive Results for JPMS

The International Thespian Society (ITS), a division of the Educational Theatre Association (EdTA), is pleased to announce the results of John Poole Middle School's participation in the ITS's Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat program. In October, JPMS thespians collected 144 pounds of canned and dry goods for WUMCO of Montgomery County.

Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat is a new national community service program for ITS-member schools to collect canned and

dry goods for local charities and food banks. The ITS, founded in 1929, is an honorary organization for high school and middle school theatre students. The mission of ITS is to honor student achievement in the theatre arts. EdTA is a national nonprofit whose mission is shaping lives through theatre education.



Courtney Steininger, William Durr, and faculty coach Tim Short

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ciété, as the Forty and Eight can go by, is called a Voiture Locale (local car or boxcar). The unit for our area, Voiture Locale 265, acquired the vehicle to be used for parades and other public events to delight children and promote patriotism.

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Is it a truck? Is it a train? Yes.

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The Questers have given \$97,000 in grants for restoration and preservation and also provide two scholarships, one at Columbia and one at Winterthur. The Questers are always looking for people who share these interests. Visit [www.questers1944.org](http://www.questers1944.org) for more information.

### Another School Bus Accident

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it has not been determined as to who was at fault.

### Share the Warmth

The Poolesville Girl Scouts have launched a campaign to collect new or gently-used winter coats for kids to adults, for both genders. Collection bins can be found at the Poolesville Town Hall and at Poolesville Elementary School. There will also be a collection bin at the annual Poolesville Holiday Lighting Ceremony on December 7.

The drive runs until the end of January. For pickup of a large number of coats or any questions, please contact Julie Sanchez at [opjulie@comcast.net](mailto:opjulie@comcast.net). All collected coats will be donated to local families through WUMCO Help, Inc. and the Salvation Army.

### Poolesville Feeds NY/NJ

Patrick and Kerri Morningstar spearheaded a local drive to gather canned and dry goods and other household products like paper towels, toilet paper to be shipped for distribution to those suffering from Hurricane Sandy.

Using Facebook and the internet, the call went out the weekend of November 3 and 4, and by the following weekend, the shipment was ready to go. From the donations, it was obvious many in the area went out and bought items specifically for this worthy cause. The Morningstars' trailer, emblazoned with the banner "Poolesville Feeds NY/NJ," was positioned in front of the Poolesville Town Hall for easy donations.



Jean Murray and Sharon Bauer of the Questers presented rugs and McGuffey readers to Maureen O'Connell and Jean Findlay of the Historic Medley District for use in the Seneca School House.



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## Business Briefs

### Fine Earth Wins Two Awards

Fine Earth Landscape of Poolesville was honored by Montgomery County with two 2012 Keep Montgomery County Beautiful Awards which were presented at a county ceremony on October 19.

One award was for the colorful perennial plantings at the Soccerplex in Boyds. Fine Earth planted the areas near the Championship Field with long-lasting, low-maintenance plantings, including Knockout roses, catmint, and coreopsis 'Zagreb.'

Fine Earth also received an award for a beautiful deer-resistant combination of flowering and evergreen greenery at the entrances to the Potomac Falls Community in Potomac. Plantings include winter gem boxwood, Russian sage, and carex 'Evergold.'

### How Sweet It Is

Once again this year, Drs. Pike and Valega put a shout out to the community to bring Halloween candy to their dental office so they could send it to our military personnel overseas. Well, the community really responded with over 242 pounds of wrapped candy that has been sent to Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude seeks to lift morale and put smiles on faces by sending care packages addressed to individual soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines deployed overseas. Operation Gratitude care packages contain food, hygiene products, entertainment items, and personal letters of appreciation, all wrapped with good wishes of love and support.

## Local News

### Poolesville: Hollywood East

By Rande Davis

More and more, the Poolesville area is becoming a movie set. Just in the last few years, we have had a public service commercial shot on Partnership Road, a TV pilot shot at Lewis Orchard, and just last month, an independent film at the Seneca Schoolhouse on River Road.

Now we have hit the big time. A major BBC production came to town and got everyone buzzing. Director Steve Frears (Academy Award nominee for the *The Grifters*) brought his newest production *Philomena*, the bittersweet tale of a woman's search for the son she gave up for adoption, to Poolesville. When Frears shows up, he brings some friends with him—and not just a few. Beyond a production crew of over four dozen people came the major stars, Academy Award winner Dame Judith Dench and Steve Coogan (Roman Centurion in *Night at the Museum*).

For Theresa Zweber-Jones and her family, and neighbor Penny Jones, the production was more than a curiosity, it was a one-day blizzard of activity and excitement.

When approached a few months ago as to her willingness for the use of her home as a set for a movie, she really didn't think the site would be chosen. The family was thrilled if not a bit apprehensive when word came that they and her neighbor had been selected. The final decision was made for her house to be used as the staging set while the raised ranch next door would be the site of the film.

Not knowing for sure how it

would go, at the end of the day, she found the experience entirely positive. "The production team, actors, everyone was very nice." Although for the film people it was a very heavy working day, they still took time to be personable and friendly to the families whose homes they invaded.

No one was fussy or demanding. Dench and Coogan used rooms for their dressing rooms but still found time to come out and visit with the families. Mr. Jones is a huge Judith Dench fan so this was an even bigger deal for him.

Asked what she found most surprising in the experience, Ms. Zweber-Jones mentioned the size of the crew required, that the major stars had two or three "handlers" to serve their needs throughout the day, and that for this movie crew, at least, no one could have been nicer—no fussy prima donnas here. The garage became a gourmet kitchen for the catering company, and Theresa also found out that even on set, movie stars certainly eat superbly.

Asked what she liked best about the day, for ten-year-old Rosie it was meeting Steve Coogan and the food, lots and lots of food. This is something the folks at Poolesville Baptist Church concurred with since their parking lot was used for the large contingent of trailers and RVs that are part of a traveling production company—and where lunch was served and they were all invited to join in the feast.



Rosie Jones with major motion picture star, Steve Coogan.

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## Youth Sports

### Hannah Patton And PHS Girls' Soccer Roll to Nine Wins

By Jeff Stuart

Hannah Patton is a senior midfielder and one of the captains of the 2012 Poolesville girls' soccer team. "I have been playing soccer since I was four years old," says Hannah. "I definitely know that we are the best team that I have ever been on in Poolesville—except for maybe my freshman year when we went to the quarterfinals." Her favorite moment? "I think it was my sophomore year. I scored three goals in our first playoff game. That was a really good night. It started off as a really evenly-matched game and we sort of pulled away from them." The best game this year? "I think the Gaithersburg game (1-0 loss) and the Walt Whitman game (2-1 loss)." Gaithersburg is 8-1, Whitman 8-2. "One of our strengths is that we all like each other. We are all close. We are friends on and off the field, so I think that helps during games because no one takes criticism personally. We can say, 'That needs to be one touch next time.' They just take it and go with it. They aren't offended. Our team dynamic is very good." Patton also plays club soccer and runs track for PHS (800 and 1600 meters) in the spring.

In the first round of the playoffs this season, Poolesville (9-4-2) defeated Liberty, 3-1, at home on October 23. Liberty led, 1-0, with about ten minutes to go when the Lions scored again, but the PHS seniors led a comeback with midfielder Victoria Yee scoring two goals and Tara Beaton one. "It was a game we dominated the whole time," lamented Lion Coach Callie Gillen. Though Liberty kept almost constant pressure on the Falcons, PHS freshman goalkeeper, Kristen Darragh (nine saves), was often spectacular in goal. The first half was

scoreless. Poolesville's offense made the most of the few opportunities it had getting only four shots on goal, but three of those shots got past the goalkeeper.

In a great start to the regular season, Patton joined in the scoring as the Falcons (7-3) routed Springbrook, 10-0, on a warm September 4 night, sophomore forward Annie Hasselbalch broke past two Springbrook defenders about twenty yards out about two minutes into the game and put a hard shot into the back of the net. About three minutes later, Yee scored and freshman Alex Frost added another shortly thereafter. From that point on, the game was never in doubt. Midfielder senior Elizabeth Holmstead, and forward sophomore Sophie Cortijo added first half goals and Hasselbalch scored again. Senior Julie Boyland, freshman Alyssa Nubgaard, and juniors Annie Gillespie and Cailin Van Nevel also scored. There were plenty of goals and assists.

"What I am more impressed with," said Head Coach Christina

Mann, "was our ability to stay disciplined in the second half and work the ball around. Special shout out to Tara Beaton, who followed the game plan to a T, despite having ten or more opportunities to score at her feet while playing forward. That is what takes true heart and character."

On September 13, the Falcons suffered a home loss to fourth-ranked Whitman. The Vikings scored in the first two minutes of the game, but Darragh rose to the occasion, making several key saves. The Falcon goal was scored by Patton in the middle of the second half. It was the first goal scored on Whitman against county opponents since 2010.

The Vikings had shut out eleven straight opponents. "If we can hang with Whitman, we can hang with anyone," said Coach Mann.


Heartbreaking back-to-back losses to visiting Gaithersburg (8-1) and at division winner, Damascus (9-3), within three days of each other set the Falcons back,

but they rebounded to win the next two, defeating Northwood, 4-1, on October 8 and claiming a, 1-0, win against Watkins Mill at home on October 10. Damascus (7-0) won the division with Poolesville right behind at (5-1-1).



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## In the Garden A Match Made In a Garden

By Maureen O'Connell

Two weeks ago when I was in London, I had the pleasure of spending a weekend visiting two uniquely-beautiful homes and their gardens in the Somerset region of England. This area is about three hours southwest of London.

I stayed at the bed and breakfast Langford Fivehead, a lovingly-restored medieval manor house near the town of Taunton. From the moment you enter through the Hamstone (golden-honey-colored Jurassic limestone from Ham Hill, Somerset) gates at the entrance to the property, and you pass through a bluebell woods on your left and a grove of Lebanese cedars, giant redwood, and lime trees on your right, you begin to feel the sense of history all about you. The first record of the property dates back to 1251. The current structure dates back to about 1590, built around a great hall of about 1453. It is in the form of a double E (two capital Es back to back). In the sixteenth century, an E-shape was the most common manor plan, with the vertical line of the E being the main hall, and the shorter horizontal end lines the kitchen and living rooms. The shorter central line was the entry porch. There is probably little truth in the old maxim that the E-plan was a tribute to Queen Elizabeth. It was actually a natural evolution of the earlier courtyard designs—but it makes a good story in the twenty-first century. Paneling and roof trusses survive to this day from this era. Over the centuries, it has been owned by several families, and it reflects the varied interests of the different owners from pre-Tudor times to the present.

In 2010, Langford Fivehead was bought by Peter Steggall and Orlando Murrin, and they opened it as a boutique B&B (seven *en suite* bedrooms) in March 2011.

What these two charming and very talented gentlemen did for this imposing, historical property is almost magical. Once you walk through the heavy, black, plank entry door, you are not a guest at a hotel; you are the houseguests of Peter and Orlando. The first night I was there, my daughter, a friend, and I were the only guests. We dined on a long, oak table in a high-ceilinged, dark-paneled room with a roaring fire in the walk-in Tudor fireplace. It was a setting fit for the knights of the Round Table and their ladies. Their renovation work to the house and gardens is pure genius and a delight to experience. Most importantly, they have kept everything historically and architecturally accurate, from the fireplaces with Hamstone surrounds, a staircase with splat balusters and elm partitions to the large timber bressumer (supporting beam) that spans the length of the medieval dining room. Overall, the quality and level of the house's survival are remarkable.

When I visited Langford's gardens, it was mid-October, but there was still much to see. The gardens are divided into several smaller gardens. The most prominent contribution of the Tudor era to garden design was the knot garden. Langford's knot garden is called the Ladies' Garden. It is filled with aromatic plants and fragrant roses and edged with neatly-trimmed boxwood. Running in a wavy fashion parallel to the backside of the house is the Monster Border. It includes familiar plants and some large strange plants. There were rugosa rosa, hybrid tea roses, dwarf butterfly bushes, lupins, sweet peas, delphinium, pinks, coneflowers, dianthus, and stachys sharing space with castor oil plants, giant dahlia, bananas, squirting cucumber, thistles, teasels, ornamental sweet corn, giant reeds, and other oddities; some were at their peak of bloom. There was a huge herb garden close to the kitchen entrance. Coming full circle around the house, a curved path runs through a paddock which now contains various fruit trees. If you are ever in this area of England, I highly recommend that you stay

at this remarkable estate.

About an hour or so's drive from Langford is Hestercombe House and Gardens. The house was originally built in the sixteenth century for the Warre family. It has had several owners over the centuries and they have each left their mark on the property. During the early years of World War II, the house was used as headquarters for the British Army's 8<sup>th</sup> Corps. In later years, it was also used by American forces. Hestercombe was the American 801 Hospital Center after D-Day until the end of the war.

The estate grounds are fifty acres of lakes, temples, cascades, woodland walks, and formal terraces. It is better known for its gardens. They are unique as they are a collection of three gardens covering three centuries of garden history and design. The Georgian Landscape Garden was created between 1750 and 1786. In some sense, landscape gardens, especially those of the English, were part of a revolt against the idea of a formal garden, especially those of the French. They were designed to give the impression of an idealized classical landscape with lakes and temples; flowers played only a small part in their design. It was up to the trees, shrubs, and small garden-type buildings to create a view in the style of a landscape painting, wherein comes its name. On the south side of the house is the Victorian Terrace, laid out between 1873 and 1878. In keeping with Victorian times, the bedding is planted with a variety of flowers in exotic colors and intricate designs. Of particular interest is the Edwardian Formal Garden, which was established between 1904 and 1908. Its design was created by Sir Edwin Lutyens (1869-1944), widely considered the most famous British architect since Sir Christopher Wren. Nearer to home, Lutyens also designed the British Embassy in



*Hestercombe Gardens—Sir Edwin Lutyens's rill bordered by Gertrude Jekyll's plantings*

Washington, D.C. The garden's planting scheme was designed by Gertrude Jekyll (1843-1932). This garden is considered the finest example of the success of the partnership of Lutyens and Jekyll.

Jekyll is remembered for her designs that take a painterly approach to the arrangement of gardens she created, especially her flower borders. She looked at garden design prismatically—color was all important. She was strongly influenced by the works of JMW Turner and the Impressionist movement. Her thoughts remind me of Claude Monet's comment that he could never have become a painter if he had not been a gardener first. For many people, formality and informality are irreconcilable opposites, not for Miss Jekyll. Her genius was to bring these two designs into full circle with different spectrums; Hestercombe shows this beautifully. There is the geometry with Lutyens's scheme of circles, squares, and diamonds. The paving through the gardens is regular, but the four main beds are asymmetrical. Within these formal-shaped beds, Jekyll planted, symmetrically, flowers such as light gray-colored stachys and santolina around dusky-pink China roses with a center area of rosemary and dwarf lavender. In other beds she planted, in tones of silver-gray, lavender, mauve, white, and soft pinks, fuchsias, eryngiums, echinops, dicentras, clematis, phlox, and ageratum.

Jekyll's gardening principle came down to her ability to work

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## Musings from Mama Boe

### Heartthrob

By Mama Boe

Last night, I attended the Poolesville Basketball Association's Start-of-the-Season Address. This was the meeting where the leaders welcomed and explained to all the newer parents and athletes the expectations, rules, and potential consequences the season would bring.

For instance, we were informed that if a parent gets ejected from a game by the referee, the coach is automatically suspended for two games!—and they really wanted that to *not* happen to our coaches—which meant they were asking all of us parents to, essentially, Behave.

It meant that we, the parents, were expected to be appropriate role models for our children.

It also meant that we would be held accountable for any, er, Bad Choices we might make behaviorally during the season.

I couldn't help but feel everyone was looking at me. That's just because I have **issues**, not because I've ever been ejected from a game—yet.

I *can identify* with the parent who goes through the roof when he sees his kid fouled repeatedly and not get relief. I **keenly empathize** with a parent who gets frustrated with a coach who might not share her game play philosophy. I **well understand** mass mentality when it comes to game excitement.

What I **cannot** do is promise that I'm not *that parent* (see **issues**, above).

I may not understand the game of basketball fully or be an expert in the rules or strategies of play, but that never stopped me from helping vociferously and loudly from the sidelines.

How my Varmint can stand to be in public with her complete embarrassment of a mother is be-

yond me. Maybe it's my amazing zombie-killing skills that allow me to stay within her circle. Who knows?

Back to the evening at hand: Here was the best part:

It was time to introduce the coaches. This was done very casually: This coach's name is "\_\_\_\_\_" and then Mr. "\_\_\_\_\_" would raise his hand. When this happened, everyone looked and nodded, but there wasn't any cheering or clapping or anything. We were all still reeling from being told to behave.

We're a fun town, a small town, a fairly tightly-knit town. Telling us to behave when we are used to jovial, rambunctious camaraderie tends to knock us back on our heels.

Maybe that was just me (see **issues**, above).

Then they announced the coach for the eighth grade girls' team, and the crowd went Wild. More specifically, the bunch of eighth grade girls up at the top of the bleachers went wild: Loudly, Joyously, Excitedly—and for the coach, Embarrassingly (those are my kind of girls!).

His ears turned a beet red. His grin was sheepish, humble, and surprised. He had not been

expecting to be called out as the Heartthrob coach.

The parents? We laughed. We laughed at the girls' enthusiastic display of affection for their coach. We laughed at his humble embarrassment in the receiving of it, and we laughed because it felt Good. It felt good to see our children so happy, to see them come together as a team before the season had even started.

When it comes right down to it, that really is what it's all about. Doesn't matter what the sport specifically is. When you put your child on a team like that, it isn't just to learn the sport.

Good sportsmanship, perseverance, compassion, humility, self confidence, self sacrifice—these are the backbone of any community-based sports association. They are the Point. They are not just the punch line or the sound-bite.

The coaches and staff of PBA are keenly aware that they have a greater responsibility and commitment than most parents or children can fathom—and it has little to do with that orange leather ball.

### "Match Made" Continued From Page 21.

so well with Lutyens and her belief in "simple planting in a garden of elaborate geometry." I was especially interested in her view of roses in a garden. She felt that "the major problem with massed roses is that, while they may have wonderful flowers, they do not usually make wonderful plants. Most are essentially beautiful flowers on rather ugly sticks." As many of her clients believed that a rose garden was essential, she overcame this problem by weaving several types of roses in each bed and under-planting with longer blooming, filler plants, such as lavender, santolina, catmint, pink stachys, and, surprisingly, yucca and other succulents.

Lutyens loved to use water in his garden designs. He often used rills—long, narrow streams of

water—to punctuate his formal, geometric layouts. Jekyll often matched this lively geometry with bold plantings of red, orange, and yellow borders. There was room in her gardens for flowers of all colors, shapes, and sizes. The gardens at Langford Fivehead were not designed by Jekyll, but they incorporated her timeless ideas in their plantings. Hestercombe's gardens exemplify the genius and unparalleled contribution and legacy of Gertrude Jekyll and Edwin Lutyens. There has never been such a marriage in the garden world. They set the standard for gardens for all times.

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## Things to Do

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November 16

### Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Martha Capone. 8:30 p.m.

### Climate, Energy, and Upper Montgomery County

Poolesville Green Special Event. Speakers: Roger Berliner, Eddie Kuhlman, and Dan Sovino. Kettle Forlines Model Home, Elgin

Road, Poolesville. 8:30 p.m.

November 17

### Stephanie's Secret Garden Open House

Get lots of new and creative ideas to decorate your home for the holidays.

Willow Farm, 15115 Mount Nebo Road, Poolesville. 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Gala Art Exhibition and Auction

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November 16 and 17

### St. Peter's Christmas Attic and Bake Sale

Get ready for Christmas by attending this annual holiday tradition and bake sale at St. Peter's Episco-

pal Church, 20100 Fisher Avenue. Donations are accepted through November 14. Friday: noon to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 17

### Cugini's Entertainment Night

Featuring: Blues Rambler. 8:30 p.m.

November 24

### Smoke 'n Mangos Fundraiser for Worthingtons

Smoke 'n Mangos will perform to raise funds to help the Worthington family who lost their home to a devastating fire. The spirited modern-folk group hopes to collect clothes, canned foods, and cash donations.

Whalen Commons. 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

November 30 and December 1

### Annual Countryside Artisans Tour

Fourteen area artisans open their doors for your visit and will be offering their items for sale. Visit countrysideartisans.com for details. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Phantom Players Present

The JPMS Phantom Players present *Parents Just Don't Understand*, a comedy based on family relationships, a long car trip, and raises the question: Are your grandparents cool? Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Concessions are available, and all proceeds go back into the drama program. For more information, call 386-453-9007, ask for Dee Turner, or check out our Facebook page: John Poole Middle School Phantom Players. JPMS All-Purpose Room. 7:00 p.m.

December 1

### UMCVFD Annual Santa Claus Visit and Breakfast

Santa Claus will be waiting to see the kids and get their Christmas lists at his traditional family breakfast of pancakes, sausages, bacon, and more. It's a really fun time for all, featuring their famous model train display, children's video, and fire trucks to explore. Location: Beallsville Fire Station; cost: \$4.00. 8:00 a.m. to noon

### Christmas Bazaar

Craft vendors with many great ideas for Christmas gifts and stock-

ing stuffers. Food available for purchase.

Dickerson Methodist Church. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

### Odd Fellows Annual Seniors Christmas Party

This special event, which in past years was for widows and widowers, has been expanded, and the invitation is to all area seniors, so bring your spouses and friends and feast on their delicious ham and turkey dinner free of charge. It's the Odd Fellows' seasonal gift! The day features door prizes and entertainment and even a surprise. Of course, they would much prefer to know if you are coming, so RSVP by November 28 to Richard Norwood at 301-349-5103 or Dale Nestor at 301-349-5450. Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church. 1:00 p.m.

December 3

### Poolesville Commissioners' Meeting

Town Hall. 7:30 p.m.

### Book Discussion Group

Featuring *The Bride's Kimono* by Sojata Massey. Adults only. Poolesville Library. 7:30 p.m.

December 6

### Twos' Storytime

Stories, finger play, and music. Poolesville Library. 10:30 a.m.

December 7

### Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony

Whalen Commons turns into a winter wonderland. Join in the family fun of Santa's visit (he comes at 6:00 p.m.), ride the holiday train, ice sculpting, local church choirs, festive music, refreshments available. Lighting in park is at 7:30 p.m.

### PACC First Friday Holiday Night

Shops and businesses will be open until 9:30 p.m. offering special incentives and refreshments. Ride the Poolesville Polar Express, an ongoing bus service throughout town to easily take you to all the shops in town from Whalen Commons to the Old Town Hall. Gingerbread decorating and holiday gifts, stocking stuffers,

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## The Pulse

### Equine Therapy Associates: Specializing in Services for Special Needs Persons

By Rande Davis

Seneca's Dr. Carol Rae Hansen is the owner of Equine Therapy Associates (ETA), a 501(c)3 charitable corporation. The mission of ETA has as its goal: To provide a joyful place of learning for persons with special needs by providing therapeutic experiences using equine-assisted activities.

Their year-round program offers students who are challenged physically, mentally, psychologically, and socially the opportunity to try new things in a safe and controlled environment filled with dedicated, caring voluntary helpers. Volunteers may choose various roles to specialize in, but all volunteers learn about the unique psychological bond between equines and humans, stable management, pasture management, grooming, tacking, ring etiquette, safety rules for working around horses and ponies, leading an equine, and side walking with a client, as well as serving as a ring steward.

Dr. Carol Hansen observes

that "clients receive tremendous physical benefits from ETA's unique program of individualized take-home exercise plans, farm ground exercises, and mounted exercises done on ETA's award-winning ponies, combined with music and song."

Through these experiences, they improve balance, posture, and coordination, and increase muscular development and tone. Equine Therapy's unique Citizenship Plan and Cognitive Enrichment Program offer educational and psychological benefits that include increased independence and confidence in school (both socially and academically), personal motivation, self-esteem, and self-control. Equine Therapy's recreational component proves invaluable stimulus for clients who normally cannot participate in conventional sports, with ETA's twice-a-session trail rides off the property, Special Olympics, and other challenged rider horse shows.

At ETA, the instructors and volunteers strive to make their riders as independent as possible, enabling them to reach their full potential. They not only learn to ride horses and ponies, but they become true "horse people," who know why they are doing what they are doing. Thus, all of the students learn to care for their equines, they learn about equine first aid, clean stalls and paddocks, seed pastures, make compost, weigh and measure the ponies, figure out feed schedules,

and repair the fences. All of these important activities are done with the help of volunteers.

Dr. Hansen reports that anyone wanting to volunteer his or her services should call 301-972-7833 or visit ETA's website at [equinetherapyassociates.com](http://equinetherapyassociates.com).



Volunteer instructor and student of Equine Therapy Services in Poolesville.

## Tidbits of the Past

By Jack Toomey

**November 2, 1924** The annual fair of the Poolesville Community League was held and attracted a large gathering. Displays of farm and garden products, fruits, and flowers were exhibited. Professor Thomas Pyle, principal of the Poolesville School, was in charge of arrangements.

**November 6, 1925** The highest price ever recorded for acreage in Montgomery County was recorded. George Sachs of Washington bought fifteen acres of land on the Rockville Pike for \$75,000. The property contained no buildings and the seller was Mr. Wilson Offutt.

**November 8, 1916** Election returns from the Poolesville district showed that President Wilson received 184 votes, and his challenger Hughes had 159.

**November 12, 1912** Mrs. A. P. Fletchall, the hostess of the Poolesville Women's Club, presided over a meeting of the club. Mrs. Estelle Hodgson gave an interesting presentation on the life of Queen Elizabeth. Papers were read by Mrs. Nannie Poole and Mrs. Fletchall.

**November 16, 1913** Gallaudet College of Washington traveled to Poolesville and gave Briarley Hall a, 50-6, thrashing. The game

was played in a downpour of rain which caused sloppy play. The visitors resorted almost exclusively to straight play, causing the academy boys to fall back. Gallaudet used their reserves for most of the game.

**November 22, 1924** Rev. James Freeman, the bishop of Washington, visited the St. Peter's Episcopal Church at Poolesville. While there, he administered the rite of confirmation to parishioners. He announced that it would be his last visitation of the year since he was scheduled to be out of the country.

**November 28, 1924** Electricity reached the town of Damascus on this day. A celebration of the turning on of the lights was held at the Methodist Church. Service had been installed in sixty-three houses.

**November 30, 1926** Russell Allnutt, a son of prominent farmer Robert Allnutt of Dawsonville, was painfully injured while hunting with a friend on the family farm. Russell was taken to the Frederick Hospital where there were fears for his life. It was said that the friend had stumbled and discharged his rifle, striking Allnutt in the back

*Material in this column was obtained from the archives of the Washington Post.*

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ornaments, and more at the Old Town Hall.

December 7 and 8

#### Special Holiday Performance: A Christmas Carol

Presented by Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre.

Artistic director Frances Ichijo has re-imagined the classic Charles Dickens tale of holiday cheer and redemption as a full-length ballet, featuring students and adults from the Hope Garden Children's Ballet Academy. Ebenezer Scrooge himself is created

by a professional dancer with Bowen-McCauley Dance, who adds depth and great drama to the exquisite staging. Also on loan from the Kirov Ballet Academy is Tomoha Terada, a former winner of the Youth American Grand Prix ballet competition. This beautifully-choreographed version of the holiday tale will delight audience members young and old in a sparkling family theater event timed perfectly to open the holiday season. Adults: \$10.00; students: \$7.00. Poolesville High School. 6:30 p.m.



## Mystery History

### Streets: Wootton Avenue

By Rande Davis

Wootton Avenue: You know the street, but do you know anything about the person? The full name is Dr. Edward Wootton who was born in 1839 in Montgomery County to Turner and Olivia Caronline Hopewell Wootton.

Following in his father's footsteps, Edward, while living with his mother, graduated from Georgetown University in 1858, and then interned under his cousin, Dr. William Wootton in Frederick. Then he took over his deceased father's practice in Rockville.

His private medical career was interrupted by the Civil War, and in the fall of 1862, he crossed the Potomac River to enlist as an assistant surgeon in Colonel Elijah White's 35<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry Battalion.

While on his way to join the battalion on November

29, 1862, he was captured by a surprise raid by the Federals and was taken to Leesburg only to be released.

This would not be the first time he was captured. On February 3, 1865, while wintering with his battalion, he was captured again in Loudoun County, Virginia. Five days later, he was sent to Ft. McHenry as a prisoner of war, but became ill in early March and was admitted to the U.S. General Hospital in Baltimore. On March 10, he was transferred to Ft. Monroe for a prisoner exchange, but no records have survived with the details of the exchange. Nevertheless, he was able to rejoin his battalion before Lee surrendered.

After the war, Dr. Wootton moved to Poolesville and opened a medical practice. Legend has it that he must have done well based on the number of babies carrying the middle name of Wootton.

On November 8, 1866, Edward married Bettie O'Rhae of Fauquier, Virginia, and together they had twelve children. Wootton went into partnership

with his former battalion commander E.V. White in business holdings along the C&O Canal which included Edwards Ferry and Conrad Ferry. Conrad Ferry then became White's Ferry.

Later in life, Dr. Wootton served in the Maryland State Legislature in 1886. He died on April 1, 1910 and is

buried in Monocacy Cemetery.

*Editor's Note: The author is indebted to Jim Poole, whose research is the basis of this Mystery History.*



*Dr. Edward Wootton*

## School News

### PHS Counselor Elected Mayor Of Hagerstown

By Jack Toomey

Poolesville High School counselor David S. Gysberts was elected mayor of Hagerstown, Maryland during that city's election on November 6. Gysberts had run for mayor in 2009 but was defeated.

Gysberts said, "The reac-

tion of the staff and students has been so overwhelmingly positive, the kids think it's great. Some of them have started calling me Mr. Mayor."

Montgomery County Schools spokesperson Dana Tofig said that he was not aware of any other school system employee holding public office. He commented, "Many of our employees are civic minded and active in our communities."



*New mayor of Hagerstown, PHS counselor David Gysberts. Photo used with permission of the Hagerstown Herald-Mail.*

**“Brown Elected President”**  
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Strong as town engineer as his proudest accomplishment; and that he “enjoyed the hell out of doing the job, and it was a real pleasure in being able to serve the town.”

**Preparatory Discussion**  
**I&I Project for Westerly Sub-division**

With reports of success in the recent conclusion of the Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) project in the Wesmond subdivision, the commissioners received options as they now turn their attention to the Westerly subdivision.

John Strong, town consulting engineer, presented the results of its I&I Study which concluded by making the recommendation that the town initiate a relining program in Westerly with two options.

Option one would be done in two phases and start by relining only the main line and installing a “top hat” valve at the juncture of the mainline and the lateral

line that leads to private property (a top hat valve prevents back-flow during heavy rain events). The cost of this first phase was estimated to cost \$1,600,000. The lateral lines (the piping that extends from the mainline to the property line of users) would not be lined in this option.

Option two was a more comprehensive approach that would include the proposed relining in the first option but would also include relining the public lateral lines with an estimated cost of \$4,600,000.

Relining repair is thought to be viable for a fifty-year life span.

Strong also recommended that the town conduct additional simultaneous flow meter studies in the Seneca Chase subdivisions and in the trunk line that extends from Fisher-Wootton to Fisher-Elgin Roads.

The discussion focused on the financing options for moving forward. Government loans in the range of one to one and a half percent, which were available in the past, are not expected

to be available for the foreseeable future, and private loans are the only immediate option.

Commissioner Halbrook was concerned that delay in a phased-in approach could mean higher interest rates later on, substantially raising the cost of the project. Commissioner Klobukowski emphasized that any decision would have to mirror that which was done in the Wesmond subdivision to be fair to both sets of residents.

Brown satirically noted the irony that consideration of potentially having to raise taxes had to come on his first day as president.

**Street Valve Replacement**  
**Contract Awarded**

The commissioners voted to award a contract to replace four water valves at the intersection of Fisher and Elgin Roads. Currently, due to non-functioning valves, water lines have to be shut off to make repairs. This process can temporarily remove water service to significant sections of the town. The new valves would remove this inconvenience.

The contract for \$55,925 was awarded to Gabe’s Services, Inc.  
**Grant to the Gathering Place**  
**Approved**

The commissioners revisited a request for a \$2,500 grant to help fund a proposed new weekday senior citizen center at the Am Kolel Sanctuary Retreat Center in Beallsville.

After discussion on the proportional use of the facility by residents of Poolesville, the commissioners voted 3-1-0 for the grant. The grant is for this year only, and any further funds will await reliable data on the number of residents from Poolesville use the center.

Commissioner Klobukowski dissented, explaining that he wants to wait to see the degree of financial support from the county that the center is able to obtain before voting to also use town funds. Commissioner Brown abstained from voting due to his role on the Gathering Place development committee.



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